



The Belize Team departed for Cristo Rey Belize July 11. They will lead a Vacation Bible School, a dental ministry, and a construction ministry.



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Celebrate Faithfulness This Jubilee Sunday

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Interim Pastor

This coming Sunday is a church annual observance called "Jubilee Sunday." On this day the church honors those who have been members for 50 years or more and those who are 90 years old or older. I think this is a very significant event in the life of the church. It is important to demonstrate respect and honor to those who have been a vital part of our heritage. It is also important for us to learn from them. We live in changing times and may sometimes forget or overlook those basic and abiding truths and principles that are at the core of authentic faith.

I am not aware of how the title for this observance at First Baptist was first chosen. I assume it may have some connection to the Year of the Jubilee for the Jewish people which is detailed in the Old Testament. It is a rather complex set of guidelines and is found primarily in Leviticus 25 and 27. The Jubilee Year is the fiftieth year. The fifty years consist of seven Sabbatical Years, with the next year being the fiftieth ($7 \times 7 = 49 + 1 = 50$). The Sabbatical Year, like the Sabbath Day, was to be a time of rest. It seems that the primary focus of rest was on the land. During that seventh year, the crops were not sown so that the land could rest. Then, in the fiftieth year, the Jubilee Year, Jewish slaves were to be freed, family property was to be returned to the original owners, and debts were to be cancelled. We have little information about how faithful the nation was to this plan but it does not seem to have been followed very closely. The purpose of such a plan seems to be an attempt to stimulate some effort toward a balance of fortunes. The foundational principle behind it was that the land and the people belong to the Lord.

If you are interested you might study Leviticus 25 and 27 for yourself. Meanwhile, come and enjoy Jubilee Sunday at First Baptist and share your appreciation for those whose faithfulness across the years has made a powerful contribution to the church's mission in the community and world.

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Jubilee Sunday July 19, 2015

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Luncheon in FLC

Please join us this Sunday for worship and fellowship as we honor our members who have been part of this church for 50 or more years and those who are 90 years of age or older. Please bring a homemade pre-sliced dessert to share to the luncheon.

Even if someone is not redeemed in any of these ways, they are their children are to be released in the Year of Jubilee, for the Israelites belong to me as servants. They are my servants, whom I brought out of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

- Leviticus 25: 54-55 (NIV)

Schedule

Sunday, July 19 ~ Psalm 121, 123-125, 128-130

Jubilee Sunday

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m. Look Up Lodge Meeting
- 10:55 a.m. Joint Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon in FLC
- 1:30 p.m. VBS Set Up & Training
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 20 ~ 2 Samuel 1-4

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
- 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, July 21 ~ Psalm 6, 8-10, 14-15, 19, 21

- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 22 ~ 1 Chronicles 1-2

- 5:30 p.m. Snacks - FLC
- 5:45 p.m. Leadership Training Course - Heritage Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study - FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 23 ~ Psalm 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87

- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, July 24 ~ 1 Chronicaes 3-5

- 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, July 25 ~ Psalm 73, 77 - 78

- 9:00 a.m. Precept Leader Training

Sunday, July 26 ~ 1 Chronicaes 6

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:55 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, July 27 ~ Psalm 81, 88, 92-93

- 9:00 a.m. Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 28 ~ 1 Chronicles 7 - 10

- 9:00 a.m. Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School
- 6:00 p.m. Yoga - FLC

Wednesday, July 29 ~ Psalm 102-104

- 9:00 a.m. Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 30 ~ 2 Samuel 5:1-10 & 1 Chronicles 11-12

- 9:00 a.m. Hometown Nazateh Vacation Bible School
- 8:00 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, July 31 ~ Psalm 133

- 9:00 a.m. Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School

Saturday, August 1 ~ Psalm 106-107



Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of July 5 & 12, 2015

7/5

Church in Bible Study	10692
Church in Worship.	193.	207
8:30 a.m. service.	6565
10:55 a.m. service.	128	142

Financial Statistics

Week of July 5 & 12, 2015

7/5

Budget - Received	\$8,654.00	\$9,687.00
Alms	343.00	50.00
Designated - Received	1,958.00	1,663.00
Building Reserve - Received	50.00	0.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 7/5/15		11,005.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 7/12/15		11,400.00
Budget for 2014-2015		865,070.00
Budget Received-Year to Date		646,625.26
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		218,444.74
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		72,933.39
Alms Received-Year to Date		5,924.41
Building Reserve-Year to Date		8,972.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		734,455.06

Christmas in July Celebration

Sunday, July 19, 2015

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Statesville Civic Center

Fifth Street Ministries will host a Christmas in July celebration. There will be a Christmas lunch - summer style. There will also be an auction, bake sale, and Christmas store. This event will raise funds for Fifth Street Ministries. You can sponsor the event, donate to the silent auction, make something for the bake sale, or donate items for the Christmas store.



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Children & Student Ministries

It has been busy around here!

This Sunday is a busy day! We have Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., a joint worship service at 10:55 (Family Worship), a meal following worship, VBS training and assembling the set, and then the Student Ministry will meet 5:00 -7:00 p.m.! There is something for Everyone!

Look Up Lodge Meeting - This Sunday!

We will meet in Adams Hall this Sunday during Sunday School to take care of all the Look Up Lodge Forms! Please be in Adams Hall at 9:45 a.m. This meeting should not take the entire hour. Be sure that you bring your driver's license and insurance card. I will have a notary there to take care of the forms. If you cannot be at this meeting, all forms and final payments are due no later than July 24 at 5:00 p.m. VBS is a very busy week and I will not have time to handle Look Up Lodge paperwork during that time. Please make sure that all forms are turned in on time!

VBS Stage Set Up/Training

This Sunday following the Jubilee Sunday luncheon, Debi Martin will be leading a crew in setting up the main set for the stage in the Family Life Center. We think this assembly project should probably take about 45 minutes or less. We would appreciate the help of a few guys, especially those who helped build the set!

Also following the meal I will be doing a VBS training Session! This meeting should only last about 30 minutes, but is an important time for group leaders. I will be available to answer questions. Many things will be the same as last year, but as always we have tweaked a few things in our efforts to keep improving the VBS experience! If you can't make this training, another will be held on Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 p.m.



Katie Allen and Jenna Martin take a break after a fun day at Look Up Lodge.

Jubilee Sunday

This Sunday is Jubilee Sunday and will be Family Worship!!! Children will stay in the service for the duration. Reminder Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and our Joint Worship service will be at 10:55 a.m. Also please plan to attend the meal following the service and be sure to bring a sliced dessert to share!

VBS Registration

It is now time to register for VBS. I can't tell you how helpful it is to go ahead and register early! Please take a moment register. Be sure to share the post from the Church's Facebook page to help spread the word. We would love for your children to invite their friends; this is an easy way to teach them about sharing the Gospel!

VBS Decorations

We are in need of some decorative items for VBS. If you have any of the following that you would be willing to loan or donate, please bring them by the church. Sarah Faulk will be in charge of making sure all items that are loaned, are properly labeled and gathered for returning to the owners. If the item is a loan, please make sure your name is taped to the item before you leave it at the church.

The theme is a Bible Times theme. We need:
Old Sheets solid colors please! (please no patterns or florals)
Older looking baskets (nothing too colorful or plastic)
Terracotta Pots or Bowls (again not colorful or painted)
Wooden Plates or Bowls (again not colorful or painted)

Venture Students

Venture Students will meet every Sunday night this summer 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy some time of fun and fellowship. Senior High girls are meeting at Starbucks on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

I need your help with VBS! Be sure to register to help with VBS!



Prayer Point: Look at the Children

Have you looked at the children of First Baptist Church lately? What did you see? In Matthew 18:10 Jesus said, "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven." In other words, their angels have constant access to the Father on their behalf. God's undivided attention is always on the children. As the angels hold the children before the Father's face, His eyes are riveted exclusively on them. And what does He see? I believe our omniscient God sees innocence, humility, teachability, trust, confidence, uniqueness--all the qualities He wrapped into each one as His special gift to the world. I'm also sure God sees great potential, endless possibilities, unwavering determination, and godly success for each child He created. God's

plan for fostering and developing all these qualities in our children is PRAYER.

Next week our children will have a divine appointment with God each day in Bible School. Please begin now to pray for them. Let the Holy Spirit prompt you. Be their "angel" who lifts them before the face of God each day.

P.S. Pray also for Melissa and the leaders, as they have the great responsibility of modeling and teaching God's love to the children.

His servant and your friend, Ginny Stikeleather



Message by: Dr. Roger Gilbert

Worship with us Sundays 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Genoa Taylor and the friends and family of Bill Taylor in his death on July 6, 2015.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to the family and friends of Hilda James in her death on July 7, 2015.

New Arrival!

Congratulations to Andrew and Sara Koontz on the birth of a son, Weston James, on July 9, 2015. The proud grandparents are Steve and Jeri Koontz. The proud great grandparents are Phil and Jerry Mills.

A Note of Appreciation From Sharon Wells Wheelis

Dear FBC Family,
Thank you so much for all the love, support, cards, flowers, visits and joining us to celebrate my father's, Harry Wells, life. He loved his church family and missed coming the past year. Please continue to pray for our mom, Edith Wells, as she adjusts to him being gone. They had almost 65 years together! Thanks also to the Caring Comi.tee that helped feed our family and friends during our fellowship time!

In Christ,
Sharon Wells Wheelis

Precepts Bible Study

Begins Tuesday, August 18 & Wednesday, August 19

It's time to "gear up" for Precept Bible Study once again. Led by Ginny Stikeleather and Caroline Bentley, Precept teaches you to study the Bible for yourself by learning how to dig out the deep truths contained in a verse, a passage, or an entire book. Last season we had 40 people enrolled; this fall we would like to double that number. We will be doing a pilot study of the book of Titus beginning Tuesday, August 18 and Wednesday, August 19 (Tuesday night and Wednesday morning--same class): "Titus: Developing Character And Integrity In The Midst Of A Society Which Has Lost Respect For God". This study contains three lessons, and will take only three weeks, ending on September 1st and 2nd.

Be sure to sign up in the Welcome Center as soon as possible so we can get the workbooks ordered. We look forward to a great time of studying God's Word together!

Worship Greeters Sunday, July 19

Chris Simon Jeff Templeton David Lewis
Chuck Heckel Jason Allen

Sunday, July 26

Eddy Sipe Hilda Lee Jim Van Zee
Monica Williams Clarence Poole Nedra Van Zee
Ginny Stikeleather Mike McLain

Acolytes Sunday, July 19

Audrey Allison & Sean Martin

Sunday, July 26

Hannah Beale & Matthew Johnson

Coffee Rotation

Sunday, July 26

Gary & Patricia Fyfe

A Note of Appreciation From Council on Aging

Thank you so much for all the work you did for the seniors from Pearl Street site. They would come in telling me what all you did and working in the rain. It is so great your program reached out to seniors. Sometimes, you know, they are forgotten. Some have no one to help them at all. May God bless each of you and hope you receive a blessing just as you gave. You made a difference!!

Site Manager, Diane Staples

*From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.*

Psalm 113:3

