

# The First Baptist Good News...

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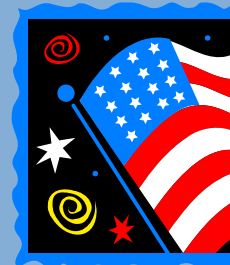
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## From Donnie's Desk...

Freedom... We celebrate our freedom as a nation this month with fireworks and concerts and cook outs and gatherings and parades and all sorts of things. But, the truth is, we take this freedom for granted most of the time. We forget the price paid for our freedom and to protect these freedoms we enjoy.

While the founders of our nation understood that our liberty was a gift, a divine right granted from the hand of our Heavenly Father, we too often fail to remember that it requires eternal vigilance to maintain this freedom. Freedom never comes without a cost!

For our Founding Fathers, the cost was enormous, but worth every lost possession and drop of blood. The ideal and dream of freedom from tyranny and the oppression of government burned white hot in their hearts.

At the very core of it all was the desire to freely express their religious convictions, their worship, their devotion to

Just a reminder, the first pilgrims arrived on these shores driven by this quest for freedom to worship God and serve Christ as they felt the Bible directed them!

The price of our continued freedom to worship and express our convictions is ongoing. If we do not stay engaged in the cultural realm, if we fail to address the issues that threaten our society, if we just sink into complacency and apathy then we will indeed find ourselves wondering what happened to our freedom.

I am excited about having Mat Staver with us on July 3. His work on behalf of our freedoms and defending our rights as Christians is vital and essential to all believers. We must keep those who have the abilities and the calling to fight for our religious liberties at the forefront of our prayers.

And as great a cost as many have paid for our freedoms, our Savior paid the ultimate, once and for all price for our souls! Paul wrote these words to the churches in Galatia...



"It was for freedom that Christ set us free, therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery."

And when Christ has set you free, you are free indeed! In fact, no government, no society, no culture, no king can over rule the King of Glory who has bought you with the blood of His Only Begotten Son!

So, this July join us as we celebrate our freedom as a nation and more significantly, our freedom in Christ!

Sharon and I love ya'll more than you know! We look forward to the days ahead as we serve Him together.

Blessings,  
Donnie Seagle,  
Senior Pastor





## Thoughts from Our Youth Pastor...

### Is It Important To Go To Church?

I remember when I was little we would always have this big deal at the end of the summer at church for those who had perfect Sunday School attendance. They would recognize all those who had perfect attendance or near perfect attendance, and we would get a certificate and a small gift. I don't remember how many times I was recognized, but it was almost every year. I remember how proud I was and my family was during these ceremonies. Over the last few

months I have come to two realizations about this. The first is God is not impressed with our attendance. It is not about how many times we attend, but about how many times we see and hear from God. It is about Him not about us. It is real easy to feel like we are blessing God by our attendance, but the truth is it is not church if God doesn't show up. We can replace God with our attendance and make that become an idol. I don't want to get to the end of my life and the only thing I have to show for it is my certificate. God wants our hearts with our presence. Going to church does not make us a Christian, nor does it make us righteous. On the flip side of this, the second thing I have realized is corporate worship with a local body of believers is important and biblical. If Christ died for the church it is important. Going to church is a great privilege for us because we get to worship God. We should be excited to worship God with others, but the excitement comes from the overflow of worshiping God all week in our day to day living. The only reason I got those certificates is because I was dragged there every week. It had nothing to do with God or worship; it was about me and my pride and self-righteousness. Church is one of the best things God has given us, and many people died for the ability to meet corporately. God is not impressed with our attendance, but is offended when we devalue the church because it was important enough for Him to send His Son to die for it. Church is not about the pastor, the programs, the deacons, the location, the facilities, the style or about us; it is all about worshiping Him, and us being the church He intended us to be. I would like to end this with two quotes that I heard this week that were the starting point for this article.

*"The complaint that church is boring is never made by people in awe."* --R. C. Sproul

*"If we are no longer amazed God would choose and pay to have a relationship with us, we have drifted far from the Gospel."* --Landon Dowden

Pastor Scott

*HE Must Increase, but I Must Decrease* John 3:30

## iBelieve Student Ministry

Rays Game July 1st-Cost \$35 plus \$\$ for food-meet at church by 3pm-sign up at IGNITE!

Student Life Mission Camp-July 17-23-Cost \$290, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA

Back to School Bash and iPad giveaway in August- More info available during Ignite!

Pastor Scott can be reached by email at: [scott@fbcinverness.com](mailto:scott@fbcinverness.com)

## Ministry Information and Ministries Available this Fall...



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2011 GOAL IS 800 SHOE BOX GIFTS!

Do you remember the gift of Salvation that God has given us? Here is a great opportunity to share with others what God has done for you!! Filling a shoe box this year will enable you to touch the lives of children and their families across the globe with the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS! Brochures are already available in the church lobby. Questions? Call Sherry White at 726-1898



CSM-Thank you for your contributions! Please continue to donate to CSM! We appreciate all contributions from the smallest to the largest. Volunteers are needed once a month on Wednesday Mornings to help pick up and unload the food delivery. Contact Jackie Dracy for info!



### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Those interested in bringing joy to the homebound are welcome to come join this ministry. If you know of a home bound person in need of visitation or want to be a part of visitation of our home bound please contact Homebound Ministry Leader Frank Swasey. Next Homebound Meeting is scheduled for July 25th at 3pm.

### PRIME TIMERS...

*Activities will continue this Fall! Enjoy your*



### WOM Meetings will resume this Fall.

We continue to pray for our missionaries, and help support local missions projects through the summer!



### The Bread Basket Café ~

*Will re-open this Fall on Wednesdays for your dining pleasure! Be sure to give a big thank you to our Kitchen Committee Members when you see them serving at some of our summer events!*

TO VOLUNTEER: #352 464~0501 or EMAIL~[dawn.theroux@era.com](mailto:dawn.theroux@era.com)



### Ministry of Warmth Will meet again this Fall -

They will continue to meet at 6pm on Thursdays for Crochet/Knitting again this Fall. Please be watching for date they will begin meeting again! Ministry Leader Sue Coolman and some of our ladies make hats and other items that are sent with our missionaries to distribute all over the world!

# Ministry opportunities this summer...



**CLEAN UP, FIX UP, EAT UP!! July 23rd at 5pm**  
Men and women of all ages are asked to bring your lawn and garden tools and a side dish and come to a church work day! The church will provide meatloaf and potatoes, so bring a side dish or dessert!



We will continue Monday Night Outreach through the summer! Contact Jo Woody and get involved! Help bring in the Harvest of Souls for the Kingdom of God!  
**VBS Bible Teachers are asked to please come and volunteer in July to follow up with your VBS Kids! Come be Ambassadors for Christ!**



**Creative Card Making...July 20th from 11am to 2pm in Youth Room**  
If you would like information on the FBC Card Makers please call Nancy Shaner-476-6504. Call Nancy to reserve your spot and find out what supplies are needed!



## Women's Ministry...

**Ladies Aerobic Exercise Group**— Starting July 12th a Ladies Group will begin meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Youth Room at 6:30pm for Aerobic Cardio Workouts! These will be video led and are facilitated by Shelley Smith. There is no fee to join the group but a donation will be asked for if you need child care. Please sign up in the church foyer.

For more info and for child care needs please contact Shelley by calling the church office from 8am to 1pm at 726-1252, or send an email to : [Shelley@fbcinverness.com](mailto:Shelley@fbcinverness.com) Or contact her on facebook!!

**Our Military Service Men and Women** —Women's Ministry would like to send cards and care packages to those currently serving in the Armed Forces. Jo Woody has asked that you please forward up to date military names and addresses to Shelley at the office or by email.

**Baby Bottles for Life Choice Care Center**-please return your bottles for LCCC that were due back June 19th!!! We still have several unaccounted for baby bottles.

### Giving...YTD Through June 2011

## Financially...

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Revenue	\$350,935	\$333,932
Expenditures	\$350,935.	\$332,558
	\$0	\$1,374.

♦ Rounded to nearest dollar



## HERSPACE...

*From the Heart of Your Pastors' Wife.*

### Freedom and Independence...

On July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate our independence as a nation and the freedoms we are afforded. We cherish our freedoms but we are hardly independent in view of the "bigger picture." Think about all the material things we are dependent on other nations to provide. Consider how we depend on our allied countries to come alongside us when we face opposition. We really cannot stand alone. I understand we truly enjoy freedoms we wouldn't if we were not "independent" but my question is "who really is totally independent of others?"

I have been known to be pretty independent (not to be confused with strong-willed). However, when I began to trust, I allowed myself to depend on others. I found freedom in trusting others, in allowing myself to depend on them.

Our greatest need is to trust. And the One we can always trust is Jesus Christ. And He has redeemed us, therefore, we are FREE! Freedom in Christ, however, doesn't mean independence from Him but complete dependence on Him and trust in Him. I like that! I need that!

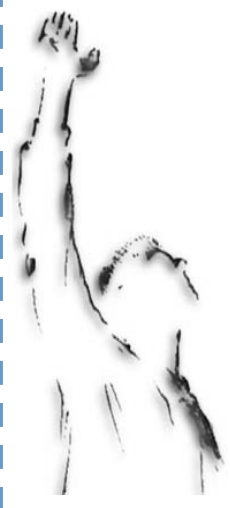
We desperately need the kind of freedom Christ offers. While we could survive without many of our freedoms we enjoy here in the United States, our freedom begins at the foot of the cross. Jesus paid for our sin and our freedom from sin there! We are redeemed and free in Christ Jesus! Now, that's worth celebrating!

We are a Christian nation because of those who established our freedoms and those who fight for those freedoms. But we are Christians because Christ died for us!

Today I am grateful for our freedom as a nation and the freedom found in Him. And I celebrate you, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

I love you all!  
Sharon Seagle

## The Worshiper's Corner



**Lazy Days of summer are here...Worship Choir will be taking a break for the month of July! We will sing July 3rd then we will resume with a Christmas Music Kickoff the end of August!**

**When we meet again in August we hope you will consider joining or re-joining us! Choir is for any age from Youth Group to our Senior Saints!**

**You do not have to read music to sing in the choir!**

**We hope to see you in August as we "make a joyful noise unto THE LORD!!"**

**Praise Team Vocalist & Band Practices will continue through the summer! Praise Band and our Praise Team Vocalist will meet every Wednesday at 7:30pm. If you played an instrument in the past then dust off that instrument, brush up on your playing, join Praise Band!**

**Childcare is provided during practice times for Worship Ministry participants with children! See Brian York for more info!**

Brian can be reached by email at: [brian@fbcinverness.com](mailto:brian@fbcinverness.com)



# Children's Happenings



## News

**First Baptist Inverness Awana Clubs  
Will be meeting on Sunday Nights starting August 21st !!**

**LEADERS IN TRAINING...** THIS YEAR WE ARE INVITING OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH TO HELP IN AWANA ON SUNDAY NIGHTS! IF YOU WANT TO HELP MENTOR A CHILD THROUGH AWANA JUST SEE PASTOR SCOTT FOR DETAILS!



**AWANA BASIC TRAINING—  
August 2nd  
at 6pm at FBC Wildwood  
This is for all AWANA Leaders and  
Leaders in Training (L.I.T.)**

**Awana Commanders Rob & Kris Cusack invite you to get involved...**

For more information on volunteering or about the AWANA Clubs and the different age groups just call them at 352-409-6588 or call the church office at 352-726-1252



Praise Kids continues on Wednesday Nights from 6pm to 7:30pm

For children who have completed Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade!

Bible study, Scripture verses, crafts and of course... MUSIC & MOTIONS!!

E-mail Shelley for more info: [shelley@fbcinverness.com](mailto:shelley@fbcinverness.com)

### Children's Workers Needed!

If you can give an hour or two once a month or once every other month in **Children's Church or Nursery** please see Amanda Schaak!

We are also in need of **Sunday School Workers**.

See Amanda Schaak or Cabot McBride if you would like to help in Sunday School!

We have several areas where youth students can become **Student Leaders** and work with our younger children! If you are a student 16 years or older and would like to help in an area of FBC Inverness Children's Ministry please contact Pastor Scott, Shelley Smith or Amanda Schaak!

## In the Library...



**NEW ADDITIONS:** *Max on Life* by Max Lucado (230.046) —This book gathers Max's responses to the most asked questions, such as-- Do angels really walk among us? Why do I worry so much? *Beyond Belief* by Josh Hamilton with Tim Tebow: (B)—The powerful story of baseball's most promising young star—before he lost everything. *Through My Eyes* by Tim Tebow (B)—Tim writes about life as he chooses to live it. *Where Women Walked* by Jean Blackmore (270.8)-- Powerful true stories of women's perseverance and God's provision. *The Brotherhood* by Jerry Jenkins (F)-- Boone Drake, is a young cop who has everything---until everything goes wrong. Is God a God of second chances?

**CELEBRATE AMERICA:** *Celebrate America* (CD 781.5)—Music, lyrics and history of several patriotic songs. *Taking the High Ground* by Jeff O'Leary (248)—This collection of stories capture the essence of America's heroes. *The Youngest Hero* by Jerry Jenkins (F)—The story of a boy who has been given a gift that presents the challenge of a lifetime. *America by Heart* by Sarah Palin (B)-- Reflections on family, faith and flag. *Watchmen on the Walls* by Hannah Hurnard (956.04)—An eyewitness account of Israel's fight for independence.

**TRIVIA:** Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the Declaration of Independence died on July 4, 1826. The day he died was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the document's signing.

## Thank You...

To the "Crafty Ladies" of VBS,

I would like to thank all of the ladies who volunteered to do the VBS Crafts. They never complained about the meetings, and they all had great input! They all did a wonderful job of preparing, supplying, and teaching crafts.

Jo Woody and Marian Minyard did a great job with the scripture review with the VBS children. They also did a wonderful job decorating, and cleaning of the craft room! Thank you to: Lisa Gormsen, Pam Sewell, Marian Minyard, Christine Waller, Jo Woody, Flo Hayward, Delores Kelly, Torie Pfeiffer, and Sylvia Deets! Also to Paige Hooper who was kidnapped to work in other areas of VBS!

THANK YOU ALL!

Thank You to all of you who helped make VBS 2011 a wonderful week! I am praising God for the 8 professions of faith and for several families who have started attending FBC Inverness as a results of VBS Week!

Thanks so much! Love You All!!

Shelley Smith,  
FBCI VBS Director



### MOBILE DENTAL UNIT

Special "Thank You" to the volunteers who helped at the Mobile Dental Clinic, June 20 –24. We had volunteers from different Baptist churches as well as from First

Baptist, Inverness. Seven area dentists volunteered their time, including our own Dr. VanHoose. They were able to see 61 people. Five different churches provided lunches for the volunteers. Thanks to Shirley and Kaye Harsin, lunch coordinators, they made sure we had full tummies. "Thank You" also to Ruth Gleason who procured and scheduled all of the patient registration volunteers and Gaye Stokes from Cornerstone who procured and scheduled the greeters/patient care volunteers. These wonderful people not only visited with the patients but also, when appropriate, share the good news of our Lord. We know of three decisions for Christ.

The Mobile Dental Bus is a ministry owned and operated by Florida Baptist but each church hosting the unit supply all workers. The dental bus coordinators, Martie Consuegra and Brenda Taylor, worked everyday on the bus assisting the dentists. Also, Jim Mitchell the bus driver keeps the unit running. These three wonderful volunteers are our own—thanks heaps!

Thank you FBC Inverness for all your love and support of the Mobile Dental Unit. The health kits are appreciated and needed by our clients! This is a vital ministry to our community!

Thanks, NCBA STAFF



Name	Birthda	Name	Birthday	Name	Birthday
Deets, Warren	7/1	Ellzey, Ethan	7/11	Winkel, Victoria	7/22
Morelli, Rebecca	7/1	Main, Sybil (Sybil)	7/12	Bruening, Marjorie (Marge)	7/23
Padilla, Jacob	7/1	Gormsen, Benjamin	7/13	Farmer, Ashley	7/23
Shaffer, Linda	7/2	Gibbs, Ann	7/14	Miles, Kathryn	7/24
Jordan, Keith	7/2	Smith, Norma	7/14	Smith, Donald	7/25
Sellers, Mataya	7/2	Weeks, Aleene	7/14	Thompson, Kathy	7/25
Neal, Ralph	7/3	Hunsberger, Sandra	7/14	Silver, Heather	7/25
Locklier, Marci	7/3	Fisher, Jan	7/15	Cronin, Kelli	7/25
Miller, Marci	7/3	Ivy, Judy	7/15	Goodwin, June	7/26
McBride, Francis (Cabot)	7/4	Mast, Whitney	7/15	Howard, Stephen (Steve)	7/26
Finegan, Kyle	7/4	King, Jonah	7/15	Smith, J. Charles, Jr.	7/27
Saltmarsh, Jim	7/5	Heathcock, Shannon	7/16	Carrero, Carmen	7/27
Herron, Francis	7/6	Smith, Steven	7/17	Davis, Terry (Terry)	7/27
Chamberlin, Portia	7/7	Twomey, Kurtis	7/18	Russ, Christopher	7/28
Beal, Percy	7/8	Turner, Jeannine	7/18	Walburn, Vickie	7/29
Jordan, Marvin (Ken)	7/8	Massingill, Katelynn	7/18	Schaffer, Heath	7/29
Griffin, Eunice	7/9	Theroux, Joseph (Joe)	7/19	Steinhauar, Aliza	7/29
Fuentes, Juan	7/9	Cernich, James	7/19	Evers, Gilbert (Gil)	7/30
Burns, Kelley	7/9	Kelly, Clare	7/19	Gavin, Marge	7/31
Dooley, Alexandra	7/9	Nelson, Matthew	7/19	Taylor, Brenda	7/31
Christian, Sarah	7/9	Morelli, Sarah	7/19	Hamilton, Judy	7/31
Schaeffer, Mary Ellen	7/10	Fravel, Margaret	7/20	Shields, Mary	7/31
Schaak, Kirsten	7/10	Rollason, Elizabeth	7/20	Trombley, Lisa	7/31
Hochadel, Danny	7/11	Fisher, Charles (Charlie)	7/21	Bomse, Rachel	7/31
		Stuart, Sean	7/21		
		Steffen, Lavonne (Bonnie)	7/22		

**New Members**  
**Welcome**  
**to the Family...**

**By Baptism:** WM. Hunter Winkel,  
 Brittany Brown, Alyshia Dengler

**By Statement:** Rick and Marina Winkel