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Celebrate every day that Jesus is alive!

Easter weekend was a great time of celebrating that Jesus is alive! I hope that you took advantage of every opportunity to worship the risen Savior. Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation of each event that was held. Behind the scenes people are precious in the sight of the Lord.

Easter is over, but the effect of what happened will never be over. May we be determined to celebrate every day that we live that our Savior is alive. Let us worship Him daily in spirit and truth. Every day may not be a holiday, but it is to be a holy day. Our lives should follow the example that He set for us.

There will be a meeting on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Mantee Baptist Church for those who are planning to go on the mission trip to West Virginia. The trip is from June 21-28.

JOY Club will meeting on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Come and enjoy a time of food, fellowship and devotion. Bring a friend with you!

See you Sunday to worship our risen Savior!

*In Christ's Love,
Bro. Travis*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 27 Elizabeth Hall
April 27 Taylor Barnette
April 28 Carolyn Carwyle
April 28 Kendall Gibson
April 28 Lindsey Turnipseed
April 30 Nancy Latham
April 30 Barbara Sue Guess
April 30 Jane Sparkman



Bailey to take mission trip to Grantham, England

Katie Bailey said she used to believe her summer mission trip to London was going to be about mission work being the right thing for her.

"But now it's more about it being the right thing for God," Bailey said. "He is the one sending me over to England. He is the one that is laying it on people's heart to raise money to help me to go. This is all about Him and what He wants."

"Each year, Baptist Student Unions from across our state send out students to share the gospel of Jesus," said Rev. Travis Gray, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eupora. "It requires that they sacrifice their time, use their talents, and raise their own support. The students would tell you that the sacrifice is small in comparison to seeing the reward of lives being changed eternally. Katie Bailey will be one of those students who will travel to England during the month of May. Katie has a heart to serve her Lord and the people she comes in contact with. She will represent her BSU, her church and her Lord in a mighty way. Keep her in your prayers as she travels to share the love of Jesus."



The Pearl River Community College BSU Mission Trip is set for May 9-19. Bailey will be working in a group of seven college students traveling to Grantham, England, which is about an hour or two outside of London.

Bailey is responsible for raising funds in the amount of \$1,450 to support her as she travels and serves in England. So far she has raised \$600 out of the \$1,450 that it takes to make the trip, which includes airfare, food, lodging and transportation. To assist in Bailey's fundraising efforts, make checks payable to PRCC BSU, P.O. Box 570, Poplarville, MS 39470.

In light of recent movies, the story of Christ is all we need

There has been a lot of conversations and controversial discussions about all the different religious movies that have come out in the past couple of months. I haven't gone to see any of them just because I haven't had the time but I have read reviews that are for and against them. The one that I would like to discuss is the most recent. "Heaven is for Real," is a movie that is based off a *New York Times* best selling book claiming to be a true story of a boy that visits heaven after going through issues with his appendix. The book claims that this young boy (4 years old) goes to heaven and sits on Jesus' lap, sees some of his ancestors, and even claims to have met the Holy Spirit whom he describes as being "kind of blue." There are a lot of things that we can take from this movie. The movie claims that there is a heaven, there is a triune God made up of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and other solid Christian beliefs. However, there are some things that need to be corrected when talking about heaven. There are only four people in the Bible that give clear accounts of heaven. Ezekiel, Isaiah, Paul, and John all had visions and describe heaven in their writings. Not one of them claim that they went to heaven and came back. One person in the Bible that we can think of who was dead for a good amount of time is Lazarus, who

never wrote about heaven or hell and he was in the grave for four days. All of these accounts that we see in the Bible have one thing in common. They are all focused completely on the majesty of the glory of God. They don't tell stories of seeing their ancestors or angels singing to them. They are in complete awe of His glory. Jon MacArthur says this about the subject, "For anyone who truly believes the biblical record, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that these modern testimonies—with their relentless self-focus and the relatively scant attention they pay to the glory of God—are simply untrue. They are either figments of the human imagination (dreams, hallucinations, false memories, fantasies, and in the worst cases, deliberate lies), or else they are products of demonic deception." So, we need to be aware of what we know from scripture when we are faced with the decision of whether or not these things are true. I challenge all of you to seek the Word before taking what books, movies, TV, other pastors, and even I say for Gospel truth. We have the most influential, captivating, entertaining book of all time and that is the Holy Word of God. The story of Christ is all we need!

*Blessings,
Kevin Barnette*

God has big plans for the world, and we all have a part to play

Hey everybody! I hope you've had a good week at school!

We will have G-Force this Sunday. We will continue our race theme as we learn that God has big plans for the world and we each have a part to play in these plans. And we should faithfully work on

our part of the plan. This week, our Bible story will be about Nehemiah and the people beginning to rebuild the wall. Our Bible verse will be "All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it." I Corinthians 12:27 (NLT) I hope to see you there!

Also, it's time to start signing up to help with Vacation Bible School, so ADULTS, call the church office and give us your name if you're willing to help.

Have a good weekend!

*Love,
Mrs. Anita*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Thursday, April 24
6:30 Girls' Bible Study @ the Barnette's
6:45 Guys' Bible Study @ FLC
Sunday, April 27
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 G-Force (Children's Worship for grades 1-6)
3:00 West Va. Mission Trip meeting at Mantee Baptist Church
4:00 GROW
4:00 Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
5:15 Youth Bible Study
6:00 Evening Worship
Monday, April 28
2:30 Stella Kyzar WMU
Tuesday, April 29
11:30 JOY Club potluck lunch
Wednesday, April 30
4:45 Acteens
5:30 MISSION Wednesday
5:30 Supper @ FLC @ \$2 per plate
6:30 Prayer and Praise Service
6:30 YOUTH Worship
7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice

ITEMS OF THE MONTH Children's SOCKS & UNDERWEAR

Bring your OCC donations by the church office TODAY!



Ladies — if you were a GA member at First Baptist during the late 150s and early 60s, please join us as we honor Mrs. Marie Yates, Mrs. Joan Doolittle, Ann Gifford, the late Mrs. Betty Stewart and the late Mrs. Doris Johnson for being our leaders, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Girls in Action. We will celebrate at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 28 during the regular monthly meeting of Stella Kyzar WMU.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 4/20/14

Adult.....	149
Young Adult.....	4
College/Career.....	10
Youth.....	25
Children.....	17
Preschool/Nursery.....	20
Nursing Home.....	26
TOTAL.....	251

FINANCIAL 4/20/14

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$8,440.50
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,368.69
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$165,899.04
Gifts to Date.....	\$162,396.35
Under Budget.....	\$3,502.69
BUILDING FUND 4/20/14	
Current balance.....	\$191,200.52
ANNIE ARMSTRONG 4/20/14	
Church goal.....	\$11,000.00
Gifts to date.....	\$8,387.00
Short of goal.....	\$2,613.00

CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray — Pastor
Kevin Barnette — Youth Director
Anita Russell — Children's Director
Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary
Marcelle Robertson — Custodian
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Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary

