



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Ann Arbor, Michigan

July 14, 2010

All children are welcome to worship with their families. Children's Worship will not meet in July so after the Time as Children portion of the worship service, preschoolers – 6 years old may go to the nursery for child-care. Families should pick up children as soon as worship is completed. (Children's worship will resume in August)

## **Children and Youth Christian Education**

NURSERY care is available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor from 9:30am - 12:30pm.

During the month of July there are no church school classes (children, youth or adult) after worship. Classes will resume in August.

## **Adult Christian Education 11:30 - 12:30**

August Adult Class

Lounge

"The Four Witnesses: The Striking Differences in the Gospels' Presentations of Jesus."

As we explore specific events in the life of Jesus as seen through the four Gospels, we notice similarities and differences. Each Gospel author did not write in order to provide a thorough biography or historical account but wrote to bear witness to Jesus, the Christ. Often these differences are the result of each Gospel's very particular perspective and a specific message each author was trying to convey. Ultimately we are given a much fuller theological perspective on Jesus.

August 1 (Astrid Beck) - Birth Stories

August 8 (Astrid Beck) - Baptism

August 15 (Ron Gregg) - Miracles

August 22 - Palm Sunday and Last Supper

August 29 (Paul Duke) - Passion, crucifixion and resurrection

Young Adult Class

Room 108

Paul & Stacey Simpson Duke, Leaders

This class consists of conversational Bible study, discussing the letter to the Philippians and its application to our living. "Young adult" is defined as mid-twenties to 40(ish!).

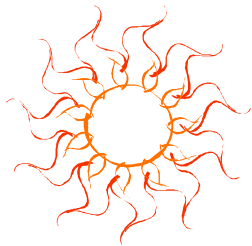
### **Other Adult Education Opportunities:**

#### **Wednesday Bible Study**

Bible Study will resume in the Fall.

#### **Adult Small Groups (ChristCare):**

Centered on Bible study, fellowship, mission, prayer and worship, we currently have two groups: one which meets monthly and the other which meets every other week. See Stacey, Paul or Sue Ellen for more information about joining a group.



## FBC News & Happenings

### **Time to Practice!**

Since summer is here and schedules might be more relaxed, the Care and Community Board want to remind you to start your practicing for the First Baptist Church Talent Show. You have plenty of time to decide WHICH of your talents you would like to share with the church family, and there is plenty of time to "work out the kinks" if things are a little rusty! But hey--what's a little rust within the family?!?!?



Be on the lookout later in August for the signup sheet at the information desk.

**ART FAIR PARKING LOT** The Art Fairs are this coming week and the artists start arriving Sunday evening. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to supervise the lot in order to raise money for our Youth and our Sister Church. A reminder that starting this Sunday evening (18th) through Saturday the 24th, you will not be able to park in the church lot unless you are shopping or on church business. The volunteer on duty will let you know where you should park when coming on church business. If you want to shop at the art fairs, we always provide parking for our congregation (for a donation, please).

**VBS 2010 Growing and Showing the Fruit of God's Spirit** Preparation is underway for our VBS which will be held in the evenings of August 25, 26, and 27 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday), 5:30 - 8:00 pm. We are continuing with our curriculum and farm theme from last year, as we explore how to develop and share our Fruit of the Spirit. Farmers and farmhands (volunteers) are needed! Volunteer forms are available each Sunday on the table near the Information Counter, or you may call or email Sue Ellen. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this ministry!

**Vespers Funding Needed!** The funding for the Tuesday night Vespers dinner is running dry. Donations are needed to keep this vital FBC ministry to the homeless alive. The fact that the homeless and hungry in our community are drawn to First Baptist for hospitality is evidence of God's grace at work—both in our lives and in the lives of those He draws to us. We are all well aware of the incapacity of our present system to provide the needed services and affordable housing that this very vulnerable population needs. Many have been through the shelter system and have come out with no placement in housing, no job, and no prospects. Through the Vespers ministry our church offers a weekly meal and the support of caring people who listen, pray for them, and offer whatever assistance we can. I have corresponded with Rev. Margaret Shafer, whose church, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in New York, runs a private shelter for the homeless. Rev. Shafer writes: "Once I asked an outreach worker from the Volunteers of America what he thought a church could possibly do to help such people. He said, 'The best thing you can do is be the church.' Be the church! Imagine! 'Pray for these folks and help them know that someone cares. Be the community that they do not have. Until they feel valued, they will not value themselves enough to go through the frustration of getting help.'" Vespers at FBC is a ministry of presence and a ministry of simply helping the homeless to feel valued. We hope you will join us! Come for dinner at 5:30 pm any Tuesday and meet some of our guests. The kitchen staff is also in need of help with cleanup after the meal. We also ask for prayer for homeless people and those in our community who are serving them. Please contact Sarah Heidt (734-730-5484 or [sheidt@emich.edu](mailto:sheidt@emich.edu)) if you have questions about this program and how you can get involved.

# VBS 2010

## Growing and Showing



August 25, 26, 27

5:30 – 8:00 pm

We are lining up our volunteers! We're using a farm theme and continuing the emphasis on Fruit of the Spirit.

The children will be divided into age groupings with each group of 6 children led by two or three "farmers". These farmers will need to commit to being in service all three evenings (all evening) as well as a training session.

In addition there are many, many other volunteers needed and some commitments do not require your presence at the VBS evenings.

In 2009 we used 28 volunteers each evening! Since we plan on as many – or more – children this year, your help is needed (and appreciated!!)

Please leave this form in the basket or you may return this form to the office. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this summer's ministry!

*Please circle day(s) and/or time(s):*

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be a "farmer" and am able to be at each of the three evenings

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help with dinner and snack (4:30 – 7:30)      W Th Fr

\_\_\_\_\_ I will assist with crafts and activities (5:15 – 7:30)      W Th Fr

\_\_\_\_\_ I will provide food or shop for food (we will contact you in August)

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with set-up  
                         mornings 10:00 – noon      W Th Fr  
                         afternoons 4:30 – 5:30      W Th Fr

\_\_\_\_\_ I can help with clean up (7:30 - 8:30 pm)      W Th Fr

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



# August 2010



1 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	2	3 5:30 Vespers	4	5	6	7
8 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	9 7:30 Mission Action	10 5:30 Vespers	11 7:30 Davis-Diels ChristCare	12	13	14
15 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	16	17 5:30 Vespers 7:30 Trustees	18	19	20	21
22 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	23	24 5:30 Vespers	25 7:30 Davis-Diels ChristCare	26	27	28
29 10:00 Worship 11:30 Second Hour	30	31 5:30 Vespers	<b>Vacation Bible School 5:30pm - 8:30pm</b>			

