

SENIOR PASTOR

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

Last Sunday we were off to a wonderful start on the three-week message series: The Lighthouse. We started the New Year off with a sermon called, "Perfect Timing." This Sunday, we will follow it up with a sermon called, "Perfect History" from Matthew 1:21. Then the following Sunday, we will learn how to achieve "Perfect Success."

Let me encourage you to come to the LIGHT this and every Sunday throughout 2008. I look forward to worshipping the Light of the World with you.

SUNDAY EVENINGS

We will resume our study of the book of Daniel. We are just a few chapters shy of finishing this thrilling book. Sunday night, we will look at "Confession and Prayer" from Daniel 9.

VAN FUND

I am excited to report that we have raised \$24,858. for our new van. This means we need just over \$5,000 to raise the needed money.

Our old van is completely worn out, and is ready for the pasture. A fifteen-passenger van will enable smaller groups to travel together without the necessity of a commercial licensed driver. I invite you to mark your offering envelopes "New Van."

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

don@firstbaptistcarthage.com by *Don Collins*

BROTHERHOOD AND "42"

Hey men, FBC Brotherhood will meet at the Country Catfish Restaurant at 8:00 a.m., this Saturday, January 12 for breakfast & fellowship. They fix a great breakfast so come with a good appetite. If you order biscuits be prepared to eat a big biscuit. Those men playing in the 42 tournament will go to the FBC Activity Building around 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the tournament. It looks like it is going to be a busy day and a good day.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?

Be sure and get you a partner and plan to play in the "42" tournament Saturday at 10:00 a.m. I realize that it will be difficult to win with the two Olympic champions back together again, but come and try anyway. Humbling right along, I want to let you know that Bill's Meat Market is preparing lunch. I know that will be good!

DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD- MONDAY, 1/14/08

First Baptist Church, Carthage is hosting the District Brotherhood next Monday at 7:00 p.m. Bill's Meat Market is also preparing this meal. Our special guest speaker will be Jerry Fulton, editor of the Baptist Progress.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

• Tax Information

In order for your donation records to be accurate, we need your help in the following areas:

- ❖ *write your complete first & last name on the offering envelope*
- ❖ *write the amount of offering on the outside of the envelope*

These two areas are very important for your financial contribution records to be kept accurately in the church office.

• Contribution Receipts

Contribution Receipts will be mailed out this week. If you have any questions please contact Miriam at the church office (903-693-3569).

MUSIC NOTES

david@firstbaptistcarthage.com by *David Yarbrough*

2008 GOAL

Involve as many people as possible in the music ministry of First Baptist Church.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Any adult who has a song in their heart is welcome. This is a wonderful time to join as we begin preparation for Easter and the 150th Anniversary celebration.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

All of our Children's Choirs will resume meeting Sunday, February 3.

CD OF THE MONTH

For the month of January I have chosen the National Christian Choir *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* CD. This is a collection of favorite hymns. Each CD is \$20. You may call the church office to order your copy.

EDUCATION NEWS

by *David Yarbrough*

2007 SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our average Sunday School attendance for 2007 was 402. WOW! This is the first time we ever averaged over 400. Our Spring High Attendance Day set an all time high attendance record with 524 in Sunday School. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Sunday School ministry.

150th CELEBRATION MAT

There is a Celebration MAT meeting scheduled for this Sunday, January 13 following the evening service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.

BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDIES

- *Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms*
Begins: January 15 at 6:00 p.m.
Student Center
- *Jesus, The Only One*
Begins: January 22 at 9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



ATTENTION!
SPONSORS NEEDED
FOR 4TH-6TH GRADE BOOT CAMP
AT DANIEL SPRINGS
ENCAMPMENT-FEBRUARY 1-3.
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

james@firstbaptistcarthage.com by *James McRight*

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

from *Brenda Hudson*

As my children got older, I often let them decide what church activities that they would attend. Chad's high school Sr. year was a year full of life changing events. Perhaps the single most important event that year was Centrifuge. I insisted that he go even though it was not the "coolest" thing a mother could require of her son. Chad did go and God blessed him & his life was changed forever because of it. Sometimes by removing our student from peer pressures & worldly influences God can be heard more clearly. Let me encourage you as a parent to require your youth to attend a youth summer trip. I have never regretted making Chad attend Centrifuge as he was blessed beyond measure. Can you afford to rob your student of the blessings God has in store for them because they are too busy with other summer activities or because it is not a priority to them? I pray that you will commit to make a summer trip for your youth a must item on their summer agenda.

****CENTRIFUGE****

7TH-8TH GRADES

JUNE 8-14

Cost: \$100

Deadline: January 27

****OCOEE OUTREACH MISSION TRIP****

9TH-12TH GRADES

JULY 19-25

Cost: \$100

Deadline: January 27

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Patrick, Mary, Joe & Katelynn
Armstrong



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church Family wishes to express sympathy to Betty Miller in the loss of her brother.

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund.....	\$17,752.04
Building Fund.....	5,811.00
Youth Fund.....	25.00
Total.....	\$23,588.04

Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	374
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	158
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	388
Total Morning Worship.....	546