

# the first word

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## Giving More, Going More, Growing More

This has been an eventful year in the life of FBC Duluth. At the beginning of 2011, I challenged our church to "Give More, Go More, and Grow More" than ever before. We began the year with a churchwide study of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Over 200 families graduated from this 13 week study and have made steps towards financial freedom. Sunday School classes "stepped up" and gave over \$12,000 toward our Mexico Mission Trip and we have already surpassed last year's giving to the Great Commission Offering. We are beginning to "Give More!"

Last week 29 people from FBC Duluth returned from a one week mission venture to the Yucatan, Mexico. We have established a relationship with Georgia Baptist missionary Mauricio Meneses and Church Planting Pastor Leonardo Gil to establish a new work in the jungle village of Solforino. We are currently training a team of 12 to travel to Kakinada, India in November to establish house churches in that strategic port city. This month we met with Church Planter Ty Hauer and his family who plan to locate in Duluth, Minnesota to begin a Southern Baptist Church. We are beginning to "Go More!"

Now, to "Grow More!" Over the next few weeks I am going to challenge our church to establish 20 outreach Bible study classes. These classes can take place in homes during the week, in businesses before the workday, in coffee shops at lunch, or any venue where you can gather people. The goal is to involve 100 new people in bible study. The curriculum we will be using is Rick Warren's "Better Together." This is the dynamic follow-up to his N.Y. Times best selling book "The Purpose Driven Life." The study is designed to create friendships and community. It is a great way to gather neighbors, build teamwork among employees, or solidify friendship ties. I am praying right now for 20 hosts. Would you open up your home? Would you gather a pre-work group of employees? Will you meet with some friends regularly at a Starbucks? I believe God has good things in store for us. The study begins September 18th, but we need to solidify places and leaders soon. Call me or Pastor Keith Murdock if you are interested.

Blessings,  
**Bro. Mark**



*I Believe There Is More*  
Choral Collection by Don Moen; Arranged by Chance Scoggins

Join us, Sunday August 28, during the Worship Service for a worship experience full of passion, ranging from tender moments of personal meditation to strains of high, energetic praise. These choral adaptations include something for every worshipper. Travis Boyd will lead our Music Ministry Team in *I Believe There Is More*.

Contact Karen Johnson in the church office if you are interested in performing with voice or instrument for this special event for the rehearsal schedule.

**FIRST FAMILY GOES TO THE ATLANTA BRAVES**

**August 12th 7:35 pm**  
**Turner Field**

**FREE TICKET**  
**to each child & youth**  
**registered for a**  
**2011-2012 Ministry Program**  
**Before Aug 8th**

**Registration & Ticket Sales online at**  
**www.duluthbaptist.org, on Sundays or in the**  
**church office during regular business hours.**

## Soccer Registration

Registration has begun for the Fall Soccer League for children ages 4-8

First Practice Week: August 22nd  
First Game: September 10th  
Last Game: October 29th

\$50.00 Registration Fee which includes 2 uniform shirts.

Register online on the recreation page of the church website; [www.duluthbaptist.org](http://www.duluthbaptist.org) or in the church office during the week.

**Golf Clinic**

Led by Bill Baraban  
Saturday, August 20  
3985 Lakefield Court Ste. 204, Suwanee

\$10 per person  
ANY level golfer, Ages 12 and older

Two sessions to choose from/30 maximum participants per session  
9:00-11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

The last day to register online or in the church office is August 14 or when sessions are full.



A New Session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will begin on Sunday afternoon Aug 14th from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in room 214. Cost is \$95 per family. Maybe you missed it last time or you attended know of someone who can benefit from it, so invite them!

# Sr. Adult Activities

**Tuesday, Aug. 2**

Triple L Gathering - The program will be led by Waldo Woodcock, an inspirational, humorous speaker.

**Sept. 15th & 16th**

AARP Driver Safety Classes at FBCD - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The cost for AARP members with card is \$12 and the cost for non-members is \$14. The classes are open to ages 18 and up. Upon completion of the class, most insurance companies offer a discount on your automobile insurance for the next 3 years.

For more information and/or to sign up for these activities, see the Senior Adult Bulletin Boards in the hall by room 210 and in the hall by room 229.



Dr. Hearn, the staff, and church family extend congratulations to Steve & Teresa Lynn in the birth of a granddaughter, Piper Hayden Wargo, born July 24th.



Dr. Hearn, the staff, and church family extend their love and sympathy to:

- Louise Hester & family in the death of her son, Gary Bush, on June 28th.
- Mary Adams & Annette Allen in the death of their brother, Everett William Mayfield, on June 29th.
- Becky Sproles & family in the death of her brother, Billy Greer, on July 2nd.
- Rita Tuggle in the death of her son, Tommy Tuggle.
- Belinda Gindlesperger & family in the death of her father, Bill Boney, on July 25th.



First Baptist Church Duluth gratefully recognizes the following Memorial Gifts:

- In memory of Minnie Stringer from Barbara Melton-Johnson & Carolyn Lackey's Sunday School Class.
- In memory of Clifford Hand from Rita and Lynn Jackson.
- In memory of Clifford Hand from John & Glenda Moore.
- In memory of Ben Benoit from Pat & Bubba Wadley.

## Bible Study Attendance

	7/10	7/17
Members present	461	388
New members	0	0
Guests	17	10
Nursing Home	8	10
Total present	486	408

## Financial Report

<b>Received 7/10 and 7/17</b>	
Budget receipts	\$63,868.31
<b>Current Building Debt</b>	
	\$261,596.17

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# Coming this Fall for Kidz

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people. Luke 2:52 (HCSB)*



**SURGE** is our mid-week ministry for kids through fifth grade. It is a time for children to increase in knowledge and faith through music and various creative arts; as-well-as, learn about other countries and cultures and people who work and live there.

**SURGE** begins on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 and runs through Wednesday, May 16, 2012.

**Time: 6:00-7:30 PM**

For child safety purposes we require a completed **2011-2012 Ministry Participation Form** on each child who attends our programs for kids. You can get a paper form at any of the welcome desks OR you may submit the form online at [www.duluthbaptist.org](http://www.duluthbaptist.org).

# 50 Salvations in Mexico!

God did some amazing things during our week in the Yucatan! We took a group of 29 people from FBC Duluth down to Cancun, Mexico this past week. When some people hear the word "Cancun" they think vacation destination. What we discovered in our week in Cancun is that there is a city of Cancun that is far from the luxurious destinations in the "hotel zone" of Cancun.



FBC Duluth Mexico Mission Team



Local girl receiving a dress made by FBCD's Sew What Ministry

The city of Cancun has over 600,000 people living there. These people, just like anyone else, need to hear the message of the Gospel. And that is exactly what we shared with everyone we met along the way. Our teenagers and adults spent their days sharing the gospel through story time, snacks, games, bracelets, and much more with children throughout the week. Our group had the chance to share the gospel with hundreds of kids throughout the week.

Our mission group also had a chance to take part in revival services at a local Baptist Church. During these revival services, our pastor, Dr. Mark Hearn, as well as our youth pastor, Chris Bryan, had the chance



FBCD Student Felipe teaching a group of kids.

to preach. Over a four day period in the revival services we saw over 50 people commit their lives to Christ! All in all, the mission trip was a great time for our church to watch God at work and to take part in missions abroad. Thank you for all your prayers before the trip and during the trip. Some videos have been put on the church website under the international mission page for you to experience a small part of our trip.



**June 26, 2011**



Preston Humphries joins by baptism.

**July 10, 2011**



Edwin Jang joins by profession of faith.



Albert Jang joins by profession of faith.

**July 24, 2011**



Brian and Angelia Clark join by transfer of letter. Lauren and Kristin Clark join by profession of faith.



**Goal - \$100,000**

**\$43,818.83 received through 7/24**