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Educator Appreciation Day

On August 21st, FBCD is honoring all our area educators as they head back to school for another year. We at FBCD realize the tremendous impact teachers and administrators have in the development of our next generation. Therefore, we covenant to pray diligently for public, private, and home school educators as you accept this lofty challenge for another academic year.

We live in the state's largest school district. Gwinnett County Schools service 162,459 students in 77 elementary schools, 26 middle schools, 19 high schools, and 11 special schools. There are over 1700 new students in Gwinnett County and 3 new schools. We are proud to have many of these fine educators as members of our fellowship.

The Bible says in Proverbs to "teach a youth about the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Prov. 22:6, HCSB) These dedicated educators have committed themselves to pointing youth in the right direction. Therefore, when released to the world, they will find their intended target.

Teachers, Administrators, Home School Moms, School Assistants...you are being prayed for! You have an awesome task, but we know God will direct you and supply you with wisdom, strength, and encouragement. May God give you your best year ever!

Blessings,

Dr. Mark Hearn



Hail to the King

- Aug. 28th

On Sunday morning, August 28, our worship team will lead us in a powerful time of praise, adoration, prayer, reflection, and commitment. The music, video, and preaching will inspire you to deepen your relationship with the Lord. The songs speak to real life issues, such as obedience to God in the midst of difficult times. There will be times of great celebration, as well as times when we will be called upon to examine our lives in the light of the Gospel. You are encouraged to invite a friend to this powerful service. Be sure to be in your seat Sunday, August 28 at 10:50, so you won't miss a moment of our time together with the Lord!

Wednesdays 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 began 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.

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 or in the church office during the week.



Office Hours

We will be staffing the front desk with volunteers throughout the week. In order to accommodate their schedules, we will be changing the open office hours. We will be open on Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and will be closed during lunch from 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, please call Susie Butler in the church office.

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

A New Session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University has begun on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in room 214 or on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 125. 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!

Women's Bible Studies

Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Room 214

This thirteen week study helps us to understand the ways of God and how we can recognize His work and His voice in our lives.

Cost of the book - \$15

If childcare needed please call Mary Davenport at (770) 513-3372

Ruth by Kelly Minter

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Room 217

Ruth's journey of unbearable loss, redeeming love, and divine legacy comes alive in this six week study.

Cost of book - \$13

Women's Book Club

Women's Book Club is Back! It has begun meeting on Sunday nights from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the church library. Our first book will be by Karen Kingsbury titled UNLOCKED. All ladies are welcome to join or visit. If any questions, please call Grace Woodard, Cyndi Bowman, or Chris MacNeill.



Just Born Dr. Hearn, the staff, and church family extend congratulations to Fred & Karen Busby I the birth of a grandson, Liam Preston, born July 28.



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

- The family of Nina Maner in her death on July 27.
- Kathy Barron & family in the death of her father, William Smith, on August 4.
- Jerry Cheadle & family in the death of his mother, Artis Cheadle, on August 6.



First Baptist Church Duluth gratefully recognizes the following Memorial Gifts:

- In memory of Tommy Algard.
- In memory of Billy Greer from Joe & Diane Waters.
- In memory of Tommy Tuggle from Robert & Doris Hammond.
- In memory of Tommy Tuggle from Merle & Dorothy Jensen.
- In memory of Minnie Stringer from Mr & Mrs Ben Boushelle.

Bible Study Attendance

	7/24	7/31
Members present	444	462
New members	0	5
Guests	12	9
Nursing Home	10	7
Total present	466	483

Financial Report

Received 7/24 and 7/31
Budget receipts \$46,758.61

Current Building Debt
\$259,574.81

FBCD Women's Ministry

Schedule of Events

August-Women's Weekly Book Club
Unlocked by Karen Kingsbury

August-Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study
Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby

August-Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study
Ruth by Kelly Minter

October 22-Ladies Breakfast & Mission Action Day

January 27-Ladies Movies Night

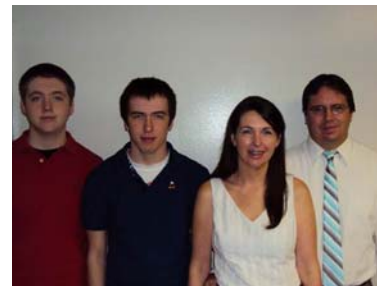
February 17 & 18-Women's Conference at First Baptist Atlanta, Speaker: Kathy Troccoli

April 27-29-Ladies Retreat, Callaway Gardens
Speaker: Ann Graham Lotz

See church publications for more detailed information as the dates draw near or see Jennifer Harrison or Grace Woodard.



August 14, 2011



Eric and Shannon Ohnemus, Chris Miller, and Brandon Ohnemus join by letter.



Susie Storey joins by letter.

Service Opportunities

The new ministry year began on Sunday, August 14. This is a great opportunity for people to serve the Lord and His church in new ways. There are several places of service in the pre-school and children's ministry still available for you - Sunday School teachers, ETC workers, and KidzWorship.

There is a ministry to children with special needs that also needs workers. Adult "Buddies" are assigned to these children to stay with them and assist them during Sunday School or KidzWorship. This would be a commitment for a month, not an entire year. No experience is necessary, and training is provided.

Please pray how you could serve in one of these ways. Be ready to say "YES" when asked.

Respite Care

A little over a year ago, First Baptist took a big step in community ministry by partnering with the Autism Spectrum Support Group to provide monthly respite care at church. This is a time when parents can bring their children with special needs to church for several hours so they can have a much needed break. Since our church began this ministry, these parents have been extremely grateful for this "gift of time." We have served as many as 30 children on a Saturday and have received many emails and letters of appreciation from parents who just need a few hours to themselves.

You can serve by volunteering a few hours at respite care on any of these Saturdays from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m.: August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, or December 17. No experience is necessary and we will be delighted to train you. Many people have served in the past and always say what a blessing it is.

Please contact Cathy Humphrey at 404-580-5689 volunteer or for more information.

Sr. Adult Activities

Tuesday, Sept. 6th

Triple L Gathering - noon, FLC, program TBA

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.

Collecting School Supplies for Kids around the World

The Children's Sunday School Department is collecting school supplies, through the end of August, to send to impoverished children around the world through Baptist Global Response, a partner of the IMB. Please bring one or more of the listed items and place in baskets in the Children's area or in the Bridge Foyer by August 31. Additional lists are available throughout the facility.

Kits for Kids Shopping list:

- 5 composition notebooks (non-spiral, hardback)
- 1 ruler (with metrics)
- 1 zippered pencil case
- 6 blue ink pens
- 6 no. 2 pencils
- 2 pencil sharpeners
- 2 or 3 regular-sized glue sticks
- 2 pink erasers
- 1 box of 12 count colored pencils
- 1 pair of safety scissors



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