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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



**Daniel and Tracy Lea Austin,
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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, June 25

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
9:30 AM Worship - Lord's Supper
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
11:30 AM Passport Parents Meeting
6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

Tuesday, June 27 - Friday, June 30

8:45 AM Passport Kids (Bus leaves 9:00AM)

Wednesday, June 28

12:00 PM Bible Study / Luncheon

Sunday, July 2

8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record broadcast)
9:30 AM Worship
10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
10:30 AM Bible Study
6:00 PM Youth Summer Sunday Party

Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5

3:33 PM Youth Summer Bible Study
5:00 PM GA's Summer Meeting - Figs Downtown

Thursday, July 6

Beacon Mailed

Friday, July 7

10:00 AM Youth - Hiking

Our deepest Sympathy for:

Harold Buckner and family in the loss of
his son, Michael Buckner.

Ervin Lott in the loss of his sister, Betty Jo Jones.

Betty McClellan in the loss of her brother, Jimmy Garrison.

Tina Wilson in the loss of her brother-in-law,
Donald Wilson.

Family and friends of Joanne Fowler.

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Passport Youth and Parents Meeting

June 25 ~ 11:30am

Youth and parents gather
to sign paper work
and receive important
information for this year's
Passport Camp.

The Margaret Williams Bible Study Circle

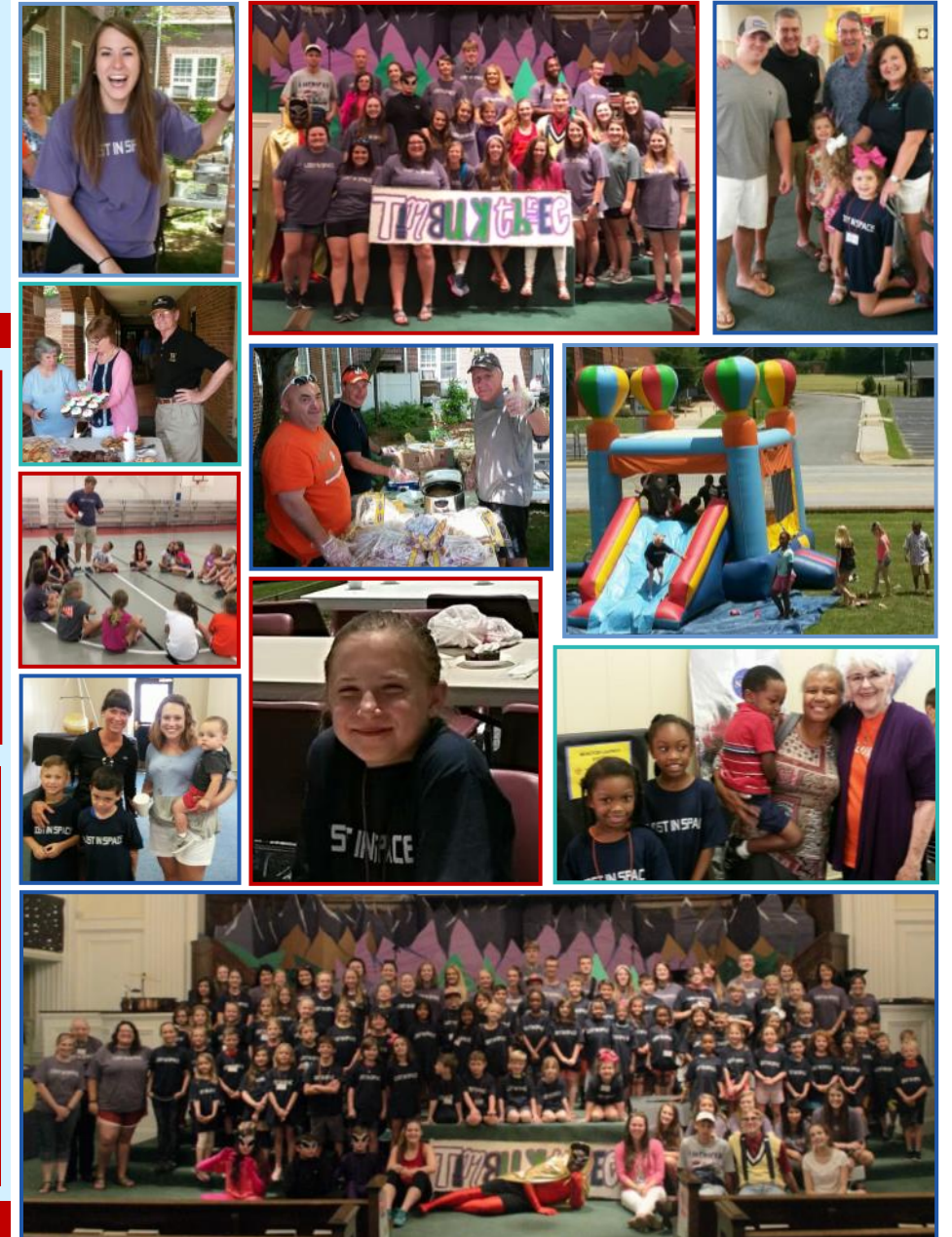
Summertime Lunch

June 27th ~ 11:30 AM

The Earle Street Kitchen
at Brookstone

Come, Enjoy the Food and
Fellowship - Invite a Friend !

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SERVED IN VBS AND AT THE BLOCK PARTY!



From one Minister to Another...

As I write this, I have not yet seen the VBS photos that I'm told will appear on the front of this issue of "The Beacon." They're probably wonderful, but there's no way photos could ever capture all the fun and excitement combined with the "growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ" that took place during Bible School this year.

Thank you to all our leaders and helpers and folks who transported kids each day. Thank you, YMCA, for all the precious children you shared with us. And thank you, Amy, for developing a "new approach" to VBS this year. It was well-received and helped to make this an outstanding Bible School that brought many children into the FBC witness and ministry "orbit" (pun intended—Lost in Space, remember?)!

Some people call these "the lazy, hazy days of summer!" A quick look through our church calendar, though, will show that this is definitely not a "lazy time" in the life of First Baptist! I want to mention a few upcoming events.

First, two "blue lines" appear on the July calendar reminding us that our young people are involved in a "big week." Our children are off on an adventure today as I write this; and then next week, they experience Children's Passport Camp. It's our privilege to help support these youth and their leaders as they join in experiences that will have an impact on their young lives that could well be felt over the course of lifetimes!

On Sunday, July 2, we will celebrate our nation's freedom and sing some patriotic songs while keeping our main focus, as always, on the worship of God. Freedom is God's idea—His gift to His children. Please join us at 9:30 on July 2nd. Josh will bring our message that day; and if the past is any indicator, it will be a fine one!

We will also celebrate First Baptist's 196th birthday on Sunday, August 27th—in worship and also in our church conference that takes place immediately following Sunday School. This grand old church we're part of got its start in July of 1821—just 45 years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Our Bicentennial Team is recommending we observe our anniversaries of the first Sunday after school starts back, thus the observance on August 27. Lots will be happening that day, including baptism, the Lord's Supper, and Promotion Day for Sunday School. Please go ahead and put this important day on your calendar. The countdown to 200 (or is a count-up???) is on!

I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we continue to examine some foundational texts from Scripture and as we share the Lord's Supper together.

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

June 25

Worship Childcare:

Haley Whitney, Beverly and Danny Stone

Deacons of the Week:

Liz Marvin, Offertory Prayer
 Fran Singleton, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Adam Gathers and Charlie Campbell

July 2

Worship Childcare:

JJ and Bradley Orr, Haley Whitney

Deacons of the Week:

Haskell Bolt, Offertory Prayer
 Margaret Hicks, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Ed Sokol and Bradley Orr

July Collection Committee

Haskell Bolt, Becky Campbell, Jeff Neal,
 Bolt McClain, Gwen Bolt, Al Whitney

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

June 28

Chicken Salad Plate, Carrot and Raisin
 Salad, Pear Salad, Asparagus,
 Dessert, Tea/Coffee

July 5

No Noon Meal or Bible Study

(Suppers will resume September 6, 2017)

Lunch Reservations

Please contact the church office by Noon on Tuesdays to make or cancel your reservations.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>CHOIR</p> </div> <div> <p>The Summer Choir begins Sunday, July 2nd. We will meet at 9:00am each Sunday before the worship service to rehearse. No experience is needed! WHO IS INVITED? EVERYONE!...Friends, family, summer "company," kids, grandkids, spouses, etc. Anyone 4th grade or older is welcome to join us! Regular Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 2nd.</p> </div> </div>						
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9 9:30am Worship	10	11	12 Noon Bible Study/Luncheon	13	14	15
Youth Passport						
16 9:30am Worship 11:30am Deacons' Meeting 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party	17 6:00 pm Stewardship Meeting	18 Terrific Tuesdays! 10:00am Swimming	19 Noon Bible Study/Luncheon 5:00pm - Figs GA's Summer Meeting	20 Beacon Mailed	21	22
23 9:30am Worship 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party	24	25 Terrific Tuesdays! 9:45am Movie at Amstar	26 Noon Bible Study/ Luncheon 3:33pm Youth Summer Bible Study	27 9:30am Youth - Tubing 11:30am Margaret Williams Bible Study Summertime Lunch Earle St. Kitchen	28	29
30 9:30am Worship 6:00pm Youth Summer Sunday Party	31	Youth: Mission Anderson				
<p>GA'S SUMMER SCHEDULE</p> <p>Meet at Figs on Main St., in Downtown Anderson from 5 - 7pm. At 7pm, GA's will walk to Wren Park for fun in the splash fountain until 8pm. Bring Money for food, a change of clothes for splash fountain, and a towel. Study will be on missionaries in Norway and Denmark. Dates are: July 5 and 19; August 2 and 9</p>						