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September 1 Ruby Whitlow  
Martha Page  
Ryan Long  
Whisper Sams  
Sydney Dobson

September 2 Roni Milby  
Cidney Neagle

September 3 Judy Bridges  
Kallie Nunn

September 4 Jack Mitchell  
Kim Estes

September 5 Elizabeth Hamm  
Leslie Wells  
Brent Gaddie  
Jennifer Lewis  
Leslie Patton

September 6 John Sullivan  
Jenna McBride

**MIKE'S- SPACE**

What is revival? Some people think it's a different preacher and extra music, a change of pace which they hope they'll enjoy. Others think of filling a pew with family and friends or inviting some prospects for the church, an evangelistic effort. Some even see it as an extra chore that they have to fit into their already too busy schedule!

I don't know what you've been thinking, but I've had just you in mind. As I've talked with church members and studied your history, I've found that you all have been busy doing some good work for the Kingdom. But you haven't always been of the same mind or headed in the same direction.

After spending some more time getting to know you and seeing firsthand what you are gifted for, I plan to help you set some realistic goals for the immediate future. This will probably come after the first of the year. But right now I have given myself a first task of trying to get us all together on the same page spiritually.

So my goal for this revival experience is to put a cap on the vision I have already been sharing with you for the church. Once we have started to learn about Jesus, and become more like Jesus, and begin to share Jesus with others, what would a church reaching out to this community look like? That will be the focus of the messages that Dr. Joyce will bring. And I'm hoping that you will come away from these services more enthusiastic about God and His mission.

I Pray that God will be gracious and do His part. I pray more that you will do your part and offer yourselves to these services so that we all can find God's will together.

Glad to be Your Pastor,  
Bro. Mike

*On behalf of our entire family, we thank you for your expressions of sympathy as we mourn the loss of my sister, Lynn Dixon. Your gifts, flowers, visits and food brought comfort to each of us. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.*

*Gene and Carol Hornback*

**Next week's Link will be sent to the Western Recorder Friday, August 29, by 10 a.m., due to Labor Day!**

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**August Greeters:** Rob and Nancy Brown, Oneida Cochran, Shirley Crawford Joel and Kitty Dixon, Suzann McCoy, and Liane McDowell  
**Host:** Cindy Smith

*FBC Family,  
Thanks for the lovely senior banquet, Bible, and the honor of being one of two recipients of the church scholarship. Thanks for your love and support throughout the years.*

*Sincerely,  
Emily Shelton*



**HOMEMADE  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL**  
**Sunday Evening,  
August 31**  
**Volunteers are needed to  
bring homemade ice cream.**



**School Supplies Needed**

The Benevolence Committee is sponsoring a school supply drive. The school supplies will be distributed to Family Resource Directors of the LaRue County Schools. Boxes are placed around the church for collection. The deadline is September 14th. If you wish to give cash, please mark an envelope with "School Supplies" and place in the offering plate.

Budget Requests for 2009

Request forms have been designed by Stewardship and are now available at the Welcome Center in the main lobby. They are due by September 8th.

**Aug. 31: Deacons of the Week:** Jimmie McDowell & John Keith  
**Head Usher:** Jimmy Edwards  
**Sept. 7: Deacons of the Week:** Mike Smith & Jimmy Rogers  
**Head Usher:** Dean Williams

Children's Workers

**August 31:**  
**Breakfast:** Katie Sandidge  
**Infant:** Janet Long and Mae Burden  
**Toddlers:** Katie Sandidge and Heather Cline  
**2's & 3's:** Jonathan and Michelle Nunn  
**Jr. Children's:** No Children's Church  
**Evening Worship:** Suzann Boone  
**Wed., September 3:** Beth Turner and Jean Thomas  
**September 7:**  
**Breakfast:** Paula Durham  
**Infants:** Nancy Brown and Kathy Vaughn  
**Toddlers:** Pam Stephens and Allison McDowell  
**2's & 3's:** Gerald and patti Devary  
**Jr. Children's:** roni and Damon Milby  
**Evening Nursery:** Kathy Ross and Katie McDowell  
**Wed., September 7:** Donna Rodgers

# The Link...

*...between a ministering church and the home.*

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# First Baptist News - Page 2

## A Note from Greg

Well, this is exciting.... We have added 3 new singers in the last 3 weeks. That makes 29 active choir members!!! We had 22 in the choir loft last Sunday and what a difference that makes! Use your imagination when we get to 35. WOW! Would you help us get there?

As you can tell from the notice below, we are looking for 35 singers. That's 35 singers each week who are of average talent, music readers or not. If you will give it a chance, you might find that you would have a good time in this fellowship group.

We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 this week. Next week we move a little earlier. Beginning September 3, choir rehearsal will move to 7:00pm and we'll conclude at 8:15pm.

We are hoping to make it easier for those who are not music readers (which would describe most of the choir) by making cds of the music that we sing. You can pick up a cd and music by stopping by my office any time.

The Student Praise Choir started last week with 10 youth. Please remind your youth that there is a place for them and the we would love to have them help build the Student Praise Choir. Our goal for this group is 20 by Christmas.

We are working on a youth musical called "Stand and Shout." It's a musical that contains contemporary music. Why don't you give it a try?

Greg



Starting September 3rd, Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study will begin at 6:00!

## Student Ministry Stuff

Have you been watching the Olympics? I have. I love hearing the athlete's stories. It amazes me to hear about the sacrifices they made and the dedication they showed to reach their goal of an Olympic gold medal. But you know what? Most of the athletes who competed in the Olympics didn't win a medal. And even those who did win a medal, their achievements will soon be forgotten. Don't believe it? Then try to name the men's marathon winner in 2004. For that matter, name the 2008 winner.

What's my point? While the Olympics are fun to watch and help to bring us together as a nation, its importance pales in comparison to God's kingdom and eternity. The task that God has given us is far more important than any earthly endeavor, whether it be winning an Olympic medal, building a personal fortune, or reaching the pinnacle of a career.

The apostle Paul recognized this. By all measures, Paul was a highly successful Jewish man. But he willingly gave it all up for the sake of the advancing gospel of Jesus Christ. In his letter to the Philippians he wrote: "But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

How about you? If you're like most people, I'm sure you're pressing on toward something. Most people are incredibly busy these days. But what is it that drives you? Is personal gain or the glory of God? Is the reward you seek a temporary earthly one or an eternal heavenly one? It's easy to admire the dedication and resolve of Olympic athletes. But we have an even higher calling. What if we were to approach that calling with the same enthusiasm and dedication as an Olympic champion? What if?

Our high school students will meet at Chris and Dara Rogers' house this Sunday at 3:30 pm to watch the Louisville-Kentucky football game together. This will take the place of our normal Sunday night schedule. We will have a bible study during half-time. Our middle school D-Group will not meet this weekend due to the holiday weekend. All other activities will meet according to our regular weekly schedule.

-Marty

## Children's News

### Mission Moment

The "Kick-off" for the Mission Groups will be on Sunday, September 7. As part of the Kick-off, Joy Bolton, who works for WMU and who is now in Korea on a Mission trip, will be sharing with the children some of her experiences in Missions. We invite ALL children AGES 3 through GRADES 5 to come and be a part of Missions this year beginning with this kick-off.

With that in mind, WORKERS ARE NEEDED. We need leaders and assistants for all groups. They will meet on Sunday nights from 6:00-7:00. Working with the children is very rewarding and exciting. Please see Janet Long if you are willing to work with one of the Mission Groups this year.

The Wednesday night kick-off is tonight beginning at 6 PM. There will be many fun activities planned for the children and they will be introduced to their new area. Pizza and drinks will be served, too. We will end at 7:30 each Wednesday night through December. This program is for children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We will follow the LaRue Co school schedule, which means that if there is no school that day, there will be no Wednesday night programs.

Parents, bring your children out and join in the fun!

Deena

## Benefit Gospel Sing/Silent Auction For Mallory Williams First Baptist Church September 27th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

If you would like to donate items for the silent auction you may call Stephanie Roe 270-531-3988; Becky Wafford 270-401-1200 or Janet Williams 270-358-4039.

Donations can be made to Mallory Williams Fund of Lincoln National Bank.

**Sunday, August 31**  
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
3:30 p.m. High School Youth-Chris & Dara Rogers'  
6:00 p.m. Home Ice Cream Social and Devotional

**Monday, September 1-Labor Day**  
Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 2**  
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Art Class  
10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir  
6:00 p.m. Handbells  
7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting

**Wednesday, September 3**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
6:00 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Christmas Cantata Rehearsal

**Friday, September 5**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

**Sunday, September 7**  
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship  
Time tba Mother/Daughter Tea  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship w/Joy Bolton  
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

**Youth Schedule for  
Wednesday Evenings**

**Middle School**  
5:00 Gym & Youth Area Open  
5:30 Youth Choir  
5:50 Café Opens for Supper  
6:30 Middle School Worship  
7:30 Worship Dismisses; Gym & Youth Area Open  
7:45 Lights Out

**High School**  
5:30 Student Praise Choir  
6:30 Help with Middle School & Children's Ministries



**Join the Choir...  
You'll Be Glad  
You Did!**

**Our Goal: 35**

## JOIN THE CHOIR NOW!

**We are looking for  
average singers who  
want to make our  
Worship Choir**

**OUTSTANDING!**

## Our Stewardship Spotlight

Aug. 24th Attendance		Aug. 24th Financial Report	
Bible Study		Needed Weekly	10,663.46
Sr. Adult	29	Budget Received	5,670.51
Adult	96	Budget given to date	355,539.15
Young Adult	15	Budget needed to date	362,557.64
Youth	37	Designated:	
Children	25	School Supplies	20.00
Preschool	16	Youth	400.00
Visitors	3	Video	100.00
Bible Study Total	221	Dishes	12.00
Morning Worship	314	Reimbursement	827.78
Evening Worship	97	Wedding Fees	900.00
		Total Designated	2,259.78
		Total Deposit	\$7,930.29

Can you help??  
Sunday evening  
and Wednesday  
evening Nursery  
Workers are  
needed.  
Please call  
Barbara Gowen  
at 358-4985.