

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



### We should never be described as complacent

Amos 6:1 says, "Woe to you who are complacent." In this passage, God was talking to a particular people, but I believe that He is also talking to all of us. Complacent should never be a word that describes us as Christians. We can't follow Him and be complacent in our faith. Our faith should constantly be growing stronger and more courageous. As we live each day which one better describes us? Does our faith scream loudly and clearly that I am a believer in Jesus Christ?

School is back in full force. I hope that you have adjusted to the new flow of things. My prayer is that everyone will have a great year. Our new Sunday School year is getting close at hand. It starts on Sept. 1. Thanks to all of you who help by serving in various positions. Without your dedication, we couldn't provide the opportunities we have. Let's all work together to make next year a great church year!

JOY Clubbers...mark your calendar for Tuesday at 11:30. If you don't come you are missing a lot of fun!

*In Christ's love,  
Bro. Travis*

You are invited to a  
**BRIDAL SHOWER**  
for  
**HAILY HITT**

bride-elect of  
Chris Anderson  
at 4 p.m.  
**Sat. Aug. 24**  
in the FBC Eupora  
Fellowship Hall.

There will be an  
additional shower honoring  
the couple at 2 p.m. Sept. 1 at  
Walhall Baptist Church.



Call the church office Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. to schedule a pick-up. No pick-ups can be scheduled Saturday or Sunday mornings. Call Wednesdays before 3 p.m. to schedule Wednesday night pick-up!

### Celebrate Christmas in August by joining the choir

Christmas in August! The Worship Choir will begin Christmas rehearsals next week, and we are kicking it off with our annual Christmas in August luncheon this Sunday, Aug. 25, right after morning worship.

We will eat lunch together - everyone is asked to bring a side dish, bread, or dessert - and listen to the program.

Everyone is invited to bring the whole family, just remember to bring food accordingly!

This is also a perfect opportunity to those of you who aren't involved in the music ministry to "audition" our Worship Choir. Our only request is that you commit to singing with us through the Christmas program.

Pray about this ministry and see if God is leading you to serve Him through leading worship in the choir! Regardless of whether or not you serve Christ through the music ministry, please be in prayer for it constantly.

Pray for each choir member, our instrumentalists, for those that run the projector, and for those that run sound. Pray that each of us would improve on the gifts that God has blessed us with.

Pray that each of us would remain faithful as we serve each week, and most importantly, pray that our service would be first and foremost about glorifying God and helping to turn hearts towards Him in worship.

*Have a blessed week,  
Bro. Jason*

### Are we living our lives for Christ with reckless abandon?

We have started a new book during Sunday night bible study for the youth. The book is titled *Follow Me* by David Platt. This book is much like Platt's other book *Radical* but it moves deeper into what making disciples actually looks like. What are the costs of following Jesus?

Most of us living in America are not persecuted for our faith on a daily basis. Is this because we live in a country that we have freedom of religion? Or is it more likely that we aren't living for Christ with reckless abandon? In the first chapter of Platt's book, which we went over this past Sunday, he says that our lives shouldn't just be about walking an isle, making a decision, or asking Jesus into our heart. Rather, everyday we should die to ourselves, take up our cross, and follow the one true living God! We are called as Christians not just look to salvation to save us from hell, but to grasp the full concept of Jesus Christ and what he has done.

Once we find what the Gospel truly is we are able to live for that purpose everyday!

Sharing the gospel is something we are commanded to do. When is the last time you openly shared the Gospel of Jesus with someone? If it has been too long for you to remember you might want to get on your knees and pray a while! In Matthew chapter 7 Jesus says during his sermon on the mount, "Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day may I say to me, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name? And then will I declare to them, I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness." So go and share the gospel with someone today. Not out of fear of hell but out of love for Christ!

*Blessings,  
Kevin Barnette*

### God will give us the courage to do the things He wants us to do

Hey everybody! We had a wonderful worship service in G-Force this past Sunday! If you weren't there, we missed you and hope you will join us this coming Sunday.

This week, we will continue our series of lessons called "Zooplosion." We will be learning that God will give us the courage to

do the things He wants us to do. So we should not be afraid to obey Him. Our Bible story will be about Daniel and the Lion's Den and our verse will be Psalm 27:1, "The Lord is my light and my salvation — so why should I be afraid? The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from danger, so why should I trem-

ble?" (NLT) I hope to see you Sunday! If you know of someone who doesn't go to church, invite them to come with you! If they need a ride, we can pick them up in the van!

I hope you have a wonderful week at school!

*Love,  
Mrs. Anita*

### OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Saturday, August 24**  
4:00 Bridal shower for Haily Hitt in the fellowship hall
- Sunday, August 25**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship in the FLC  
11:00 G-Force (Children's Worship for grades 1-6)  
5:00 GROW  
5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)  
6:00 Evening Worship in the FLC
- Monday, August 26**  
2:30 Stella Kyzar WMU
- Tuesday, August 27**  
11:30 JOY Club Potluck Lunch
- Wednesday, August 28**  
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service  
6:30 Revelation (Youth Bible Study & Worship)  
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Aug. 22 Jean Atkins    | Aug. 25 David Elkins     |
| Aug. 22 Lyle Hitt      | Aug. 26 Etoile Herrod    |
| Aug. 22 Taylor Hitt    | Aug. 26 Sara Jane Curry  |
| Aug. 22 Amy Ellison    | Aug. 26 Taylor Givens    |
| Rhyme                  | Aug. 26 Maggie Wade      |
| Aug. 22 Olivia Fields  | Aug. 28 Lee Bailey       |
| Aug. 24 Calvin Griffin | Aug. 28 Corey Richardson |
| Aug. 25 Ann Hitt       | Aug. 28 Kevin Galloway   |



### AUGUST ITEMS OF THE MONTH 300 PLASTIC SHOEBOXES

Bring your OCC donations by the church office or OCC Collection Closet TODAY!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult.....	154
College/Career.....	4
Youth.....	22
Children.....	18
Preschool/Nursery.....	13
Golden Living Center.....	20
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>231</b>

### FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$7,569.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$343,640.55
Gifts to Date.....	\$348,602.50
Over Budget.....	\$4,961.95

### BUILDING FUND

Current balance.....	\$187,310.52
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### SANCTUARY RENOVATION FUND

Gifts this week.....	\$500.00
Current balance.....	\$1,314.44

### VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Nursery — Amanda Richardson  
Children's Church — Carol Turner  
Sanctuary Flowers — Dianne & Tammie McGarr

### CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray—Pastor  
W. S. Stewart, Sr.—Pastor Emeritus  
Jason Carson—Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor  
Kevin Barnette—Youth Director  
Anita Russell—Children's Director  
Yvonne Hitt—Financial Secretary  
Marcelle Robertson—Custodian  
Kathy Bailey—Librarian  
Sara Hitt—Church Clerk  
Gwen Sisson—Church Secretary