

FIRST THOUGHTS

Summer is rapidly coming to an end. Even so, there is still a lot going on around FBC and a lot of opportunities to minister and grow in Christ.

Sunday Night July 31 we will not meet at the church house for PM services. Instead, we will be meeting in homes for a time of discussion and fellowship. Your Sunday School teacher has arranged a location for you to meet and will lead the discussion. The discussion of the night will revolve around the three attributes of God we have studied thus far during Shoeless Sunday Nights. Those topics are the holiness of God, the justice of God, and the goodness of God. Please join your Sunday School class on Sunday night for what is sure to be a time of growth as you gather around the Word.

Shoeless Sunday Nights will continue through August. In August we will look at God's Sovereignty, God's Omnipresence and God's Immutability. Please make plans to join us each Sunday night as we seek to grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Ways.

Our children will be going to Pulaski, MS to participate in CentriKid camp August 1-5. Please pray for our children. Pray they will have safety of travel and stay. Pray that God would reveal Himself through His Word and through others as they participate in the camp. Pray that God would convict hearts of sin and of righteousness and that He would save souls. There is no greater need for our children. They need God's presence in their lives more than anything else. **PRAY FOR THEM!**

Thank you, R. J. Walters, for your willingness to share your summer with FBC Rayville students. R. J. has been our Summer Student Intern and I have enjoyed having him here. R. J. has a heart for the Lord and a heart for our students. His desire for their growth in Christ and understanding of walking in His ways is evident. His passion for their good is undeniable. Pray for R. J. as he pursues a career in law enforcement. Pray God's direction and protection on his life. R. J., may God bless you and keep you; May He make His face to shine upon you.

See you Sunday,

Dr. EW

DR. WREN'S SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

Go to fbcrayville.org and click the Sermons link at the top of the page. Church activities and upcoming events are also posted on the website. Share the web address with someone and invite them to church.

BECOMING A NURSERY VOLUNTEER!!

If you are available to help in the church nursery for an hour or two Sunday mornings between 8:30am and 10:45am, on a rotating basis, please contact Mrs. Wanda Ringle in the nursery or the church office to be added to the volunteer roster.

Online Giving is now available!

Go to FBC Rayville's website at www.fbcrayville.org and click on the GIVE button. After creating an account, you're able to give a donation or schedule a series of donations directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

**TELL
SOMEONE
YOU CAN SHARE
THE
GOOD NEWS**

Coming in September!

IGNITE NEWS

Unseen

This Monday morning we will be taking 39 children to CentriKid! Please be in prayer for us the entire week! I believe that God wants to use this week to draw our children into a closer walk with Him. At camp the children will be studying the passage of Ephesians 6:10-20 and learn how the armor of God is powerful and real, although it is unseen. Each day focuses on an aspect of the armor of God. The beginning of the week is designed to help campers discover and understand elements of our faith that are unseen. Mid-week we'll make a shift to discussing how to make our faith visible with boldness as the things of God are not meant to remain unseen. The key verse for the week is Ephesians 6:19, "Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel."

It appears that as a nation we are slipping farther and farther away from God. Now is the time for us to take a stand for the Lord. We must not compromise any longer. We must lead our children to follow the Lord under all circumstances and at all times. To do this we will have to rely on God and God alone. Our children need to understand that God is more powerful than anything, even if they cannot see Him.

I believe the Lord is going to use camp to kick start spiritual growth within our children and embolden them to take a stand for Him. My prayer is that we will also take a stand and lead our children to make a difference in the world around them for the glory of God.

In Christ,
Tim

PRAY FOR CENTRIKID

August 1st - 5th



FIRST NOTES

Make Worship Be the Soundtrack of Your Home

Scripture reading and singing ought to be a regular practice in every home. It should go with out saying that we must daily and regularly read and take in God's word. Moreover, we ought to be singing and listening to songs of worship in our homes throughout the week. Singing God songs and songs of worship can found throughout scripture, Exodus 15; Revelation 5; Psalm 96, and Psalm 105 to name a few. Furthermore, it should come as no surprise that children pick up the values and habits of their parents. And as parents if we value worship, then our kids will often follow suit. I can testify that as a parent, there is nothing sweeter than hearing your kids pray, read the Bible, and singing songs of worship to our good God. I have even been blessed to hear a few raw and original worship song compositions in my day, which I'd love to share with you anytime. In closing, brothers and sisters, my encouragement to you is to let the sound of worship and praises fill the rooms and hallways of your home, and don't forget about your car. O the blessings and fellowship we miss out on if we only worship God on Sundays. Make worship the soundtrack of your home!

Sanctuary Choir!

There's never been a better time to become a part of our Sanctuary Choir. Come join us as we lead our family of faith to worship our awesome God. We have some new and exciting anthems we will be working on as well as some great familiar ones. We resume rehearsals this month. Practices are on Wednesdays from 6:30 -7:30pm in the choir room. Child-care is provided. Hope to see you there.

SECOND HELPINGS Community Outreach Meal Ministry

Saturday, July 9th, Family Life Center

8:00am Prep/Cook

9:00am Prep Food Boxes

10:00am Begin Deliveries

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

8:30am.....Worship Service
 9:45am.....Sunday School
 10:45am.....Worship Service
 6:00pm.....Evening Worship

MONDAY

1:30pm.....Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

4:00pm.....“Through the Bible” Study
 5:20pm.....Praise Team
 5:30pm..... “Listening for God”
 5:30pm.....“Jesus Continued”
 5:30pm...Men’s Study-”Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives”
 5:30pm.....IGNITE-Children’s Activities
 6:15pm.....REFUGE-Student Worship
 6:30pm.....Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am.....Men’s Prayer
 9:30am.....Ladies’ Prayer Group
 5:30pm.....Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-12Noon.....Care & Share

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

August 14th Deacons’ Meeting
 August 21 Men’s Prayer Breakfast
 Business Meeting



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DEACONS’ MEETING

Sunday, August 14, 5:00pm

MEN’S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, August 21 , 7:00am

In the Family Life Center

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, August 21, 7:00pm
 Immediately following PM Service



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of John “Bud” Johnston on his passing.

First Ray



Sunday Nights will be **Shoeless Sunday Nights** as we take a fresh look at God. There will be unique aspects to our services and one Sunday night each month we will meet in Home groups for discussion and fellowship.

Fall Bible Study - God Speaks

The fall Bible study, **God Speaks**, will resume Sept. 14th, at 9:30am and 5:30pm. We will examine chapters 8 - 14 of Acts, with a focus on hearing from God. This exciting portion of scripture tells us exactly how our great and gracious God **spoke** and included the Gentiles (us) in His amazing salvation plan.

To sign up or order a book, call or text Patricia Thompson at 372-2636.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| 2 Brooke Raborn | 11 Jacob Livingston | 22 Lisa Rose |
| Anna Livingston | Michelle Bell | 23 Camille Newsom |
| June McCartney | Toni Greer | Mildred Burroughs |
| 3 Dontrel Wilson | 12 Carolyn Mercer | Sophie Heath |
| Beth Milby | Stacy Wren | 24 Shirley Dodge |
| 4 Kirstie Payne | Dollie Clayton | Liz Allen |
| 5 Nathan Barham | Jason Morris | Anna Cooper |
| Raylee Boles | 13 Samantha Davis | Edward Greer |
| John Roy | 14 Stephanie Walters | 26 Holly Johnson |
| Jan Doughty | Larry Richardson | Carolyn Dupont |
| 7 Patti Dupont | 15 Chastidy Brakefield | 27 Melba Sullivan |
| Emily Morris | Randy Bell | 29 Marjorie Bigham |
| Mary Bennett | 16 Ruby Montgomery | Tom Heath |
| Josie Hoychick | 18 Susan Clark | Dewey Senn |
| 8 Joseph Bell | Jacqueline Williams | Kara Trisler |
| Angela Gill | 20 Amy Hunter | 31 Gordan Allen |
| LaSonda Wroten | 21 Samuel Hoychick | Meghanne Pettit |
| 10 LaQueeta Brown | Jude Johnston | Bevie Tuckett |
| Kandi Huber | 22 Cindy Odom | Mike Barras |