

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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# CLARION



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MAY, 2010

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## Worship

Two thoughts of worship have challenged me for most of my ministry. Two different men shared the thoughts. One of the men was an extremely respected Anglican leader. The other one of our most revered Baptist theologians. They were contemporaries.

I am asking you to join me in growing into the truths presented by these two leaders.

W. T. Conner was a significant theologian in Baptist history. In one of his theology books published in 1945, he writes, "The first business, then, of a church is not evangelism, nor missions, nor benevolence; it is worship. The worship of God in Christ should be at the center of all else that the church does. It is the main-spring of all the activity of the church."

This comment challenges us. It calls us to relationship with God at our core of all we do together, and, of course, all we do with our lives.

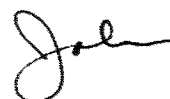
Within a few sentences, Conner then writes what needs hearing today. Of course, it has always needed to be heard. "Modern Christianity all along the line has been too prone to subordinate God to itself." We want God for ourselves, for our sakes. We need to want God just for God's sake. God loves for us to love him.

William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, which is to say, the leader of the Anglican church, stirred me up years ago, first week of November, 1984, to be exact. I am still moving around due to that stirring. It makes me dizzy every now and then, but don't call the doctor; I do not want to be fixed. Actually, I want this to stir me until you bury me. So, think about this even in my funeral service.

He said, in 1944, over the BBC, "The world will be saved from political chaos and collapse by one thing only: That is worship." Then he gave a definition of worship:

To quicken the conscience by the holiness of God,  
To feed the mind with the truth of God,  
To purge the imagination with the beauty of God,  
To open the heart to the love of God,  
To devote the will to the purpose of God.

Honestly, I know of nothing more important to do in a world full of false gods with millions of followers.



# What's Happening in May and More!

**Senior Banquet - Class of 2010!**

**Sunday, May 23,**

**immediately following the  
Worship Service in the Gym.**

*Catered by Chili's*

**Beef & Chicken Fajitas, Rice, Beans, Chips & Salsa**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**Reservations Required - Pay at the Door**

*Our Graduating Seniors are:*

**Summer Engel**

**Ben Hope**

**Sara Hall**

**Vanessa Lunday**

**Christi Henderson**

**Joe Bob Pirie**

**Emily Hobbs**

**Jimmy Turner**

## **Pre-Teen Camp, June 21 - 24, 2010!**

Texas Baptist Encampment, Palacios, Texas

Completed 3rd Grade thru Completed 5th Grade

It's not too late to join us!

Call the church office with any questions!

So far we have the following kids going:

Reagan Garza

Thomas Gill Mandell

Lily Hickman

Sara McDougal

Mason Kennedy

Bethany Watson

Sydney Longshore

Natasha Watson

## **Save the Date**

**Sunday, July 18, 2010**

**125th Church Anniversary**

**Church-wide picnic in the Gym!**

This will be a special day as we celebrate the history of our church! If you have pictures or other memories you'd like to share at this event, please bring them to the church!

If you would like to help with the organization of this celebration, please let us know in the church office.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JUNE 28 - JULY 2, 9:00am-Noon**

***By the Sea***

Our VBS theme this year, "*By the Sea*," comes from an intergenerational musical we will be working on throughout the week. We will have Bible stories, art activities, mission stories and recreation activities that will all need helpers. And, as in past years, we will need guides for each age group of children.

If you would like to help with VBS, please contact the church office. Registration forms for your children are available in the foyer!

If you have students graduating from college or graduate school, please let us know so that we add them to our celebrations list!

## **YOUTH CORNER**

Sunday mornings: Youth University 9:00 am

Sr. High - Hebrews Jr. High - Isaiah

Sunday night: Fellowship Night 6:00 pm

Wednesday nights: Supernova 6:00 pm

**Mission Jerusalem** - June 6-11, cost \$50 for first child in a family and \$25 for each child after that (including friends). This is our annual mission trip to Richmond/Rosenberg and is one of the highlights of the summer. Please get a registration form in the foyer and fill it out today. Your student won't want to miss this week!

**Youth Camp** - July 12-16 in Palacios, TX. Cost is \$200 per person, registration forms are in the foyer. If you would like to chaperone, please contact Matt.

# May 2010

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Saturday	May 1
Jason Russell	
Lida McNeill	
9:00am Pillowcase Dresses (Fellowship Hall)	
9:30am Mars Hill Listening Group (Room 202)	
10:00am Meals on WINGS (Kitchen)	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 2 T.C. Lewis (16) 8:00am Deacons Meeting 4:30pm Missions Committee Mtg. 5:00pm Youth-Movie Night 6:00pm ADT (Parlor) 6:00pm Handbells Rehearsal	3	4 9:00am MDO 1:00pm Staff Meeting	5 9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6 Andrew Falcon Anthony Haring Michael Landrum 9:00am MDO (Mother's Day Tea) 10:15am Ministry at Greatwood Retirement Center	7	8
9 *Mother's Day* Andy Pate Rachel Love 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:00pm ADT (Parlor) 6:00pm Youth-Book Review Night	10 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting	11 Bill Fulton Nancy Blackburn Coin 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting	12 Cameron Allison 9:00am MDO 10:15am Ministry at Richmond Healthcare Center 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Business Meeting* 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	13 Eddie Bartsch 9:00am MDO 10:30am Ministry at Cambridge Health & Rehab	14 Gina Landrum	15 Claire Clark Donna Pirie 5:00pm Sarah Moss' Wedding (George Ranch)
16 ASCENSION DAY 5:15pm Evangelism Committee Meeting 6:00pm ADT (Parlor) 6:00pm Youth-Service Night	17 Debbie Wleczyk Sandy Coughran	18 Mallory Barron Reba Nicosia 9:00am MDO 1:00pm Staff Meeting	19 JoAnn Wright 9:00am MDO 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	20 Zachary Longshore 9:00am MDO (Moonwalk in the Gym)	21 Dorothy Moore Linda Weber	22 Lori Massoth 10:00am Meals on WINGS (Kitchen)
23 Cameron Lewis John Manning PENTECOST SR. RECOGNITION DAY 6:00pm ADT (Parlor)	24	25 10:00am Staff Meeting	26 Joy Bartsch Kim Wolenski 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	27	28 Julia Russell Parker Raley	29 Jacob Montgomery
30 *LORD'S SUPPER* BGCT DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD MEMORIAL DAY 8:00am Family Ministry Committee Meeting 6:00pm ADT (Parlor) 6:00pm Youth-Parent Meeting	31 *Memorial Day* FBISD/LCISD Holiday OFFICE CLOSED Ryan Salch					

Sunday mornings:  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship\*  
\*Childcare Provided

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<b>Pastor:</b>	<b>John Lockhart</b>
<b>Interim Music Minister:</b>	<b>Jonathan Blackmon</b>
<b>Associate Pastor, Students &amp; Family:</b>	<b>Matt Higginbotham</b>
<b>Church Secretary &amp; Children's Ministry:</b>	<b>Sandy Bills</b>
<b>Ministry Assistant:</b>	<b>Linda Pate</b>
<b>Financial Secretary:</b>	<b>Thana Mitchell</b>
<b>MDO Director:</b>	<b>Ashley Kennedy</b>

**Prayer List**

**GRIEF**

Family and Friends of Margaret Stibling, Ashmore's friends  
Michele Boles and extended Family, death of Peggy Tindle  
Nora Matheny and Family, death of her brother, Brian McConnaughey, FL  
Joan Ashley and Family, death of Curley  
John and Donna Howard and Family, death of John's mother, Delores  
Hutch Dvorak and Family, death of his mother, Lola Schultz  
Juanita Joines and Family, death of James (J.T.)

**CELEBRATION**

Birth of Leighann Paige Owens, daughter of Michael and Courtney, sister of Savannah and Cheyanne, granddaughter of Aaron and Coleen Owens

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY PREPARATION**

Marriage of Sarah Moss & Stephen Clarke, May 15  
"Sam", a wanted child for one of our couples  
David & Bridget Robertson Weber, baby boy due July 15

**PRAYING AROUND THE WORLD FOR OUR WORLD**

Trans Ocean Oil Rig Families, MDO Family affected  
President Barack Obama  
Chris Windham, Iraq (a new father)  
Cpt. Peter Crispell, Sherri Pirie's nephew, USAF, South Pacific  
Roger Ferguson, Doug Thorpe's friend, Fluor Corp, Afghanistan  
Justin Nowak, deployed to Afghanistan  
Sean Hart, Rankin and Marilyn Hitt's grandson, Navy, San Diego  
Bubba Howard, John's nephew, USAF, VA  
Jamie Dvorak, Klayton Lowrey, Stateside

**TRANSITION**

Kevin & Christina Allison Family, moving to Austin in June

**MEMBERS**

Joan Ashley, Atrium ICU  
Sandy Coughran, recovering from knee replacement surgery, home  
Dot Moore, Triumph Healthcare  
Suzann Hugo, heart tests, biopsy negative!  
Annie Dee Pitts, recovering from shoulder surgery, home  
LaVerne Stephenson, recovering from fall  
Susan Stayshich, surgery successful! Home  
Linda Weber, thyroid problems, home  
Sandra Sedgwick, rheumatoid arthritis  
Ruth (Mrs. Ron) Smith, interstitial cystitis, no known cause or treatment  
Michele Boles, cancer, finished chemo, good report! Back to work May 10!  
Marylin Farmer, cancer, another series of chemo  
Mary Lou Walker, a season of rest!

**LONG TERM MEMBERS**

Lori and Suzanne Massoth  
Dee Dee Barr, COPD, home  
John Howard, MS  
Polly Carter, Mary K. White, Greatwood Retirement Center  
Ralph & Joyce Brunson, Anita Diebert, Martha Hay, Annette Schmidt, home  
Georgia Doggett, Austin  
Selma Meadows, Atria Senior Living  
Andy Pate, Richmond Healthcare Center  
Nita Rosett, Cambridge Health and Rehab

**FRIENDS**

Nancy Brown, transfusion, tests, OakBend  
Mary Jo Dvorak, recovering from knee surgery  
Ralph Longshore, Randy's father, recovering from quadruple by-pass, KY  
Hector Perches, MDO grandfather, spinal cord injury, complications  
Emily Pinter (3), MDO family, arthritis in one knee, tests, home  
Rhonda Owens, Kelsey McCarson's co-worker, upcoming surgery on arm  
Eddie Mayberry, Lila Thompson's sister, recovering from surgery, Katy  
Tanya Jackson, custody hearing rescheduled  
Audie Watson, Annie Pitts' sister-in-law, stroke, rehab, Jennings LA  
Koy & Laura Krause, Joey Lockhart's friends, 15 wks pregnant, stroke  
Dixie Cuba, Donna Howard's friend, recovering from surgery  
Lyla Kelly, Betty's 11-month old granddaughter, tuberous sclerosis, CA  
Sonia Salazar, Brenda White's friend, multiple injuries from car accident  
Dustin & Shelley Stringer, his mother's health; home, rehab  
Bob Patton, JoAnn Wright's brother, stroke, rehab, Kentucky  
Cotton Morgan, Pam Bland's father, recovering from back surgery, home  
Eleanor Ernest, Joyce Oberhoff's mother, recovering from fall  
Clarkson Family, Cara Longshore's family, transitions, AL  
Wayne Peveto, Coleen Owens' father, stroke, rehab, Beaumont  
Dylan James Brown, 1 yr old, Claire Clark's friend, coma, home  
Joy Carpenter, Fred and Nancy's adult daughter, chronic Lyme Disease

Kristian Sundqvist, Coughrans' son-in-law, dialysis, weakening  
Merle Hogan, Pattersons' friend, heart problems, GA  
Sonny Stibling, Ashmores' friend, health concerns, home  
James Martin, Ashmores' friend, rehab, improving slowly, home  
Matt Lukas, Tanna's son, diabetic foot problems; improving

**Cancer**

Sharon Sellers, Huseltons' friend, brain tumor, chemo  
Sue Schultz, Debbie Wleczyk's friend, cancer, treatment soon  
Jenna Meyer, Samantha Burns' friend, brain cancer  
Amy Boles, Michele's sister-in-law, breast cancer, chemo, then radiation, CA  
Sean McPartland, Janell Cormier's friend, radiation, M.D. Anderson  
Ray & Shirley Tipton, Earl & Mary's brother and sister-in-law, chemo for Ray, stage 4 stomach cancer, Spring, TX  
Allison Hendrikson, Suzann Hugo's friend, aggressive cancer, Dallas  
Carol Bland, Jerry Hall's co-worker, breast cancer, chemo  
Edna Huselton, Huseltons' sister-in-law, stage 4 colon cancer, chemo  
Christine Alaniz-Saenz, JoAnn Murray's cousin, stage 4 leukemia  
James Campbell, Bunky Ward's nephew, stage 4 prostate cancer  
Randy Miles, Bunky Ward's nephew  
Margie Allison, Kevin's grandmother, colon cancer, chemo  
Richard Hokett, Huseltons' friend, cancer, continuing chemo, TX Children's  
Louise Toney, Cindy Zwick's mother, recovering from surgery, Gautier, MS  
Bonnie Gordon, Vicki McCall's sister-in-law, brain tumor, chemo, radiation  
Luke Phillips, Balenas' friend in Austin, brain cancer surgery, seizures  
Margaret Constance, Ashmores' friend, chemo  
Diane Smiley, Ashmores' friend, cancer, hospice  
Cindy Elledge, J.R. Mitchell's cousin, chemo  
Debbie Hundt, Vicki McCall's friend, recurrence of breast cancer  
Kelly Collins, Janell Cormier's cousin, recurrence of breast cancer, chemo  
Bill Castillo, Karla Howell's friend, cancer, chemo  
Addison Marshall, Morgan Crawford's friend, leukemia, chemo  
Lindsey Kane, Suzann Hugo's friend, waiting for treatment  
Connie Stone, Suzann Hugo's friend, recurrence of cancer  
Lon Daniel, Dan Bishop's brother-in-law, lymphoma, good last few weeks!  
Don Landes, Rebekah Russell's friend, cancer, chemo focused on liver, AR  
Chibi James, Jason Huselton's friend, aggressive form of cancer, VA  
Phillip Bittle, Danes' son, ongoing chemo  
Martha Brennan, Sedgwicks' friend, chemo  
Paul Stephenson, Jim's brother, colon cancer  
Joan Shell, Huseltons' friend, pancreatic cancer, experimental chemo  
Melva Wright, Justine Huselton's cousin, bone cancer, chemo  
Adrienne Gros, Barrons' 5 yr. old great-nephew, Hodgkin's lymphoma  
Jack Kemper, Escobars' grandson, leukemia, chemo  
Cara McCraw, Longshores' friend, recurrence of breast cancer  
Van Wedegartner, Mikeskas' friend, new tumors in lungs, brain cancer  
Brad Edgington, Jason and Lefaye's son, celebrating Day 253 at home!  
Chuck Whitaker, Dave Huddle's friend, bone cancer, chemo

**LONG TERM FRIENDS**

Amelia Batson, Thana Mitchell's extended family, First Colony Nursing Ctr.  
Patricia Blackmon, Mrs. May, Richmond Healthcare Center  
Elizabeth Carlson, Ruth Smith's mother  
Ben Cordes, Aubrey Bills' teacher's father-in-law, ALS, hospice  
Andrew Davis (18), Bishops' friend, TIRR, A&M in Fall!  
Dakota Hanks, Denise Barron's former student, cystic fibrosis  
Nathaniel House, Teion Parker's brother, MS, injection treatments  
Greta Lyon, Barbara Vick's sister, inoperable brain tumor, Conway, AR  
Jackie Mikeska, Ruby Mikeska's daughter-in-law, home  
Trudy Peveto, Coleen Owen's mother, home, Mauriceville, TX  
Gloria Powell, Annie Pitts' sister-in-law, Alzheimer's  
Eileen Shoaf, Nancy Campbell's mother-in-law, assisted living, Katy  
Jim Wise, Pattersons' friend, Miller Fisher Syndrome