

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Sunday, September 16

On September 16, 2007 during the Sunday School hour (starting at 9:45 a.m.), Dr. Paul Lewis, Professor at Mercer University and former Intentional Interim Minister, will make a presentation on the Intentional Interim Program. This will be held in the fellowship hall. In the event that we do not have adequate time for questions, we will reassemble in the fellowship hall after the worship service (12:00-12:30 p.m.) for an additional question and answer time. We encourage you to attend this presentation.

In addition, to learn more about the Intentional Interim Ministry Program, please use the following resources:

- 1) Visit the following website: <http://www.healthychurch.org> and click on the interim ministry link and then click on the box entitled "View Our Perspectives on Interim Ministry."
- 2) If you do not have access to the website, pick up a copy of printed material on the subject at the church office.
- 3) Contact any of the following members of the Worship Committee concerning any questions you may have:

Evelyn Harney – 706-353-1607
Evelyn McNair – 706-354-6656
Donna Hopper – 706-353-3874
Buddy Snow – 706-543-5305
Pam Dillard – 706-548-6738
David Graves – 706-769-2360

Wayne Rogers, Chair, Board of Deacons
David Graves, Worship Committee Chair

CHURCH CONFERENCE

On September 30, 2007, a Church Conference will be held immediately after the 11:00 worship service for the congregation's consideration of the use of the Intentional Interim Program. It is important that you participate in this process. We hope you will make a special effort to be present at both of the events.

In addition, there will be a tentative vote on the 2008 Budget on this date.

Wayne Rogers, Chair, Board of Deacons

SPECIAL URGENT REQUEST

Our electric bill from Georgia Power Company for the month of August was over \$6,000. This is the largest power bill we have ever received. Our normal range for power is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. You could help us in reducing this monthly cost if, when entering a room, you would use the lights and temperature control as needed, but assign the last person out of the room to place the thermostat on 78 degrees in summer and 68 degrees in winter, and turn off all lights. I feel strongly if we would follow these practices, we could make an impact on reducing our power bills. For those of you that meet in the original part of the building, you can leave these units on as they are controlled from a central location.

Thanks,
Huey Andrews, Facilities Manager

CATCH-UP SUNDAY September 30

The Finance Committee has designated Sunday, September 30 as "Catch-Up Sunday." Many people were gone during the summer and got behind on their tithes. Through August, our expenditures are about \$114,000 greater than our receipts. We need everyone to catch up on their giving.

Fred Young, Finance Committee Chair

CHURCH FAMILY MINISTRY

Athens First Baptist is continuing its ministry to the homebound, elderly, ill/hospitalized, and men and women in service. We need YOUR help in ministering to the needs of our congregation. Our ministers and deacon shepherds care for our church family, and they want to reach out to church members in times of need. Privacy laws prevent hospitals from contacting us when one of our members is admitted; therefore, we depend upon each of you to let us know of these concerns. If you are aware of any need or concern within our church family including an illness or injury, death in a family, or the celebration of a birth, please contact one of the following so that we may serve the needs of our church family:

Nancy Dempsey – 706-549-5238
Miriam Drewry – 706-543-7611
Wanda Grogan – 706-546-9854

Additionally, we will maintain a list of congregational concerns to share with the church family so that you may encourage and pray for our members. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this endeavor.

Nancy Dempsey

WHAT'S FOR SUPPER

September 19

Hot Meal: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, green peas, pear salad, biscuit, dessert
Children: Hot meal
Salad Bar: Baked potato, broccoli/cheese soup

September 26

Hot Meal: Turkey and gravy, rice or dressing, broccoli, fruit, rolls, dessert
Children: Domino's Pizza, salad, dessert
Salad Bar: Baked potato, chili

The First Baptist Pulpit Preaching Schedule

September 16 **Walter B. Shurden**, Founding Executive Director of The Center for Baptist Studies, with previous service for 18 years as Chair of The Roberts Department of Christianity at Mercer University.

September 23 **Steve deClaisse-Walford**, Adjunct Instructor, Religion and Philosophy, Mercer University.

September 30 **Ray Austin**, Minister, Mentor, and Lecturer, retired from First Christian Church in Athens, GA.

October 7 **Dock Hollingsworth**, Assistant Dean, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.

October 14 **Ray Austin**, Minister, Mentor, and Lecturer, retired from First Christian Church in Athens, GA.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL IHN OF ATHENS GOLF TOURNAMENT Monday, October 1, 2007 Athens Country Club



Head to the links to participate in the IHN of Athens Golf Tournament at historic Athens Country Club. The entry fee is \$125 per player or \$500 for a team of four, and this covers green and cart fees and a boxed lunch. Prizes will be awarded for low gross and low net scores, as well as closest-to-the-pin and longest drive.

On September 30, 2007, the annual Tee-Off Celebration Dinner will be held at First Baptist Church of Athens at 6:00 p.m. As in the past, there will be a keynote address, a live auction, and, as always, good food, good times, and good friends. Tickets are \$25 each and can be purchased at The Day Center from Marcia Caskey at 706-369-8474 or pcaskey235@charter.net.

Several sponsorship opportunities also exist, so please contact The Day Center at 706-425-1881 for more information.

A MUSICAL NOTE...

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir begins this Sunday, September 16 at 5:15 p.m. in Room F319 (close to the Youth area). We'll have new music, new outfits, and a new attitude. If you haven't pre-registered, please see me or Matt to sign up.

Jackson County High School Advanced Ensemble

The Jackson County High School Advanced Ensemble, under the direction of Todd Chandler, will lead us in worship on Sunday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. This outstanding high school ensemble was with us back in March. Todd Chandler not only teaches full-time at the high school, but serves as part-time Minister of Music at FBC Commerce. The choir will not sing a full concert, but will sing selections throughout the worship service. I'm glad we are able to host them again so soon.

Blessings,
Randy

KID'S CORNER



The Preschool Committee is looking for volunteers that would love to help out a few times during the year with Extended Session (during the 11:00 worship service). If you have helped before or want to try it for the first time, we would love to put you on the calendar...just pick a Sunday and let us know. Call or email Gigi Lastinger at 706-353-3495 or gigilastinger@charter.net.

Reminder to all Children's and Preschool Committee members...We will meet this Sunday, September 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the library. See you then!!

Gigi Lastinger

2007 Children's Ministry Calendar

- October 14** Children's Choirs sing in 11:00 worship (no children's church)
- October 24** Halloween Party during Choir
- October 28** Fall Festival
- October 31** No children's Wednesday night activities
- December 2** Hanging of the Green Service, children sing! (no children's church)
- December 9** Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal Lunch and Party!!
- December 12** Christmas Banquet and Children's Musical
- March 1-2** Joyful Singers travel to FBC-Greenville, SC

Mark these dates and look for more to come!!

Extended Session 11:00

	Toddler & 2's	3 & 4
September 16	Howell	Scarborough
September 23	C. Smith	E. Smith
September 30	Carter	Thomason



**RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD SERIES
September - October**

Wednesday, September 19: Religions of the World: Christianity, Graham Walker, Associate Professor of Theology, McAfee School of Theology, Atlanta, GA.

Wednesday, September 26: Religions of the World: Islam, Brother Hisham, Athens, GA.

Wednesday, October 3: Religions of the World: Buddhism, Kai Riedl, Instructor, Department of Religion, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Wednesday, October 10: Religions of the World: Hinduism

Wednesday, October 17: Religions of the World: Judaism, Ron Gerson, Rabbi, Congregation Children of Israel, Athens, GA.

Sunday, October 21: When Religion Becomes Evil, Presentation and Book Signing, Charles Kimball, Professor of Comparative Religion in the Department of Religion and the Divinity School at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC.

**Sunday Mornings in Fellowship Hall
When Religion Becomes Evil
Book Study
Led By Frank Granger**

- September 23:** Chapter 3
- September 30:** Chapter 4
- October 7:** Chapter 5
- October 14:** Chapter 6
- October 21:** Chapter 7

Hardcover: \$20.00, Softcover: \$10.00

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

TRANSFERS

Wynn Kopp transferred to East Cooper Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family:

You will never know how much your expression of love, care, and concern meant to me and my family during the loss of my husband, Jim Tardy, and father of our children, Chip, Bob, and Robin. Thank you for the many cards, letters, phone calls, visits, and donations of food that we were so generously blessed with. We will always remember your loving arms of comfort that you as our church family provided during our time of sorrow. Our beloved Jim is living in the hearts of those he touched—for nothing loved is ever lost—and he was loved so much.

Blessings to you,
Claire Tardy and Family

MISSIONS

IHNA News

Our most recent Host Week, September 2-9, included Labor Day. The families were treated to a hot dog and hamburger cookout with all the trimmings. A special thanks to Clare and Travis Eggleston, Carly and Keith Jenkins, the Richard Coleman family, the Mark Hanna family, Phyllis and Don Nelson, and the Karen Class for sharing Labor Day with our families.

There were three families: a mother, father, and their infant son; a mother and her 13-year-old son; and a mother, father and their 8-year-old and 2-1/2-year-old daughters. Four of the adults were working and two children were in school, so it was a busy week. The families thoroughly enjoyed their spacious, comfortable home for the week. Daily, the guests thanked FBC for their hospitality of providing delicious meals, talking with them, and playing with their children. As one of the guests prayed before a meal, "Thank you, God, for these kind people."

You are making a difference. Thank you.
Linda Lacy, FBC Coordinator

Items Needed

Parkview Playschool is in need of the following items:

Crayons (fat ones for the toddlers), Markers, Coloring Pencils, Tempera Paint, Finger Paint, Glue, Construction Paper, Tissue Paper, Modeling Clay, Collage Materials NO GLITTER, Miscellaneous Craft Items (age appropriate for 1-5 years), Bubbles, Baby Blankets for Mats, Changes of Clothes (size 12 months to 5T), Kleenex, Hand Soap, Toothbrushes and Toothpaste, Baby Wipes.

Put all items in the designated box in the Missions Room.

**Doing Missions in Our Community
September/October**

- Athens Area Food Bank**
- September 25-26:** B&P Class
- October 9-10:** Associate Deacons
- October 23-24:** Associate Deacons

Our Daily Bread
October 11: Jewel Class

OUR CHURCH AT WORK

Co-Deacons for the Weeks of:

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| September 16-22 | Kathy Barrow | Steve Barton |
| September 23-29 | Greg Bickley | Jimmy Bryant |
| September 30-October 6 | Reeves Carter | Phil Caskey |
| October 7-13 | Genie Chamberlin | Marjorie DeLozier |
| October 14-20 | Ed Dempsey | Jim Ebert |
| October 21-November 3 | Wanda Grogan | Daniel Haygood |

Fellowship Team for September

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| Charles Adams | Randan Ashmore |
| Annette Barfield | H.C. (Buddy) Barfield |

Fellowship Team for October

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| Kathy Barrow | Steve Barton |
| Greg Bickley | Jimmy Bryant |

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Ministers	Randy Brittain Minister of Music	Matt DuVall Minister of Youth/Young Adults
	Frank Granger Minister of Education	Jon Appleton Pastor Emeritus
	Anne Brittain Organist/Music Associate	
	www.firstbaptistathens.org	

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**Special Town Meeting
Sunday, September 16**

9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour
Presentation on Intentional Interim Program
by Dr. Paul Lewis, Professor at Mercer University

Bible Study for Women
Sunday Nights
A Mile in Her Shoes
Led by Paula Hooper
Begins This Sunday, September 16
6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Jackson County High School
Advanced Ensemble**
Sunday, September 23
Todd Chandler, director
Presenting special choral selections on
Sunday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE
Sunday, September 30
Immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

FINANCIAL & ATTENDANCE REPORT

Weekly Needs: \$22,360.85

Year-to-Date thru August 31, 2007

Needed: \$760,286.90
Receipts: \$617,910.10
Expenses: \$732,257.02
Balance: (\$114,346.92)

Week of September 2, 2007

Weekly Receipts: \$20,246.55

Attendance Report

9:00 a.m. 60
 11:00 a.m. 155

Week of September 9, 2007

Weekly Receipts: \$21,803.16

9:00 a.m. 75
 11:00 a.m. 228

55+

MYRTLE BEACH TRIP

The Myrtle Beach trip will be November 8-10. Total price is \$350 per person. The second installment of \$175 is due before October 1. We have a few slots available; if you have not signed up, please do so now by calling the church office at 706-548-1359. We have announced this trip to other churches, so if you want to go, call and get your name on the list. A tour of Brookgreen Gardens will be added this year to the two Christmas shows. Call Vickie Horton with questions.

55+ LUNCHEONS

Thursday, September 20, 12:00 noon Fellowship Hall

Plan to kick off the new church year by attending a covered dish luncheon. Chicken fingers will be provided. Please call the church office at 706-548-1359 to make a reservation by Monday, September 17, and let the receptionist know if you plan to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert. The speaker will be Jean Andrews, RN and Coordinator of Palliative Care at ARMC.

Thursday, October 4, 12:00 noon Fellowship Hall

Please call the church office at 706-548-1359 to make your reservations for the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on October 4th at 12:00 noon. Al Henderson, FBC member, will present a program on his collection of Christmas ornaments. Let's look forward to starting Christmas early this year.

THE EVENTS BOX September 16-29

9/16	First Worship – Fellowship Hall Walter B. Shurden – Guest Speaker	9:00 AM
9/16	Sunday School and Bible Study	9:45 AM
9/16	Special Town Meeting – Fellowship Hall (May reconvene after First Worship if additional time is needed)	9:45 AM
9/16	Classic Worship – Sanctuary Walter B. Shurden – Guest Speaker	11:00 AM
9/16	Sunday School at Denney Towers	2:30 PM
9/16	Children's Minister Search Committee E112/113	4:00 PM
9/16	Youth Support Committee Meeting – Youth Area	4:30 PM
9/16	Youth Choir – F319	5:15 PM
9/16	Community Ministries Meeting – Missions Room	5:30 PM
9/16	Women's Bible Study Group – F316	6:00 PM
9/16	Adult Handbells – Handbell Room	6:00 PM
9/16	Youth Activities – Youth Area	6:00 PM
9/17	55+ Group Meeting – E112/113	2:00 PM
9/17	Spanish Class – Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
9/18	Circle 5 Meeting – Jackie Thomason Home	10:00 AM
9/19	Wednesday Evening Activities	5:00 PM
9/19	Wednesday Evening Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5:00-6:00 PM
9/19	Prayer Focus and Devotion	5:45-5:55 PM
9/19	Schedule for Children Preschool Grade 5 Children's Choirs MISSIONkids!	6:00-7:15 PM 6:00-6:45 PM 6:45-7:15 PM
9/19	Schedule for Youth	6:00-7:15 PM
9/19	Adult Continuing Education – Fellowship Hall Presentation of 2008 Budget	6:00-7:00 PM
9/19	Associate Deacons' Meeting – F319	6:00 PM
9/19	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
9/20	55 + Luncheon – Fellowship Hall	12:00 Noon
9/23	First Worship – Fellowship Hall Steve deClaissé-Walford – Guest Speaker	9:00 AM
9/23	Sunday School and Bible Study	9:45 AM
9/23	Classic Worship – Sanctuary Steve deClaissé-Walford – Guest Speaker Jackson County High School Chorus	11:00 AM
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9/23	Women's Bible Study Group – F316	6:00 PM
9/23	Adult Handbells – Handbell Room	6:00 PM
9/23	Youth Activities – Youth Area	6:00-9:00 PM
9/24	Newsletter Deadline	12:00 Noon
9/24	Stewardship Committee Meeting – E112/113	6:00 PM
9/24	Spanish Class – Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM
9/25	MEF Circle – Jane Hogan Home	11:00 AM
9/26	Wednesday Evening Activities	5:00 PM
9/26	Wednesday Evening Dinner – Fellowship Hall	5:00-6:00 PM
9/26	Prayer Focus and Devotion	5:45-5:55 PM
9/26	Schedule for Children Preschool – Grade 5 Children's Choirs MISSIONkids!	6:00-7:15 PM 6:00-6:45 PM 6:45-7:15 PM
9/26	Schedule for Youth	6:00-7:15 PM
9/26	Adult Continuing Education – Fellowship Hall	6:00-7:00 PM
9/26	Sanctuary Choir	7:00 PM
9/27	IHNA Board Meeting – Fellowship Hall	7:00 PM