



The Bridge

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PERCEPTIONS

By Rev. Bill McCullin, Senior Pastor

Vacation Bible School began yesterday and started out as a tremendous success. I am amazed at the commitment and hard work that Kassidy Adams and her team put into this ministry, and because of their faithfulness God has blessed not only the leaders but those wonderful children that attended. To God be the glory.

Budda and I will be flying out to San Diego on Monday the 18th and will return on Monday the 25th. We are going to spend the week with Hal before he deploys to Afghanistan on the 26th. We value your prayers and support over the next few months as he serves this great country we live in. I have never been prouder of my son that I am today. Currently, he will return October 1, 2012. I ask that each of you remember him and his platoon of brave soldiers each day, praying for their protection and safety.

I have been working really hard on an eight-week sermon series entitled, "Who Is God." We will be taking a journey throughout scripture looking at eight qualities of God's character. We serve Him, worship Him, give to Him, but do we really KNOW Him?

God bless you all, and thanks again for the honor of being called your pastor.

Bro. Bill



ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

ICE CREAM CHURN-A-MENT June 23, 2 p.m. in the Gym

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream!
The judges will taste, test and ultimately
select the winners.
Prizes will be awarded.

YOUNG AT HEART

Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 pm

Adults 50 and over are invited to join the fun!

Bingo, Food and Fellowship!

Meat and Drinks furnished.

You bring sides and dessert.

DEACON NOMINATION

June is Deacon Nomination Month. Cards are available in the Worship Center Foyer and in the church office throughout the month. If there is someone you would like to nominate, please place their name/s on a card and give it to an active deacon or bring it to the church office. Nominations will end June 30.

Active Deacons:

Jon Betts, Jeff Ames, Clare Shields, Kenneth Young, Roy Gene Cupit, Bo Strahan, Vick Dallalio, Frank Vest.

Greeters are needed for the 10:30 service on Sunday mornings. If you are willing, please contact Kenneth (318-719-0691) or Irene Young (318-719-0690). Schedules are printed and mailed and most volunteers serve about once each month.

DATES TO CALENDAR

Church Council Meets Tuesday, Jun 26

Centri-Kid balances are due by Jun 29

Office will be closed July 4

Ordination of Stephen Powell Jul 7

Quarterly Business Meeting July 15

First Baptist Vidalia! Connecting People to God, to Each Other and to the World



Notes by Stephen Powell
Associate Pastor of Worship

What is the Gospel?

I am continuing my series on the Gospel. So far, I have told you about the source of our knowledge about the Gospel being the Bible, God as the righteous Creator, and sinful man. In this article, we will look at Jesus Christ the Savior.

Up until now, things have seemed pretty grim. God created us and told us how to live and we were disobedient. Because of our sin, we are born dead and destined for hell. Here is where the good news starts.

Jesus is fully God and fully man. John 1:1 and verse 14 reads, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The Word became flesh and dwelt among us." From the beginning of John's account of the Gospel, he intends to make it clear to us that Jesus was no ordinary man. It is crucial to understand the truth of Jesus's deity and humanity. If Jesus were just another man, he would no more be able to save us than one dead man can save another. But, because he is the Son of God, without sin and equal in every way with the Father, he is able to defeat death and save us from our sin. If he were not fully human, he could not rightly represent us before the Father.

The Jews knew from Old Testament writings that the Messiah would come. They believed he would be an earthly king. The amazing thing about Jesus is that he is the King of the world, but he died to bring people into his kingdom. Consider this passage:

"²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." Romans 3:23-26

God was just in punishing sin, but he was the justifier because, out of his love for his children, he chose to place the punishment on his Son.

Not only did Jesus die, he was raised to life again. If Jesus had remained dead, his death would be no different than yours or mine. But, when breath entered his lungs again, when resurrection life entered his body once more, everything that Jesus claimed was finally, irrevocably vindicated.

In the next article, we will look at our response. How are we to respond to the Gospel?



Youth and Family News
By Dusty Carson

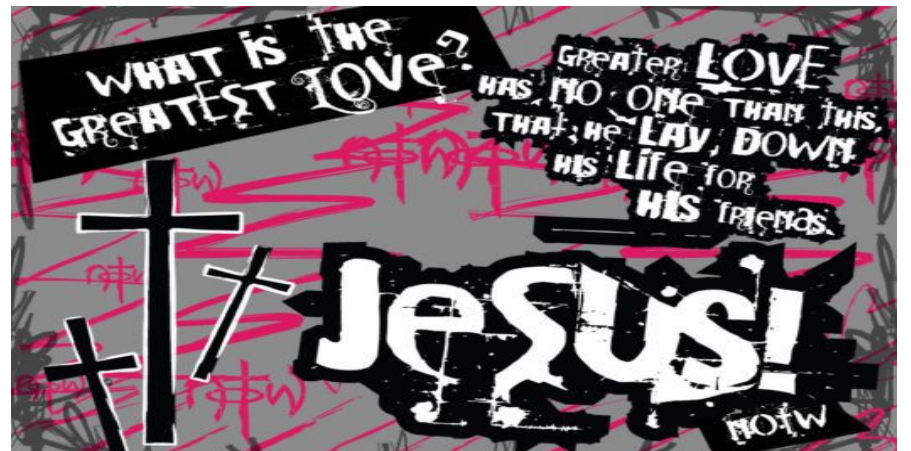
THE POWER & IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

By: Nathan Smith

Praying is a vital part of the Christian life. Prayer is how we connect with God and build a relationship with Him. Through prayer we also thank Him for all He has done for us and ask for His blessings. Prayer is something we should be doing on a constant basis. Romans 12:12 tells us to "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

It is also a very powerful part of a Christian's life. Prayer has the power to change lives. It is through prayer that someone becomes a Christian. We can ask God for healing from disease, and, if it is in His will, He will heal us. Matthew 8:2-3 show Jesus' power to heal: 2) "And behold, a leper came to him and knelt before him, saying 'Lord, if you will, you can make me clean.'" 3) "And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying 'I will; be clean.' And immediately his leprosy was cleansed."

Therefore, I urge you to stay constant in your prayer life. For if we do not pray, how will we ever connect with God fully?



Youth Sunday School ~ 9:15

Grades 6-8 Boys

B.J. Neely, Teacher

Grades 6-8 Girls

Beverly Chalmers and Heidi Carson, Teachers

Grades 9-10 Co-Ed

Milah McGraw and Jordan Chandler, Teachers

Grades 11-12 Co-Ed

Whest and Dara Shirley, Teachers

FBCV Choir News

Sanctuary Choir Practice is Wednesdays at 7:30 pm.

The Children's Summer Music Class is practicing "Follow U" to be performed on Sunday, August 5th.

The class is for Children Age 4-Grade 5

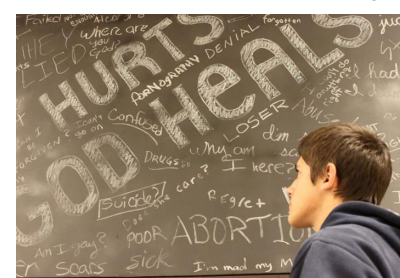
Youth News

Power Lunch: Thursday, June 28, 10 a.m.
Centri-Fuge Summer Campers will be leaving June 18 for Panama City FL and returning On June 22.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS
By Marie Allred

Thanks Sunday School Teachers/Readers for your support/ contributions for Sean Keith in appreciation of his help in building our Sunday School. A gift certificate for a night at Riverside Bed & Breakfast was presented to him.

Our Sunday School council members are busy working with their departments. They are Mitzi Roby (Adults), Dusty Carson (Youth), Joan Ames (Children), Belinda Welch (PreSchool). We are blessed to have dedicated workers. I request your prayers and support as we all work together for our Lord.



THURSDAYS 6 PM

Life Hurts ... God Heals!
For Students Gr 6 -12
Caitlyn Hendricks, Leader

SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH OFFICE



I am so grateful for those who have volunteered to serve in the church office with us. We welcome Barbara Breithaupt to our Tuesday morning schedule.

If you were interested in helping and did not respond in time, we will be happy to add you to our list of substitutes who work when they can on an "as needed" basis.

Our regular volunteers are: Monday Lois Farrar (Cindy Roberts), Betty Harris; Tuesday Barbara Breithaupt, Ann Thompson; Wednesday Diane Costantini, Lynn Case; Thursday Sylvia Strahan, Marie Allred; Friday Rosemary Rose. Substitutes are: Rosemary Rose, Patsy White, Delores Morgan, Chris Roberts, Betty Woody, Gail Rushing and Sue Dayton.

It's important that these ladies know how special they are and how critical their service is to the work of the church office. "Thank you ladies for your kindness, sweet spirit and willingness to serve; You are a beautiful reflection of our precious Lord. You are loved and appreciated."

Allie

What do you need to Celebrate Recovery from?
*Overworking Overeating Anxiety Abuse
Pornography Lying Fear Alcohol Overspending
Divorce Grief codependency Guilt
Gambling Hurtful Relationships Drugs Rage
Sexual Addictions Procrastination Anger*

JOB OPENING AT FBCV

FBC Vidalia is currently accepting resumes
For the position of Part-Time Financial Secretary

16 hours per week, \$10 per hour

If you are interested, please check with
a member of the personnel committee:

Whest Shirley, Tim Welch, Beverly Chalmers

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23-24

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP!

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2 PM

Join us for our first ever

"Ice Cream Churn-a-ment"

Bring your favorite homemade ice cream.

We will have a panel of judges and

Prizes will be awarded.

CHURCH COUNCIL
June 26, 5:30 pm

Single Moms

Dinner and a Movie ~ Child care provided

July 15, 6:30 pm

Call Lisa for more info 601-597-7303

WOMEN ON MISSION NEWS

July Schedule:

Sun, July 1, 2:30, at the church

Tues, July 17, Work day at the Church

*We are still collecting used eye glasses
which you may bring to the church office.*

Women on Mission are collecting the following items
for Samaritan Purse Shoe Box Ministry:
Crayons and hand held pencil sharpeners

SUMMER MUSIC CLASS

Students Pre K—Grade 5

Wednesdays at 6:30

Free!



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**REJOICE IN GOD'S PLAN & PROVISION!
REFRESH YOUR VISION OF GOD'S PLAN!
RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S PLAN!**

RRR CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN
Total Pledged Amount \$404,511.00
Total Pledged Amt. Rec'd as of 6/10/12 \$ 71,329.00
Balance \$333,182.00
Loan Balance as 6/11/2012 \$783,791.25

Sympathy

*Love and prayers to
Ken Allen & Family in the loss of
his brother L.C. Allen*

*James Stigall & Family in the loss
of his brother Ronald Ruben Stigall*

Family of Billy Beall

Family of L. H. Wilkinson

CURRENT FBCV Reports

Date	Sunday School
Jun 3	199
Jun 10	231

FINANCIAL Reports June 3-10

Budget Amount Received	\$ 33,717.86
Budget Received to Date	\$321,468.98
Budget Required to Date	\$284,807.42
Desig'd Amount Rec'd this report	\$1,108.94

Birthday Greetings!

- Jun 24: Paige Staggs
- Jun 26: Sparky Evans, Stephanie Cobb, Kendall Young, Noah Armstrong
- Jun 27: Keith Darnell, Janet Hughes, Nicholas Herring, Lily Probst
- Jun 28: Brandi Boles, Jeff Chandler, Rachel Staggs, Jada Gibson
- Jun 29: Kathy Taylor, Shannon Mason, Katie Celmer, Kaytlyn Walker, Erin Moss, Addison Williams
- Jun 30: Ann Hopkins, Peggy Daniels, Joshua Hargon II
- Jul 2: Vic Dallalio
- Jul 4: Darlene Walsworth
- Jul 6: William Reynolds
- Jul 7: Willie Hathcox, David Moss, Dara Shirley, Paige Bolyer

Attention!
*Parents of Children
Age 4 thru Grade 5*

Summer Music Class

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

*Meeting in the
Fellowship Hall*

Young at Heart

Tues, Jun 19, 5:30 pm

Join us for

Bingo, Food and Fellowship

Adults 50 and over.

Coming Events

- Jun 23: All-Church Event: Ice Cream "Churn-a-ment" Prizes awarded
- Jun 26: Church Council Meeting
- Jun 28: Power Lunch
- Jun 29: C Kid Balances Due
- Jul 1: Women on Mission
- Jul 4: Independence Day! Office Closed
- Jul 7: Ordination of Stephen Powell to Ministry
- Jul 8: Deacons' Meeting
- Jul 10: Young at Heart
- Jul 12: Youth Lunch & Recreation
- Jul 15: Quarterly Business Meeting

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Our Staff

Rev. Bill McCullin Senior Pastor
Stephen Powell Assoc. Pastor of Worship
Dusty Carson Assoc. Pastor of Youth & Families
Allie LaBorde Secretary
Peggy Wooten Financial Secretary

Active Deacons

Jon Betts—Chairman, Jeff Ames—Vice Chairman,
Clare Shields—Secretary, Kenneth Young, Roy
Gene Cupit, Bo Strahan, Vick Dallalio, Frank Vest

Regular Schedule

Weekly

Sunday

Worship	9:00 am
Sunday School	9:15 am
Worship	10:30 am
Sunday School	10:30 am
A.W.A.N.A.	4:00 pm

Wednesday

One Accord Signing Class	5:30 pm
W.O.W. - Mid-Week Service	6:30 pm
WiNk-Grades 1-5	6:30 pm
Heart Shapers - Age 2-3, PreK-K	6:30 pm
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The Gathering: Sr. Hi Students	7:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Practice	7:30 pm

Thursday

Celebrate Recovery	6:00 pm
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Monthly

Deacons Meeting-2nd Sunday	3:00 pm
Single Moms-All ages	As announced
Young at Heart - 2nd Tuesday	5:00 pm

Quarterly

Business Meeting 2nd Sunday of each quarter	6 pm
Fifth Sunday Get-Together	6 pm

As Announced

Sunday Connect Classes (in homes)	Check bulletin
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Celebrate Recovery

**Come for Teaching and Testimonies.
6:30 pm large group, 7:30 small groups!
Healing for Life Issues & Addictions ... grief,
divorce, abuse, depression, loss, etc ...
"You can't heal a wound by saying it's not
there." Jeremiah 6:15**

FIRST BAPTIST VIP's "... It is the Lord Christ you are serving." Colossians

June 24	July 1	July 8
Nursery: Budda McCullin, Colt/Kendra Slover, Beth/Chad Houghton, Kally Murray, Natalie Creel, Adam/Rebecca Young, Jessica Clayton; Jun 27 Kent/Crystal Ozment, Gail Rushing Greeters: 8:40, 9:00 Donnie/Patsy White; 10:10 Donis Craft, Sue/Junior Smith; Jun 27 Chris Roberts Counter: Mary Mooney Celebrate Recovery Nursery: Jun 28: Milah McGraw, Mandy Hedrick, Erin Fuller	Nursery: Janna Burns, Alan/Carol Holland, Deborah Johnese, Melissa Kunkle, Katie Donald, Jennifer Barton, Carrie/Frank Vest, Sarah Johnson; 7/4 Tammy & Chris Rouse, Alethia Lawrence Greeters: Roy McKinney, Jerry/Kim Clark, Jami Ainsworth, Marie Allred; Jul 4 Gail Rushing Counter: Belinda Welch Celebrate Recovery Nursery Jul 5: Sheila Lillie, Megan Powell	Nursery: Marie Allred, Wayne/Linda Crain, Mary Ann Doughty, Darlene/Melissa Darnell, Kristin Hendricks, Peggy Kemp, ; Jul 11 Dara/Whest Shirley, Barbara Tuttle Greeters: Roy McKinney, Kenneth Allen, Grady Boykin, Donis Craft, Betty Harris; Jul 11 Rosemary Rose Counter: Diane Costantini Celebrate Recovery Nursery Jul 12: Alan/Vickie Fort