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Names listed are celebrating birthdays!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Keith Sitzler, Bridget Willhite	2 Vancouver Mission Team Leaves Sabrina Childress, Samantha Childress
8 Ecuador Vision Team Returns Shirley Wilson, Carrie Grimes, Becky Reyes	4	5 Ladies Prayer Team Alice Turner, Casey Ridley	6 Church Family Dinners Begin Again Ann Davis	7 Ken Allen, Cynthia Norris, Christy Roberts	8 Brenda Malone, Patty Grisham, Bill Thompson, Dorinda Kries	9 Vancouver Mission Team Returns Mike Farmer, Jean Wilson, Summer Hooper, Stephanie Turner, Christopher Merriman, Taylor Beth Huff
10 Lord's Supper Observance, Update from Miracle Lake Ross Bohannon, Rhonda Gray, Charlie Byers	11 Youth Helping at Lakeside VBS, Monthly Meetings Rodney Blevins, Will Watkins	12 Youth Helping at Lakeside VBS, Women on Mission Donna Stephens	18 Youth Helping at Lakeside VBS Vickie Burke, Gracie Kratzer	14 Youth Helping at Lakeside VBS, International Friends Club	15 Youth Helping at Lakeside VBS Kirby Sweatt II, Marie Wright, Will Grimmitt, Loren Whidby	16 David Wilkey
17 William Vicars, Jennifer Collins, Madelyn McDonald	18 Rhonda Leamon, Molly-Bea Grimmatt	19 Sr Adult Luncheon Eddie Watson, Ryan Holland	20 Horace Dunn, Faye Torbett	21	22 Danny Housley, Anna McPhail, Jeffery Leinweber	23 Youth Missions Camp
24 Discover First Baptist, Youth Missions Camp Don Melton, Karen Ellis, Mike Saunders, Brittany Feeser, Ann Sahlberg	25 Youth Missions Camp Ron Ford, Sherri Kennedy, Kyla Saunders, Ansley Byers	26 Youth Missions Camp Chris Vincent	27 Youth Missions Camp	28 Youth Missions Camp Scott Leamon, Andrew Tilley, Lauren Peterson	29 Youth Missions Camp Lance Wilkey	30 Youth Missions Camp
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“One | Together”

July has always been one of my favorite months of the year, for so many reasons. You kick off the beginning of the month with Independence Day, usually have a family vacation thrown somewhere in there, and the heat often times drives you to relax by the pool or the beach, which is always a positive. However, the older I get the more opportunities I see for the month of July. The summer is a time when people's schedules are full hosing parties, enjoying friends and family, and taking trips. For our Student Ministry here at FBCA, summer is always a high intensity time that seems to jumpstart the rest of our year. Summer is a time when we are able to kick back, have some fun, but also remove some distractions that seem to hinder our walk with the Lord. Summer has traditionally been a time where the Student Ministry has taken trips. This year we are taking a trip to West Palm Beach to serve with a ministry called Student Life. There are three big reasons I love trips like these... *continued inside*

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First of all, it is an opportunity for students to get to know one another in a totally different context. I know that often times it is easy for me to get into a routine. I go to church and talk to the same people, generally. I spend time with the same friends, and go to the same places week in and week out. We love routine, and routines are a good thing, but trips like this one push students beyond their comfort zone to seek unity in places they may not have formerly found it.

Second, it is an opportunity for us to spend time in God’s Word undistracted from the routine of everyday life. At Student Life camp, we will spend time in God’s word at least 3 times every day. I do not think there is anything more valuable than undisrupted time spent in God’s Word, but often times we don’t get that. We are so easily distracted by our phones, other relationships, or a number of other things so that we do not give to God the things he desires. This trip is a great opportunity to drink deeply from the well that is God’s Word.

Finally, God speaks with lasting impact on trips like this. I have seen students come to believe the gospel for the first time on trips like this. I have seen students with a broken and contrite heart weep before a holy God because of their sin, and trust that Christ’s sacrifice is sufficient for them. These are times that we cannot take for granted, and times that shape the spiritual landscape of our student’s lives.

As of right now, myself and 26 other individuals will be making the journey to the beach at the end of July. Will you pray along with me that the truth of God’s Word will be displayed in all of its glory before us, that we might be changed to be more like Jesus Christ? It is my hope and my prayer that this trip will influence this students for far longer than 7 days, but that the impact might last a lifetime, as a time when they remembered God moved in their life and called them to live a life worthy of the gospel to which they’ve been called.

Drew Byers Pastor of Youth

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Youth at Lakeside VBS On July 11-15, 2016 our youth will be helping with Vacation Bible School at one of our sister congregations, Lakeside Baptist Church in Ten Mile, TN. The youth need to meet each night at the church at 5:15PM to load up in the van and then will return at 9PM. For more information, please connect with our Pastor of Youth, Drew Byers [drew@fbccathens.com].



Women on Mission (WOM) WOM is a ministry for ladies in our church to get involved with local, regional, and international missions efforts. They meet once a month to discuss upcoming mission opportunities and to pray for missionaries. This month’s meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12, at 10:30AM, in

the Building E Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to come for the first time, please connect with Marsha Flanigan or Jean Harrill or call the church office at 423.745.5441

Vancouver Mission Trip The Vancouver Mission Trip will be leaving July 2 and returning July 9. Please be in prayer for the logistics of this trip, those we are sending out from our congregation on mission, and our partners that are on the field that we will be assisting.

Prayer Ministries You are invited to be a part of one of our prayer ministries. The Men’s Ministry prays before church services in the Building A Prayer Room on the 2nd Level on Sundays at 8:30AM. The Ladies’ Prayer Team will meet this month on Tuesday, July 5, at 1:30PM in the Building A Prayer Room on the 2nd Level. For more information about these ministries, please contact the church office at 423.745.5441.

International Friends Club will meet on July 14, 2016 at 3:30PM for a pool party. The location is TBD and anyone interested can connect with Mandy Robertson by calling her at 423.506.1632.

Operation Christmas Child It’s time to start planning for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! July has been designated as the “School Supplies” month. Please buy any items such as pencils,

erasers, spiral notebooks, pens, pencil sharpeners, crayons, magic markers, coloring books, notepads, rulers, and any other school supply. Please place them in the boxes located in the Atrium and Vestibule. Items are always welcome at any time whether for a boy, girl, or just items for the shoeboxes. If you have a question or would like more information please connect with Tracey Hennessee by calling her at 423.421.2603.



Minutes of Prayer Since September 13, 2015

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Wednesday Family Dinners will begin again on Wednesday, July 6. Meals are \$5/adult, \$2/child, with a family maximum of \$12.

WEDNESDAY FAMILY DINNERS Resumes in July!

