

FBC News



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Our Financial Stewardship for the First Six Months;

Meeting Our Ministry Needs is a Continuing Challenge

Summer is in full swing at FBC - Passport Kids, Passport Choices, Passport Malawi, Vacation Bible School, SOKS Camp, and Family Service Day have all already occurred, involving hundreds of our folks and guests. By the time you read this, another group of 60 campers and counselors will be preparing to depart for the final Passport experience of the summer. It has been a busy summer indeed for the life of our church.

It's been a busy summer for many of you as well. The hallways before Sunday School have not been quite so crowded and the pews during worship a little less full. Summer offers many opportunities for vacations and family times. These times of family relationship building are important and healthy.

Our giving for the first six months, however, is falling behind. The chart below shows that our giving through June has not equaled our giving for the same period last year, yet our level of ministry reaching persons continues to grow.

Larry recently encouraged the deacons to consider this financial shortfall and consider how they might respond. Many have, but we are a family. Every member of our faith community must evaluate how he/she can be supportive, not just the deacons.

If the first six months are indicative of the future, the next six months will speed by. Let us not delay in praying and considering how we, as a family, can tackle these financial challenges.

Did You Know?

Our first six month's electric bill was \$16,895. If that amount were divided equally among each church family, each family's share would be \$17.12.

Our first six month's expenditures for Sunday School literature was \$9,501. If that amount were divided equally among each Sunday School member, each member's share would be \$9.26.

Our first six month's expenditures for building maintenance was \$26,133. If that amount were divided equally among each church family, each family's share would be \$26.48. If capital expenditures were included, each family's share would be \$261.62.

Our first six month's expenditures for the music ministry was \$7,216. If that amount were divided equally among each church family, each family's share would be \$7.32.

Our first six month's expenditures for providing the Thursday Night Community Meal was \$10,669. If that amount were divided equally among each church family, each family's share would be \$10.81.

Our first six month's expenditures for building insurance was \$13,304. If that amount were divided equally among each church family, each family's share would be \$13.48.

Ministry Budget	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Gifts for month	89,735	86,378	-3,357	-3.74%
Gifts Year to Date Through 6/30	568,536	553,287	-15,249	-2.68%
Ahead/Behind Budget YTD	-113,832	-139,583		

BUOH in Missions	2010	2011	\$ Change	% Change
Gifts for month	12,188	15,358	3,170	26.01%
Gifts Year to Date Through 6/30	80,551	89,320	8,769	10.89%
Ahead/Behind Goal YTD	-44,428	-35,689		

Looking Ahead

Saturday, July 23

Minister on Call-Larry Haun 786-7762

Sunday, July 24

Youth Leave For Passport

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

11:30am Picnic in the Park
7:00pm THEOS

Wednesday, July 27

6:00pm Citizenship Class
6:30pm Stephen Ministry
7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, July 28

9:15am Worship Planning
4:00pm International Choir
5:00pm Community Dinner
6:30pm Baptism Workgroup

Friday, July 29

Saturday, July 30

Minister on Call-Mike Patch 720-3100

Sunday, July 31

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture
4:00pm SOKS Camp Planning



Remember to keep in prayer all of the workers and participants enjoying SOKS Camp at Heritage Park this summer.

Missions e-update

Tori Wentz | Fredericksburg, Va.
CBF field personnel serving in medical missions



www.thefellowship.info

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions

The latest newsletter from Tori Wentz, our CBF Affiliate missionary, is now available. You may view it by visiting the church website and clicking on the link on the homepage.

Responsibilities for July 24

Extended Session

8:30am Service

Contact Person:

Erin Silver 809-1303

Infant Care (PA14):

Ray Bishop, Tammy Leonard

Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Terri Caldwell, Bonnie Darkow

11:00am Service

Contact Person:

Chalee Carmichael 371-5234

Bed Babies:

Michelle Halpin, Kathy Valentine,
BJ King

Toddlers & 2s:

Dean & Kathy Goff, Kristen Haun

3s & 4s:

Brian Gudmundsson, Kevin Woolls

Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver

Hallway outside Chapel: Ann Leonard

Sanctuary Door: Keith & Janis Snider

Caroline Street: John Snellings

Children's Area:

Robert & Chalee Carmichael

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

Bus Drivers

8:30am

Dean Goff

9:45am

Randall Pierce, George Whitehurst
Lori Gudmundsson

Ushers

8:30am

Bob Edwards, Mike Silver,
John Rhea, Mike Wondree

11:00am

Joe Alexander, Billy Hoovler,
Daphna Marsh, Phyllis Patton,
Reggie Bache, Winston Ward

Deacons

8:30am

Cassie Hart, Chuck Pitts,
Susan Snellings, John Snellings
Marsha Stewart (W&B)
Ralph Stewart (W&B)

11:00am

Joe DiCecca, Pat DiCecca, Rick Fultz,
Theresie Houghton, Susan Hilldrup,
John Fick, Bill King, Jeff Leggitt
Val Knight (W&B), Keith Snider (W&B)

Audio Operators

8:30am John Ingram

11:00am Joe DiCecca

Among Our Family

In The Hospital

MWH: Louise "Kitty" Cox

Sympathy To:

Dennis Massey in the death of his aunt

Special Gifts

In Memory of

Youth Ministry for **Mildred Bullock, Glenn Blair, and Ottis Deitz**, given by Marion Blair

Music Ministry for **Boyd Green**, given by Nolie & Tina Abel

Baraca for **Boyd Green**, given by Wayne Dodd

In Honor of

Building Upon Our Heritage for **Virgie Gallahan Miller, on the occasion of her 91st birthday, July 3** given by her daughter, Pat McGhee

Embrey Endowment for **Gail Hylton**, given by Lucille Skinner

Adult Ministry for **Jim Wiltshire, on his birthday, July 21st**, given by his wife, Bettie

Our 2011 Financial Stewardship

Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,649
Sunday, July 17	\$17,650
Y-T-D Total	\$631,675
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$141,141

BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, July 17	\$2,750
Y-T-D Total	102,277
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$37,155

Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, July 17	414
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Acrylic Painting Class with Cheryl Crane

Cheryl Crane, one of our church members, teaches art at Stafford High School and is a wonderful artist. Cheryl has previously offered us the opportunity to gather to learn some of the techniques she employs in her painting and to paint together. One of the things we have enjoyed so much as a part of these classes has been the great fellowship we have shared as we learned. She is offering us this opportunity again this summer and you are invited to sign up to be a part of the fun!

We will meet Monday through Friday, August 1-5, from 9:00am to Noon in the College Classroom (Elevator Level 2 at the far end of the hall past the restrooms). If you are able to join us, please sign up by calling the church office by Friday, July 29, or email Susan@FredericksburgBaptistChurch.org. We would love to have YOU!

Supplies you will need to bring with you:

- 2 - 12" x 16" stretched canvases
- Basic set of acrylics or R, Y, B, W, Burnt Sienna
- Small bottle of gel medium
- Set of acrylic brushes: 1 lg flat, 1 sm flat, 1 lg round brush, 1 sm round brush
- Palette knife
- Mixing tray or plastic plate
- Cup for water
- Photograph to paint at least 8 x 10 (no small photos)

If you have questions, call Cheryl at 540-809-3037.

Elizabeth Stewart is Coming Home from Ethiopia!

You are Invited to Welcome Her Back

Elizabeth will return home from Ethiopia on July 30. On Sunday July 31, we will be celebrating her return with a cookout at our house at 4:00pm. If you would like to help us welcome her home, please RSVP by calling 540-898-1153 or emailing MarshaGStewart@aol.com

Thank you for your prayers and support for her mission trip.
The Stewart Family



Baptists and The Civil War

The churches of all denominations in both North and South played a significant societal and cultural role during the Civil War. In addition to working to provide for the spiritual welfare of the soldiers, they promoted the war effort on behalf of their respective governments. Indeed, the churches of both sides claimed God to be on their side in pursuit of a holy and noble cause.

Baptists, particularly in the South, participated in the promotion of this civil religion. The Baptist History and Heritage Society has produced an excellent website that explores the efforts and influence of Baptists during the war. There is an entry related to Baptists for every day of the four year war.

The web address is
www.civilwarbaptists.com

We Have Found the LOST!!... ...ITEMS, That is!

A beautiful ring was found on the edge of the sink in the Ladies' Lounge this past week. We hope that its owner will step forward soon!

Perhaps you have not lost a ring, but may have misplaced your Bible, sunglasses, or other items. We have a collection of FOUND items in the church office. Please stop by to see if any of these may be yours!



OH, YES it's back!!! On Friday, August 5, the youth will meet at the church at 6:00am and travel in church buses to Hershey, PA, where we will enjoy a day of fun together in Hershey Park. You may make your reservation by submitting the \$35 fee. On the day of our trip you will need to wear comfortable clothing with deep pockets to help you keep up with your meal money and you will need to wear comfortable shoes.

We should return to the church by midnight and parents should pick you up in the parking lot. Sign up today!

**Remember to keep in
prayer our 60 Passport
Campers who will be
leaving for Boston on
Sunday, July 24th and
returning home on
Saturday, July 30.**

On-Line Giving (E-Giving)

**You can now give your offering on-line using your computer. For more information visit
www.fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org/Online_giving_faq.htm**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1) 10:00am Carriage Hill NH	2) 6:00 Citizenship Class	3) 9:15am Worship Planning 4:00pm International Choir 5:00pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Young Adult Prayer Group	4) 6:00am Youth to Hershey Park	5) 7:45am Prayer Pilgrimage at National Cathedral	6) MINISTER ON CALL Larry Haun 786-7762
7) 8:30am Worship/Lord's Supper 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Lord's Supper 12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture	8) 10:00am Person/Hudgins/McRae Circle 12:00pm Scott Circle Lunch @ General Store 1:00pm Scott Circle 7:00pm King Circle	9) 11:30am Mommy and Me Playgroup	10) 10:00am Woodmont NH 6:00 Citizenship Class 6:30 Stephen Ministry 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	11) 9:15am Worship Planning 4:00pm International Choir 5:00pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Young Adult Prayer Group 6:30pm Supper Club Group	12) 1:00pm End of Year SOKS Party 6:00pm Youth Pool Party @ Broadwell's	13) MINISTER ON CALL Patti English 899-6557 5:30pm 3rd-5th Grade Pool Party @ Snelling's
14) 8:30am Worship 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture	15) 11:30am Mommy and Me Playgroup	16) 11:30am Mommy and Me Playgroup	17) 6:00 Citizenship Class 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir	18) 9:15am Worship Planning 4:00pm International Choir 5:00pm Community Dinner 6:00pm Young Adult Prayer Group	19) 8:00am Youth to Virginia Beach	20) MINISTER ON CALL Ann Marlow 786-6063
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August Responsibilities

Deacon Worship Responsibilities August 2011

Lead Deacon – Rick Fultz

8:30 A.M. Service	
	Charles Willett
	Camilla Willett
	John Ingram
	Margaret Ingram
	John Jones
	Kathy Jones
	W & B
	W & B
COMMUNION SUNDAY EXTRA DEACONS	
7	Joy Case
7	Melanie Edwards
7	Susan Graham
7	John Elkins
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
7	Joy Case
14	Melanie Edwards
21	Margaret Ingram
28	John Ingram

Lead Deacon – Jimmy Hilldrup

11:00 A.M. Service	
	Marian Wiltshire
	Bill Young
	Nancy Young
	Neal Walters
	Allen Bennett
	Keith Morris
	Hugh Mullen
	Tommy Settle
	Burnie Parker
	W & B
	John Rhea
	W & B
COMMUNION SUNDAY EXTRA DEACONS	
7	Sherri Gallahan
7	Mark Houghton
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
7	Mark Houghton
14	Bill Young
21	Marian Wiltshire
28	Neal Walters

Bus Drivers

7th

8:30am Durga Chhetri
9:45am Jimmy McGlone, Mark Houghton,
Dewey Lowman

14th

8:30am Brian Gudmundsson
9:45am George Whitehurst, Randall Pierce,
Keith Morris

21st

8:30am Tika Giri
9:45am Lori Gudmundsson, Troy Durocher,
Robert Carmichael

28th

8:30am Cory Hicks
9:45am Dean Goff, Mark Houghton,
Dewey Lowman

Ushers

8:30am

Anna & Frankie Lee
Chuck & Donnell Pitts

11:00am

Randy Hart, Jim Wiltshire,
Randall & Stacy Pierce
Dewey & Judy Lowman

Sound System

8:30am

Steve Simmons/John Ingram

11:00am

Bob Dungan

God Rejoices Over Us with Singing

*The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love,
he will rejoice over you with singing.*

Zephaniah 3:17

This is profound on every level. God is with us and is mighty to save—great words, but words often expressed in Scripture, more familiar to us. What is remarkable here is that this great God who created the universe “will take great delight in you.” That’s not all! “He will quiet you with his love.” When the life’s waves are crashing and the ship is sinking, or we’re floundering in the water, getting swallowed in darkness, thinking we’re about to drown, God will rescue us, quieting us with His love.

There is much that’s wrong with our world, and much that’s wrong with us, but God is the Carpenter from Nazareth. Carpenters not only create, they repair. God can fix us when we are broken.

Zephaniah 3:17 tells us that God is a Singer. Here in Zephaniah, God isn’t only our creator, God is our loving, singing parent. Music is many things, but here it is comfort to the crying child – so personal and intimate. God composes a song with us in mind, and sings it to us. How could we ever doubt God’s love for us?

God is said to not merely calm our fears, He also rejoices over us with singing. This is a picture of a pleased and joyful parent. Zephaniah 3 shows us a God with an incredible tenderness and intimacy. God promises to come to us, quiet us with his love and rejoice over us with singing. What a comfort!

As context always does, the context of Zephaniah 3 sets us up

for the full impact of verse 17. Four and five verses earlier God has stated his opposition to the proud and his advocacy for the humble.

Three verses before Zephaniah 3:17, God calls upon his people, in the midst of terrible hardship, to sing:

*God composes
a song with us
in mind, and
sings it to us.
How could we
ever doubt
God’s love for
us?*

*Sing, O Daughter of
Zion; shout aloud, O
Israel!*

*Be glad and rejoice
with all your heart, O
Daughter of Jerusalem!*

And what better cause for our singing than God’s singing over us? What should make us sing is the knowledge of Zephaniah 3:17, that when we are humbled and broken,

God promises to quiet us with His love. Even when it’s still dark, through faith we can see god’s light and hear God singing to us and for us.

Prime Timers are Traveling to New York City at Christmas

November 28-30

See the *Rockettes* 2011 Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall, See Hyde Park (home of Franklin Roosevelt) or spend time shopping and touring in NY City on your own, and lots more!

Brochures will be available in your SS class this Sunday or you may pick one up in the church office.
Mark your calendar, reserve the date, and please make a deposit of \$200 by Sunday, August 14!

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