

JUNE 16, 2010

VBS begins Sunday night!

We will begin at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary, and on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday we will be in the chapel.
6:00pm each night!

Live it Out!

JUNE 20-23

Summer Reading Program

Independent Reading For Independence Month

July 7-July 28

For ages 4 through 5th Grade

Kids, check out up to 5 books per visit to the church library. Complete a reading list and receive a gift card! Check out the church library for the coolest summer books! You can begin registering for the reading program and checking out books on Wednesday, July 7 (*But if you want a great summer read, stop by now. You never have to wait for a special date to read a good book.*)

Library hours: Sundays 8:00 am-9:15 am, 5:00-5:55pm,
Wednesdays 9:00 am-11:00 am, 5:00-7:15 pm.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE....

JUNE

No rehearsals the week of June 14-19 (StudentLife Camp)

No rehearsal on Tuesday June 22 (VBS)

24 – Thursday – 6:30pm-8:00pm

29 – Tuesday – 6:30pm-8:00pm

JULY

1 – Thursday – 6:30pm-8:00pm



Instrumentalists... your opportunity to serve and participate while sharing your musical talent begins Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. Come grow with us as we practice and encourage one another to build upon what God has given. paulc@fbccrestview.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CRESTVIEW

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Church Family can be a part of the New Mexico Mission Trip!

The main focus of this mission trip has two priorities. The **FIRST** priority is to complete a 10 X 10 room addition for a wheelchair bound teen. The foundation will be ready for us to begin construction on Monday, July 5 with completion by Thursday afternoon. The second priority is to minister through encouragement and training to our brothers and sisters in Christ of The House of Fellowship.

Assistance needed from our church family: the estimated cost of materials is \$2,500 to complete the 10X10 room. Contributions given toward the New Mexico mission will go toward the building materials first, and then dispersed to offset transportation costs. If you have any questions regarding the trip or funds, please contact Randall Jenkins.

Summer Game Nights...

Two special nights coming up: June 27 and August 1. These dates may seem far off, but we'll be there before you know it!

Men's Conference in 2011...

Yes, we're planning already. And you guys need to go ahead and write in your 2011 calendar the dates of April 29-30. Guest speakers? Steve Farrar and Stu Webber. Begin praying about this event. It's early and we have loads of ministry to accomplish between now and then; but we do want to plan ahead. Check out the church library for books these two have authored; both have excellent works of encouragement and challenge.

Have you ever wanted to get to the next level? Sure you have...

Think back a few years. Remember being in the first or second grade and saying to your self, "I just can't wait until I get old enough to play with the big kids" or "I can't wait to get to middle school!" Then for some reason, once we got to the 6th grade we wanted the year to go by faster so we could get to the eighth grade so we would be even closer to high school: always learning so we could get to the next grade and get to do all the things the "big kids" go to enjoy. The 9th graders couldn't wait to get just a little older to take drivers ed so they could get their drivers license and start driving; even if it was just to church or the grocery store with mom or dad. Then once in high school and enjoying being a "big kid" with more responsibility, we couldn't wait to get high school over and move on to college so we could be with the more "mature kids" and stay out longer and take classes we really wanted to take. Then once we were in college and started taking classes that we knew were a part of our career... we just couldn't wait until graduation so we could be out in the market place and enjoy the freedom to make our own decisions and perhaps find that special someone, begin a family, and make take our place in the world; enjoy the American dream.

So there you have it. Now what? You've made it to the next level; now what level do you really want to achieve? Bigger? More bells and whistles? Shinier? More status? Promotions? Do you think perhaps we have transferred some of that mindset to our spiritual life and church life? Our teachers continued to have patience with us as we learned the small steps: although division looked really neat, didn't we have to learn 2+3 first? And we could have never read all those great comic books if we didn't know the alphabet or how to pronounce c-a-t. Likewise, we must continue to grow in small steps in our spiritual life. If we never learn the foundational truths of God's word, we miss out on the incredible truths we live by. Sure, we can live by clichés we think we've heard from the Bible or those that sound "spiritual" or... we can study the real Word.

Our school teachers advanced us to the next level once we were found faithful to have learned the materials... and Jesus taught that it was the wise steward who was found faithful that was promoted to the next level. Are we encouraging and teaching one another toward the next level, or have we become satisfied with our present? Is God's kingdom big enough? Does God's church need any more additions? Does the Gospel need to be promoted more? Is there any more room for a few more disciples at the foot of the cross? You may have a small responsibility now, but as you and I remain faithful to the task at hand, we will grow deeper (and wider, and shinier, and taller, and bigger, and bigger) until the Father in Heaven says "okay, it's time for one more promotion; come on home."

Keep pressing on and forward. A faithful disciple is continually growing and helping others do the same; and found faithful in the little things. Little things well done expand personal responsibility and opportunity.