



The SENTRY

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Join your friends and the rest of the gang for VBS!

Come and join Sal, Mawtha, Radar, Olivia, Ray and the rest of the gang for an exciting Cave Quest adventure! There is **FREE LUNCH** each day after VBS concludes.

WHERE: First Baptist Church, 202 Summit Drive, Sanford

WHEN: July 25—29

TIME: 9:30 a.m. —12:30 p.m. (Lunch immediately following)

WHO: Kids who have completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade

QUESTIONS? Call 919-774-4220

For more information on VBS and to register online, go to:

<http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/firstbaptistsanford/gpgs/Home.aspx>

or

<http://www.firstbaptistsanford.com/>



FBC Connect this Sunday Evening!

Block Party July 24 at 6:00 p.m. The entire church family is invited to help others in the community! Plus you'll enjoy plenty of food, games and a bonfire! Sign up in the office, please!

Thank You!

Church Family-

Thank you so much for all of your hard work, support, and prayers for our mission trip to Kentucky. Because of our church's group effort, we were able to do some awesome things for our Lord. We cannot wait to share with you some of the things that God did, and allowed us to help with. Please come to the sharing service this Sunday so we can show you some pictures and tell you some of the best stories!

-Jacob

Volunteer Needed

There is an urgent need for a new driver for our "Meals on Wheels" program who can deliver meals from July to October (this year). Some who used to be able to drive meals to seniors are now unable to do so. Will you be the one to step up to the plate and help in their place? Call Helen Brown at 919-356-9464.



Reflections from the Pastor

This past week was filled with a number of moments that will stay with me for many days to come. It started with my trip to the forgotten town of “Maytown”, Kentucky. Forgotten by everyone it seems, except for John and Mary Liner, the directors of the Maytown Community Center located in Langley, Kentucky. A once thriving mountain and coal town, it is now a flood-ravaged, abandoned community. Abandoned not by those who must still call Maytown home, but abandoned by those whom long ago determined the risk was too great to care anymore. In the case of Maytown, even the church moved to higher ground—a mere mile away though it seems like a hundred miles.

The largest buildings in the area were left for dead following the latest flood. An old K-12 school building is slowly coming back to life as the center piece of the Community Center. Much remains to be done, but so much has already taken place. Thanks to the recent work of the First Baptist Church of Sanford’s mission team, one room now has a floor—progress! A gymnasium stands beside and serves as a much needed storage area. It still contains memorabilia from championship days of the past, as well as a large American flag that almost covers an entire side wall. The floor is buckled from water damage and failing timbers—another project for another day! Serving as a meeting place is the cafeteria. It is there that the community comes together daily for lunch. One meal provided for anyone who comes. And they come!

What struck me the most, however, were the people. If ever there were individuals who could be forgiven for losing hope—it would be Maytonians. Time and again however, I was met with a smile, a handshake, and much gratitude. They were hungry for engagement, for friendship, and for compassion. Those should come easy for Christ followers, shouldn’t they? I am so proud of our folk who made up the almost forty or so who journeyed to Maytown in an attempt to make a difference. You have succeeded! I am proud of a congregation that saw the need and continues to respond! In the end we all have been changed! How many more times do we need to go? I found my answer in the words of a homeless man from Nashville—Robert O.

Once again my back is against the wall.
 All I need is a hand.
 The problem is there is no help to be found in this land.
 No one with a smile or a grin.
 So I’m forced to look from within.
 I find I have very little left
 Between my trouble and regret.
 As I look for a place to lay,
 I pray another day like this is not soon met.

Blessings, Jeff



Family Life Center News

The Family Life Center will be closed this week to accommodate Vacation Bible School and Youth Summer Camp. Also in session: *Kids of the Kingdom*, *After School Care* and *Weekday Education* summer school. Pray for our children and youth that these special times will help them to grow spiritually. Pray for teachers and workers that this will be an exciting and creative learning experience for all.

Reminder: It’s not too early to think about bringing teacher’s supplies to the church for FBC Education Sunday! Every year we encourage local teachers by giving them school supplies for the new school year.



Worship at First Baptist July 24, 2016

8:45 a.m. & **MISSION TRIP REPORT**
11:00 a.m.



Preschool Memories

Cindy Valtin teaches the four-year-old class at First Baptist Preschool. When they graduate, each child in her class receives a beautiful hand-crafted book of memories as a graduation gift. The book cover and pages are carefully bound by Cindy herself with a special wire binding.

This year, sixteen children were enrolled in her class. With the help of her assistant, Amy Brafford, Cindy took pictures of special times that celebrated the seasons of the year such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, St. Patrick's Day, and Christmas. The memory book includes pictures of each child's first day of school, field trips to Gross Farms, visits from the Sanford Fire Department, dental friends, "Color Days" (when each child wears a certain color during the assigned day) and graduation day. Other special events include pictures from Dr. Seuss day, pajama day, ice cream party and Easter.

How long has Cindy been creating these books? "About ten years," she says. Surrounding the pictures on each page are Cindy's personal artwork.

The parents are very appreciative and such a book will keep memories of First Baptist Preschool alive.



Cindy Valtin displays Jack's preschool memory books while he looks at a fellow classmate's book.

Dates to Remember

- **Sunday, July 24 (FLC open by reservation only)**
 - 8:45 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel
 - 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 - 6:00 p.m. Block Party
 - Summer Youth Camp begins—Food Truck Rally
- **Monday, July 25 (FLC closed, open only for Youth)**
 - 7:30-5:30 p.m. Kids of the Kingdom* *Monday—Friday
 - 9:30-12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest
 - Summer Youth Camp activity: Durham Bulls Game
- **Tuesday, July 26 (FLC closed, open only for Youth)**
 - 9:00 a.m. WEC Summer School
 - 9:30-12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest
 - Summer Youth Camp activity, Groo
- **Wednesday, July 27 (FLC closed, open only for Youth)**
 - 9:30-12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest
 - 9:00 a.m. WEC Summer School
 - 10:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels
 - Summer Youth Camp activity, knockerball
- **Thursday, July 28 (FLC closed, open only for Youth)**
 - 9:00 a.m. WEC Summer School
 - 9:30-12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest
 - Summer Youth Camp activity, kayaking down the river
- **Friday, July 29 (FLC closed, open only for Youth)**
 - 9:30-12:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School: Cave Quest
 - Summer Youth Camp activity, pool party
- **Saturday, July 30 (FLC Closed)**

Thank You

Dear FBC family:

We would like to say "thank you" to all of you for all the things you have done for us. Your prayers, cards, calls, visits, shared memories, food and kind words have meant so much to us during the loss of our father (father-in-law) and in the continuous care of Elmyra. We will never forget the love we have felt from our church family during difficult times.

Love in Christ, *Kent and Miriam Gunter*

This week, *Kids of the Kingdom* enjoyed making melodies. Tamara Lewis, Director of Music at *Trinity Lutheran* and well-known music teacher in Sanford, taught the children how to literally make organ pipes sound. She gave the children a fun demonstration and a hands-on keyboard experience.





Hey Y'all!

Summer Camp kicks off this Sunday at 5:00! Come into the FLC around 5:00 so that you can see "Home Base." We will get settled in, eat supper with some food trucks and play some games. The rest of the week we will be working in the community, helping do VBS for our church and the Boys and Girls Club, doing some wild fun stuff, and ending each day by studying God's Word.

Bring an air mattress, a towel, and clothes for a wild week. The only charge for camp is a gift card to the grocery store (we are giving these to some people who could use them).



HOSPITAL

Duke: Julia Capps
Parkview: Magalene Benedict, Elmyra Jarman
Westfield: Eugenia Thompson, Jeannette Whiteman

NURSERY

July 24 workers: Betty Thompson, Vicki Thompson, Greg and Laura Spivey
Nursery Security Usher (Early): Mike Setzer
Early Service Ushers: Ty Graning, Bill Cline

AT A GLANCE

July 17, 2016

Weekly Budget Requirement.....	18,942.31
Budget Received.....	14,081.32
Building/Capital Improvement.....	25.00
Other.....	2,030.00
TOTAL.....	16,136.32

CHEERFUL OPPORTUNITY



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