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Join us this weekend



Church Picnic

The entire congregation is invited to attend an all church picnic this Sunday, July 11. Bring your swimsuit for a dip in Sunset

Lake at the cottage of Red and Carol Paisley beginning at 3:00 p.m. Call Mike or Janis Hawkins for easy directions. Please no children under 12 without a parent to help supervise!

A potluck meal will begin at 5:30. Even if you don't swim, you can bet the breeze off the lake will cool you down while you relax with your church family. Don't miss the fun or the food!

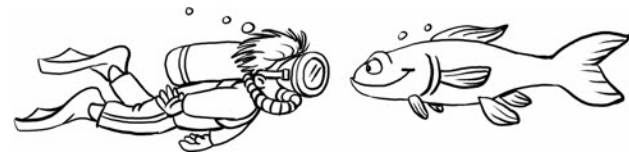
Pool Party kicks off VBS

All VBS students are invited to attend a FREE pool party on Saturday, July 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Virden Swimming Pool.

There will be hot dogs, chips, and a drink for all children in attendance. Thanks in advance to Cole Langley for volunteering to cook the hot dogs! Each participating church is asked to bring two bags of chips and two packages of cookies.

This is the best opportunity we have to make sure all children are pre-registered for VBS which begins the next evening at 6 PM. There's nothing better on a hot summer evening than a hot dog and a cool dip in the water!

See you there!







Vacation Bible School begins soon!



Virden Community Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 18 through Thursday, July 22. Each evening we will open at the United Methodist Church at 6:00 p.m. After the opening we will break into age specific groups and walk to the different area churches. Pre-K stays at the Methodist, Kindergarten will walk two blocks west to the Brethren Church, grades 1-2 will meet at the Presbyterian, grades 3-4 at the Christian Church, and our church will host the 5th and 6th graders. Class grade is based on grade completed. The closing each evening will be back at the Methodist church before dismissal at 8:30 p.m. This year children will experience a treasure hunt of biblical proportions!

SeaQuest: Diving for God's Treasure encourages students to dive into God's Word and find valuable treasure for their lives. God loves us so much that He sent to earth His greatest treasure—Jesus. Each night the songs, games, crafts, and sometimes even snacks—help reinforce each night's lesson. Students will search the scriptures for stories of Hidden Treasure with a buried treasure and a priceless pearl; Lost Treasure with a sheep and a coin; Real Treasure with two sons and a father's love; Wise Treasure—a life built on a solid rock; and of course Eternal Treasure with a life that puts God first! Each student will be challenged to treasure God and God's Word and to respond to God in love and obedience.

Please let Debbie Kershaw know soon how you would be willing to help at VBS. Even if you don't lead an activity like teaching or crafts—an extra hand is always needed in those areas. You may never know how your help can make a difference in the life of a child. Discover your own hidden treasure—volunteer for VBS!

July						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Lance Hickey Roger & Gloria Smith	2	3
	5 Dale & Betty Mullen	6	7 Supper & Kid's Club 6 PM Business Mtg 7 PM	8	9	10
11 All Church Picnic at the Paisley Cottage 3:00 Eat at 5:30 Red Paisley	12	13	14 No Kid's Club or Bible Study Audrey Price	15	16 	17 VBS Pool Party 6 PM
18	← Virden Community Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 PM →			22	23	24
Food Pantry Sunday Linda Gerson			21 Don & Audrey Price Sharon Crawford Travis Kershaw Trevor Kershaw			
25 VBS Closing Worship in the Park 10 AM	26	27	28 No Kid's Club or Bible Study	29	30 	31 Back to School Event at the KC Hall 10 AM-2 PM

Vacation Bible School Worship in the Park

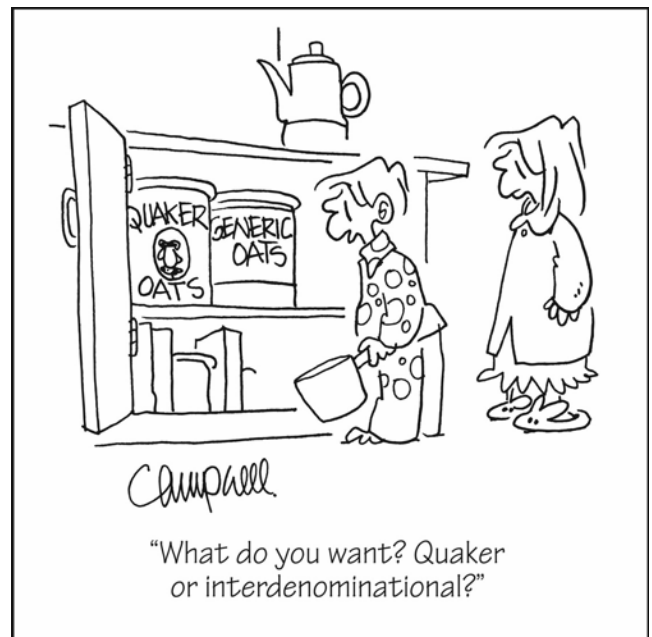
Bring your lawn chair and dress cool on Sunday morning July 25th for our VBS closing program and "Worship in the Park".

This is a chance for all the youth to show off what they've learned at VBS the week before! Bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on the grass and enjoy the program.

The Prairie Temple Assembly of God puppet team will perform as will all the children. It's a fantastic way to end the week.


In the event of rain, the service will be moved to the Christian Church.

Come discover the treasures your children have found in God's word!



August

2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sunday	2 Macie Brown	3	4 Supper & Kid's Club 6 PM Bible 6:45	5	6	7
8 Lonnie & Sharon Crawford	9 Kim Daniel	10	11 No Kid's Club or Bible Study	12	13	14 Steve Kershaw
15  Food Pantry Sunday Tim Snodgrass	16 Ray & Libby Klocke	17 SCHOOL BEGINS Della Phillips Drew Hawkins	18 Supper & Kid's Club 6 PM Bible 6:45 Richard Weerts	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 No Kid's Club or Bible Study Alex Walters	26 Tracy Lewis	27 Libby Klocke	28
29	30	31 Carroll Morony				

Please support our community, donate school supplies to be given away July 31

#2 Pencils

Mechanical Pencils

Pens red, black & blue

2 pocket folders (no metal prongs)

4oz. Glue bottles

Large glue sticks

Expo dry erase markers

Highlighters

24 pack Crayola crayons

Spiral notebooks wide & college ruled

Loose notebook paper (college & wide)

Erasers (pencil top and block)

Pencil pouches and boxes

1" 3 ring binders

Construction paper pack

8 pack primary color Crayola markers

Watercolor paints

Fiskars pointed scissors

Clear rulers with standard and metric

Kleenex hand sanitizer

Clorox wipes Ziploc quart & gallon bags

Baby wipes 8 pack 5 tab dividers

BACKPACKS

What's your opinion?

Pastor Phillips recently presented a sermon entitled *The Wisdom of the Wall*. In that sermon he dealt with the "wall of separation" between church and state. It contained a lot of information, quotes and other detail that made it a challenge to hear and digest. Several copies of the complete sermon are on the back table, available for anyone who would like to have a second "listen" for a more complete understanding of a very important and timely subject.

Pastor Jerry invites you to carefully consider the subject and the views he presented. If you have any questions regarding the material he invites you to stop in and discuss that or any other matters with him. He is in the church office every week on both Wednesday and Thursday.



Carter Dibler was a first time camper this year. He attended Lake Springfield Camp back in early June.

Jason Turner leaves for camp on Sunday July 11 for five fun filled days. Alex Walters, and Zach LeMarr will be attending camp together on July 25-31. And, Brianna Walters is excited about her first overnight camping experience as she attends Lake Springfield from August 1-4!

It is through the generous support of the members of First Baptist that these youth get to share in the worship and fun of summer church camp. Area II also supplied scholarships to most of these campers fees. Please pray that they all have a great time at camp as they grow in Christ through this special ministry.

Something to think about ...and commit to!

At the July business meeting, Pastor Jerry brought up the subject of a "task force" of sorts to help form, cultivate, and grow a young adult ministry here at First Baptist.

This would not be just the forming of a class and an occasional invitation—but a full blown commitment to such a ministry.

It was voted to begin work on this now—before the pulpit committee reaches the stage of interviewing prospective candidates—for two reasons:

1. The church takes "ownership" of the success or failure of the ministry.
2. The pulpit committee has more guidance in their selection process—allowing them to communicate to a prospective candidate what role that person might play in this fledgling ministry and its importance to the future of First Baptist.

Pastor Phillips will help direct our steps, but ultimately—it is each individual's decision as to what part he or she will play in its success. Please pray.

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV) and write the Bible verse on the dashes.

JOHN 6:35

WORD LIST

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WHAT WAS HE THINKING?

One Great Hour of Sharing, 2010

Disciple Peter, after Jesus' resurrection, was not sure what to do with his life. (Jn 21:1-17) So, he decided to go back to being a fisherman. After 3+ years following Jesus, learning what Jesus was all about, he took six other disciples with him and went back to his boats and nets. What was he thinking? He certainly didn't expect the result they got; they fished all night and caught nothing! At that point Peter was probably the most miserable man in Galilee. He had now failed at two things; being a faithful disciple of Jesus, **AND** being a successful fisherman.

Jesus, in a most loving way, reached out to Peter at that breakfast meeting on the shore. His first question to Peter, however, was brutal; *"do you truly love me more than these?"* Peter's response was, *"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."* Two more times Jesus asked basically the same question and each time Peter tried to affirm his love. **Jesus responses to Peter were very clear; "Feed my sheep," "Feed my lambs," "Take care of my sheep."**

We may never know what Peter was thinking, but it appears that he wanted to do something other than be a servant to people Jesus loved. He wanted to take care of Peter and forget the rest of the world Jesus had taught him about. The sick, the crippled, the poor, the disenfranchised, "the sheep without a shepherd," these were no concern to Peter—until that fateful breakfast. But, we must not forget that we, as disciples, also have an assignment—"Feed my sheep."

One Great Hour of Sharing this year has as it's theme: *"Do you love me? Feed my sheep."* The offering that's part of this emphasis will be used to provide resources to our American Baptist ministries of disaster relief, refugee aid and community development.

- **Emergency relief** available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for urgent or acute needs brought about by disasters of natural or human origin. *(This includes Haiti for victims of the earthquake and the Gulf Coast where hurricanes left untold devastation.)*
- **Development projects** focused on meeting chronic human need by enabling individuals and groups to establish or maintain a more adequate quality of life. *(This can include helping people secure clean drinking water, or provide small loans for starting micro-businesses to help support families.)*
- **Refugee ministries** focused on holistic ministry to immigrants, refugees, and migrants in detention facilities and refugee camps in the U.S. and elsewhere. *(This includes helping the displaced people of Darfur, Sudan, prevent disease and provide clean water in the face of continuing violence in the region.)*

Hunger, disease and poverty do horrendous things to people who are, to us, out of sight and out of mind. We, like Peter, sometimes need a wake-up call to become aware of those whom Jesus loves and we must understand that if we love Jesus we will want to love those he loves.

We will be receiving the OGHS offering during the next few weeks. We who have so much are being asked to give sacrificially at this time to help some who have so little...or nothing.

Sounds fishy

Seen on a church signboard in northern Minnesota one summer: "Sure you can worship God with a fishing pole in your hand, but when was the last time a walleye told you, 'Your sins are forgiven?'"

Vacation Bible School – July 18-22

Please invite a child you care about to attend. It doesn't matter what church they attend or even if they don't attend at all—what is important is that YOU help them to discover God's treasure!

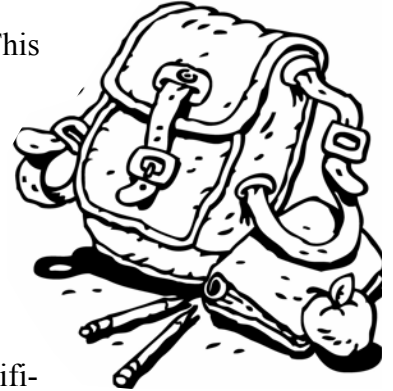


BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

The Virden Community churches are participating in a Back to School event. This year the KC Hall has been secured as the site for the event. It will be held on Saturday, July 31st from 10 AM to 2 PM. There will be school supplies, free hair cuts, and new and gently used children's clothing and shoes. Each church is asked to supply a different type of school supply. The members of First Baptist Church are asked to specifically collect 8 Pack of colored markers, highlighters, Dry Erase Markers, and bottles of glue. Of course if you see a great buy on ANY school supplies—please feel free to pick up whatever bargains you wish! A full list of supplies is available on page 3.

You can drop the items off at Pitman Hall anytime, but other churches will specifically be bringing in their items on July 28 and 29 from 10 AM - 3 PM. If you can help with the event on Saturday the 31st, please see Debbie Kershaw. Volunteers will be needed to haul the items to the KC Hall, as well as volunteers to accompany each child as they fill their own book bag with items specific to their class grade.

With the school consolidation, there are a lot of variables as to how many families will be seeking help this year. But with the economy as an indicator, it is certain the need will be great. Plan now to help in any way you can!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



SeaQuest

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