

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK DR. JIM COOLEY

ORDINATION TO MINISTRY

We are so blessed by the ministry of Nathan Lyon. He leads our youth, serves as pianist, and touches our church family in so many ways. It was a pleasure to extend a call to full time ministry to Nathan following his graduation this past May. Through the summer, Nathan has been involved in preparing for Ordination into the ministry in a number of ways, including interviewing effective leaders, participating in a staff study group, and having conversations with those whose opinions he trusts and depends upon. This month, we will follow through with his ordination. I am asking all ordained men of the church to gather at 3:00pm for an ordination council on Sunday, September 18. Following the successful completion of the council, we are planning an Ordination Service for Nathan during the morning service on September 25. Pray for Nathan as he takes this very special step in his service to Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP...

...will be a constant theme in the coming year. I am preparing material to recruit a group of equippers who can help us with a small group discipleship ministry in 2017. My plan is that this ministry be built around walking in the Word and sharing faith together with a handful of fellow believers.

We are also instituting a Leadership Bible Study for our Deacons beginning in the month of September. At 5:00pm on the third Sunday of each month following the Deacon's Meeting, I will be leading all of our ordained deacons in a Bible Study that will help all of us to become more effective spiritual leaders at First Baptist. On those Sundays, Dr. Rich Hutchens will lead the evening worship service.

Beginning on September 25, I am going to be leading a very special study during our Evening Worship hour. We will be walking through *The Journey – Living by Faith in an Uncertain World*. I have prepared this study based on the book by Dr. Billy Graham. I have never found a greater resource for building your life on the Rock than this book. In these days, it is vital that Christian believers know who they are and Whose they are. This year-long study will equip you to live confidently with your eyes on Jesus. Make your plans to make Sunday evenings a priority in your schedule.

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MENU

September 7*

Baked Chicken Alfredo
with Green Beans, Garlic
Bread, Salad Bar, & Dessert

September 14*

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches
with Chicken Noodle Soup,
Crackers, Salad Bar, & Dessert

September 21*

Taco Bar with Angela's
Homemade Desserts

September 28*

BBQ Sandwiches with Slaw,
Baked Beans, Homemade Buns,
Chips, Salad Bar, & Desserts

*Chicken Fingers
Available for Kids

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday

8:45am Library Open
9:00am Sunday School
10:15am Morning Worship Service
4:00pm Handbell Choir - 164
4:30pm Library Open
5:00pm The Gathering - 168
5:00pm Children's Outreach - G02

Wednesday

10:30am Library Open
11:00am Prayer Service & Lunch - FH
4:30pm Library Open
5:00pm Family Supper - FH
6:00pm Prayer Service - FH
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal - 168
6:00pm Children's Ministry - G02
6:00pm Student Ministry - 271

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SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

September 4	Deacon Nominations Begin	Fellowship Hall	11:30am
September 4	Labor Day Weekend Cookout		
September 4	No Evening Service or Activities		
September 5	Labor Day - Church Office Closed		
September 11	Nauvoo Paper Drive Begins	Outside Room 152	
September 11	College Day Lunch	Room 152	11:30am
September 11	Children's Fire Station Outreach		5:00pm
September 12	Finance Committee Meeting	Room 152	6:00pm
September 13	WMU General Meeting	Fellowship Hall	10:30am
September 15	Connections Ministry Lunch Bunch	Wintzell's Oyster House	11:00am
September 18	Nauvoo Paper Drive Ends	Outside Room 152	
September 18	Ordination Council	Room 175	3:00pm
September 18	Personnel Committee Meeting	Conference Room	6:00pm
September 25	Sunday School Appreciation Lunch	Fellowship Hall	11:30am
September 27	WMU Bible Study	Room G02	10:30am
September 30	Deacon Nominations End		



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YOUTH NATHAN LYON

What a great job the youth did this summer! It was full of service, spiritual growth, fun, and learning. From Birmingham, to Little Rock, even all the way out to San Antonio, our church and youth group had the opportunity to minister in so many ways.

Fall will bring many more occasions for growth and maturity. It began with the Back-to-School Retreat at the end of August. The youth spent the weekend focusing on God's call and purpose for their lives, realizing the witness and impact they have on others, and better understanding what that looks like as they head back for another school year.

The 2nd Youth Choir Kick-off will take place at FBC Montgomery on the 25th, and I'm excited to let the church know that we will have the opportunity to go on our 2nd choir tour to Chicago, Illinois, this coming summer.

Also, what a great job Mary Ashford Hyde did in sharing with the church about her summer mission trip to the Dominican Republic. We are proud of you. Lastly, be sure and wish Jake Viator and Jack Craddock a happy birthday.



CONNECTIONS MINISTRY (60+)

Third Thursday Lunch Bunch
September 15, 11:00am

After a summer break, the senior lunch bunch is back! This month we will be taking a trip to enjoy a delicious seafood lunch at Wintzell's Oyster House in Fultondale. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the front office, so that we will know how many to plan for. The cost of the lunch will be \$10-\$15. Come be a part of a great time of food and fellowship! Meet at the church at 11:00am.

NOTES ON MINISTRY DR. JOE HOPKINS

Dear Church,

With the expectation of fall comes a fresh start for music and worship activities at FBC. Worship Choir rehearsals resume, we welcome back many of our orchestra members, and we begin the season for ensembles and children's choirs.

I invite you to consider joining our choir or one of our ensembles. This will be a great fall of music as we prepare for weekly services and special projects, such as Handel's Messiah this Christmas.

Thanks for all you do to give strength to our music. We appreciate your encouragement and supportive words each week and look forward to every Sunday with anticipation.

In Christ,
Joe

WMU

General Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 10:30am - FH
Lunch to Follow

In the upcoming WMU General Meeting, Dr. Hutchens will continue his presentation on Islam, and will focus on the ideas of Honor and Shame. Unlike US culture- which has a Guilt and Innocence worldview - most Arab cultures are much more sensitive to how they are perceived by others. The greatest good is to be honored; the worst fear is to be shamed. All are invited.

Bible Study

Tuesday, September 27, 10:30am - G02
Lunch to Follow

"If you REMAIN in me and my words REMAIN in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7

The writer lists 4 REMAINING habits:

1. Take Truth from the Word.
2. Tell God (pray without ceasing).
3. Trust the Holy Spirit.
4. Travel the Way of Love.

Come and learn how REMAINING keeps us "ready to love speak, give, do, and go."

A WORD FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR DR. RICH HUTCHENS



This month we have a wonderful opportunity to do something very Biblical! What we'll be doing is to celebrate the contributions of those who fill the ranks of our Bible Study program: our Sunday School Teachers. Paul commands us to "honor those who labor among you" and to "consider worthy of double honor those who labor teaching" (I Thess. 5:12, 1 Tim. 5:17). Anyone who has taught Sunday School knows the hours of preparation it involves, the requirement to be here on time (and even before time!) every Sunday, to prepare not only themselves but the classroom as well. So often we who sit in the classes, who are blessed by such dedicated and competent teachers, can take for granted the blessing having this body of called and

committed teachers! You may want to take a moment during this month to share a word of encouragement with your Sunday School teacher. As a church, we will be hosting a banquet to honor our teachers following the service on Sunday, September 25, but the most effective way for you and I to really honor the ones who invest the time and prayer in the study of God's Word is to be there, on time, every Sunday morning. If you ask any Sunday School teacher, I'm sure they'll tell you that your presence is the most encouraging gift you could give them! See you Sunday (9:00am)!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY GLORIA WHITLOCK

What a wonderful month we have had. We have made several Sunday night trips. We took Anna Kate to McDonald's to say goodbye as she was going back to Peru and had a marvelous time. Then we went to see the firemen at the Station in Homewood and took them some goodies. They were so nice to us and thanked the children for bringing them goodies. They were going to post the group picture on their web page. Our cameras messed up when we went to see Eddie and Doris Nabors to share in their loss of Eddie's sister. Doris had baked cookies for us, and we had a delightful time. Then, of course, Samuel Owen, Juana Snow, and Brooklyn Love were promoted and received their new Bibles. Afterward, we had lunch and the rest of the elementary children also received the same Bibles. Some of our adult Sunday School classes have adopted our elementary Sunday School children to pray for them all throughout the school year. They were so excited - Anna Lane thought she was going into a new class when we took her to her adult class. We have such fun in the children's ministry, and if you would like to be involved, just contact us, and you will enjoy the activities coming up in September. We will keep you abreast of what is happening.

