

# Friendly News

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## Back to School Angel Tree

Summer has started with a bang! It will be back to school time before we know it. The Women's Ministry here at Friendly will again be sponsoring the "Back to School Angel Tree" this year. This is an AWESOME opportunity for both the giver and the receiver. This year it is more important than ever for us to come together for this project. Approximate cost per student is \$250. This includes clothes, shoes and all supplies. You may also donate money and let us do the shopping. We are asking individual families and Sunday School classes for their support.

All who fill out forms to put their children on the Angel Tree must be attending Friendly Baptist Church. I will go over all forms and let you know if you are eligible for help. We must have a current phone number. See **Katina Yeargain** with questions (530-1619).

### Upcoming Calendar of Events:

- July 3 & 10 Taking applications at Angel Tree table in Welcome Center
- July 17 Adopting children off tree/last Sunday to accept applications (no names added after this date, no exceptions)
- July 24 & 31 Adopting children off tree, accepting donations
- August 7 Bring back your child's items in a tub with their number and all donations
- August 14 All clothes and supplies must be turned in by PM service
- August 15 Please pick up your child's box 6—7:30 PM at Friendly

### Upcoming Events

**July 3**—No Evening Service  
(July 4th weekend)

**July 4**—Office Closed

**July 17**—Deacons' Meeting,  
Room 307, 5 PM

Missions' Meeting, Conference  
Room, 4:30 PM

Summer Fellowship after PM  
Service

**July 20**—Budget/Finance  
Meeting, 6:30 PM, Room 307

**July 31**—Baby Dedication—AM  
Lord's Supper—PM



## VBS at Friendly Baptist Church

July 10—14, 6:00—8:30 PM

4 year olds—6th Grades

Come be a part of the adventure where faith and life connect! Pre-register online or at the VBS table outside the Children's Building. Mark your calendars now to be here for the Big Apple Adventure!

## Bro. Pat's Desk

**Men's Golf Tournament** July 9th, Oakhurst Golf Course. Cost is \$50 and includes green fee, range balls, lunch and prizes. Sign up in the Welcome Center. PAYMENT REQUIRED AT SIGN UP. Contact Chris Williams for more details.

**No More Excuses Men's Conference** Dr. Tony Evans and Dr. Steve Farrar present *God's Game Plan for a Comeback Life!* Saturday, July 9th, 8:30 AM—1:00 PM, Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Church, Dallas, TX. This event is free but you must register. Register online @ [ocbfchurch.org](http://ocbfchurch.org). Call Pat with questions (903)593-1572.

**Looking Ahead:** *Raising Terrific Kids in Turbulent Times* Conference with Dr. Charles Lowery, Sunday, November 6th. Dr. Lowery gives Biblical principles and practical solutions to problems we all face in parenting. Don't miss this conference!

## Students' Stuff

God blessed our mission trip to Memphis in a huge way. We saw over 40 people accept Christ as their Lord and Savior and many others lives were changed in a positive way for Christ. I can't say thank you enough to everyone who played a part in this trip. Thank you for all of your hard work.

July is going to be a busy month for our student ministry. In conjunction with Vacation Bible School, we will be having L.I.F.E. University, July 10-14, from 6:00 – 8:30 PM. This will be a great time of worship, games, food and fun. We will have special guests *En His Day* leading us in worship. L.I.F.E. University is going to be an incredible week. It will be like camp except you get to go home every night. Don't miss it!

Speaking of camp, Journey Week will be July 18-22. It is going to be an incredible week featuring Brandon Mitchell as our speaker and *Luminate* as our worship band.

## Children's Department

What a great start to our summer! Day Camp was amazing! *THANK YOU*, Floyd, Sally, Marcy, Katy and Josh for all your hard work and planning of this event. *A BIG THANK YOU* goes out to our teachers for all your hard work and dedication to the children during Day Camp. We are so blessed to have so many people who serve the Lord through the Children's Ministry. The Lord used Bob and Janet White in such an amazing way to make the Bible come alive through drama. The Lord used them to lead nine children to the Lord during Camp and we are rejoicing with each of them as are the angels in heaven.

July is here and now it is time to get ready for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is *The Big Apple Adventure: Where Faith and Life Connect*. We want your children to join us for the fun and excitement! We'll hear Bible stories, play games, and have snacks at the Midtown Snacks. Along the way we will enjoy recreation on Play Ground 1017, learn about missions at Mission Central, make crafts at the Crafts District, and sing songs at Music Backstage. Don't miss out on this fun week beginning Sunday, July 10, through Thursday, July 14, 6:00-8:30 PM, for children who are 4 years old (before Sept 1)-6th Grade. Sign up today at [www.friendlybaptist.org](http://www.friendlybaptist.org) or register at the table in the welcome area. We look forward to a great week!

**VBS**—July 10-14, 6:00-8:30 PM.

**VBS Workers needed.** Please fill out a blue card at the registration table and place in the basket or call Kay at (903)520-9597.

**VBS Kick-off Fun Night**—Wednesday, July 6, 6:00-8:30 PM. Waterslides/ice cream/inflatables. Wear your bathing suits and bring a towel that night.

**Family Movie Night**—July 29, 6:00-9:00 PM. Movie: *The Princess and the Frog*.

## Family Ministries

**July 9**—Golf Tournament at Oakhurst

**July 9**—Tony Evans "No More Excuses" Conference in Dallas, TX

**July 10-14**—VBS, 6—8:30 PM

**July 15**—JOY Picnic Luncheon, 11:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

**July 21**—Disaster Relief Meeting, 6 PM, Green Room

## Youth/College

**July 10-14**—L.I.F.E. University

**July 18-22**—Journey Week Youth Camp, Orange Beach, Alabama

**July 23-August 3**—College Africa Mission Trip

## Women's Ministry

**July 25**—Women serve meal at Hospice

**July 28**—Spa Night in the Venue

Summer Supper Fellowship—Sunday,

July 17th. After P/M Service—Jaco Stacks

Kay Weippert

## A Note from the Choir Director



Floyd Williford

Our next Summer Sunday Evening Fellowship will be on July 17th. The choir will be responsible for the food for this fellowship. We will be serving Mexican Stack with all the trimmings that go with it. The only thing that we're asking you to help with is dessert. We need you to bring your favorite homemade ice cream. Pack it down well and bring it to the Fellowship Hall before church begins. If you don't own an ice cream freezer, please feel free to bring any kind of dessert you would like. This is always a good fellowship. Mark it on your calendar and make plans now to be present. As always, feel free to invite your friends and family. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to bring ice cream.

## Adult Singles

Kevin Basham

Hey Single Adults, We are so blessed to be a part of such an awesome church! We are supported and loved by our Friendly Family. It is really special to have such free reign to reach out to and minister to singles in this area! Make plans now to participate in our Singles Savvy Singles Conference-2011, Friday, August 12-Sunday AM, August 14! National conference speaker, David Edwards (davetown.com) will be our conference speaker. Pat Mallory, Ken Brumley, John Mark

Rogers, Jerome Milton, and Sam DeVille, will lead breakout sessions on being relationally, emotionally, financially, parentally, and spiritually savvy. First Baptist Bullard's Praise Team will lead our worship experiences. This conference promises to be a huge source of encouragement to all Single Adults. Please pray that our Lord Jesus will be highly exalted and that Singles will be brought into His Presence.

## Collegiate Ministry

Josh Thompson

The day is drawing closer for our departure to Tanzania. We will be leaving Saturday, July 23, to spend the next week and a half on the overseas mission field. It is looking like our arrival to the Singida region will coincide with the opening of the water well in the community of Sagara. This is the well that our church has been fundraising to support. When the planning for this trip began, this was not even a consideration. This is a display of God's sovereignty at work.

Collegiate Week 2011 is coming up very soon. I'm excited about this opportunity to get away to Glorieta with our college students to be challenged spiritually and to grow together as a group. The dates are August 7-12 and the cost is \$100. Special arrangements have been made to allow those who have just graduated high school to be able to afford this opportunity since many are already signed up for youth mission trip and youth camp. Matt Chandler and Michael Kelley are the speakers for the week, and many breakout sessions with excellent leaders are offered with topics tailored to meet needs of college students. Please see me if you have any questions, and also to find out the

special arrangements for our upcoming freshmen.

I want to introduce you to an initiative that we are starting this fall with our college students and we are praying about offering to the church at large. It's called "Read the Bible for Life." According to research, only 16% of the church reads the Bible everyday, and that number only goes up to 32% when the question is changed to reading the Bible once a week. Is it any wonder why in many cases the lives of those claiming to be Christians are not any different from those that freely admit that they are not followers of Jesus? The Bible makes the claim that it is profitable for bringing about change in one's life from unrighteousness to righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16-17). It seems clear that the lifestyle of unrighteousness within the church mirrors the percentage of those who do not read and apply the Bible to their daily lives (84%). Our hope in offering this initiative is that this will change. Please visit [www.readtheBibleforlife.org](http://www.readtheBibleforlife.org) to find out more information on this initiative. Also, I invite you to visit with me further if God is laying on your heart to be a part of this initiative.

## Friendly Baptist Church

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### FRIENDLY STAFF

Pastor.....Dale Perry  
Associate Pastor.....Pat Alvey  
Minister of Music.....Floyd Williford  
Minister to Students.....Steve Lyles  
Minister to College Students.....Josh Thompson  
Children's Ministry Coordinator..Kay Weippert  
Nursery Director.....Donna Shaw

### **Welcome to Friendly (May –June)**

**Baptism**  
Megan Hall      Mark Rogers  
Hannah Ritchie

**Letter or Statement**  
Mike & Brenda Newburn

## JOY Group

Come and join the JOY GROUP for a picnic luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 15, at 11:30am. The meal is being furnished by the JOY Group, and we have a Barbershop Quartet coming to entertain us. All you have to do is show-up and bring a friend. If you have questions, call Ann Wilbanks at 903-561-4506.

## Women's Ministry

July...Like millions of us, my mind goes to July 4th and what it represents: our freedom as a nation. This freedom is a precious thing, bought with the sacrifice of countless Americans who fought to *obtain* it, as well as those who have fought to *keep* it since July 4, 1776.

The battle rages on. I am overwhelmed with gratitude as I think about the men and women who this July 4th, will be fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan to combat terrorism and protect our hard-won freedom.

Above my freedom as an American, I treasure a greater freedom—my freedom in Christ. He waged that war that gained me freedom from the bondage of sin (Romans 10:9-10), so that I can approach God's throne of grace with freedom and confidence (Ephesians 3:12). "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1)

## Celebrate Recovery

Tracy Acker

**Prayers Needed:** Friendly Celebrate Recovery has 12 leaders going to the CR Summit, a week-long training seminar for leaders of Celebrate Recovery in Wake Forest, CA at Saddleback Church. Saddleback is where John Baker and Rick Warren started Celebrate Recovery, and this is going to be their 20th year celebration! Celebrating changed lives! Over 700,000 people have gone through the CR program in more than 17,000 churches worldwide. Celebrate Recovery is a program designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process.

## Girls in Action

Cindy Waterman

Congratulations to Janelle Dailey, one of our awesome GA Leaders. We celebrated her completing 30 years of GA Service on Sunday morning, June 19th. Janelle is a dedicated leader who has a huge heart for missions and our girls here at Friendly. Thank you, Janelle. We would not be the same without you.

GA's is in full swing this summer. We are meeting as a group from 6:30—8:00 PM on Wednesdays. There are two weeks we will NOT meet due to VBS activities: July 6th and July 13th. We have already enjoyed two different missionaries from Africa and Romania during the month of June.

GA Summer Camp was a success. Twenty four GA's and three leaders attended the camp in June. Our girls were blessed with eleven rededications. A lot of fun was had by all. Thank you for your financial support and prayers.

Finally, we need three helpers and two new leaders for the new year beginning August 31st. This would be perfect for college students, but anyone is welcome to inquire. Please contact me immediately if you are interested. 903-595-3246.

Have a great summer!