

SENIOR PASTOR

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LAST MONTH

I can honestly say that last month was one of those special months out of my more than 26 years of preaching. It made going to church fun. There was a sweet spirit in the services. I felt the liberty to preach with conviction. It was good to be in the House of the Lord.

Evidently, you felt the same way. Usually the dog days of summer hits in August, but this year was the exception. Our attendance was up in the mid 600's, we had six additions, and we doubled the amount of visitors.

Already, I have had numerous people plead with me for us to do again next year. Praise the Lord. And thank you for making Singing With the Stars a month to remember.

BUSINESS RESULTS

Last Sunday night, we approved the annual election of teachers and Ministry Action Teams. We also allocated \$2,500 for the 150th Celebration Ministry Action Team as they prepare to lead us in celebrating our church's anniversary.

THIS MONTH

The sermon series is taking a different approach in September as we examine, Letting God be God in our lives, our homes, our church, our nation, and our world, as we take an exciting journey through the book of Job. Over the next several weeks, we will take a closer look at

- * Developing a strong faith
* Praying for God's hedge of protection
* Persevering through hard times
* Dealing with grief
* Plus other relevant and practical topics

Sunday nights, we will continue our verse-by-verse study of the book of Daniel as we will learn to follow Daniel's example of purity, prayer, and peace. Do these three P's describe your Christian life?



LABOR DAY~ CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday, September 3

Nursery Workers Sunday, September 2

Ashley Brewster/Amy Rich/Ashlee Alexander

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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WOW, THAT WAS GOOD!!

Eleven JOY group members made the trip to Longview to eat at "The Fisherman's Market". I think everybody agreed that this should be a regular destination for our "out to eat group". The food was excellent, the service fantastic and the fellowship the absolute best! Some have told me that they just forgot. That is OK, just plan on going next time.

VISIONARIES CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY

Several JOY group members asked about the Visionary program after the Sunday morning S.S. lesson. Here it is: The Visionaries are a group of people who agree to give \$25.00 once a year to the North American Revolving Loan Fund. Money in this fund helps buy property and build buildings for our missionaries. Those who sign up for the program are asked to give \$25.00 (during the month of June) each year.

During the past 25 years, thousands of dollars have been given. The BMAA Department of Missions has begun a campaign to enlist an additional 10,000 members. If you want to join Linda and I in this program, just let me know.

**Monday, September 10 **
Deadline for signing up for
JOY Group trip to
Senior Conference in Branson, MO.

You are invited to a celebration of
50 years of ministry for
James Rodney Richey
Sunday, September 2
Information is posted on the church
bulletin board.

Tithes & Offerings

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Includes General Fund (\$18,163.65), Building Fund (300.00), Youth Fund (320.00), and Total (\$18,783.65).

Attendance Report

Table with 2 columns: Category, Count. Includes Sunday School Attendance (430) and Total Morning Worship (614).

MUSIC NOTES

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The Sanctuary Choir had a great time singing at the Texas Ranger game last Friday!

The Ranger mascot enjoyed playing with Elaine Palmer's hair. The doctors say he'll be out of the hospital in 6-8 weeks.



The Sanctuary Choir, which is open to any adult, starts back next Wednesday, September 5 at 7:00 p.m.

All of our Children's Choirs will begin Sunday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m.

The JOY Choir will start back Wednesday, September 19 at 5:00 p.m.

EDUCATION NEWS

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Ladies, make note of these important activities!

Beth Moore's A Woman's Heart Bible Study:

- *Tuesday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. has begun
*Tuesday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. begins next Tuesday, September 4
*Ladies Retreat at Cypress Bend Resort is scheduled for October 19-20. Watch your mail box for more information.

You are invited to a Bridal Shower



honoring
Rachel Reed
bride-elect of
Jason Davis

Sunday, September 9
2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



Sunday is Building Fund Sunday. Unless otherwise designated the morning plate offering will go to the Building Fund.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

james@firstbaptistcarthage.com by James McRight

HELP NEEDED

We are in need of a Game Time Leader for our AWANA's program on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested or need more information please contact Randy Liedtke or myself at the church office 903-693-3569.

Wednesday, September 5

Back to School Bash
"Come See the Light Show"
Guest Speaker- Brittney Holland
7:00 p.m.
F.B.C. Activity Center

College Ministry "737" BEGINS WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5 8:00 P.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Paul Turner



Holly Nowalk



You are invited to the wedding of
Melissa Joyce Miller
&

Glenn Edward Westbrook

Saturday, September 1 5:30 p.m.

Kilgore Missionary Baptist Church
Reception at Shallowcreek Country Club

**CHURCH DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE **

Your pictorial directory may be picked up this Sunday, September 2 off of any of the church foyer tables. One directory per family, please.