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NEWSLETTER

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In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul instructed Timothy to *“be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who doesn’t need to be ashamed, correctly teaching the word of truth.”* That command is in the middle of a paragraph about those within the church who were fighting about words. Paul said that certain church members were full of *“irreverent, empty speech,”* and as an example, he mentioned a man named Hymenaeus. How would you like to have the distinction of being listed in God’s word for time and eternity as a person with empty speech? Hymenaeus was a man whom Paul had mentioned one time before to Timothy in his first letter. Paul basically had told Timothy that Hymenaeus, and his buddy, Alexander, had *“suffered the shipwreck of their faith,”* and therefore, Paul was delivering them over to Satan so that *“they may be taught not to blaspheme.”* Well, apparently by the time Paul wrote the second letter, Hymenaeus was still plodding along, flapping his jaws with his empty words. Specifically, Hymenaeus was going around the church teaching something that was based purely on his opinion, and not the word of God. He had taken his limited knowledge of Scripture and combined it with what he felt was his impeccable logic, and had come to the conclusion *“that the resurrection had already taken place.”* Well, as certain members listened to his logic, they began to believe him that they had missed the great hope of Christianity, and their faith was overturned. Because of his pride, thinking that his logic was more reliable than the

teaching of the Apostles, he was used by Satan as a very effective tool of destruction within the church.

One of the greatest dangers in the church of the 21st century is the epidemic of biblical illiteracy. People go to church every Sunday, but really couldn’t tell you firsthand what the Bible says. Hymenaeus will be judged harshly for his role in subverting the ministry of the church, but what about those he influenced? How could they have been so easily swayed? Simply because they did not think it all that important to spend time studying God’s word for themselves. Hymenaeus may have been Satan’s tool of destruction, but it was their ignorance that caused them to follow along.

We have now begun another year of our AWANA ministry. AWANA is actually an acronym that comes from 2 Timothy 2:15 – “Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed.” It is our desire to teach as many children as we can the word of truth, so that as they grow, they themselves will become proficient at *“correctly teaching the word of truth.”* So every Wednesday, from 4:00-6:00pm, we will meet with children from 3 years old through 6th grade, to help them learn God’s word.

But that command doesn’t just apply to children. Every Sunday morning at 9:30, we have Bible Studies for Christians of all ages where together, we work to present ourselves *“approved to God.”* If you have not yet plugged in to a Sunday School class, I want to encourage you to do so. We have a Bible Study just for you! We must all be diligent to become Bible experts!!

See Ya Sunday,

Our New Members

Letter:

Connie (Mrs. Lemuel) Angerstein
Lemuel Angerstein
Christopher Angerstein
Alyssa Angerstein
Jennifer Angerstein
Donna Mobley
Samantha Mobley
Lawsen Streetman

Reminder . . .

Bulletin and Power-point Screen

Items for publication in the weekly bulletin or announcements on the power-point screen must be received in the church office by noon on Thursday of each week.

Event Registration Form

Are you planning a meeting, bible study, or other event? Please remember to fill out an Event Registration Form. Forms may be picked up in the church office or downloaded at www.fbcgrapeland.com. All scheduling is done through Necia Huff, secretary.

FBC Grapeland Online!

If you haven't visited our online home, www.fbcgrapeland.com recently, you're mission out on lots of information and great resources! In addition to viewing pictures, videos and information, you can now do all sorts of things online like submit prayer requests, watch out worship services, register for events and even pay for event registration right from the comfort of your home! Be sure to check it out soon!



"I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6

Total Three Year Commitments - \$592,692.00
Commitments Received through August - \$573,458.00
Received in August - \$2,834.00



Awana and the Awana logo are Registered Trademarks of the Awana Clubs International. Used by permission.

Awana Clubs meet each Wednesday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. during the school year.

We have 126 clubbers and 63 workers registered to date!

Cubbies

age 3 & 4

(must be 3 year old by Sept. 1)

Sparks

Kindergarten-2nd grade

T & T

3rd - 6th grade



Week of Prayer September 19-26
Our Offering Goal - \$2,600.00
Ingathering Day - September 26



covered dish luncheon at Noon.

Women on Mission
Week of Pray Program
for the Reach Texas Mission
Offering will be **September 15,**
2010, at Arwena Lively's home,
505 Redbud Street. The meeting
begins at **9:30 a.m.** and includes a

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

September 14 9:00 A.M.

FLC Foyer

Come for a great time of fellowship and food!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY PROJECT

The Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a drive to assist SHARE in items needed that are not funded by their organization. A table will be place in the old Fellowship Hall to collect toiletry items such as soap, shampoo, toilet paper, toothpaste, etc. Betty Peterson is the point person for this ministry.

For Your Information

Stamps for Mission Project—"Thank you" for saving stamps for the mission project. Please save postage stamps and put them in the collection box is in our East Foyer. All stamps are acceptable. When cutting them off envelopes please leave an ample margin around the stamps. Stamps are sold by the pound with the proceeds used for mission projects.

Sanctuary Flowers—please call the church office for available dates if you wish to provide flowers for the sanctuary

"Growing with God" Cookbooks—contain favorite recipes from our church members as well as friends of FBC. The cookbooks are available at the church office for \$10 each. All proceeds of the sales are designated for the building program.

"In His Time" recollections of the Christian missionary Estella Grooters Brown, is available in our church office for a suggested donation of \$10.

Library Hours:

Sunday: 9:00 to 9:30 a.m.
10:30 to 10:55 a.m.
12:00 to 12:30 p.m.
6:45 to 7:00 p.m.



September 7, 2010

September is the month to be involved in the Worship Ministry! This month, the Sanctuary Choir begins rehearsals for our Christmas musical, the Children's Choirs begin their fall rehearsals, and all of our Worship ministries kick into gear! If you've had the desire to join the choir in leading in worship, now is the time to join us! We enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship as we introduced our Christmas musical at the Christmas Musical Preview Fellowship. Thank you, Kate Rudasill for providing such a tremendous meal!

We are excited to have welcomed some new members to the sanctuary choir recently, but we're still missing someone...YOU! Our upcoming Christmas musical, "Voice of Christmas" will require a large number of participants including, singers, narrators and biblical characters. Begin now, praying about participating in this presentation of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Turning my attention to our worship services, you may have noticed that in recent weeks, we have begun to expound heavily on having the right heart for worship. We have sung songs, watched videos and heard testimony about what it means to worship. All this is to bring to mind what our role is to be in worship. Let us be ever mindful that we worship a sovereign God. As such, He is worthy to be given our full and undivided attention during our corporate times of worship. I encourage you to make this a priority in your life. Giving the Lord our devoted attention means entering into our time of worship with a clean heart and right spirit, prepared to meet with the Lord. I urge you to ask the Lord what that means for you individually, and for your family collectively. Pray, asking the Lord to show you what actions need to be taken on your part. This might mean taking action to ensure that you are not a hindrance to someone else. This might mean removing things from your life that are preventing you from meeting with the Lord with a right spirit. Whatever the Lord reveals to you, take action. As I close, I want to take this time to once again thank our devoted worship leaders, Bonnie Patterson, Sandra Kerby, Robin Kelley, Judy Carpenter, Toni Childress and Lynn Gray. What a blessing it is to serve alongside these talent musicians. I so appreciate their willingness to give of their time and talents to lead us in worship each week. Join me in thanking them for their devoted service!

Gabe Duron

Worship Ministry to present, "Voices of Christmas"

The Worship Ministry will present, "Voices of Christmas", on Friday, December 3rd and Sunday, December 5th. Mark your calendar now to attend at least one of these presentations! Or, a great way to see the presentation is to be IN the program! Perhaps you don't feel "musically inclined", but would still like to participate. Well, we have several places for you to serve! Contact Gabe Duron at gabe@fbcgrapeland.com to get plugged in today!

Children's Choir Kick-off Party

September 12th at 6:00pm we will be kicking off the new Children's Choir year. Children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to join us. We will kick it off with pizza and a joy jump. Come and help us worship the Lord through song.

NEW FBC Grapeland Website to launch this month!

Be sure to check us out on the web at www.fbcgrapeland.com. Our new and improved website will be launched this month so check back soon!

Media Team Positions Open

Are you savvy with computers and other electronic equipment? Our media ministry has a place for you! Positions are now available in our Media Ministry for those available to run our video camera, sound board, computer and worship service DVD's! See Gabe Duron for more information on how to serve the Lord in our Media Ministry.

Kate's Corner Kitchen

Season two of Kate's Corner Kitchen is already underway and what a time we are having! If you have not signed up to attend Kate's Corner Kitchen, you are missing out on some great food, fun and fellowship! Kate's meets the first Tuesday of every month in the FLC kitchen. To register, simply email Kate Rudasill at cooking@fbcgrapeland.com to let her know which class you'd like to attend. You can also find more detailed information about the monthly cooking class on our church website!

A Worship Ministry Special Need

As our Worship Ministry continues to develop; more and more time is devoted each week to making sure all the needs of this particular ministry are met. However, there are many duties of the ministry that go unfulfilled because of time restraints on the Worship Ministry staff and team leaders. If you are available to devote 30 minutes, one or two hours, or even a full day during the week, please contact Gabe Duron at gabe@fbcgrapeland.com. Your help in giving of time would be greatly appreciated!!!

Special Music Schedule

This fall, we have openings on our special music schedule. If you would like to bring a special song during our morning worship service, please contact Gabe Duron at gabe@fbcgrapeland.com.



EMERGENCY BIBLE NUMBERS

- When you are sad, call on John 14
- When you don't feel loved, call on Romans 8:38-39
- When you have sinned, call on John 1:8-9
- When you are facing danger, call on Psalms 91
- When people have failed you, call on Psalms 27
- When God feels far from you, call on Psalms 139
- When your faith needs encouraging, call on Hebrews 11
- When you are scared, call on Psalms 23
- When you are worried, call on Matthew 6:25-34
- When you are hurt, call on Colossians 3:12-17
- When you feel no one is on your side, call on Romans 8:31-39
- When you are seeking rest, call on Matthew 11:25-30
- When you are suffering, call on Romans 8:18-30
- When you feel you're failing, call on Psalms 121
- When you pray, call on Matthew 6:9-13
- When you need courage, call on Joshua 1
- When you are in need, call on Philippians 4:19
- When you are hated because of your faith, call on John 15
- When you are losing hope, call on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- When you are seeking peace, call on John 14:27
- When you want to do good works, call on John 15
- When you want to live a happy life, call on Colossians 3:12-17
- When you don't understand what God is doing, call on Isaiah 55:8-9
- When you want to get along with others, call on Romans 12:9-21

Bro. Mark

Ladies Bible Study...

Faithful, Abundant, True

Begins September 20

6:00 P.M.

A six-week bible study featuring three teachers, Kay Arthur, Pricilla Shirer and Beth Moore. The study will meet in the FLC Youth Room at 6 p.m. each Monday. Workbook cost is \$15.



You are invited to the Beth Moore Simulcast
 September 18
 Registration, Breakfast & Fellowship
 8:30 a.m.
 Simulcast Event
 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
 Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
 Cost: \$25
 For more details
 Contact the church office at 936 687-2558
 Or visit our website at: www.fbcgrapeand.com

New Library Media

New Books:

Guide to Christian Apologetics by Doug Powell. This book answers many of the questions common in contemporary secular society that all Christians need to be familiar with to defend their faith. It contains many illustrations and references.

Amplified Topical Reference Bible by Zondervan. With many explanatory footnotes at the bottom of the pages for easy reference, this Bible is easy to use. It also contains a bibliography, glossary, index and maps.

DVDs

Mandie and the Secret Tunnel. A young girl runs away from home with the help of Cherokee friends and finds her family roots in the mountains of North Carolina. Age level: youth.

God Made You Special by Veggie Tales. These four stories teach kids they are special just the way God made them.

Larry Boy and the Rumor Weed by Veggie Tales. Junior and Laura learn that we shouldn't tell stories that can hurt.

Gideon: Tuba Warrior by Veggie Tales. Gideon, one of the greatest biblical heroes, displays great courage.

Moe and the Big Exit by Veggie Tales. Moe helps free his people from bondage and learns to follow directions.

Thank You

Dear Family at First Baptist:

We would like to sincerely thank you for your never ceasing prayers during the loss of our beloved husband, daddy and papaw—James Reed. He left a legacy of love and the most important thing a person can do is to accept Jesus as their Savior and have a relationship with God. He will be missed but God has promised us we will see him again.

Thank you for the beautiful plant, the cards, the donations to the Fulfilling God's Vision Building Fund in memory of him and thanks also to all those who brought food and helped with the meal. Your heartfelt compassion and love is greatly appreciated by all the family.

We'd also like to thank all those that visited James prior to God calling him home and after. We cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to this wonderful body of Christ of First Baptist.

May God bless each of you in a very special way.

The James Reed Family