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"GREATER VISION"

In concert

JUNE 22 @ 6 pm

First Baptist Jackson

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REMNANTS OF FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON'S HISTORY



First Baptist Church, April 1949

A PEEK INTO THE PAST... PRESSING ONWARD

With the coming celebration of our city's 200th birthday (1814- 2014), it seems a great time to also celebrate our church's long and rich history...which dates back 190 years.

In 1824, a small team of mission-minded folks from Old Bethel Baptist Church (est. 1806) were sent 1 ½ north (up the creek) to the new little community of Jackson. There they established a fellowship of believers that would span the decades and reach well into the 21st century. (Hear more of FBCJ's early history on June 18 at an old-time worship & "picnic on the grounds" at Old Bethel. Everyone is invited - with worship beginning at 10:30 ...see details inside.)

I enjoy studying the history of our church & community. I am always amazed by the stamina and perseverance of those early pioneer Christians who risked everything to carve a life in the wilderness. I appreciate the sacrifices of this community's young men (and their families) as they fought for unity & freedom through a Civil War and later two World Wars. I feel compassion for those who suffered through the Great Depression, plagues, famine and loss. Life has always been hard. There are a number of books in our church library dealing with these historical topics.

But this issue is about our church's history, so I'd like to share some personal insight & observations... having literally grown up and grown old here at First Baptist Jackson.

As a child, I remember ice cream socials on the parsonage lawn (where our current auditorium sits.) I remember watching my very first wedding in the old church auditorium (located about where our children's wing is now) The bride & groom? Tom & Jackie Boudinot - June 22, 1952 (My mom and I sat in the balcony in case I got fidgety.) I remember the excitement of building a new educational building (now the oldest part of our church - the part that is a half-flight off from all the other buildings.) I remember that we had a ton of kids during that time (divided into boys & girls and then by age.) who studied the Sunday school lesson in partitioned cubicles furnished with a long table and two benches. I came to know the Lord as my Savior during those years and was baptized in the old church.

I remember (as a teen) the excitement of finally building a new sanctuary. It seemed huge to us... and boasted "state-of-the-art" 1960's décor, lighting & sound. Those 3 structures, with a lawn between the old & new auditoriums, remained much the same for the next 30 years. In the early 90's, we began a building fund for a new educational building which would have city-approved nursery & pre-school areas and an elevator for our senior adults & handicapped. It was completed in 1994. (continued page 2...)

LETTER FROM PASTOR JOHN CHIDESTER

Dear Church,

As you are reading this I am literally a few hundred miles away from you. In the next few weeks I will be working to make final the transition that you as a church affirmed on the 25th of May. My family and I are excited to move within the next couple of weeks and to get started officially on June 23rd.

From the time we began our conversation I have been praying that God would show my family and I if First Baptist Jackson was the place that he would have us. Needless to say we have sensed God's call and are excited about the community, the body of believers that meets at FBJ, and the mission God has call us as Christians to take part in.

Once I arrive in Jackson I plan to hit the ground running. I want to take an opportunity to get to know as many people as I can, as quickly as I can. We will also begin evaluating current ministries and attempt to understand what purpose they serve and how they are functioning. At this point in the process I will be leaning completely on those that are currently working and serving in those ministries for the inside scope of how things are operating, but even more importantly than that will be what you are hoping to accomplish through the ministries you are involved in.

Students and missions are passions of mine, but I am fully aware that I cannot achieve much of anything if I go about it alone. We will first and foremost seek God through prayer and devotion to His Word. Next we will work together to see believers among us rise up and step out of our comfort zone to the glory of God. As new life is given in the various aspects of ministry we will seek to train and equip all believers to live with a mission mind set in their daily lives.

From now until I am able to be with you, I want to ask yourself this question. What would it look like if all believers that gather together at FBJ lived, not as if the church was a place to go once or twice a week, but lived as the church; and through our daily life of seeking Christ together we accepted the mission and the call of our Lord Jesus to GO and MAKE disciples? The next time you see me I want you to share with me your view of what that would look like in the city of Jackson and to the uttermost parts of the world.

Cannot wait to be with you,
John Chidester, Minister of Students and Missions

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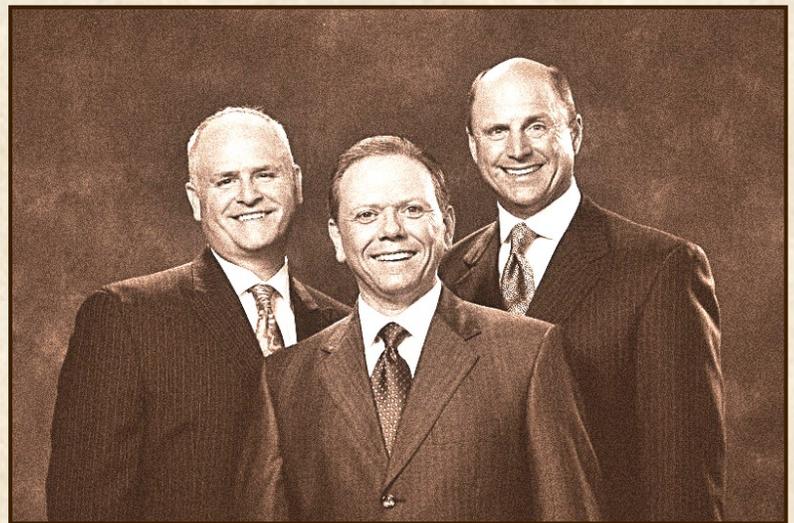
And now (*another 20 years later*) we have just completed a major renovation of the sanctuary (*and children's wing*) that have aligned us with many of the newer, more progressive churches in our area.

I believe that, if we continue to pray for God's guidance in all things ...wise leadership, great worship experiences, Biblically sound studies, interesting programs & meaningful mission opportunities ...and then faithfully undergird everything with our offerings and our heartfelt love for one another, we can continue to serve far into the this century... passing on a tremendous legacy to generations still to come (*or until Christ's return.*)

I am "eternally" grateful to this church for the impact it has had on my life and my salvation. Because I received solid Biblical teachings and because FBC's many ministries touched my life in so many ways (*from Sunbeams & GA's...to the music ministry...to senior adults*) I have continued to draw closer to God though the years. My children, who also grew up and were nurtured here, have many fond memories of the love, support and knowledge they received. (*Note: each kid has several encouraging notes from Barbara Popp & other SS teachers in their collection of childhood stuff.*) And though they now live & worship elsewhere, this will always be "home" to them.

FBC (*like most churches & certainly those with a long history*) has seen times of greatness & times of sadness. We rejoiced in the good, and prayed though those tough times. Today, I believe this is a great place to worship. We have a wonderful & caring congregation and a dedicated staff with a vision for the future. (*And just so my "peek into the past" won't deter you, our senior pastor & all the other staff members are Young!!! and I love being a part of the team.*) So, to anyone who may be looking for an inspiring place to worship... a place to raise a family in the Lord... a place to call "home" ... may I invite you to First Baptist Jackson...where Jesus Christ has always been and will continue to be the very Cornerstone. Praise God ... 190 years behind us & we're still Pressing Onward!!!!

Jean Schweain, Senior Adult Ministry



GREATER VISION

In Concert

Sunday, June 22nd at 6 p.m.

First Baptist Jackson

212 S. High St., Jackson MO 63755

PHONE: (573) 243-8415 www.FirstBaptistJackson.tv

FREE ADMISSION

Concert is open to ALL the community. The group will be accepting a love offering. Limited seating available.

Since organizing in 1990, Greater Vision has been inspiring audiences with their rich vocal blend and their effective ability to communicate the message of the gospel. Over the years, Greater Vision has established a firm place at the pinnacle of Christian music, and has become the most awarded trio in the history of Gospel music. For more information, visit www.GreaterVisionMusic.com

Missions Highlight

Jason Dietz and his wife Cheryl are living out the gospel among people who don't even acknowledge a need for God, faith or salvation. The Dietz family moved to Dresden, Germany eight years ago....church planting efforts are very slow because "we are faced with the challenge of helping people see a need for God and faith before we can present the gospel truth of Christ's story," he says.

Jason asks us to pray for German Christians to be willing to follow the Great Commission and reach out to the lost in their communities. He also covets prayers for his own children living in this kind of environment almost devoid of Christian friends. The Dietz family are missionaries with the International Mission Board to the European Peoples.

Will you pray for this family that is investing their lives in a difficult culture?

They need our prayer support!



Jason and Cheryl Dietz

European Peoples
International Mission Board

Other Weekly Prayer Needs:

Week 2:

Tom and Cindi Melvin are Engagement Team Strategy Leaders serving Jesus Christ in Southern Africa. They ask us to pray for a team traveling from Grace Life Baptist Church in Virginia, to work among the Ndau of Zimbabwe the week of June 16th. Pray for a new believer, Cecilla, to grow in her faith and witness as well as the 14 other Ndau who were also baptized in April of this year. PRAISE GOD! Praying for people groups does make a difference!

Week 3:

Please pray earnestly for our own 2014 ACTeen Activator Mission Team, composed of 12 girls and leaders the week of June 20-29, as they travel to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Ask God to bless them with safe travels, good cooperation and opportunities to share their faith. Pray for success in their beach ministry, face painting, ballooning and puppets that will lead to sharing the gospel with all who attend. Pray for other mission volunteers from our church who will be ministering. PRAY for our own witness as the WMU leads efforts to minister to our community during HOMECOMERS WEEK.

Week 4:

Pray for our North American Missionaries, Babs and Alan Dial and their sons, as they minister in Tok, Alaska. Ask God to bless and lead in their faithful work to reach out to the people who live in the five Athabaskan villages this summer.

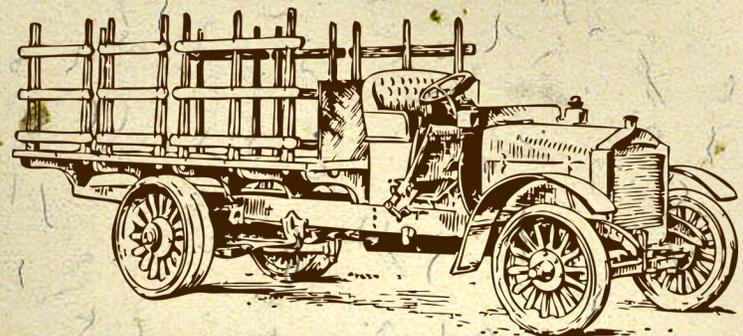
Jackson Ministerial Alliance

STUFF-A-TRUCK

Jackson Food Pantry Drive

June 14, 2014, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Locations: Save-A-Lot, Country Mart and Walmart



Ministry Schedules JUNE 2014

Preschool Ministry

Date	Toddlers	Bed Babies
Sunday, June 1	Cassandra and Kendra Bollinger (Morning) Kim Williams (Night)	Avis Bollinger and Clarice Jones (Morning) Heather Hensley (Night)
Sunday, June 8	Anita Sievers and Laura Simminger (Morning) Devin Mauk (Night)	Patty and Kati Schlosser (Morning) Avis Bollinger (Night)
Sunday, June 15	Emily Hill and Angie Kelley (Morning) Diana Prince (Night)	????????? (Morning) Conna Pate (Night)
Sunday, June 22	Rick and Pam Sparks (Morning) Jean Norman (Night)	Karen Baker and Linda McVay (Morning) Clarinda Unger (Night)
Sunday, June 29	Barbara Ford and Kim Williams (Morning) Janie Owens (Night)	Shelba Davis and Hazel Short (Morning) Anita Sievers (Night)
Sunday, July 6	Kati Miinch and Larissa Petzoldt (Morning) Kim Williams (Night)	Diane Miinch and Margaret Tallent (Morning) Heather Hensley (Night)

Food Pantry Workers

June 2	Madison Crites and Sammie Mansfield
June 9	Madison Crites and Sammie Mansfield
June 14	Stuff-a-Truck Food Pantry Drive- ACTeens
June 30	Pat Biri and Jean Norman

Sunday Van Ministry

June 8	Marilyn Hamilton, CDL	243-5185
June 15	Dennis Hurst, Van	243-2148
June 22	Jim Litzelfelner, CDL	270-5350
June 29	Marilyn Hamilton, CDL	243-5185

Financial Update for May 2014

DATE	General Budget Offering	Attendance
May 4th	\$16,495.75	Blended- 164 Modern- 168
May 11th	\$8,610.00	Blended- 191 Modern- 119
May 18th	\$8,931.05	Blended- 149 Modern- 168
May 25th	\$9,803.51	Blended- 144 Modern- 142

2014 ACTeens Activators Commissioning Service

JUNE 8th @ 6 pm

Join us during the Sunday Evening Service as we pray for and commission our young ladies in service to the Lord.

SENIOR DAY TRIP TO BOTANICAL GARDENS

June 9th

The church van will leave at 8:30 am for the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis.

Contact Jean Schweain for more details

2014 ACTeens Activators Missions Trip

JUNE 20th—29th

Impact Ministries Myrtle Beach, SC

Be in prayer for each of these ladies as they serve the Lord:

Katie Black	Macy Wright
Madison Crites	Kendra Bollinger
Emily Smith	Emily Rodman
Loren Coker	Becky Terry
Zhao Ni Dernberger	Avis Bollinger
Megan Stinson	Diane Miinch

The group will be doing a day camp everyday, beach ministry, face painting, ballooning and puppets in different areas. Plus handing out goodie bags to hotel workers.

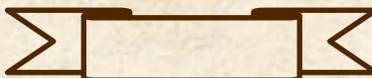
OLD FASHIONED

WORSHIP AND PICNIC AT

OLD BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

JUNE 18th @ 10:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate our heritage and history at the Old Bethel "Mother Church". There will be old fashioned music, worship and fellowship. Everyone is invited to come and honor our faithful and timeless Lord.



LADIES SUMMER READING GROUP

All ladies are invited to take part in a summer reading group. We will be reading two books over the summer with the first being, *Bridge to Haven* by Francine Rivers.

We will meet for a time of fellowship and discussion on Wednesday, June 25 at 6:00 at FBC.

Childcare will be provided. During that meeting, we will announce the next reading.

Please feel free to invite friends! If you have any questions, contact Rona Mallard at 383-6938 or Judy Harris at 382-1421.



5K • 10K • 6.28.14

The National Race Series is sponsoring a fundraising 5K, 10K and 1 mile Walk/Run to benefit the AMEN CENTER and Love INC.

DATE and TIME:

Saturday, June 28th 2014 @ 8 am
Registration— 6 am - 7:30 am

LOCATION:

Lynwood Baptist Church
2935 Lynwood Hills Drive
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

If you would like more information concerning race day, registration fees, and/or would like to participate, please visit First Baptist Jackson for official entry form.

In conjunction with RUN for GOD:

"UNTHINKABLE"

The SCOTT RIGSBY Story

Scott Rigsby, a double amputee ironman, will be speaking and encouraging people to "do the unthinkable".

JUNE 27, 2014

Lynwood Baptist Church
7:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

A love offering will be taken to support the Scott Rigsby Foundation.

CHURCH INFORMATION

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FIRST BAPTIST JACKSON WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAYS

Blended Worship—8:30 am

Sunday School—9:45 am

Modern Worship—11:00 am

Evening Worship—6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Youth and Children—6:15 pm

Prayer Meeting—6:15 pm

Bible Study—6:15 pm

Worship Choir Practice—6:15 pm

For a more detailed list of activities, studies or events, please contact the church office during regular office hours (Monday– Thursday, 9 am—3 pm) or visit our church website, www.FirstBaptistJackson.tv.