

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DANVILLE

Wednesday Night Seminars

Our next round of Wednesday night seminars begins on September 15 and run through October 13. At 5:00 p.m. we will offer "Baptist Turning Points" with Stephen in the Friendship classroom and "Christian Art That Matters" with Jessica Hearne in the Heritage room. At 6:15 p.m. we will offer "Parables of the Bible" with Joe in the Friendship classroom and "Christian Stories That Matter" with Joshua in the Heritage room. You can find more detailed descriptions of these classes on page three.

Serve in September

First Baptist Church will partner with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia for a time of service on Saturday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Field Coordinator of CBFVA Rob Fox will be preaching in our worship service on Sunday, September 19. More information will come in the next *Spire*, but if you'd like to sign up, please call (793.8331) or email (office@fbcdanville.com) so we can make sure to involve you in this great project.

Welcome to Our Newest Member!

KIMBERLY HARRIS

Kimberly joined our membership requesting baptism on Sunday, August 22. She is a ninth grader at Chatham High School.

Congratulations, Amy, Stephen, and Benjamin!



Jonathan Carter Cook

Born Friday, August 20

7 lbs 14 oz, 21.5 inches



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

The Inescapable God

Rev. Joshua Hearene

Psalm 139:1-12; Jeremiah 18:1-6

Anthem

"Psalm 139" by Pote

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

God's Most Consistent Commandment

Rev. Stephen Cook

Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Anthem

"Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" by Bass

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER.

STEPHEN H. COOK, PASTOR

JOSHUA D. HEARNE, ASSOC. PASTOR

JOSEPH C. NORTEN, MINISTER OF MUSIC

KATHY A. NORTEN, ORGANIST/MUSIC ASSOC.

DEBRA PURVIS, FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

TAMMY VAUGHAN, ADMIN. ASSISTANT

SHERMAN RANSOM, SEXTON

DOT WALKER, HOUSEKEEPER

SPIRE SCHEDULE

The Spire is normally printed every two weeks.

The next Spire will be dated September 22, 2010.

Information for that Spire must be turned in or mailed to the church office no later than Friday, September 17, 2010.



Pastoral Ministries

This issue of *The Spire* has information about our upcoming fall seminars. I am looking forward to offering again the sessions on “Baptist Turning Points” that we had in the spring. The conversations were rich, the discussions lively, and the topics timely!

One of the areas that we will address has to do with baptism and Baptists’ thinking about how and why we do that. There are some people who say that the most significant thing about Baptists is the way that we baptize. We practice baptism by immersion. But that has not always been so. In fact, what is most important about Baptists when it comes to our practice of baptism is not so much *how* we baptize but *whom* we baptize. Historically speaking, Baptists seek a believers’ church. In other words, we want people who freely, intentionally, and independently choose Jesus Christ to be the Lord of their lives.

Baptists, from our very beginning, have said that the church should consist of confessing Christian believers. That means that everyone in every church is of equal value and stature. No one – not the clergy, not the deacons, not anyone – is given a privileged position. All are equal and all are ministers of the church. That is, as you probably know, what we mean when we say that we hold to the priesthood of all believers.

Notice the front of the order of worship each Sunday where we print the words: “Ministers: Every member is a minister.” That is an echo of what Paul said to the Corinthians: “For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many...Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

Peace to you,



Discipleship Ministries

First Baptist has a very unique opportunity coming up in September.

Rob Fox of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia has asked us to coordinate a project in Danville called “Serve in September.” On Saturday, September 18, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, we will be sending out teams of people from First Baptist, West Main, and College Park to serve in our community. A variety of projects are taking shape including work at the House of Hope doing some minor upgrades and renovations, work at God’s Storehouse, and perhaps even a roofing project for the more adventurous

among you.

Furthermore, Rob Fox will be joining us that day because he will be preaching in our worship service on Sunday, September 19. We need to show up and take part in this day of service and support the ministry opportunities in our community. Are you interested and willing to be a part of “Serve in September?” We have spots open for all ability and mobility levels so please don’t hesitate to contact the church office to let us know that you want to be a part of this very important day. You can call us at 793.8331 or email us at office@fbcdanville.com. Thanks in advance for showing our support to our community and other local congregations.

In Christ,



Music Ministries

Kathy and I wish to express our thanks to Margaret Wooding for being our guest organist/director on August 22 and 29. Margaret is a member of Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church and is retired from teaching school. We are also thankful for the faithful members of the Church Choir, most of whom have been very regular in attending during the summer. These folks lead our worship by their presence and their music. Thank you for your gift through music.

Earlier in August, we heard from the Brass Ensemble, the Youth Orff Ensemble, and the Baptist Belles. These groups continue to provide quality music for our worship. Are you looking for an outlet for your musical gift? Would you like instruction and training to grow the gift you have? The music groups in our church are available to do both. Contact me at j.northen@fbcdanville.com or 793-8331 and let’s talk.

Ring, Sing, Play for Joy,

Men's Prayer Breakfast Resumes

After a summer break the monthly men's prayer breakfasts will resume on Tuesday morning, September 7. The gathering will take place at 7:30 a.m. in the parlor. If you would like to place an order for breakfast from Biscuitville, please call or email the church office at 793.8331 or office@fbcdanville.com by **Friday, September 3**. Please note: the office will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

Wednesday Activities Resume, State of the Church Discussion Planned

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, September 8. That is the evening that will commence our fall schedule and includes the resumption of our midweek fellowship meals and our annual State of the Church conversation. Make a reservation for the meal by calling the church office at 793.8331 or emailing office@fbcdanville.com. Supper is served at 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall and the discussion around our tables will begin at 6:15 p.m. Make plans to be present for this important evening in the life of our church!

Sanctuary Flowers

August 29

The sanctuary flowers were given to the glory of God and in loving memory of David Whitfield whose birthday was July 3 by his family.

September 5

The sanctuary flowers are given today in loving memory of Hallie W. Crowder whose birthday was September 13 and Maggie C. Calvert whose birthday was September 9 by Nancy and George Robinette.

September 12

The sanctuary flowers are given by Martha Bamberg in memory of her husband, Waymon Bamberg, whose birthday was September 16.

Wednesday Evening Seminars

— **5:00 p.m.** —

BAPTIST TURNING POINTS (*Friendship Classroom*)

Baptists are a diverse group of people – we always have been and we always will be. In these sessions we will explore some of the key moments in our history that have helped shape us into the unique people that we are today. From controversies over missions, segregation, church, theology, and the Bible, we will consider ways that these disputes have impacted our work and witness.

CHRISTIAN ART THAT MATTERS (*Heritage room*)

Christians have been making art since the very beginning as a means of expressing the inexpressible parts of our faith. In this class we will discuss Christian art throughout history—beginning in the catacombs and continuing to today—and explore how best to interpret and appreciate it. Though you may not be able to paint or to draw, in this class you can experience some of the great works of art that have inspired generations of Christians to encounter God.

— **6:15 p.m.** —

PARABLES OF THE BIBLE (*Friendship Classroom*)

The parable is a special type of story found repeatedly in our scriptures. To properly understand the larger story of the Bible, we must understand its parables. Previously explored with Joe's Stratford House Bible study, these sessions will cover the definition of a parable including differences from similitude, allegory, and other types of stories, Old Testament parables, parables of Isaiah, and parables of John the Baptist.

CHRISTIANS STORIES THAT MATTER (*Heritage room*)

Christians have always been a people who believe in the power of stories to teach us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Each week we'll tell and listen to two stories and then compare and contrast them to better understand who we are and what we believe. Whether you're interested in Church history or just want to hear a good story, this class is available anybody whose interested in stories that matter.

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers

September 5: Melody Cook and Karen Tuck

September 12: Anna Kotlaba and Sandra Warren

Sunday Morning Fellowship

September 5: Melody and Marcia Cook

September 12: Tom Meadows

Wed. Night Supper Volunteers

September 8

Cook: Dot Walker

Host: Jimmy Flippen

Server/Clean-up: The Deacons

September 15

Cook: Dot Walker

Hostess: Karen Tuck

Server/Clean-up: Roundtable Class

Wednesday Evening Nursery Volunteers

September 8: Sandy Turner

September 15: Janice Gilstrap

FIRST EVENTS

Take Special Note of...

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2010

*Labor Day
Church Office Closed*

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (in parlor)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. Library Committee
6:15 p.m. State of the Church Address
and Called Church Conference
7:00 p.m. Lectors' Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

10:30 a.m. Grief Care Group Meeting
2:00 p.m. Jail Ministry
7:00 p.m. Leadership Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Classes Resume
7:00 p.m. October Lectors' Meeting

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2010

12:00 p.m. *Spire* Information Due

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2010

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. "Serve in September"
10:30 a.m. DAR Meeting

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John Garwood, Heather Vipperman, Tom Warren

SYMPATHIES

Betty Flippen in the death of her sister

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Year-to-Date Revenue (August 22)	\$243,461.70
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$307,499.20
Revenue Received (Under) Expenses	(\$64,037.50)

MINISTERS' CONTACT INFORMATION

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Regular Weekly Events

(unless contradicted by special events)

SUNDAYS

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Club
9:30 - 10:20 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Worship
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Youth Music
5:15 - 6:00 p.m.	Brass Ensemble (adults & youth)

MONDAYS

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

TUESDAYS

7:00 p.m. Starmont Swing Band

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.	Childcare (infants-4 years old)
5:30 - 6:15 p.m.	Supper- <i>Bring your own meal</i>
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Seminar Sessions
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Rookie Ringers

THURSDAYS

4:00 p.m.	Baptist Belles
7:00 p.m.	Church Choir



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