

SENIOR PASTOR

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THIS SUNDAY

We will finish the series *Walking By Faith* as we examine "Taking Mountains" in Joshua 14:6-13. Joshua and his friend, Caleb, show us the final ingredients to living a life that honors God.

Sunday night, Daniel gives us a preview of future things in the second half of chapter two, as he interprets the King's dream.

NEXT SUNDAY

Bring out your best western wear (except leave your hat and tobacco at home) and get ready to hoe down with a Carthage Hayride style worship as we *Sing With the Stars* at First Baptist Church. Country music is a way of life in East Texas, especially in Panola County with our Texas Country Music Hall of Fame and the annual induction ceremony in August. In this message series, we will take a fun look at our country music heritage by examining four of Tex Ritter's songs. (PS: You won't believe how your staff will look in western wear. You must see it to believe it.)



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wish to express sympathy to Elizabeth Greenup in the loss of her step-father & Rodney Weaver in the loss of his brother.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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A BIG BRAG!!

I must brag about some very special people. Last Wednesday night we had 51 in Adult Bible Study. That is fantastic! I want them to know how thankful I am for their faithfulness. Did you ever think we would break the "50" mark? I am not sure I did. "Wow" seems to be a good word for how I feel.

We have just started a study of some selected Psalms. Last week we looked into the truths of Psalm 91. This is really fun. Come and help us reach the "60" mark in attendance. See there, preachers are never satisfied.

JOY – OUT TO EAT

Our next JOY group "out to eat" will be Tuesday, July 31. We will leave the parking lot at 5:30 and go eat Mexican Food.

A BEGINNING

Presently, we have five signed up for the Senior Adult Conference in Branson, MO. The date is October 30 – November 1. We will need to make our reservations by September 10. Check your calendar, save your pennies and plan to go.

Tithes & Offerings

GeneralFund.....	\$18,581.56
Youth Fund.....	495.00
Total.....	\$19,076.56

Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	396
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	154
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	401
Total Morning Worship.....	555

Welcome New Members



Wallace & Karen Peterson

Nursery Workers

Sunday, July 29

Janice Pope/Ashley Brewster/Dina Brady



A thank you note from Gladene Washington is posted on the the back hall bulletin board.

MUSIC NOTES

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ADOPTION UPDATE

I have sad news to share this week. For 2 years you have been a part of our journey to adopt baby Viktoria. Although the orphanage and government agencies were "holding" Viktoria for us, one of the risks that we were aware of from the beginning is that a Russian family could step in anytime and adopt Viktoria. This has happened. Last week a Russian couple adopted Viktoria ending our hope of being Viktoria's parents. Pray for Susie and I as we discuss and pray about our options.

HOT SPRINGS

The Sanctuary Choir will leave Friday at 3:00 p.m. to spend the weekend in Hot Springs. Along with sightseeing and shopping we will go see *The Witness Passion Play* on Saturday night. On Sunday we will sing at the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs where Scott Reeves is the Minister of Music. Many of you know Scott. He is the son of Jack & Pat Reeves and the son-in-law of Don & Richie Honeycutt.

GREAT JOB JOY CHOIR

The JOY Choir ministered to the residents at the Winkler House last Wednesday. Everyone had a great time. The JOY Choir will take a summer break and begin meeting again in September.

EDUCATION NEWS

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**URGENT NEED!
PRE K & ELEMENTARY
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS & ASSISTANTS.**

PLEASE CALL ME IF YOU CAN MEET ONE OF THESE NEEDS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

All children's Sunday School classes will promote August 5. Teachers, plan on making this Sunday, July 29 a special day for your students. Remember, all teachers will continue in your present position until September.

DISTRCT BROTHERHOOD

The District Brotherhood will meet Monday, July 30 at Old Center Baptist Church. We will leave our church parking lot at 6:30 p.m. All men are invited!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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OCOEE MISSION TRIP

We had an absolutely outstanding trip to Cleveland, Tennessee. The students roofed two homes & painted another one. Our outreach block party was a huge success with 10 people saved. All of this would not have been possible without the Lord's blessings & the help of my wonderful sponsors: Mike Bolwerk, Gene Simpson, Bud Worley, Teri Yarberr, Rene Barrett, Joyce Tilley, Rhonda Heard & Emily Williams.

LAMBDA CHI CARE PACKAGES

On Monday, July 30th *Lambda Chi* will meet to make care packages for our service men & women. If you know the mailing address of any military service person that you would like to receive one of these care packages please contact Rhonda Heard at 903-693-6042 or the church office at 903-693-3569.



LAMBDA CHI MEETING

Girls 7th-12th Grade

MONDAY, JULY 30

6:00 P.M.~8:00 P.M. ACTIVITY CENTER

Friendship Sunday School Class

Bake Sale

Sunday, August 5

9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

(Following the worship services)

Money raised will be used to

purchase a lap top computer for

Jeff Franks,

our missionary in the Ukraine.



CRUISE INFORMATION

We are making plans for a 7 night Alaskan Cruise for June 21~28, 2008. An informational meeting will be held on Sunday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.