

Friendly News

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Upcoming Events

September 4—Promotion Sunday

September 5—Office Closed, Labor Day

September 18—Deacons' Meeting after PM Service

Missions' Meeting, 4:30 PM, Conference Room

September 21—Budget/Finance Meeting, Room 307, 6:30 PM

*My son, forget not My law;
but let thine heart keep My
commandments. For length of
days, and long life, and peace
shall they add to thee.*

Proverbs 3:1-2

Dear Friendly Family,

The past couple of months we have seen an outpouring of God's Spirit on the church. We have seen over and over again God's blessings especially when it comes to professions of faith and people joining our church. At the time I am writing this newsletter, we have seen someone saved or join every Sunday since July 3, 2011.

One of the greatest Sundays was August 14th, the weekend of our Singles' Conference. After Dave Edwards finished preaching we witnessed people lined up across the front of the auditorium. All of them were either making a profession of faith or rededicating their lives to the Lord. I want to take the time to thank our Singles. If it had not been for Kevin Basham and the Singles, we would not have experienced such a great service with Dave Edwards.

As we come upon the start of another school year, I am excited to see what God has for Friendly Baptist. With people coming back from vacations and summer activities, I am anticipating great things between now and the end of the year.

I love you and thank you for being such a loving church,

Brother Dale

Women's Fall Bible Studies

Discerning the Voice of God by Priscilla Shirer

Begins Wednesday, September 7th, 6:30 PM, Room 210

Teachers: Tracy Steele and Heather McCoy

Jonah: A Life Interrupted by Priscilla Shirer

Begins Thursday, September 22nd, 9:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Teacher: Tammy Gray

Workbooks are available at Lifeway.



Bro. Pat's Desk

The Christian film market made headlines in 2004 with **The Passion of the Christ**. In 2006 & 2008, **Facing the Giants** and **Fireproof** were very successful. More recently the movies **Grace Card** and **Soul Surfer** have brought to the screen stories with inspirational messages of hope and new life in Jesus Christ.

COMING ATTRACTIONS:

September 2—Seven Days in Utopia. This is a story about golf and getting your life back when all seems lost. Whether you are a golfer or not, you will be touched, challenged and changed as you get to know Johnny.

September 30—Courageous. This film follows the lives of four Sheriff's deputies who, "While giving their best on the job, see that good enough is all they can muster as dads. When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God?"

Students' Stuff

Well, school has started back. Traditionally this is thought of as a time for learning. But school is not the only place learning is to occur. 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." To be good followers of God we need to study His Word, so we can know Him better and live the life He has for us. That is the whole purpose of *Fuel* and *The Next Level*.

Fuel is what we call our Sunday Morning Bible Study or Sunday School. It is a great time of fellowship and learning in a small group setting. Fuel meets at 8:45 on Sunday mornings in the Student Building. On September 4th, we will be promoting to our new classes and starting new curriculum. This is a great time for students who have not been involved in Fuel to get plugged in.

Another opportunity to learn and grow in the Lord is The Next Level. The Next Level meets at 5:00 on Sunday nights, and it provides students an opportunity to take their relationship with Christ to the next level. The Next Level is a time of interactive studies that probe into some of the deeper issues of the Christian life. Students have an opportunity to pick from several different studies. Those who want to participate need to sign up soon with a \$15.00 payment to cover material.

This summer has been incredible. I can't thank our dedicated youth workers enough for all their hard work. I praise God for all He has done, and I am excited to see what

Children's Department

It's back to school and back to our regular schedule. I hope everyone had a great summer and you are ready for a great new year. My prayer is that God will protect each of you and you will learn a lot. As we begin to get back on schedule, we want everyone to be involved in what is going on in the Children's Ministry at Friendly. One of our new ministries is Bible Drill. This is for those of you who are in the 3rd through 6th grade. What a great way to learn how to find scriptures and learn more about God's Word! Bible Drill will begin on Sunday, September 11th, at 4:00-4:45 PM, upstairs in Room 319. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Robin Bynum at (903) 842-3364.

Pre-School and Children's Choir will have their kick-off on Sunday, September 11th. All of our mission programs—Mission Friends, AWANAS, GA's and RA's will begin on Wednesday, September 7th, at 6:30 PM. This year will be filled with lots of fun while we learn more about missions and worship through our choir program.

Parents, we want you to be involved in a Sunday Night Study on *Five Love Languages of Children*. This study will help you know your child's love language and how to show your love to them. This will begin on Sunday, September 11th, at 4:45-5:45. We will meet in the 5th and 6th Grade Classroom upstairs. Please stop by the Children's Welcome Center to sign up. There will be several other studies that will be on going such as *How to Lead a Child to Christ*, *The Parent Adventure*, and *How to Have a Family Prayer Time*. So don't miss out on these studies because we are all working to help children to be more like Christ.

Family Ministries

Sept. 7—Children's mission programs resume

Sept. 11—Bible Drill begins

Pre-school & Children's Choir kickoff

Parent Bible Study begins

Sept. 15—Disaster Relief Meeting, 7-8 PM, Green Room

JOY Dinner, The Olde Store, Gallatin

Sept. 16—Free Nursery Night

Women's Ministry

Sept. 20—Circle of Friends

Sept. 26—Women serve meal at Hospice

He has in store for this fall. I want to encourage every student to make sure they don't miss a single event we have planned. This fall is going to be great, and you don't want to miss a single thing!

Kay Weippert

A Note from the Choir Director



Floyd Williford

Everybody knows that January is a time for New Year's Resolutions. They provide the opportunity to promise ourselves the things we will start to do. However, the beginning of the school year provides another opportunity to carry out those broken New Year's Resolutions. For example, if you promised yourself you would join choir last January and you never got around to it, then this is your lucky day!

You know I am always in recruiting mode, so this is your invitation to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for choir rehearsal. What a blessing and privilege it is to be a part of the choir at Friendly Baptist Church. Hardly a week goes by that someone doesn't say how much they were blessed by the choir! I am inviting you to come check it out as a ministry in your own life as well as a place of service to the Lord.

On a similar note (no pun intended), we have children's choir as well. Your children will be blessed by the opportunities they have on Sunday evenings as they sing praises to the Lord and experience other growth opportunities under the leadership of Becky Bloomfield. She always wants more children to participate. If you would like to assist with one of the children's choirs, she will be glad to visit with you.

So, how about you? Music is an awesome opportunity to worship. Why not resolve today to come worship with us?

Adult Singles

Kevin Basham

Our SINGLE SAVVY 2011 Single Adult Conference was a wonderful success! There were 110 area Single Adults present, and all were truly encouraged and equipped to face life's challenges. Dave Edwards, our keynote speaker, was so uniquely skilled and so spiritually anointed that, not only Conference attendees, but our entire church family had a fresh encounter with Jesus under his leadership. We won't soon forget his uplifting messages, culminating with his message Sunday about Dealing with Life's Frustrations.

All of the Breakout Session leaders were vastly popular, and were "on target" with their spiritual and practical applications of the relevant topics assigned to them. North Bound Worship, representing First Baptist Church, Bullard, were remarkably

equipped to lead us to Heaven's Throne Room each session. We were thrilled to have the Singles' Ministry at First Baptist Church, Tyler, as equal partners in such an important undertaking, and hope that many other area churches will "come over to Macedonia, and help us" (Acts 16:9) in the future. There are so many opportunities to engage in Bible Study, fellowship, worship, and ministry that any Single Adult is without excuse for being a "Lone Ranger Christian." Please pray that we will be spiritually sensitive to the Lord, and to the needs of those individuals whom He sovereignly engineers into our sphere of influence. God is blessing...and *The Best Is Yet To Come!*

Collegiate Ministry

Josh Thompson

I haven't had an opportunity to give you a report about our Africa Mission Trip, so I thought I would take a few minutes to do that here in this newsletter. We had a really good trip! We had the opportunity to speak in about five different public schools, and each time we had the freedom to share the message of the Gospel. We spoke to hundreds of students during our week there, and many of them made decisions to submit their lives to Christ. We were able to take their names and give them to the pastors of the churches that we work with over there for follow-up. We were also able to do what we like to call "hut-to-hut" evangelism. That's an "African" spin on "door-to-door" evangelism. We were able to do this kind of evangelism in three different villages. The local believers would take us to the homes of people that they had been

praying for, and we would have the opportunity to share the Gospel and lead them to a relationship with Jesus. Overall, God did amazing things during our week in Tanzania. The Gospel changed many people's lives, and we were the fortunate ones to be the conduit by which God chose to share the message of His love to those people.

As I write this, school is just starting today, and our collegiate ministry has already had the opportunity to reach new students. I am excited about school starting because it gives me an opportunity to go "fishing." I ask for your prayers for our students and me as we make every attempt to reach and lead other students to a relationship with Jesus this semester.

JOY Group

The JOY GROUP will go to A.J.'s Fish House Restaurant in Alba on Lake Fork for dinner on Thursday, September 15. Each person will be responsible for their meal. The bus will leave at 6:00 PM. Sign-up in the Welcome Center. If you have questions, call Ann Wilbanks at 903-561-4506.

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Welcome to Friendly (July—August)

Baptism

Chris Perez Michelle Mathis
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Letter or Statement

Larry and Joni Lott
David and Tabitha Woods
Roy Coston Randy Ralson

Women's Ministry

Katina Yeargain

The Ladies' Ministry would like to thank all who gave to the *Back to School Angel Tree* this year. I am proud to report we gave to a total of 18 families and a grand total of 42 children. One mom said, "This year I was going to have to choose between paying my electric bill, buying groceries, or getting my children ready to go back to school." She cried as she picked up her supplies, "Now, thanks to God providing, I can do it all. I am very proud to be a part of such a loving, giving church."

The Heart to Heart Women's Ministry would also like to thank everyone who participated in Spa Night. It was a huge success. We were so blessed by the ladies who did the pampering, as well as the ladies who came, also everyone who brought food. There are some wonderful upcoming events being planned. Watch for details to come.

Circle of Friends will meet Tuesday, September 20th, 6:30 PM, at the home of Gayle Caruthers, 10239 Creek Bend Drive, Tyler. Speaker to be announced. All ladies are welcome in this circle. Please bring a snack food to share.

Girls in Action

Cindy Waterman

GA's is under way and we are ready for a new year. As of 8/31/11 we began registering girls entering 1st-6th grades. Our slate of GA Leaders is top notch and we are so excited about getting our theme "GAME ON" off to a great start. Please have your GA join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30- 8:00.



What a great summer! We as a church had a lot of opportunities to do mission work. Even in record heat, our church had tons of activities where the Gospel was shared. VBS, visitation, Day Camp, mission trips to Tennessee and Africa. If you missed out on the summer missions, don't worry, there are lots of fall activities that need you and your support. The GO in the Great Commission is for young and old. We need you to lead out in going. As Christians, our mission starts when we walk out our doors. 2 Timothy 4:2 says we are to be ready in season and out. Are You Ready?

Celebrate Recovery

Tracy Acker

Celebrate Recovery and the 12 leaders who were privileged to attend the 2011 Summit wish to express our sincerest gratitude to Friendly for making it a reality. We learned about serving our Lord, our church, and our participants as a TEAM, as well as how to make a difference in the lives of those in our community. The Skit Guys were inspiring and hilarious, the testimonies of long-time church members with hidden hurts, habits and hang-ups healed by God and CR were amazing, and the Praise and Worship was the best to be experienced this side of heaven!

CR is now in 190,000 churches worldwide, and has been translated into 22 languages. 45 states and 17 countries were represented at Summit. Thanks for your prayers and support of our group here at Friendly, and HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY, CELEBRATE RECOVERY!!