

Announcements

All announcements must be in the church office by 4:00pm Tuesday.

The Field House Service

We offer a video service during the second worship service time slot (10:45). The "Field House Service" has its own leadership and worship team, and receives the sermon portion of the service through a video feed.

Missionary of the Month

This month's missionary focus is on **Loreen Ittermann** who is serving with Titus International in Moldova. Here is her contact information if you would like to send a note of encouragement: loreen_titus@yahoo.com.

This Week's Registrations

Sign up today for the Women's Bible Study! There is a registration table set up in the Coffee Commons. Several classes are being offered, morning, noon and night with childcare options for all, including elementary! Contact Lisa Wheeler (256-552-0039 or wheeler1976@charter.net) for more information or stop by the table!

C¹: Our Creed, Truths We Believe: Sunday, September 26, 3:00pm - 7:00pm - Sign up using the insert in the bulletin or register online at www.fbc.org. This first step of four in our Catalysts of Commitment is for anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in the First Bible Church family through church membership. Attendance at C¹ does not commit you to membership. Rather it helps you understand the beliefs, values, direction, and philosophy of First Bible Church.

Church News

ATTENTION BOWLERS: FBC bowling team starts Tuesday, Sept. 7, 6:00pm at River City Lanes. (City Church League). Mixed league (men and women). ALL skill levels welcome, scores are handicapped. Lots of fun! Call or talk to Jon Sedlak (256-353-9102).

Celebrate Recovery - Monday, Sept. 6 is Family Game Night and Supper at 5:45!

Our G3 Ministry is looking for volunteers to Greet, Grip and Guide (G³). If you are interested in joining this team please contact Glenn Byrd at gbyrdman@bellsouth.net or 256-773-0263.

Dishes, Dishes and more Dishes - several dishes have been left in the kitchen area (from ABF, family night dinner, meals, etc). Please go to the small kitchen by the Field House and see if any of them belong to you. We will be donating any left after September 12th to a local mission group.

Wednesday Night Bible Study on the book of Revelation will begin on September 15 at 6:30pm. For more information, contact Henry Allen at 256-355-3389 or allendctr@aol.com. We will meet on the ABF floor.

CD's Available: Copies of today's message will be available at the Welcome Center in the main foyer following the second service. Complimentary for all visitors and a \$3.00 suggested donation for others.

Student News (6th-12th grade)

One Eight Wednesdays, HS in FH: 6:30 eat (\$3); 7:00 worship. MS in the youth wing: 6:30 eat (\$3); 7:00 worship.

Student Ministry Fall Retreat at Stoney Creek Camp in Vinemont, October 9 - 11. For MS & HS students. Call the office to sign up.

Children's News (Nursery - 5th grade)

Merry Christmas! - On Saturday, September 11th, we will be hosting our GIGAS Christmas Camp for ALL current 3rd-5th grade girls (as of August 10) from 9:00am-12:00pm. We will introduce this year's Christmas Musical and play some "reindeer games". Please contact Earlene Baker (256-353-2711 or earl@fbc.org) if you have any questions.

Summer Sunday Evenings

We will resume our Evening Bible Study on Sept. 12.

September 12th - Regular Sunday evening services (Adult Bible study, AWANA, GIGAS, Sportsters, TREK) resume (5:15pm).

This Week's Events

Today-09/05/10
No Activities Scheduled

Monday-09/06/10
Office Closed
5:45pm Celebrate Recovery-Family Game Night and Supper

Tuesday-09/07/10
12:10pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday- 09/08/10
9:15am Ladies Precept Bible Study
9:30am Ladies Bible Study
5:15pm Field House Praise Band
6:30pm Sanctuary Praise Band
6:30pm One Eight (MS/HS)
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday-09/09/10
5:30pm Mission Committee Meeting

Friday-09/10/10
9:30am MOPS Meeting

Saturday-09/11/10
9:00am GIGAS Christmas Camp

Financial Update

Below is our financial status as of August 29, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Scott Anderson, 773-0986.

General Fund/Missions
2010 YTD needs \$1,283,576.00
2010 YTD receipts \$1,256,685.78
Variance +/- -\$26,890.22

Men's Prayer Breakfast

MPB will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 6:30am. All men are invited to come for a hearty breakfast, fellowship and prayer.

Come Hear Josh McDowell!

A great opportunity is available for you to hear Josh McDowell speak Friday, September 10th beginning at 7:50am at Decatur Heritage Christian Academy at 3802 Spring Ave. SW, Decatur.

Sessions include: 8am-8:50am - Josh's Testimony
9am-9:50am - Bible
10am-10:50am - Purity and Relationships

Josh will be speaking in the Gym. Please access the school using the gym entrance located in the rear of the campus. Greeters will be available to direct you. All visitors will be seated in the bleachers.

This event is open to the public. For more information, contact the school at 256-351-4275.

Very Special Mission Trip Opportunity!

Recently Bethanne Moles, wife of David Moles, who is serving in Pennsylvania with Campus Crusade, was diagnosed with ALS. Their home is in great need of repair and remodeling to help with the upcoming physical needs of Bethanne. We are teaming with the Moles home church and are currently looking for folks to "prepare and paint" the outside of their home. Dates of the trip are tentatively set Sept 24-Oct 3 at an estimated cost of \$500. If you are interested please contact Phil Olinger (256-3658-5665) or Scott Dubach (256-654-2918).

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Making Plans vs. Keeping Promises

2 Corinthians 1:15-22
(Page 816 in Chair Bible)
The Lord's Day Morning
September 5, 2010

A Chronology of Events

1. First Visit: 1.5 years of teaching and preaching (Acts 18:11)
2. First Letter: A lost letter that addressed disturbing news from Corinth (1 Cor. 5:9). Corinthians write a letter in response, asking for clarification.
3. Second Letter: 1 Corinthians written from Ephesus, sent with Timothy, in c. 55 AD to respond to their letter (1 Cor. 7:1) and tell them he is coming for a long visit (1 Cor. 16:5).
4. Second Visit: A short and "sorrowful visit" in which Paul was openly defied (2 Cor. 2:1, 5-8, 10; 7:12; Acts 19:21; 13:2). Paul returns to Ephesus with a broken heart.
5. Third Letter: Instead of a follow-up visit that would be devastating (2 Cor. 1:23), he sends a sorrowful letter (2 Cor. 2:1-4) with Titus; now lost (7:8). Paul leaves Ephesus to meet Titus in Troas but can't wait so he goes on to Macedonia where Titus reports that most of the church has repented (2 Cor. 7:6,7), but that "super-apostles" maintain pockets of resistance (2 Cor. 11:5;12:11).
6. Fourth Letter: 2 Corinthians written from Macedonia (probably Philippi) in c.56 AD to defend his apostleship and prepare them for his third, but delayed, visit (2 Cor. 12:14 and 13:1).

The Difference Between Plans and Promises

Plans (*boulomai*): A statement of intentions in matters where God's will is unknown (secret will), subject to providential circumstances (will, desire, intent).

Promises (*epangellia*): A statement of intentions in matters where God's will is known (revealed will), subject to personal character (solemn vows, oaths, contracts, covenants)

1. Make many _____ and few _____.
2. Make _____ with the caveat: "If the Lord permits."
3. Keep _____ even if it is uncomfortable or inconvenient.
4. Even if you have irreproachable character, your critics will find a way to _____ you.
5. Sometimes, strategic _____ is better than aggressive defense.
6. Defend your _____ only for the glory of God and the good of others.
7. If it gets _____ wrong, it's not apostolic.
8. God is faithful to do what he promised, not what you think he promised.