

From the Pastor's Heart

⁸Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work..." Exodus 20

This weekend our nation will be enjoying the Labor Day holiday. Most of us will celebrate Labor Day by taking the day off! I hope you will take some time to consider the work that you are doing and I hope that you can conclude that your work is meaningful.

Rest assured that all your work for the kingdom of God is meaningful and it does not go unnoticed. I hope our attitude toward working for the kingdom of God is akin to the old, old hymn, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes!"

O land of rest, for thee I sigh!
When will the moment come?
When I shall lay my armor by
And dwell in peace at home?

I sought at once my Savior's side,
No more my steps to roam:
With Him I'll brave death's chilling tide,
And reach my heav'nly home.

We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus comes,
We'll work till Jesus come,
And we'll be gathered home.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Sunday School and worship this Sunday.

Don



CHURCH LIBRARY OPEN

Wednesdays
10:00 am ~ 12:00 noon
and 4:00 PM ~ 5:30 PM

Our First Baptist Church Family expresses deepest sympathy to the families of
Mr. Johnny Sigmon,
Mr. James Whelchel
and
Mrs. Bernice Crowe,
Janet Hardy's mother,



Thank you!

Dear First Baptist Church,
We, the family of Joe and Mary Carter, would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the donations we received in our time of grief for our sister, Mary Ellen Rafford. We would also like to express our thanks for all of your condolences and prayers.

May God bless you all,
Family of Mrs. Mary Rafford

Servants 09-04-2011

(If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to serve in your place.)

Children's Moment: Don McClung

Deacons: Ann Davis ~ Terry Moore

Ushers: Bucky Davis ~ Blake Smith

Greeters: Rachel Medows ~ Evelyn Herrington

Extended Session

Nursery AM: Jon and Kathy Powell

Toddlers: Faye Simpson ~ Kay Watson

Pre-K: Carol Schneider ~ Melva Stevens

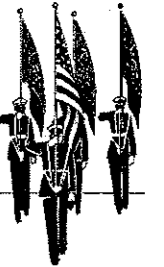
Nursery PM: No evening worship service at the church

The Informer

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Welcome Home Celebration

This Saturday
honoring
Marine Corporal Tony R. Mullis
Parade begins 12:00 noon at
Commerce Street and Progress Avenue
Main event in the HHS gym
following the parade.



Offices Closed

Monday, September 5
for Labor Day holiday.

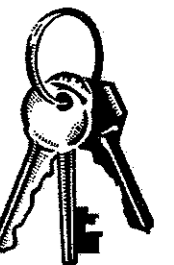
Attention all committee chairs!

Budget Planning

Please meet with your committee as soon as possible to prepare your budget requests for 2012. Budget requests must be submitted to the Finance Committee no later than Thursday, September 15.

Inventory of Keys

The deacon body has asked us to take an inventory of church keys. They want to know who has been issued keys to any parts of the church facilities. Please call the church office, 892-9076, to let us know which keys you have in your possession. Thank you for your help.



SUNDAY
9:30-10:00 AM
Library
10:00-11:00 AM
Sunday School
9:45 AM
AM Worship
10:55 AM
Library
5:30-6:00 PM
PM Worship
6:00 PM

First Baptist Church Staff

Donald L. McClung, DMin, Pastor
Carson Britt, Music and Youth Minister
Raina Smith, Director Children's Weekday Ministries
Cheryl Howard, Organist
Maria Garrito, Pianist
Evelyn Qualls, Administrative Assistant
Joe Carter, Custodian
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WEDNESDAY
Library
10:00AM-12:00
4:00-6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study
GAS
and "WOW"
6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir
Refreshment
7:30 PM

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Miss Tiffany Herman
Mrs. Brandice Dupree
J.T. and Patsy Head
Jack & Kathy Dawson Rattray
Geneva Mashburn Greenway
Emily Ann Jackson
Blake and Sherry Milner
Mr. Johnny Sigmon
Bernice Southerland
Mr. John Dawson, Sr.
Mr. Charles Robert Coody
Mrs. Doris Coody
Mr. Tom Ed Woods
Mrs. Mae Anderson
Jack & Kathy Dawson Rattray

08-28-2011



Miss Judy McKenzie
Jeannie Curry
Mr. Olin Hickman
Bea Hickman



08-28-2011

Cindy Pritchett Tripp
Debbie Herman
J.T. and Patsy Head
Wes Rhodes & Nicole Newman
Upcoming Wedding, January '12
Amos and Peggy Barker

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite the Psalm before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know!"

Acknowledgement

*The Pulaski County Christian Learning Center
(P.C.C.L.C.)*

of Hawkinsville, Georgia

*Acknowledges with grateful appreciation
Your contribution of \$264.05*

*Given by
First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School 2011*

Financial Report August 28, 2011

<u>Budget Receipts</u>		<u>Designated Receipts</u>	
Budget Needs for 1 week	\$ 7,542.60	Building Fund	\$ 1,150.00
Budget Received 08-28-11	\$ 4,149.00	Community Missions	\$ 75.00
Beginning Bal 01-01-11	\$ 8,291.03	Food Service	\$ 31.50
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 198,964.35	Chapel	\$ 283.50
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$ 206,114.91	Roof Fund	\$ 2,000.10
General Fund Balance	\$ 1,140.47	TOTAL	\$ 3,540.10

as of 08-29-2011

Building Fund Update

At the end of August 2011, a payment of \$8,717.23 was made. Of this figure \$4,843.71 was applied to the principal and \$3,873.52 was paid in interest, leaving a balance of \$687,666.24.

Menu August 24, 2011

Please make your reservations by noon on Monday.

This week's meal is sponsored by

**The Sanctuary Choir
and Sound Committee**

*Beef Stew on Noodles
Fresh Steamed Carrots
Deviled Eggs ~ Roll
Dessert
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water*



"Even though that last meeting was an eternity, Joe, we'll continue to call this report the minutes."

News from Carson

Labor Day weekend is often the last opportunity many of us have to get away before the busyness of the school year kicks off. As the weekend quickly approaches I thought that it would be appropriate to take some time to think about what the Bible says about labor.

Work or labor is not something that typically makes us real excited. In a perfect world we could all retire at the age of 25 and live in an extravagant home without a care in the world. But, ever since sin entered the world it has been far from perfect. In Genesis chapter 3 we read about the story where Adam and Eve were deceived by the serpent. In this story God tells women that He "will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children." In verse 17 He says to men: "cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life." This passage leads us to consider that perhaps God had not originally planned for us to "labor." As we can all see that one event changed the course of history and eventually led to God sending his Son to die for our sins.

That being said, I do believe that as Christians we are called to work in God's kingdom. Of all the Christians in the world only a small percentage are called to vocational ministry. The majority of them spend their workweek in the secular world. Often times we forget that even in a secular job one can have an incredible ministry. Each of us is given daily opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ. Typically these opportunities require some sort of labor on our parts. 1 Timothy chapter 4 says: "we labor and strive, because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe." As Christ followers our focus should be on Him. If we focus on Him the blessings we receive from our labor will be abundant. Paul offers encouraging words in the book of 1 Corinthians when he says: "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

May we all be reenergized to serve Him during this long weekend.

Carson