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**Pastor's
Corner**

We had such a wonderful service yesterday. Congratulations again go to our senior class. In fact, I've been informed that the THS Class of 2010 will have a 100% graduation rate! This is extraordinary and tells me that these students have set themselves up for success. A big THANK YOU also goes to their school teachers, families, and those who have influenced them so much. Graduates, remember that you are **missionaries**.

I can't stress enough the strategic importance of this summer for our church. As I continue to pray about God's work among us, I'm convinced that we are at a crucial time which calls for decisive missional action. Accordingly, I'm going to be conducting some needs assessment meetings with various ministry and program leaders over the next three months in order to chart a path for the next school year, especially. The first meeting will take place on **June 6**. On that date, all **Children's Sunday School workers and volunteers** are urged to meet at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring some ideas with you. If you cannot be there, let me know because I want your voice to be heard, too. Also, at the time of this writing, I am planning a combined meeting of the Personnel, Finance, and Missions committees for **June 13** at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall regarding our continued partnership with Joe Barrera and our Crossroads work.

Incidentally, some of you have asked about my next doctoral seminar. It will be July 5-16 in Waco. It is another "crunch" time for me, but I'm about at the

point of starting my big project. This project will drive some of the vision being laid out this summer. Due to several scheduling conflicts, we have had to cancel this summer's mission trip to **El Paso**. If you are looking for a place to serve this summer there are several places where you can plug in:

- Our Prayer ministry has several time slots open
- Greg needs some adult help with the youth on Wednesday and Sunday evenings
- The Exodus ministry could use some extra help on Tuesday mornings
- Volunteers for Angel Food distribution are needed for about an hour one Saturday morning each month

Finally, I need to give you all my summer "pep talk." Each year, around Memorial Day, our attendance and giving head south (or north?) for the summer. The trends in our attendance records show that it is usually about three weeks after Labor Day that we finally get back on the upswing. That's a long summer! We all need a break over these months to relax and spend more time with our families. But I urge you not to allow the priorities of worship and regular tithing to be trumped by other plans. Let's do a better job this year.



"SUNDAY SERVE"
SET THE DATE:
AUGUST 1, 2010

Happy Birthday

- 3 - Jimmy Kirkpatrick
- 4 - Michael Cook, Christine Gunnels, David Kinser
- 6 - Ken Miller, Tabitha Rawson, Rae Thornton
- 7 - Diane Hall, Terri McCasland, Dena McCaslin
- 8 - Sue Adams, John Archer, Judy Leavitt
- 9 - Nancy Jones, Clint Mahannah, Max Stephens
- 11 - Darlin Kinser, Winona Kirkland, J.C. Mabry
- 12 - Sarah Archer, Corey Dunn, Carolyn Kiker
- 13 - Alta Fox
- 14 - Jo Cowan, Ricky Hurt, Billie Pearson, Cindy Preston
- 15 - Lizzy Hurt
- 16 - Jacy Murrell, Tevyn Murrell

Congratulations

Sadie Nolen announces the birth of her new brother

Henri Wade
8 lb, 3 1/4 oz
May 10, 2010



Proud parents are Toby & Michelle Nolen. Grandparents are Brent & Sally Thompson, David & Denise Musick and Larue & Michelle Nolen. Great grandparents are Helen Smith and Dean & Geraldine Nolen.

David & Glenda Gibson announce the birth of their grandson

Christopher Maddox
7 lb, 6 oz
May 19, 2010



Proud parents are Chris & Ashley.

Hats Off, Graduates!

Angie Martin graduated from Texas Tech University with a Master of Agriculture.



Brooke McLean, granddaughter of Charles Lee & Joyce White, received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Texas Tech University Health Science Center. She is the daughter of Belinda & Greg Britten of Amarillo.

Emily Holmes, daughter of Brad & Karen Holmes of Cypress, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Baylor University.

If you have a student graduating from college this spring, please contact the church office with the information. Thanks!

**VISIT THE
CHURCH LIBRARY**
Sunday
9 am & 12 pm



Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for all of the kindness your church extended to the family of Jim Hollaway. We gratefully appreciate the wonderful meal prepared so lovingly for our family.
Erma Hollaway & family

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you very much for your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. My recovery has gone very well thus proving God's word. "The prayer of a righteous man (or woman) is powerful and effective." James 5:16

*Thank you,
Lee Hassell*

Dear FBC Family,

We hope and pray that all is well with you and that you are prospering in God's Word! We are doing well and are very blessed to be able to plan to possibly reach 26,000 people this year through V.E.T. Net. in Mongolia. We really appreciate your faithfulness in prayer encouragement and support. God is so good. We are seeing many come to Jesus! We praise God for your stand with us. All that we do is to your heavenly credit! Have a blessed summer.

Richard & Mary Ballenger



Thalia Fulkerson
June 15
Castro County
Nursing Home &
Rehab, #F7
1621 Butler Blvd
Dimmitt, TX 79027

Needs in Macedonia

This summer, June 7-22, Walter Wright will be going back to Macedonia on a mission trip with a group from Wayland. If you would like to help with the mission effort, they will be taking the following items:

- Large bottles of generic ibuprofen or acetaminophen
- Pediatric versions of the same and children's allergy medicines
- Gently used clothing for age 5 through teenage sizes
- Basic school supplies

They will also be taking monetary donations to purchase some items there:

- Soccer and playground balls,
- school uniforms, book bags, a printer for the school, a used computer for the school

All donations may be brought to the church office by **June 6**.

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Ronnie & Garry Wilfong and families in the death of their brother-in-law, Wheeler Palmer.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Felicia & Brian Hill and family in the death of her father, Peter Clarke.

A SUMMER OF MISSIONS AT FBC

June 7

Walter Wright and Melanie Vasquez leave for Macedonia and Kosovo

June 21-25

Vacation Bible School

June 26

"Meet Your Neighbor" Day
Conner Park, 11am - 3 pm

Combined outreach ministry of Crossroads, New Fellowship, FBC, and FUMC

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs served at 12:30 pm

Entertainment by area youth musicians and rap artists

Special Guest: Marcus Hicks
UFC Champion and Tulia native

July 12-16

Youth Camp - Durango, Colorado
Cost - \$300 for students having completed grades 6-12

Contact Greg for more information.



Vacation Bible School

June 21-25

1:30 - 4:30 pm

Where Can You Help?

Directors for this year:

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| Babies/Toddlers & 2 yr | Pegi Russell |
| 3, 4 & 5 yr | Cindy Bartram |
| Kindergarten | Aileene Williams |
| Crafts-Preschool | Tara Mahannah |
| Missions-Preschool | Tish Murrell |
| Music-Preschool | Shannon Hassell |
| 1st Grade | Cheryl Vaughn |
| 2nd Grade | Mary Catherine Chadwick |
| 3rd Grade | Sherella Lewis |
| 4th Grade | Cynthia Archer |
| 5th/6th Grade | Penny Marten |
| Crafts 1-6 | Richelle Culifer |
| Music 1-6 | Shannon Hassell |
| Recreation 1-4 | Scott Burrow |
| Library | Betty Ellerd |
| Kitchen | Rena Nelson |

Please pray for everyone who will be working in our VBS. If God is leading you to help this year, please call either Delynn Mabry at 995-3856 or the church office at 995-3591. We need adult and youth workers - male and female. There is a place where you can work!