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**July 4-July 10**

- July 4  
Jean Thomas  
Kevin Hoskinson  
Henry Ray
- July 5  
Jimmy Phelps
- July 7  
Ron Gibson  
Jo Million
- July 8  
Doyce Stith  
Donna Shelton  
Terry Ovesen  
Samantha DeSpain
- July 9  
Doline Ard  
Liane McDowell
- July 10  
Joe Cecil  
Ryan Knight

**MIKE'S-SPACE**

I took a trip back into the past last Saturday. Donna, Megan, and I attended the wedding of Brittany Mayhew at Valley View Baptist Church in Vine Grove, Ky. I was pastor at Valley View back in the mid 1990's and we developed a close friendship with the Mayhews at that time. It was also an enjoyable time because my good friend Steve Skaggs (minister of music when I was pastor at VVBC) officiated at the wedding.

Now none of that sounds unusual. Getting invited back to a friend's wedding is a common thing. What was unusual about the event was that Brittany was there at all. You see, Brittany was born as Steve described it with a heart that was upside down and backwards. I know anatomy from my medical school days and seeing her x-rays, her pictures looked like what you might expect from an alien. She was not expected to live into her teens.

And yet, there she was at the altar 23 years old and getting married to her one true love. Brittany's lips and fingertips are blue because the oxygen level in her blood continues to decrease over the years. Her body will never be strong physically. No one really knows the physical and emotional struggle she and her parents have gone through over the years. But there she was, and there her parents and friends were cheering her on to the next stage in life.

Why was Brittany there when all the medical evidence says categorically that she shouldn't be? Because as Steve said also, there is more than just our physical strength, there is also the strength of our souls, our heart. Brittany is a fighter, a believer. And the struggles she has endured have only made her real heart stronger. With the heart God gave her, a heart wonderfully made just like ours, she has more than conquered and lives on.

What inadequacies and problems do you struggle with? Maybe you've felt like giving up because it seems too hard. I hope you'll be inspired by Brittany's life and struggle. If we love the life that God has given us with all our heart and strength, we can overcome and even conquer. As long as we live our old heart keeps plugging along, encouraging us with every beat to not give up. Use the strength of your spiritual heart and it will see you through.

Yours in Christ,  
Bro. Mike

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Dear First Baptist Friends,

Thank you very much for each expression of sympathy and love that you have shown to us during the recent deaths of both of our fathers. May of 2010 was a very difficult month for our family, but thanks to people such as you, it was a little easier to endure. We appreciate each dish you shared, each card you sent, each prayer you offered and each hug you gave.

Thank you for remembering us.

God's Peace to You,  
Greg and Felicia Harry

**FAITH, FOOD, FUN and FAMILY on the FOURTH @ FBC**

- 6:00 pm Faith** Music under the pavilion followed by the dedication of the pavilion
- 6:30 pm Food** Church—Hot dogs, hamburgers & drinks; Last names starting with...  
A-H Salads; I-P Vegetables; Q-Z Dessert
- 7:00 pm Fun** Watermelon eating contest; Watermelon see spitting contest; Pie eating contest; Pie bake off (Fruit & Other) There will be a slip n slide for the kids as well as an EXTREME slip n slide for the brave at heart!

Join us!

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**Deacons of the Week**

**July 4:** Doug Bell and Mike Smith **Head Usher:** Dean Williams

**July 11:** Jack Rogers & Scott Sandidge **Head Usher:** Jimmy Edwards

**Child Care Workers**

**July 4:**  
**Breakfast:** Carolyn Duggins  
**Infant:** Megan Townsend  
**Toddlers:** Wendi and David Edwards  
**2's & 3's:** Beth and Brad Turner  
**Evening Worship:** No Workers Needed  
**Wed., July 7:** Toni Davila and Cathy Morris

**July 11:**  
**Breakfast:** Donna Nolley  
**Infant:** Barbara Gowen and Suzanne Boone  
**Toddlers:** Toni Davila and Ruth Ann Frazee  
**2's & 3's:** Katie McDowell and Allison McDowell  
**Evening Worship:** No Workers Needed  
**Wed., July 14:** Donna Rodgers & Peggy Hoskinson

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*"From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise." Psalm 8:2*

What a wonderful time of worship we had last night as we heard the sounds of praise sung from the mouths of our children! Splash Kingdom was truly a blessing to our church, as I heard so many comments from those in attendance. The children were pumped up and ready to share what they had learned!

In this musical, they learned about how to get into the kingdom of heaven through our Lord Jesus Christ. They learned that He is the only way. They learned that Jesus paid the price for our sins, and because of this, our admission is free. We can't buy it or earn it. We have to admit our need for the Savior and believe that He died to pay the price for all of our sins and rose again. We need to ask Him to forgive us for our sins and trust in Him as our Savior and Lord.

There is so much to be learned from the joy and excitement of our children. Jesus even referred to this when the religious leaders criticized Him for allowing the children to praise Him in the temple area. Do you remember the story? He had ridden into Jerusalem on what we celebrate as Palm Sunday, ultimately heading for the cross on that Friday. The children were shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David." The scripture says that the chief priests and teachers of the law were indignant. They asked Jesus, *"Do you hear what these children are saying?"* Jesus answered, *"Yes, have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise'?"* He was quoting the words of Psalm 8:2. And just as those children gave praise and honor to Jesus that day, our children were exclaiming His praise last night with hearts full of joy! May we all long to grow in our relationship with Christ and be excited about sharing the news of His incredible salvation with others.

Praise be to our Lord for His indescribable gift of salvation!  
Misty

Education

**Psalm 119:11**

The importance of Scripture memorization can be no clearer to the Christian than when you read this passage, "I have treasured your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you." The closer that God's word is to our hearts the more likely we will be able overcome any temptation of sin that may occur. Jesus proved this when he was tempted by Satan and responded with Scripture. Have you set out to memorize any Scripture lately? Psalm 119:11 would be a great place to start if you have not.

Children

**SoS  
CentriKid, July 5-9  
VBS, July 19-23**

Join us tonight in the children's department for encouragements which will be sent to missionaries around the world.

On Monday morning our children (and a few brave adults) will head off to camp in Georgetown. Please begin now praying for what will be experienced there. May God impact the lives of all of us in a way we never thought possible. Thank you in advance for all of your prayers.

For those of you that read last weeks article, I apologize for the incorrect dates on VBS. I apparently wrote that it was July 15-19 (not sure where that came from), but VBS is actually July 19-23. Hopefully I didn't confuse too many of you.

-Adam

- **No Link next Week.**
- **The office will be closed Monday, July 5th, to celebrate Independence Day.**

What an amazing week at camp!

We had an awesome week! We painted a house for a couple who had done some missions work in Belize. They shared some of their adventures as they ministered in a children's home. We went white water rafting on the Ocoee River, everyone had a great time. Then we headed for the University of the Cumberland's for X Fuge. God truly prepared the week with several opportunities to experience Him in powerful ways through service, worship and our speaker. Tuesday, we served in the London Homeless Shelter. We had a great experience interacting with the staff and residence. While we were there we had a God opportunity to help a little boy named Eli who was hurt on the play ground. Kylie Rogers and Alex Ramey were instrumental in making sure Eli got the help he needed. Everyone got to see first hand how God used us at the right place at the right time to make a difference. Wednesday, we had an incredible evening worship time and saw God move in our youth in a powerful way. You will hear more about that in the weeks to come. Thursday night, our church devotion time brought us closer together as we shared from our hearts about the week and had an interesting question and answer time. Friday, we were on our way home different than we arrived. Please pray for our youth that they would hold firm to what God shared with them during camp week, that they would stay in the word and pray daily and that they would continue to look and listen for God's direction in their lives. I am so excited to see what God is going to do in and through our youth. Praise God everybody!

Blessings,  
Claude

## Summer Sundays @ Six

**July 4th @ 6pm Faith, Food, Fun and Family Festivities**

**July 11th @ 6pm Movie Night in the CFC "The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe"**  
Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable, Pop, popcorn and nachos available

**July 18th @ 6pm VBS Kickoff**

**July 25th @ 6pm Church Pool Party @ the community Pool**

**August 1st @ 6pm Movie Night in the CFC "The Blind Side"**  
Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable; Pop, popcorn and nachos available

**August 8th @ 6pm Movie Night in the CFC "Fireproof"**  
Bring your lawn chair and get comfortable; Pop, popcorn and nachos available

**July 4-11 Week's Activities**

**Sunday, July 4**  
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Praise Team and Band Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. FAITH, FOOD, FUN in the Pavilion

**Monday, July 5-Office Closed**  
Children leave for CentriKid

**Tuesday, July 6**  
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Art Class

**Wednesday, July 7**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study and SOS

**Friday, July 9**  
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

**Sunday, July 11**  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Movie Night in the CFC

June 27 Financial Report	
Needed Weekly:	11,055.61
Budget Received:	10,036.75
26 Weeks Budget:	287,445.86
26 Weeks Received:	244,551.73
Designated:	
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Phelps Family	20.00
Camp Fees	381.00
WMU	13.16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>10,700.91</b>

June 27 Attendance	
Bible Study	
Sr. Adult	44
Adult	76
Youth	20
Children	19
Preschool	15
Visitors	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>
Morning Worship	292

**July 19-23 / 6:15-8:45**

*Our current VBS volunteer needs include family leaders, marketplace workers, game workers, nursery workers, fatherland security, registration workers, and more.*

Your participation as a volunteer during VBS is requested as we seek to lead the children all the way across the world to Egypt. Every available hand it needed, so please sign up to help us in one area or another. Even if you are unable to help on the actual nights of VBS, maybe you could help out on one of our decorating days. The VBS booth will be open between now and July 18th. Visit it soon.

**KEY DATES**

VBS Volunteer Training—June 28th and July 12th @ 6:00pm (please attend one)  
VBS Decorating—July 10 and July 17 @ 9:00am (please attend one or both)