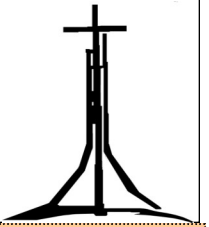


First Family Connection

JUNE 2014



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 5: Jolly Elders

June 9-13: VBS

June 15: Father's Day

June 16: LOVE —Feeding the Homeless

June 18: Block Party at FBCLG

June 23-27: Preschool camp

June 28: Marriage Conference

June 29: Dr. Danny Akin preaching

VBS Work nights: June 5 and June 6

Staff dedication: June 8

Family night: June 13

*You don't
want to
miss this!!*





Summer time is here! One of the great challenges every church faces is getting into the Community. I'm excited and grateful that the First Family is getting in the Community of Locust Grove and making a difference. Recently some of our Family helped the teachers at Locust Grove Elementary pack up their supplies and moved them to their new class room. Additionally, you cleaned up around one of the local grocery stores.

Several Sunday School classes are utilizing our "Block Party Trailer" the Southside Network owns. One class is having a Block Party in a local neighborhood the first week of June. Other classes are also praying about utilizing this effective tool of building relationships. I appreciate Kenny's leadership with our Bible Study classes to reach out in our community. We are being intentional about getting into the community .

Many of you are sharing your "story" which Dennis Nunn taught us during our recent Instructional/Inspirational Revival. Be faithful to sow the seeds. Remember our success is not based on the response of others but our faithfulness to share the Gospel.

We recently had the great joy of hosting Dr. Frank Page as our guest speaker. Brother Frank is the leader of our Southern Baptist Convention. He brought a powerful message at both morning worship services. Now we can look forward to hosting another great leader in our Convention, Dr. Danny Akin. Brother Danny is the President of Southeastern Seminary. He will be leading a marriage conference on Saturday, June 28 from 9-noon. The conference, "Practical Steps to Strengthen your Marriage" is going to be tremendous! Please make this conference a priority as we seek to strengthen our marriages in very practical ways. Dr. Akin is a dynamic speaker! Register online or at the Welcome desk.

I love you!

Pastor Craig

May was a busy month for members of the Jolly Elders. Judy Hawkins, Betty Thompson, Johnny & Margaret Jackson, and Kenny & Andra Heath had the enviable task of representing us on a tour of Bahamian waters aboard the cruise ship *Fascination*. Based on the stories told it was a great trip.

We landlubbers left behind did not sit and pine away but rather joined together on May 1st to enjoy food and fellowship at the Cracker Barrel.

May 8th we met for our regular monthly luncheon at the church provided by Chef Belinda and the Culinary Crew. Following the good food we played a few games of Bingo.

May 22nd found 16 of our members touring Oakland Cemetery in the care of our most friendly and informative guide, Phil. I am sure there would have been several more to make this trip had it not been for the fact that it was a walking tour, frequently in difficult terrain. Those that did go came away with a better understanding of the cemetery's history and even Atlanta history. We rounded out our day at another national historic site, The Varsity.

Make plans for our June activities:

June 5th, 12:30 pm, we will gather at the church for a luncheon prepared by Belinda. **Please note this is the first Thursday of the month since VBS will be held the following week.**

June 26th, 9:30 am, we will be travelling south to the Ole Time Country Buffet in Warner Robins and then on to Dickey Farms in Musella to stock up on those great Georgia Peaches. This is always one of our popular trips so we hope to see you there!



Kenny's Korner	Paul's Pen	Christy's Comments
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<p>What's up in June?</p> <p>6 attributes of God we all need to know... Many people base their understanding of God on their own perceptions of what a god should be. I think God is.... What we think is not important; what matters is what God says about Himself and our response to it. God has reveled Himself through Scripture. In our current study – <u>Beyond Belief: Exploring the Character of God</u> – we will examine six attributes of God that lead us to living fruitful lives in right relationship with Him.</p> <p>Block Party outreach...one of my desires for our church is that we be outwardly focused. If we are going to reach people who have not yet come inside our building, we are going to have to focus on them. We must go where they are. One of our efforts at doing this will be with block parties. June 6th will be our first effort at this and several Sunday School classes are pooling resources to host a block party at the club house in Skyland. If you want to join us in reaching out to this community...show up between 6 pm and 8 pm on Friday June 6th. We WILL have something for you to do.</p>	 <p>"Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95 gives us a great example of what we should do when we come together to worship. Do you see it? The first thing we do is come. We all get together and then we sing. And not just sing, but sing for joy! We sing not for the sake of the song, but we sing with joy to the Lord! When we consider all that He has done for us, and is doing in us, then our response should be worship, singing, shouting. What a privilege we have every week to come together and worship.</p> <p>The summer is upon us. The kids are out of school and vacations are just around the corner. The Kid's Choir won't be meeting during the summer months, but will resume again in August.</p> <p>On Sunday, June 29 we are going to have another combined worship service. This is going to be a great time of worship with everybody in the same service. In this service we will have the Praise Team and Choir and the band and special music, so you want to make sure you come and bring someone with you!</p>	<p>June is packed full of fun! Don't forget to pre-register for Vacation Bible School on our website: www.fbclocustgrove.com. It is for ages 4 (by September 1st) to 5th Grade (completed) We also need 12 more crew leaders, so if you are willing to lead a group of 5-7 kids to stations each day then sign up in the foyer or contact Christy Mac.</p> <p>Little Explorers Summer Camp Registration is now open! Our theme this year is Safari Jungle– where kids explore the nature of God! Camp is June 23-27th from 9:00-12:00 for ages 3 (by September 1st) to K5 (completed).</p> <p>On Sunday, June 8th the kids are having Friend Sunday. This Sunday, bring your friends to church for a morning of fun! Lastly, don't forget to look at the check-in desk for a summer calendar including Wednesday Night Event and special activities.</p> <p>Blessings! Christy Mac</p> 

MEMORIAL GIFTS

During the month of May, donations were made to the church:

- In memory of James Montgomery by Bill & Florene Bobo;
- In memory of Doug Eaves by the Agape II Sunday School class, Mary Jo Leverette, Dick & Dianne Stratton, and Bill & Florene Bobo;
- In memory of James Hughes by Gib & Pat Butler, Bill & Florene Bobo, Mary Jo Leverette, and Dick & Dianne Stratton.

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Wednesday Menu	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<u>June 4</u> Breakfast	1	2	3	4	5 Jolly Elders	6	7
<u>June 11</u> No meal!	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL							
<u>June 18</u> Grilled chicken, slaw, baked beans, dessert	15 Happy Father's Day!!	16 LOVE feeding the homeless	17	18	19	20	21
<u>June 25</u> Pizza, salad, cookies	22	23	24	25 Trivia Meal	26	27	28 9-12pm Marriage Conference
PRESCHOOL CAMP							
	29 Dr. Akin Preaching	30					

<u>FBCLG 2014 WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT: \$24,740.38</u>	<u>WEEKLY ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!</u>
May 4 General Offering \$31,975.92	Date Bible Study Worship	May 4: Kent Zuchowski (Baptism)
May 11 General Offering \$23,642.97	May 4 436 487	Zelma McField (Transfer of Letter)
May 18 General Offering \$18,339.84	May 11 444 568	Stuart Farquhar (Profession of Faith)
May 25 General Offering \$15,995.44	May 18 451 597	Twyman (TJ) Jackson (Profession of Faith)
Weekly Average \$22,488.54	May 25 371 409	May 11: Micah Brown (Transfer of Letter)
	Average 426 515	Olivia Brown (Transfer of Letter)
		May 18: Wayne Simmons (Statement of Faith)
		Louise Simmons (Statement of Faith)
		Paul & Pat Reynolds (Transfer of Letter)
		Karen Mundschenk (Profession of Faith)

<u>Leadership Team</u> Dr. Craig Bowers-Senior Pastor Kenny Heath-Minister of Education/Administration Paul Zahn-Minister of Music Christy McLendon-Preschool and Children's Director Max Elliott, Missions Coordinator Fred Lacey, Minister of Counseling Services	<u>Worship with us!</u> Sunday 8:30 Bible Study 9:45 Blended Worship/Bible Study 11:00 Contemporary Worship/Bible Study 6:00 Evening Worship/RA's and GA's
<hr/> Tim Prater-Ministry Assistant/Finance Belinda Bowers-Administrative Assistant First Baptist Church Locust Grove 2950 Tanger Blvd Locust Grove, GA 30248 (770)957-9715	Wednesday 5:15 Family Dinner 6:30 ACTS Classes/Prayer Meeting/Youth 7:30 Celebration Choir Rehearsal