

Year-to-Date Financial Report

(As of April 24, 2011)
Year-To-Date Budget: \$481,775.41
Year-To-Date Receipts: \$450,640.44
Deficit: \$31,134.97
Building Fund YTD: \$346,334.84



Sunday, May 8, 2011

If you would like to participate in the Family/Baby Dedication on May 8th, please contact the church office and plan to attend a brief class on Wednesday, May 4th, 6:00 p.m., Room 115.

Bridge Builders May 12th

11:00 a.m.—Organ & Piano Concert by Bertie Ann Hardy and Gerri Murphy in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall

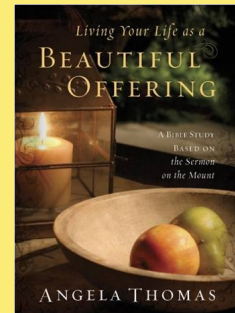
Cost for lunch is \$7.00

Call the church office by Tuesday, May 10th at Noon to make your reservation.

Living Your Life as a Beautiful Offering

Ladies' Bible Study
Beginning Wednesday, May 4th — 9 a.m. till 11 a.m.
And Thursday, May 5th — 6:30 p.m. till 8 p.m.
First Baptist Church Administration Building
Room 202

Contact Linda Trammell at 770.922.4356 or by e-mail at rockymount1349@aol.com for more information.



“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”
Deuteronomy 6: 4, 5

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The Informer

May 2011

“Making great the name of Jesus Christ in all the earth...”



Pastor Jason Dees

Mothers

I have often written about the importance of the father's role in teaching their children about the nature of God. Fathers shape the very fabric of their child's understanding of the idea of God the heavenly Father, but what about the mother? What do mothers teach their children about God? So for the purposes of this article I want to address mothers directly with the hope of reminding them of the important role that God has given to mothers.

So Mothers, by virtue of being a parent you have entered into the unique role of training up a child in the way that he or she should go. That is no small task as in this role you set the trajectory of your child's understanding of God. So what is it that you teach your child about God? First of all, God has given you an important role in actually teaching and speaking truth to your child.

While it was my Father who led our Family Devotionals and Family Worship, it was my mother who throughout the day instructed me about my Lord. I remember one time when I was probably four or five years old I had put together a collection of about 20 different rocks and I was proudly displaying them on the deck table behind our home. My mother came out to look at my collection, and I remember her admiring the rocks and calling me her little archeologist, but more importantly she took that moment to say, “Jason, do you know that God created all of the rocks?” “Yes Ma'am,” I replied, and then she said, “God is so creative isn't he?” It was a simple statement, but it was profound and it left an impact on an impressionable little boy. Throughout my childhood, my mother was always teaching me something about Jesus.

Secondly, mothers, you are a model of Godliness to your child in your marriages. Every day, by the way you treat your husband, you are teaching your daughters how to be a Godly wives, and you are teaching your sons what to look for in a wife. This modeling is very important but a biblical marriage even goes beyond this kind of demonstration. In Ephesians 5 verse 24 we read, “Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.” In this verse the apostle Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit, instructs wives that they are the models of the church. In other words mothers, in the way that you love, care for, and submit to your husbands as the leader of your household, you model for your child how the church submits to Christ. The first picture your child will have of devotion, faithfulness, and helpfulness will be from you and by watching, you he or she will begin to learn what it means to be a faithful follower of Christ.

Thirdly, there is something very powerful that you can teach your children about the care of God. When a child is sick, hungry, or in pain his or her first instinct is to call for mother. There is a kind of care that you mothers can give your child that your husband will never be able to. We know from scripture that we can cast our cares upon the Lord, because he care's for us, we know from scripture that God is our sustainer and comforter and I could go on. So mothers, you need to know that it will be difficult for your children to be weak and vulnerable and needy in front of their fathers. Children want to please their fathers, I remember when I was a child I wanted to show my dad how tough I was, and I don't think that is a bad thing. Little boys should want to be a man, little girls should want to be a woman, but parents rightly model the powerful and compassionate God together. Your role of motherly care will show something of the care of God to your children that their father will always struggle to show them. Mothers, you have an important task ahead of you, a task wherein your child's understanding of God hangs in the balance. Proceed with wisdom, humility, and with confidence knowing that it is the sovereign God of the universe that has called you to this important end. By God's grace you will be sustained.

Amen.

What's Going on at FBC?



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

As this Informer arrives, a Leadership Seminar is this **Sunday Night May 1st at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**. We will be learning and growing using the topic, **“Where Do I Fit, What is My Role and How does it Work?”** I believe all of us want to know how our roles in the Church affect reaching people. When you leave at 7:15p.m., I hope I have answered this question.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ROUND UP

This year's is a **Western Theme**. It is going to be a great deal of fun as always. We will have a **Bouncer, Giant Slide, Belly Bumpers, Gerbil Wheels and Pony Rides** for recreation. We are inviting **5 Missionaries** to speak to the children and then we make items the **missionary will use** on the field. The Bible Studies relate to **the Life of Christ**. The Preschoolers will do these same things as well as have a Music rotation. If you want to **get in on the fun, working at VBS**, give me a call and we will find the perfect place for you!



What a pleasure to serve with you.
Ralph Meaker
Minister of Education

Median/Mature Adult Ministry & Administration Update



Activities during May are:

Game Days at the Annex from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm on May 10 and May 24th.
Building Bridges Luncheon will be on Thursday, May 12th.

Emphasis during May is on Generations:

May 1st will be Mature Adult Sunday and we will be emphasizing Leaving a Legacy which will last for the next three generations.

Fall Celebration at Ridgecrest

Please sign up with Saba in the Church Office if you are interested in attending the Fall Celebration at Ridgecrest October 18th through October 21st. Go to www.ridgecrestconferencenter.org to learn more about the facility.

Thank you

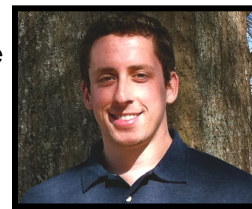
A special thank you to all of the volunteers who worked together to make the Egg Drop a successful ministry and outreach to the community. Thank you to the Gleaner Sunday School class for leading the way and crossing generational lines in sponsoring this event.

Charles H. Reynolds,
Minister to Median & Mature Adults/Church Administrator



Youth Update

We've got great stuff going on in our youth program! We've just launched our new title for Wednesday nights, LIFT! Each week at LIFT, students will enjoy great fellowship time, strange games, heartfelt worship, and deep discussions, all between 5:45pm and 7:15pm! Also, we are putting new energy into LifeLine, our Sunday Night Bible Study at 6pm. The idea behind LifeLine is that it can change. For some weeks, it will be deep Bible Study, breathing life into our students.



Other weeks, it will be missions projects that bring life to those in need. Right now, we are starting a study called "Do Hard Things!" In addition, we also offer amazing Sunday School classes at 9:45am and 11am.

Also, May 22 we will be honoring our graduates and their families during our 11am service. **Parents, please submit 5 photos of your student's life to Matt for a slideshow.** Families are invited to join us for a catered lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the service.

Finally, Sign-Ups for Summer Camp at Snowbird, our highly anticipated summer adventure, are now open. **We will be having an informational meeting about camp Wednesday May 4th at 7pm after LIFT.** Come and get all the info you need, as well as reserve a spot for you and/or your student!

In Christ,
Matt Funk

What's Going on at FBC?



First Baptist Academy

Well, we can not believe just how fast this year has gone! We all would like to thank each of you for praying for the school, the children, their families, and the FBA staff. In just a few short weeks, we will celebrate another promotion and graduation ceremony for our Pre-k and Kindergarten students. They have all had a tremendous year here at FBA!

As we wind down, well sort of..., we have a few final events we would love the church to be a part of. We have a Mothers Day hanging basket flower sale, Wednesday May 4th. Hanging baskets will be \$15 a basket and will come in vibrant colors and varieties. Scrip gift cards are also still available for use almost anywhere! You can order for graduations, weddings, birthdays, etc and cards will be in within the week for pick-up. Our fundraisers help the school purchase curriculums, classroom materials and take care of our teachers who love and serve the children and their families of the First Baptist Academy.

Again we thank you for all of your prayers and support you give us each and every day. As a mission of this church, our success has been in large part due to our church family and of course the Will of Our Father to make His name great in all that we strive to do.

Julie Harpe & Patty Cates

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 22nd, we will be recognizing our church's graduates, both high school and college. Please submit the names and schools of any college graduates to Matt Funk. For high school graduates, please submit 5 photos, school from which you are graduating, and future college plans to Matt also. High School graduates will also be asked to participate in a farewell video.

After the service, families are invited to attend a catered celebration meal in the Fellowship Hall. Families can bring up to 8 people for free, plus \$8 per each additional guest. Families, please RSVP to matt@fbctoday.com by May 15th.

Also, if High School graduates would like to apply for the **Croom Scholarship**, an application can be picked up in the church office and must be submitted by May 15th.



M2 MARRIAGE MINISTRY

Our May event has been rescheduled for **Friday, August 19, 2011**. Please put this date on your calendar and join us for our biggest Marriage Event yet!

DEACON NEWSLETTER

Be on the lookout for a new, informative newsletter being published by our Deacons at FBC. This quarterly publication will be made available in the church office and our church website: www.firstbaptistcovington.com



A Mother

When your Mother first held you in her arms, she fell madly in love with you! She is the one who changed your diaper, gave you your bottle, bathed and dressed you. She is the one who tended to you when you were sick, wishes she could have bore your pain, but unable to even share it with you. There is none like a Mother.

Not until we become adults, do we really begin to appreciate WHO Mother really is. She has nurtured you through your childhood, put up with your sassy ways and times of being lazy during your teenage years, and cried through your becoming an adult. But Mother was always there to encourage you when you made a mistake, although sometimes it's hard not to show disappointment.

Over the many years your Mother has been a cornerstone of your life and the comforter and messenger from God to deliver you through the hard times and praise your accomplishments. On May 8th take a special moment to remember all her wonderful attributes and cherish her all the days of the year.

“A Mother is... M - Messenger, relaying God's Word; **O** - Outpouring of genuine Love; **T** - Trusts in God; **H** - Heart set on things above; **E** - Earthly saint; **R** - Rescuer of the Wayward”