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JUNE 2016



Fine Arts Institute - July 31-August 4

JULY BIRTHDAYS AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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BIRTHDAYS ARE PRINTED IN RED						
9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Jamie Gault	 Offices Closed Happy July 4 th ! Floyd Nabors, Betty Teague, Rick Shearer, Brian Reid	7pm Volleyball Juanita Alexander Charles Metz Kevin Franklin Callie Harlan	6 Alton Davis Tracy Addy Patton Croker Johnathan Finley	7 David McCall Charlie Downs Cindy Tollison Courtney West	8 Monique Culbertson Anna Stevenson	9 Wilma Byers Dianne Patterson
10 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30 Marfa Lunch Cyndi Moyd	11 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Basketball David Martin Brooke Yarbrough Ryan Wilson	12 10am Staff Meeting 7pm Volleyball Edna Stroud Amber Jefferson	13 8-9 am Bible Study Fred Wilson Craig Little Katie Black Will Price	14 2pm Knitting Group Lilly Grace Gault Truth Be Told Party	15 	16 Jimmie Keller Patsy Craine Laurie West Kaye Akin Todd Croker Keri Bolding
17 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Tee Langford Wesley Carlay	18 10am Senior Adult Game Day 1pm Joint WMU Meeting 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting 7pm Basketball Janice Wynn	19 7pm Volleyball Steve Garrison	20 8-9 am Bible Study Sharon Angelakos	21 Brother McDaniel Ralph Culbertson Susan Burns Haley Reynolds Davis Thompson	22 Dot Garrett Betty Thomas Mary Lee Watkins Steve Griffin Chad Sherer Lane Brown Will Adams	23 Connie Hodges Charlene Brooks
High School Mission Trip to Knoxville, TN						
24 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Gwen Adams	25 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Basketball Miriam Smith, Terry Varner Danny Sherer Valerie Stevenson Sera Grace Dunaway	26 10am Staff Meeting 11am CWA's 7pm Volleyball Jane Ivey Corrie Grether Robin Patterson	27 8-9 am Bible Study Jim Barton Suzanne Butler	28 Layton Mahon	29 Bill Bobo Wayne Sharpston	30
31 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5-8 PM Fine Arts Institute 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Marfa Mission Trip						

On the Journey...

We could use some rain! As July begins, lawns around town are showing obvious signs that June has been characterized by hot, dry conditions in the Upstate. In turn, the parched landscape around us offers a gentle reminder that the proper growth of plants, grass and trees requires a certain balance and rhythm in life. No doubt, the natural world needs warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine to thrive. But, rain and cooler temperatures are a must too. One without the other quickly leads to less than ideal conditions.

The summer season of our lives functions in the same way. These are good days to rest, travel, read, take a break from school and make some subtle changes to the way that we live. But, summer remains a good time to engage in Sunday School and Worship, begin the day reading scripture and to take advantage of the great camps for children and youth that our church offers. We know that we will see less of many of you in these weeks of summer and we affirm the chance to be away and enjoy family. But, we trust that this will remain a season of nourishing our relationships with God. Both the rest and recharging of our spiritual batteries are important which means that balance at all times, in all things is needed in order to thrive...Rickey

Summer Wednesdays Continue - Philip Yancey's Vanishing Grace

Once again this summer, we are offering a Wednesday morning prayer time and book study from 8-9am. The study is being led by Rickey and will meet in Bobo Hall. Coffee and pastries will be available each week and we welcome your participation. This year's book is *Vanishing Grace* by Philip Yancey. This month, we will meet on July 13, 20 and 27.

An Opportunity to Assist Our Marfa Mission Team

On Sunday, July 10, we will have a Hamburger Picnic Lunch right after morning worship. The lunch will feature burgers grilled by Mike and Charlene Stroud and homemade desserts provided by members of our church. We will eat in the gym or lunches may also be picked up to go. There is no set fee but your donations would be appreciated. All receipts will be used to support our Marfa Mission Team in their trip which will take place July 31-August 4.

Please Pray for Our Marfa Mission Team

Please pray for our team to Marfa, Texas as they travel and work in Presidio County which is one of the twenty poorest US counties. For the second year in a row, we will work with the local school district there in sharing God's love through a reading and science camp. We will also assist with preparing the new school library for the start of school. This year, our group will work in conjunction with a team from William Jewel College which is a small Baptist school in Missouri. We will focus on the reading side of camp and the William Jewel group will lead the science class. Our team members from First Baptist are: Brandon Addy, Kena & Tommy Cox, Amy Hardy, Nancy Thompson, John Topping, Nikki Ward and Rickey Letson.

Celebrating Tana Adams

On July 10, we want to celebrate 15 years of service to FBC by Tana Adams as our church secretary. Please come early and join us in the Rotunda from 8:45 until 9:30 for coffee and breakfast items as we express our appreciation to Tana for all of the wonderful ways that she supports our life together at FBC.

Ministry Opportunity!

We are in need of additional volunteers (men and women) to serve on our Safety Team. This team provides leadership in the the safety of our congregation on Sunday mornings. Teams operate on a rotation basis each month, with each team serving only one month per quarter. If you would like to serve in this ministry, or if you would like more information, please contact Robbie O'Bryant at (770) 337-0006 or at rob.obryant@charter.net. We hope that you will consider being a part of this important ministry!

Attention Ladies!

Join us on Thursday, July 14 at 5:30pm for a fun painting event with Truth Be Told Art! Truth Be Told Art is a ministry created in Macon, Ga for the "self-proclaimed-non-artists". The purpose of the event is to teach you how to paint and get God's truth on your walls at the same time. This event is for ages 6 and up. To register please contact the church office at 984-7500, or Miranda Langston at 340-1128. The registration deadline is July 7th. Reserve your spot today!



Breakfast for Moms!



All moms are invited to join us for breakfast in Bobo Hall on Sunday, July 24th from 9:30 to 10:15. Come fellowship with other moms and learn about *Where Moms Connect*, an exciting, new opportunity beginning in August at First Baptist Church. *Where Moms Connect* will be a place to connect to other moms, to make new friendships, to find support for everyday life, and to connect to God's Word. To reserve your spot for the breakfast, please contact the church office by Wednesday, July 20.

Worship in July - Life in the Minors: Big Idea from Small Books

July 3	A Wide Reach Zephaniah 1:2-6
July 10	An Uncommon Answer to Expected Questions Habakkuk 1:2-4; 3:17-19
July 17	The Right First Steps Hosea 6:1-3
July 24	Next Steps Zechariah 3:1-10
July 31	Mark Powers Director of Church Music, SC Baptist Convention

CAVE QUEST: What a wonderful week we had at Vacation Bible School! I would like to thank all of the many people who volunteered their time each night! During the week, we collected an offering that we will use to purchase book bags for those students in our school district who may not have one. The total offering received was \$484.07! What a wonderful way to share our gifts with those all around us! Thank you for your contributions.

JULY OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

DONATIONS: Stickers & Small fun notebooks

PASSPORTkids!: Please be in prayer for those who will be traveling to Converse College, July 5-8, for PASSPORTkids! camp!

Jill Caldwell	Caleb Letson	McKenzie Little
Alivee Coggins	Nathan Lindley	Anna Grace Taylor
Mattie Dasher	Peter Lindley	Carl Tolbert
Carson England	Cathy Little	Allie West
Elizabeth Franklin	Kelsie Little	Jack Yarbrough

FBC KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: A few openings still remain available for our 2016-17 school year in Mother's Morning Out (Tues/Thurs) and 3K/4K Combo Class (MWF)! Please contact Elizabeth Franklin if you may be interested or have any questions!

CAMP McCALL STAFF IN WORSHIP: On Sunday, July 24th, we will welcome the summer staff from Camp McCall. Their staff choir will sing for us and we will also hear from some of their staff about both their summer ministry there and about what God is doing in their lives. FBC has a long connection to Camp McCall as members of our church have worked there in the past and as boys and their fathers from our church have long gone to camp there in the summer. It will be a special day for us as their staff joins us in worship.



- July 16-23: High School Mission Trip

MINISTER ON CALL:

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us!

The minister on call schedule is:

Jn 27-July 3	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
July 4-10	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
June 11-17	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
June 18-24	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
July 25-31	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341

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Offering Totals

as of June 26, 2016 YTD

General Fund Goal	\$527,510.88
General Fund Receipts	\$513,665.38

Deaths

Irene Kirby
Laflesha Cox

New Members



**Brandi Strickland
with husband Matt**



**Adeline Kerber
with mom Onika**