

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, October 11

8:30AM Deacon's Meeting
9:30AM Children's Choir
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship
5:00PM Youth

TUESDAY, October 13

5:00PM Property Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 14

5:15PM Family Night Meal (Shepherd's Pie,
Fried Okra, Rolls, Dessert)
6:00PM *The Good and Beautiful Life Study*
6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
6:15PM Cathedral Bells
7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

Sunday School Attendance 10/04	157
Worship Attendance 10/04	185
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 09/13	\$8,410.06
YTD Budget Receipts 09/30	\$395,303.89
YTD Expenses thru 09/30	\$382,355.80

SHOEBOXES

It is time to start packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The boxes will be available soon. But for now, we are requesting filler items. If you are a part of a business that might have paper pads, pencils or pens or anything that we could use to fill boxes, would you please bring them to the church office. It is OK if they have a business logo on them.

PRC WALK FOR LIFE

Pregnancy Resource Center is sponsoring its annual Walk For Life event on Saturday, October 24. PRC ministers to both men and women who are facing a crisis pregnancy through education, mentorship and emotional support. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Betty Mauldin or Liz Peele.

SCCM need for October is canned fruit.
SCCM donation for September was 26 pounds.
(Mission Friends "Can" collection total coming soon!)

SCCM CARING & SHARING

Please return your filled yellow SCCM cups by October 25.

UPCOMING TRIPS & YOU ARE INVITED!

***Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, Nov 3rd** when we will go to Bear Creek to the fruitcake factory. The bus will leave right after the JOY luncheon and the cost will be \$2.00. If you've never been, you really should go. It will get you in the mood to eat some fruitcake and decorate for Christmas. Please sign up at the church office.

*****December 7, 8, 9:** Two nights at the Springmaid Resort in Myrtle Beach. Two shows: Alabama Theater Christmas Show and Palace Theater Christmas Wonderland Show. Two buffet breakfasts, one buffet dinner at Benjamin's Seafood, one sit-down dinner at the Gulf Stream Restaurant...all for **\$175.00 per person**. Please pay when you sign up. Deadline is October 30. For more information, contact Lina Chandler at 704-982-8877 or 704-796-8589.

SCCM EMPTY BOWLS

Friday, October 30, 4:30-7:30PM at Central United Methodist Church. Tickets available in the church office: \$20 with bowl or \$10 without bowl.

Candy For Fall Festival

Please begin donating bags of individually wrapped candies for the Fall Festival which will be held on Oct. 29. Orange crates will be in set up for your donations of candy. Keep in mind, last year we had about 700 children, and we expect more this year.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School class for young adults in their 20's and early 30's (married or single) will begin on Sunday, October 18. If you are interested in being part of this new class, please contact Andy.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

Last week, I wrote about the need for Sticky Faith for our children and youth. We certainly want to do whatever we can to help them develop a faith that will last not only through high school but also through college and beyond. The question is "HOW?"

Research by Fuller Youth Institute has concluded that youth and children need at least five adults outside of

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their parents who play a mentoring role in their lives. That means that children and youth need aunts, uncles, grandparents, teachers, coaches, parents of their friends and adults at church who are willing to invest their time, energy and resources to model mature faith. They need a community of mentors who will love them for who they are and who they can be in Christ without any strings attached.

This is where you come in. No matter your age or stage of life, you can play a role in being part of the mentoring community for our children and youth. Can you teach Sunday School? Can you keep the nursery? Can you learn a child's name and get to know something about them? Can you be surrogate grandparents to a student? I truly believe that there is something every adult in our church can do to participate in developing lasting faith in our children and youth.

In 2016, First Baptist will participate in a learning community (cohort) with other churches all over the nation to collaborate on how churches can best create an environment to promote lasting faith in children and students. Bill Burnside, Christy Brown, Michael Furr and I will travel to Fuller Seminary (Pasadena, CA) to learn from experts, develop relationships with leaders from other churches and begin discerning ways First Baptist can better invest in the lives of our students today and into the future. Throughout the year, we will engage in conference calls, coaching sessions and video conferencing to learn from the leaders of Fuller Youth Institute. As we learn, we will also be engaging other leaders in our church to gain insight on how God is leading our congregation. By the end of next year, we will hopefully have a clear vision of our direction. I look forward to this journey of discovery and discernment.

This Sunday, we will look at what Jesus teaches about speaking the truth and personal integrity as we continue our series on *The Good and Beautiful Life*.

See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Tony Oettinger

October 11–October 17

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Louise Poplin, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Betty Hartley, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

Dr. Bill Hatley, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Roger Thomas, Linda Hilton, Sue Hunsucker, Fran Andrew, Martha Lowder

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Bill Woodruff and family in the passing of his wife, Hilda Woodruff.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jimmy and Sarah Oettinger Edwards on the birth of their son, Henry Josiah Edwards on September 23. Henry weighed 9lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grand-parents are Karen and Tony Oettinger.

HELP WANTED

Volunteers are still needed to complete the schedule for Children's Church, Pager Attendants and Extended Session Nursery Workers for 2015-2016. Please contact Connie Weavil to sign up. Call or text: [336-225-0298](tel:336-225-0298) or email: mweavil5@triad.rr.com.

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Are electronics a distraction in your lives? I think most people would say, with a sheepish grin, that they probably use them more than they should. This week's sticky faith lesson was about unplugging, so in preparation I did some research on electronic use and what I found was astonishing. Although the numbers varied, most sources agreed that the average person spends somewhere between 8-11 hours a day using some type of electronic device. Those 18 and older typically spend 11 hours plus. Now I

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will be the first to admit that we have to spend at least some of our time using electronics, in fact I am typing this article on the computer. But the majority of us are spending more time using these devices than we do sleeping. In fact some of us are almost double the time. We are spending almost 1/2 of our day using electronics. Now although it sounds like it, this is not an indictment of electronic devices.

So what does this mean to those of us that are guiding young Christians into a life of faith? It means that we have to be good models and unplug ourselves. It means that we have to help them unplug at times. We need to help our students remove the distractions so that they can notice God in their lives. The folks at Fuller Youth Institute make a few suggestions as to how we can do that. I have included those here.

- Part of noticing God is to look for ways in which God is at work in the world around us. This can be hard to do when we are overwhelmed with life's distractions. This is what Sabbath practices invite us to do. What is something you could temporarily "unplug" from to create space to notice God? This doesn't need to be something that literally plugs in (like a computer or phone, although those are definitely included). This could be any of life's distractions. Could you choose to intentionally "unplug" from something (like cell phones or television) – for an hour a week, ten minutes a day, one day a week or even for the rest of this series? Lead by example and unplug. Share this commitment with your family, and discuss as a family how you might find a way to unplug together.

- In the spirit of the Sabbath (a regular interruption of our normal routine to notice God), could you surprise your family with a Sabbath moment? Perhaps dismiss a usual weekly chore to give kids a break. Take everyone on a field trip to a local museum or park to notice God's creation. Say "no" to an unnecessary commitment on behalf of your family (a birthday party or extra soccer practice) and treat them to a relaxing night home instead. Or instead of working on the computer when you're around the house this weekend, keep it turned off and see who notices. Then at the end of the weekend ask what it was like for other members of your family for you to spend the weekend away from your computer.

Michael