

March 17, 2009

MEN – What was March 15th all about?

...to let the men of FBC know that God has a plan for First Baptist... to move forward with passion and determination to reach the men in our church family and our community. How? By providing a ministry that will focus on biblical manhood, godliness and following Christ daily.

Is this a new program? Actually, this isn't a "program" at all. The Men's Ministry will serve as a driving force behind programs or events that may arise out of prayerful consideration of what needs or tasks we should attempt for Christ. Men's Ministry is about accountability to God's word and growing in Christ as we walk with Him daily. If we walk in the Light then we will be transformed. Those who have been with Jesus are changed; and the lives they touch should begin to notice change.

Those who will follow Christ wholeheartedly are encouraged and ready for this great challenge. And this great task will reap benefits both present and future. Men, we have been called. Isaiah said "here am I, send me." Are we ready to join his company?

SOFT BALL - - - Men and Women's Softball: Anyone interested in participating! Sign up on the back tables in the foyer. Games will begin April 6th after Spring Break. All games will be played in Baker across from Pilgrim Rest Church during the week night: starting at 6:30 or 7:45. One, sometimes two games a week.



Are you a part of kidsWORSHIP?

We're growing fast! And in the coming weeks we will include the 3rd-5th graders in this exciting time of worship. On Easter, we're expecting to have 70 or more kids attend... so we need more volunteers to join our team! See Bro Wes to find out how you can help!

Men's Ministry Survey

Men! In an effort to develop a more effective Men's Ministry program for our church and our community we would like your input. There were over 150 surveys distributed last Sunday (March 15). Please complete the survey and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have questions about its importance please contact Randall Jenkins, Jeff Childers, Mitch Buckelew, Ken Seiffert, Dave Sanders, David Fountain, Dale Rice, Jim Owen, Joe Sharpe, Chase Davis, or Tony Day. Thank you in advance for your participation. Surveys can be handed in at the church office or directly to one of the men mentioned above.

did you know about...

the SINGLES CLASS

Most church members should know by now about the Singles Class! We've got the energetic Tony Day leading in this new area of potential! There are hundreds of singles we need to reach in our community. WHAT CAN YOU DO? How about this... do you know of anyone who is single between the age of "out-of-college-ish" and early 40ish? Most of us probably know of at least 1. Can you imagine what would happen in our church if everyone invited a single adult to Sunday School... that would be over 300 Singles... and if only 12 % attended, that's 36 Singles! Can you imagine? What a huge boost to the Singles ministry here and the community. If you know of a Single in need of a church family, invite them this week.

FOOD DRIVE : The Samaritan House is having a food drive during the month of March. Anyone, everyone, can bring one canned or boxed food item each week. Food items may be placed in one of the receiving boxes located in the Fellowship Hall or in any foyer. Many in our community are struggling at this time: Help us help them.

AND... Don't forget about the ACTEEN challenge to all the Sunday School Classes/Departments. They're counting on you too.

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORIES ARE IN. EACH HOUSE HOLD RECIEVES 1. Please help us make sure that each family receives only one for the whole family. We are hoping to have an online directory in the coming weeks. If you know of someone who would be willing to volunteer to help maintain an online directory through photographing new members and uploading the pictures to Olan Mills, please contact Randall Jenkins. There are several new members who are not a part of the current directory. (And several members who did not make it to the photo shoot who need to be photographed.) Sure, there are a lot of folks in the church who don't want their picture taken, but if they'd like to know their church members and be known by their church family, we need to have everyone, or as many a possible, photographed. If you can help, please let us know.



JUNE 7 - 11

VBS is SUNDAY through THURSDAY this year! WOW! We still need more volunteers. There is time to sign up and become a part of this adventure! Don't miss your chance to volunteer with the kids. Bro. Wes is counting on us to get in touch with him and ask how we can help. The music is great! The lessons are wonderful! The worship time is going to be fantastic too! Training dates will be placed on the calendar soon... so be watching.

Camps and Retreats you'll need to plan for...

Women's Conference in Jacksonville – April 24-25 – call the church office or visit www.annegrahamlotz.com for more information

Student Life Camp – June 16-20 – Call the office or see Jeff Childers for more details

Vacation Bible School (see the above note) – June 7-11 (Sunday through Thursday)

Men's Breakout Dinner/Conference with Danny Singleton – April 18-19

Easter Week – “The Passion Week Experience” with Remembering the Lamb worship – April 5-12

The Men's Barn Meeting

...Free Steak!

**Men, you, your sons and your un-saved fellow friends
are invited to the Men's Barn Meeting. Thursday the 19th at 6:30 pm
in the Paxton Agricultural Center.**

John Paul Moody of Harvest Outdoor Ministries will be speaking.

He is the 2008 Predator Calling World Champion.

We need some Game Mounts.

Call Brett House for info. 850-305-0556