

Congratulations

Curt & Samantha Cilio along with siblings, Jackson & Campbell, announce the arrival of Chandler Leigh born on July 31, 2009.

Jason & Nicole Hill along with siblings, Cole & Hanna, announce the arrival of Jack Michael born on August 6, 2009.

Dustin & Julie Swann along with siblings, Haley & Austin, announce the arrival of Jack Tyler born on August 7, 2009.

Proud Grandparents are Jack & Yvonne Hodges.

Our Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy to:

Jerrel Chapman in the death of his mother, Thelma Chapman

Susan Thomann in the death of her mother

Scott Nelson in the death of his father

Sue McAlexander in the death of her mother

Jami Gainey in the death of her father

Don Moore in the death of his mother

New Members

Shelby Bruning (Baptism)

Sam Knight (Baptism)

Gene & Cheryl & Kelli Thompson (Letter)

Brooklyn Reynolds (Baptism)

Carolyn Dreyer (Letter)

Garrett & Emma Mowery (Baptism)

September 2009



**Thank You, Volunteers,
for Going From "Me" to "We"**

I would like to say thanks from the bottom of my heart to all our volunteers that help out in our preschool ministry. We have a total of 82 preschool teachers during the 8:10 and 9:30 Sunday School hours and 56% of our teachers have older children, grown children or are grandparents. 80% of those teach each Sunday. We are very blessed at First Baptist to have so many different age groups involved in teaching and caring for our preschoolers. The kiddos we teach may be young, but they have big hearts that are tender for our Lord. We are thrilled to have so many wonderful teachers passionate to teach these tender hearts! It is my blessing to help and equip you, our treasured teachers, with whatever you need to feed our little lambs.

Shelley Brown
Preschool Minister

Thanks from the Launching Pad! What a great team of men and women we have serving God and inspiring our children to grow in their walk with Him. With smiling faces and full rooms we welcome the new year and anticipate what God will do in these young hearts and in the hearts of the volunteers. Thank you for your endless energy, hours of preparation and your willingness to teach. It is my privilege and blessing to serve with you and for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Alexia Rimmer
Children's Minister

Wednesday Night Schedule
Preschool, Children & Youth
Enrollment: Wednesday, September 9

5:00 - 6:30 pm
 First Family Meal Served

5:00 pm
 Children's Praise Ringers
Enrollment: September 16

5:30 pm
 Preschool & Children's Choirs

6:00 pm
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6:30 pm
 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's

7:00 pm
 Journey
 (7th-12th grade)

FINAL CALL, MEN . . .

It is my expectation and hope, guys, that you will get this edition of our newsletter before our “Leading the Charge” men’s conference with Steve Farrar. If so, let me encourage you one more time to be a part of it. Saturday, September 12, at 9:00 am we will gather to learn how to be better husbands, men, and Christian leaders. All of us need all of those things. You will spend more on one round of golf than the conference costs, and it will “improve your game” more than you can put on a score card! Don’t miss it!

BACK IN THE SADDLE . . .

Now that school has started back most of us are back in the saddle again. I, like you, always enjoy the summers and some time off, but I honestly miss the routine of the norm—whatever that is.

I hope that you will immediately get back into the swing of habitually being a part of Bible Study and worship. A lot of times during the summer we sort of get out of the habit, and it takes a few weeks to get back in the saddle. Make sure you do—for your family and for yourself. God makes it clear in Hebrews 10:24, “Don’t neglect the assembling together of yourselves, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another . . .” Did you notice? Either way becomes a habit. Make sure the habit you develop in your home and family is to make it a priority to gather with God’s people for encouragement. You teach your children all kinds of other good habits, make sure they learn this one as well.

SORRY TO BEAT THE SAME OLD DRUM . . .

but you may have noticed that the 10:50 worship is getting very full again. There is only one way to make more room in that service—for some of you to go to either the 8:10 or the 9:30 worship service. Sorry, we have no other alternatives. Some of you can and should do that—your kids are grown or not yet in the youth group. Please consider if God might not want you to be willing to make that change in order for others to be able to be a part of the First Family.

EVERYTHING IS BACK UP AND RUNNING . . .

for the fall—hope you are! See you here—back in the saddle and ready to ride!

Steve Swafford

Men’s Ministry Conference

Make plans to attend the “Men Leading the Charge” Conference featuring Dr. Steve Farrar on Saturday, September 12. This life changing conference comes alive with an explosion of leadership strategies and topics for the man leading his life and family in today’s culture. For more information go to www.rockwallmensministry.org.

Better Marriages Group

Better Marriage Group will begin a new series with 6 sessions on “Fireproofing Your Marriage” on Friday, September 18. The movie “Fireproof” will be shown in Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Popcorn will be served. Better Marriages Group meets the 3rd Friday of each month with a potluck meal and then discussion. Childcare is available with a reservation. Call the church office at 972.771.8459 to make a childcare reservation. Contact Jim or Lana Wheatley at jlwheatley@classicnet.net for more information.

Women’s Fall Bible Studies

Registration continues for all the Women’s Bible studies online at www.oneheartfbc.org or at the table in the office hallway. There are multiple studies being offered at several different times to fit in with your schedule. Wednesday morning studies begin at 9:00 am with a brief time of praise and worship. Childcare is available for a one time minimal cost of \$10.00 per family.

Venture Singles (55+)

The Venture Singles will be going to opening day of the State Fair of Texas on Friday, September 25. Meet at the church at 5:30 pm to travel to the State Fair on church vehicles. For more information contact Jesse in the church office.

A Day to Remember, January 18, 2010 Attention Senior Adults: Buy your ticket now to attend this annual event celebrated at FBC Lancaster. Cost is \$30 (which includes the event, lunch, & transportation by charter bus) and on sale in the church or music office. If interested in singing in the combined choir, join the First Family Singers on Tuesdays at 10:00 am for rehearsals.

JOY (55+)

Monday, September 21 - JOY Lunch with mystery entertainer. This actor was born in 1932 as the second child of an American family who resided in a wealthy district of London. The child’s father was an art dealer and the child’s mother was an actress. Come hear the rest of the story.

October 12-14 - JOY Fall Trip to Ft. Smith and Fayetteville, Arkansas. Join us as we enjoy museums, shopping, crafts, and scenic drives. Cost is \$115 per person (2 per room) plus meals and admissions. Travel will be on church vehicles. Limited number of reservations are available so reserve your spot today. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 25. Reservations cannot be taken without payment.

Flu Shots

Helping Hands Clinic will once again offer flu shots to the First Family. Shots will be available Sunday, October 11, before and after all 3 services in the foyer of the Worship Center. Shots are \$20.00 or free with a Medicare card.

RA’s

RA’s will start again on September 9 at 6:30 pm. All 1st-6th grade boys are invited to join us for mission studies, service projects, and fun. We are also looking for leaders who would like to help train our future leaders. For more information contact jimmy@rockwallras.org.

First Family Report

<u>Date</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Stewardship</u>	<u>ETV</u>
July 26	1,127	\$64,865.09	\$3,248.00
August 2	1,158	\$73,318.54	\$5,637.30
August 9	1,098	\$56,332.91	\$5,965.25
August 16	1,185	\$69,707.03	\$5,829.00
YTD required		\$2,079,759.00	
YTD received		\$2,173,417.81	



In July ten of our high school students had an opportunity to travel to Quito, Ecuador to assist in a church plant. Our students teamed with native Ecuadorians as they went into neighborhoods and shared the gospel. For some this was the very first time they had ever given their testimony. God worked in the lives of all who shared and heard. For the students, it got them out of their comfort zone and provided them with a way to share their faith. I think they are confident and ready to tackle the mission field here in Rockwall.

by: Tracy Lewis, Student Ministry Associate