

Welcome To The Vine

How wonderful to be connected to the vine that is Jesus Christ! Can you believe it's already the Fourth Quarter of 2011! So, here it is...The Vine...what's happened and what's coming up. We hope you enjoy!

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS



The third quarter of 2011 has been a difficult one in the life of Fuquay Varina Baptist. We've faced internal conflict that has greatly impacted this body of believers. But our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, has not changed. The question is; have we? We know the Lord is the only one capable of leading us forward. What might He be saying to you today? Obedience is the only appropriate response, no

WELCOME ABOARD!

Jenny Dean - New Preschool Director

What a great start to a great year we are having in our preschool department so far! I am thrilled to have been blessed with the Preschool Director position. I am a former high school teacher with a heart for children. My husband Justin and I have been members of FVBC for a year now and we are so happy to be a part of this congregation. We have two little ones of our own, Caden is 4 and Lilah is 2. We have also been serving in the Preschool Department with the 1's and 2's.

I feel so blessed to see what wonderful and devoted teachers, families, and children God has brought to our church. This is going to be a great time of renewal for us here in the Preschool Ministry and I encourage you to get excited for what's to come. Everything we do is with the intention to help grow your child's hunger to seek after the Lord. We are so thankful for the little ones we get to see grow each weekend and grateful to be a part of that.

Jenny Dean

matter how difficult or uncomfortable.

It's been a most difficult time for me as Chairman of Deacons. I cannot imagine why the Lord placed me in this office at this time, but I know He has sustained me, as He always does. And I trust Him completely.

The interim process will not be quick and easy. An Intentional Pastor is just that...intentionally interim. I trust everyone is, even now, deep in prayer concerning the steps toward finding the right person, the right way to approach our situation, etc. If we aren't willing to do the prayer work in advance, we can be assured the results will not be pleasing to the

Lord. We must prayerfully surrender:

- Our opinions and preferences and pursue the will of God.
- Our free time for prayer and on-going study of God's Word.
- Our pride so that we may be reconciled to God and to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

We cannot presume to know God's will in our situation. But through prayer and the study of His Word, He will reveal just what we need to know, just when we need to know it and it will most likely be uncomfortable for all.

In His Service,

Billy Rogers





Children's Corner...What's Happening for Children 1st-5th Grades

Hi Everyone! It has been such a blessing being the New Children's Director (grades 1st-5th) for almost six weeks now. It has been a pleasure to meet so many new smiling faces... thank you to all for the warm welcome. For those of you I have not met, my name is Heather Bakogiannis. My wonderful husband of 12 years is Christian (a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force). We have two amazing boys. Ethan is in 3rd grade and Hayden is in Kindergarten. I hold a Master's degree in Elementary Education and I have worked with children in the education field for about 15 years as a teacher, curriculum writer and coordinator of various children's events.



Sunday Morning "Rotation Stations"

We have just completed our 5 week study on The Ten Commandments. Students rotated through 5 different stations:

The Lord's Lab (science) – children made an ice mountain representing Mt. Sinai

Creation Station (art)—children made 10 Commandment Refrigerator Magnets

Solid Rock Café (cooking)-children made Tablet Toast

Antioch Arcade (games)- children played a variety of games to reinforce the 10 commandments

Devotion Motion (music)- children learned a "10 Commandments" song with hand motions

We are always looking for more volunteers! Our Sunday morning rotations only require a 5 week commitment... please join us to see what the excitement is about!

Sunday October 9th, children began a new 5 week unit, entitled "Dig Into The Bible" where they will not only learn the books of the Bible, but study how the Bible progressed from oral stories, to clay tablets, to scrolls, to illuminated manuscripts, to our Bible today.

The Lord's Lab (science)- children will go on an archaeological dig, looking for broken clay tablets. Once all the pieces are found, they will put the tablet together to create our Bible verse.

Creation Station (art)- children will learn about clay tablets, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the Book of Kells (illuminated manuscripts). They will create their own illuminated manuscript just like the monks did!

Solid Rock Café (cooking)- children will become familiar with finding passages in the Bible while trying to fill-in-the blanks with a "Scripture Bake" cookie recipe. Children will also sample Biblical foods from Numbers, Deuteronomy, and I Samuel.

Antioch Arcade (games)- children will play several games which will reinforce the Books of The Bible. For example, "How many books of history are in the Bible?"

Devotion Motion (music)- children will learn 4 songs, all helping them remember the 66 books of the Bible.

Sunday Evenings

Children's Life Track classes meet Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30 and are entitled "Kids Quest" and "BreakOut." Kid's Quest allows children to discover "God's Son" (1st grade) and "God's Will" (2nd grade), while Breakout Groups explore "How to Know Christ" (3rd grade), "How to Grow in Christ (4th grade), and "How to Serve Christ" (5th grade). We still have spots available. Please encourage your child to come out and give it a try!

A2J... Addicted to Jesus!

A2J meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30. Right now, we are studying Paul's journey of faith with videos, stories, games, and praise music! Come on out for a great night of friend's, fellowship and a deeper study of God's Word.

Children's Mission Project...Joselyn

Joselyn is a 9 year old girl in Guatemala who we sponsor through Compassion International. It is our continued prayer to collect \$38 per month to support Joselyn. Our donation allows her to attend school where she has Bible teaching, medical check-ups, literacy programs, and recreational activities. We talk about Joselyn every Sunday morning and encourage our children to do an extra chore at home to earn money to bring in for Joselyn. Our children have generously given anywhere from \$5 to 50 cents...and every penny counts! We are so proud that we made our \$38 goal for September, the first time in several months! This is an ongoing Mission Project requiring \$38 each month and we hope to collect extra to send her a Christmas gift. If you or your child is interested in writing letters to Joselyn, please contact me.

"Thank You!"

A special "Thank You" to all of the volunteers who are making all of these programs such a great success. Each one of you is making an eternal difference to our children, while you faithfully serve HIM. The Children's Ministry is extremely blessed to have all of you.

You can see there is so much going on! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

In His Service, Heather Bakogiannis



SENIOR ADULTS ON THE GROW!

The Senior Adult Ministry provides opportunities for fellowship, worship & service for those 55 and older. At the August meeting of The Hearts of Joy, new officers were installed by Rev. Kevin Darnell, Assc. Pastor of Education:

President, Bettina Vaughan
 1st Vice President, Ann Pegram
 2nd Vice President, Larry Bennett
 Secretary, Dolores Callier
 Chaplain, LaRue Bass
 Historian, Billy Smith



In September members enjoyed “You’re Only As Old As You Think” at the Northwood Temple Dinner Theater in Fayetteville. Members also attended the Raleigh Baptist Association Senior Adult Rally at Wake Crossroads Baptist Church in Raleigh, honoring Veterans recognizing the 10th anniversary of 9/11, now known as Patriot Day. The Senior Singers resumed weekly rehearsal on Mondays at 10:30am in the Music Suite. All are welcome to join this ministry of music.

Upcoming events:

October 18, luncheon meeting, and flu shots will be given by Ms. Lingerfeldt of Kerr Drugs. Bring a favorite game to play after lunch.

November 15, Thanksgiving celebration and covered dish lunch.

December 13, Christmas Banquet, catered by Deborah Blackmon.

Watch the worship bulletin for information on cost and reservations.

Come Grow With Us!

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

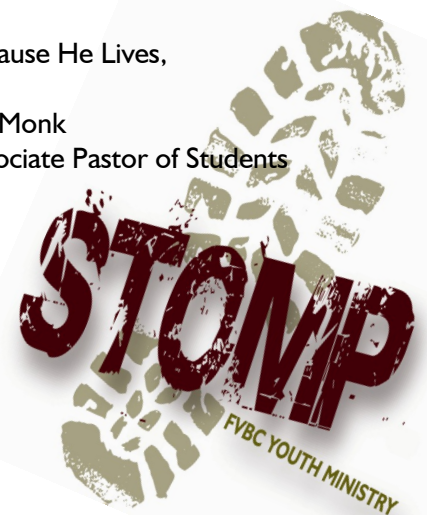
I love this time of year! Coming off of an exciting summer where I was able to see God work in the lives of students at camps and as we traveled on mission, this is the time of year to see how the students apply what they have learned. What I see are students who lead a prayer time every Monday at a tree in the parking lot at Fuquay Varina High School. I see students leading devotions at FCA and FCS in their schools. I see our students involved in See You At the Pole. Most exciting, I see our students inviting friends to STOMP each week. Over the past six weeks we have had anywhere from 85 to 120 students in STOMP. Our Lock-Out last week had 193 participants and

we are in the process of following up on these prospects. Our students and a group of committed adults have done a great job with football dinners. We are still feeding Fuquay Varina, Holly Springs and Middle Creek High Schools. This would not be possible without the cooking crew that shows up every Friday morning. They are Sharon Talley, Jill Greene, Kim Monk, and David Chambers. I am also grateful to Larry and Kathy Bennett for their willingness to wash dishes each week. Pat Adcock, Lisa Prince, Kim Monk, Bettina Vaughan and Ruth Tatum prepare desserts each week. Because of your help and the help of the students who come each week, Josh and I are able to

share devotions from God’s Word with the players each week. Keep up the good work!

Because He Lives,

Joe Monk
 Associate Pastor of Students





FAMILY LIFE

Fall Festival is our single largest outreach to the community. 1500 or more people will flood our campus for 3 hours! What an awesome opportunity to share the love of Christ!

You guessed it! We need MANY volunteers! Our goal is to have so many volunteers that no one has a shifts of more than one hour.

Sign-up sheets are in your Life Groups or contact Jill Greene in the church office at 552-4644 or jgreene@fvbaptist.org.

Invite your neighbors, coworkers, friends, family, babysitter, hair stylist (barber for you guys), anyone you know who needs to know Jesus!

Fall Festival

November 6
5:30-8:30pm
Fuquay Varina Baptist

Canned Food Drive for
FV Food Pantry

FREE Admission!
Food!
Airwalk!
Climbing Wall!

Candy,
Candy,
and more
Candy!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's that time of year again... we will be collecting shoeboxes filled with goodies for children around the World. Not only is this a practical way to share the LOVE of Christ, but the Gospel gets to places that we can't reach any other way. Every shoe-box represents a Gospel opportunity, for every child receives "The Greatest Gift of All" illustrated book, in their native language. Following this, they are invited to a 12 lesson Bible Study program called "The Greatest Journey." Upon completion of this study, they receive their own copy of the New Testament! As you can see, this program is more than receiving a box of goodies! Our Church Goal for the year is.....500 SHOEBOXES!!!!!! Our Kick-Off Event will be on October 23rd. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Heather Bakogiannis at the church office.



WEECare currently has openings for the 2011-2012 School year in the following classes:
Part-Time 3's, Part-Time 4's and Half-Day Pre-K

Please pass the word to your friends! Interested applicants may stop by the WEECare office to register or call 552-9586 for further information.



FUQUAY VARINA BAPTIST

En Español

I HAVE NO TIME FOR GOD

Hace algunos años atrás... Oops! Wrong language!

I remember some years ago, I said to a coworker: "I invite you to my church." With kind words my friend refused my invitation saying "I don't have time for God" and that "church is for elder people." Sadly two weeks later my coworker was shot in the chest by someone in his own family and he died. I remember that when we heard the bad news, we all were saddened by the death and loss of our coworker, but I...I, felt even worse, even confused about what had happened. The words of my coworker echoed like a warning siren in my mind: "I Have No Time For God", "I Have No Time For God." If he had only known that indeed no time remained for him in this world. Just like food, all of us have a date of expiration; a day of death, however, we do not know when is that day. The statistics tell us that 4.5 million people die each month; and 1.5 million die each week; and some 150 thousand die each day; and each second that passes, as if it was a tireless drop of water, two people die; and the chain of death is never off. I wonder which our link is, and in which link of the chain are you and I?

The history does not finish there with my coworker; the worst is yet to come. I remember as we talked at work about the unexpected death of our friend, I took the opportunity to invite another to our church. To my surprise his answer was very similar to the one our murdered coworker had pronounced. He told me, "I'm too busy to go to church." Nearly three months later we were burying this other coworker because he had been killed in an automobile accident. Some years have passed since all this, but I am here as real testimony to the account. In reality, two fundamental things of significance occur in our lives. Basically, we are born and we die. Yes, that's the reality, we are born to die. The true life is found after death. Understanding this promise, we ought to give the proper value to the things that are worthwhile. However, depending on your answer, your attitude toward God will be demonstrated by giving Him the time or denying it to Him.

I invite you to my church!

Pastor Leo Guerrero

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH!

Below are new members since June 26, 2011. Who do you know that doesn't know the Lord or have a church home? Invite them to FVBC. Often all that's needed is an invitation.

Malla Cogswell
Olivia Gagel
Russell Gagel
Sharon Gagel

Jared Knight
Rachel Littel
Norma Mathers
Norman Mathers

Abbie Newkirk
Cynthia Newkirk
Joseph Newkirk
Zachary Newkirk

Lewis Plummer
Logan Symons
Morgan Symons



UPCOMING EVENTS

October 16 - 5:30pm - Worship Center - Quarterly Business Conference - No Childcare - Children's Choirs and other evening activities as usual

October 23 & 30 - Nominations for Intentional Interim Search Team collection in Worship Center - Deposit in box near piano - Ballots must be deposited immediately following 11:00 service on October 30 to be accepted.

October 30 - 12:00pm - Fellowship Hall - Covered Dish Lunch honoring Financial Secretary, Janet Boyer's retirement
Bring enough for your family plus one additional person.

November 6 - 5:30-8:30pm - Fall Festival

November 22 - 7:00pm - Community Thanksgiving Service - Worship Center

December 10 & 11 - Adult Choir and Orchestra Christmas Music (Times to be announced)

December 13 - 6:00pm - Hearts of Joy Christmas Banquet

December 18 - 6:30pm - Children's Christmas Music Night

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