

Sailor Pete (James Martin) & Sailor Taylor (Landon Senn) entertained the children each morning at SonTresure Island Vacation Bible School. FBC held VBS August 4 - 8. Over 200 children attended each day!



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Feed Your Soul With The Word Of God

■ Rich Kraft

Intentional Interim Pastor

I am sure that we all have heard of cuckoo clocks and that there are actually cuckoo birds. Cuckoo birds are a very common bird in England. There are some interesting facts about the cuckoo. It never builds its own nest when springtime comes. When it feels an egg coming on, it finds another nest with eggs while no parent bird is present. The cuckoo lands, hurriedly lays its egg, and takes off again. That's all the cuckoo does in terms of parenting. (We have a lot of cuckoos in our society today!).

The little thrush, whose nest has now been invaded, comes back, circles, and lands in its nest. Not being very good at arithmetic, it can't imagine why there is one unusually larger egg in the nest. It just gets to work hatching the eggs. Four little thrushes and one large cuckoo eventually hatch. The baby cuckoo is two or three times the size of the thrushes.

Mrs. Thrush, having hatched the five little birds, goes off early in the morning to get a meal. She comes back, circles the nest to see four little thrush mouths and one very large cuckoo mouth. Who do you think gets the worm? Right, the baby cuckoo! Guess what happens? The baby cuckoo gets bigger and bigger; the little thrushes get smaller and smaller.

To find a baby cuckoo in a nest, simply walk along a hedge row until you find little dead thrushes. The baby cuckoo throws them out one at

a time. Here's an adult thrush feeding a baby cuckoo that is three times as big as the thrush.

The moral of the story is this: you have two natures in one nest. The nature you go on feeding will grow, and the nature you go on starving will diminish. If there's going to be anything resembling that which God has in mind for us, it is going to come not simply by being a part of a Christian community, but a constant recognition of God and His Holy Spirit.

Solomon gives good counsel about "feeding the right nature" in Proverbs 4:26 where he says, "Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways." Another very wise man, the biblical writer Paul, shares in Ephesians 5:15, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise..." "Give careful thought" and "be very careful!" We are safe when we constantly remember God's good words to us!

As we enter the fall season, make the decision to feed your soul with the Word of God. First Baptist Church offers many different ways to do that. Attend a worship service regularly, choose a good Sunday School class where God wants you to learn and grow, attend our 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, or find another place that provides good teaching, friendship and where you are encouraged to grow in your prayer life. You will not only be glad you did, but life will work a whole lot better for you!

News From The Building & Grounds Team

During the evening hours, Thursday, July 31, a supply line to a water fountain located on the second floor of the Education Building burst and caused significant water damage. We came in Friday, August 1, to a waterfall running down the walls of Adams Hall foyer all the way to the mechanical room on the ground floor.

The water damaged our phone system, door lock system, camera system and Internet system. The damaged walls, stairs, ceiling, carpet (on second floor) have been removed to ensure a complete drying process. As of August 11, 2014, dehumidifiers and fans have been removed and the building is dry.

The insurance company is working with us and has made two visits as they evaluate our needs and rebuilding process.

Progress is being made as we have replaced phone and Internet systems. I am taking bids for the rebuilding process and hope to have all bids in by August 22. I am planning to establish a temporary staircase to Adams Hall in order for us to use the hall during this busy time of year.

Your prayers are cherished, as we gather information to complete the job of rebuilding. I also would value your input and suggestions.

In Christ's Love,
Clayton Cline, *Building and Grounds Ministry Team Leader*

Schedule

Sunday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 18

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, August 19

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, August 20

6:00 p.m. Bible Study - FLC

Thursday, August 21

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, August 22

12:30 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Saturday, August 23

10:00 a.m. YokeFest 2014 - Front Lawn

Sunday, August 24

Promotion Sunday

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 25

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, August 26

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, August 27

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal (Roasted Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Bread, & Dessert)

5:45 p.m. Children & Student Activities

5:45 p.m. Bible Study - FLC

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, August 28

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, August 29

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Prayer Point

"The Right Time For Praise"

Lord, You are worthy of my praise at ALL times:
 whether I feel fit or frail,
 whether I'm delighted or depressed;
 in sunshine or sadness,
 in plenty or poverty,
 whether comforted or challenged----

I will not be engulfed by my circumstances; I will be empowered by my Creator!

"Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vine; though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food; though there are no sheep in the pen, or no cattle in the stalls--yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God, my Savior." (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

Will you join me in the practice of praising our worthy God this week?

His servant and your friend,
 Ginny Stikeleather

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of August 3 & 10, 2014

	8/3	8/10
Church in Bible Study	107	129
Church in Worship	235	261
8:30 a.m. service	63	125
10:55 a.m. service	172	136

Financial Statistics

Weeks of August 3 & 10, 2014

	8/3	8/10
Budget - Received	\$16,318.00	\$7,850.00
Alms	523.00	0.00
Designated - Received	2,607.00	683.23
Building Reserve - Received	80.00	75.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/3/14		19,528.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 8/10/14		8,608.23
Budget for 2013-2014		913,066.79
Budget Received-Year to Date		653,593.57
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		259,473.22
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		140,303.81
Alms Received-Year to Date		6,296.55
Building Reserve-Year to Date		11,022.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		826,973.44

YokeFest 2014

Yokefellow Ministry celebrates summer with YokeFest 2014 Saturday, August 23, 2014, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the bright green lawn of First Baptist Church. You are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets to this family-oriented concert. There is no charge. Billy Buck Blevins of WAME Country Legends MC's and the station will do live out-takes. Seven featured bands include: Harry Deal & the Galaxies, The Blue Grass Church Band, the Kincaids (Karla Causey and Stewart Kincaid), Vice Versa, The Forest Park Band of Renown; recording artist Ricky Long; and the Yoke-A-Billies. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and refreshments will be available. Rain moves the event indoors to the First Baptist Family Life Center.

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Student Ministry

Promotion Sunday ~ August 24

Please join us for this special day as we welcome our new sixth graders into the Student Ministry! A breakfast for students begins at 9:45 a.m.

VGROUPS ~ Wednesday, August 27

You absolutely can not afford to let your student miss the kickoff of VGROUPTS as we begin Wednesday, August 27 at 5:00 p.m. Please check the calendar for all VGROUPTS meetings, community service nights, and much more.

Car Wash & Bake Sale ~ Saturday, September 20

We are having our annual car wash fundraiser and bakesale on Saturday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. There is a slight twist. On Friday, September 19, the students will be hanging out, cooking out, and camping out! You can't go wrong with a good ole fall camp out. More details coming soon. Make sure to mark your calendars!

Look Up Lodge Deposit Due ~ Sunday, September 28

A mandatory deposit of \$25.00 is required for anyone wanting to go to Look Up Lodge next summer. Camp dates are June 21-26, 2015. The total cost is \$250. I must receive a deposit in order to sign your student up for camp. The deposit is their placeholder. More details about Look Up Lodge at our website, www.venturestudents.org.

***Check this out: Starting in September and going to June if you pay \$25.00 each month - camp is paid for!

Landon Senn, *Minister of Students*

Children's Ministry

It has been a whirlwind couple of weeks! We had a great time at camp! I can't wait to take a group again next year! Look Up Lodge Kids Camp will be August 2-5, 2015!

VBS was great! We learned a lot and had a great time doing it!

Promotion Sunday ~ August 24

I will send out more information next week, but basically the kids will be moving up to their new classes and first graders will receive their Bibles!

I will not be here on Sunday, August 17. I graduate in Waco, TX on August 15 and will still be traveling.

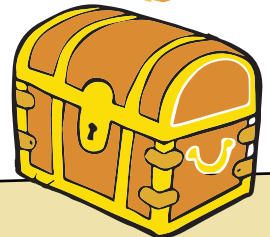
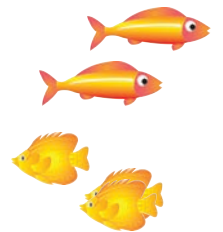
Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Families*

Announcement

Yokefellow Hunger Walk Kick-Off

Yokefellow Ministry launches this year's Annual Hunger Walk season with a 6:30 p.m. kick-off dinner Tuesday, August 26 in the fellowship hall of Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. The event features music with "The Garden Kids" and a skit by the Wesley Clowns. The Hunger Walk is Saturday, October 4. For information, please contact Neil Furr at 704-872-1459 or Kristine Wiles at 704-872-7677. There is no charge.

SonTreasure Island Vacation Bible School





815 Davie Avenue
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Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
Message By: Rich Kraft

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy...

...is extended to Monica Williams and Matthew Waugh in the death of their aunt, Barbara White, on August 5, 2014.

Family Night Meals To Resume August 27

The Family Night meals will resume Wednesday, August 27. The meals will begin at 5:00 p.m. and Bible study and children and student activities will begin at 5:45 p.m. Choir practice will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

Interim Senior Pastor

The Transitional Leadership Team has been in contact with Dr. Jack Causey who is providing advice, counsel and candidates for an Interim Pastor to succeed Pastor Kraft who is completing his ministry at the end of September. The candidates that Dr. Causey has provided us thus far are retired Cooperative Baptist Fellowship pastors or professors from Gardner-Webb University Seminary. Once a candidate is selected and in place at First Baptist Church he will have a short-term ministry that lasts until we vote on and install our next Senior Minister. Further details and information will be forthcoming each week.

Promotion Sunday Sunday, August 24, 2014

On this day, the children and students will go to their new Sunday School classes. The first graders will receive a Bible, and the sixth graders will join the students on the Venture Hall. We are all looking forward to an exciting new year!

Back to School



Worship Greeters Sunday, August 17

Bill Henderson	Gary Fyfe	James McNiel
Chris Buckner	Patrica Fyfe	Wilma McNiel
Matthew Waugh	Butch Price	Stan Williams

Sunday, August 24

Eddy Sipe	Hilda Lee	Jim Van Zee
Monica Williams	Clarence Poole	Nedra Van Zee
Ginny Stikeleather	Mike McLain	

Acolytes Sunday, August 17

Rachel Estes, Sarah Estes, Skyia Shook

Sunday, August 24

Jenna Martin, Sean Martin

Coffee Rotation Sunday, August 17

David Potter

Sunday, August 24

Gary & Patricia Fyfe

VBS Thank You!

Thank you to everyone helped in any way to make VBS a success. Thank to our group leaders, entertainers, decorators, traffic directors, those who helped in our science area, those that prepared snacks, and everyone else that helped with VBS. We could not have had a wonderful week without your help.

-Melissa Wilson, Minister of Children & Families



Kids At Worship (Kids Zone)

Starting Sunday, August 24, Kids At Worship (Kids Zone) will meet in the Craft Room for both the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. services.