

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



Trunk or Treat set for 6 p.m. Friday

It's an occasion where chocolate makes everything better.

The sixth Annual Community Trunk-or-Treat event is set for 6-7 p.m. Oct. 31 in downtown Eupora. Trunks full of candy will be lined up along the "high side" of downtown Eupora for children to trick or treat in a safe, family friendly environment. The event will be held in the Family Life Center of First Baptist Church of Eupora in the event of rain.

Members from each church as well as several businesses, churches and organizations throughout the community will have their vehicles decorated for a "family-friendly" Halloween event. First United Methodist Church of Eupora and Eupora's First Baptist Church will provide hot dogs and sodas for children attending. Major sponsors for the event include North Mississippi Medical Center, Bank of Kilmichael, Sonic Drive In, Golden Living Center and the City of Eupora.

Eupora FUMC and FBC Eupora designed this event to help turn a somewhat "murky" holiday into a true celebration of families.

Maggie Bjorgum, one of the organizers for the event for



our churches can collaborate to provide a family event in downtown Eupora," Bjorgum said. "It blesses my soul to see how this event has grown to fill the streets of downtown. What fun!"

Anita Russell, children's director for First Baptist Church of Eupora, has been part of Trunk or Treat from the beginning. She said it has always been an event to provide parents a safe place to bring their children for trick or treating.

"If I had young children, I would feel very comfortable bring them to this event," Russell said. "It is a fun time, not only for getting candy, but also a great time to visit with friends and neighbors."

Bro. Ron McDougald of Eupora's FUMC wanted to stress this event will be a safe environment for children from birth to sixth grade to have a fun night in downtown Eupora. In the past, First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church have taken over Gold Street between the Baptist church and the United Methodist parsonage for this family friendly event, featuring decorated trunks, tons of candy as well as free hotdogs and drinks. In 2012, the event was moved to Dunn Street in Downtown Eupora with a massive crowd of children throughout Webster County in attendance. Last year, the event was moved to the Family Life Center of FBC Eupora due to rain. Organizers say the event gets bigger and bigger each year, with roughly 1,100 people in attendance last year in the rain.

"Trunk or Treat is here again," said Rev. Travis Gray, pastor of FBC Eupora. "More and more things

have a way of slipping up on us. As a result, we often miss opportunities that can be seized for good instead of evil. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for our children that reminds us all of why we are here. It is our responsibility to 'train up our children in the way they should go, so that when they are old they will not depart from it. The greatest treat of all it Jesus. If you don't know Him, I would love to introduce Him to you."

Eupora Mayor Dan Burchfield said Trunk or Treat is an important event in the life of the community.

"It provides a safe alternative for children to trick or treat and their parents can be confident that they are in a safe environment, but just as important, it is a wonderful example of many citizens and groups within the community coming together to make Eupora a better place to live," Burchfield said. "With the churches cooperating interdenominationally, along with the BLY Theatre and many individual and corporate sponsors, the citizens of this community have shown the best of cooperation that exists in small town America."

Any family, group or organization who would still like to decorate a trunk, or trunk or table and pass out candy is more than welcome to attend. Dunn Street will be blocked off for traffic after 5:15 p.m. "Trunks" and organizers will be allowed downtown at that time to begin setting up for the event. Please contact the FBC Eupora office at (662) 258-3491 or Eupora's FUMC office at (662) 258-2611 to reserve a spot.

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:	
Friday, October 31	6:00 Trunk Or Treat
Saturday, November 2	*** Daylight Savings Time ends
9:45	Sunday School
11:00	Morning Worship/Gideon Sunday
4:00	Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:15	Adult Handbell Rehearsal
5:00	The Daniel Plan
5:15	Youth Bible Study
6:00	OCC Packing Party
Monday, November 3	10:00 Stella Kyzar WMU
Wednesday, November 5	6:45 Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:30	Lifestyles WMU
5:30	MISSION: Wednesday
6:30	Prayer & Praise Service
6:30	Youth Bible Study
7:15	Adult Worship Choir Practice

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!



- Oct. 30 *Debbie Hawes*
- Oct. 31 *Lauren Stewart*
- Oct. 31 *Kevin Hawk*
- Oct. 31 *LeAnn Miller*
- Nov. 2 *Collin Stephens Carroll*
- Nov. 2 *Melinda Wooten*
- Nov. 2 *Hayden Embry*
- Nov. 3 *Ann Strickland*
- Nov. 3 *Mike Reed*
- Nov. 4 *Anita Russell*
- Nov. 5 *Anna Morgan*
- Nov. 5 *Scott McGarr*
- Nov. 6 *Sherry Johnson*
- Nov. 6 *Suzanne Graham*

FINANCIAL 10/26/14

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$6,558.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,368.69
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$445,853.67
Gifts to Date.....	\$439,067.70
UNDER Budget.....	-\$6,785.97

BUILDING FUND 10/26/14

Current Balance.....	\$194,630.52
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MARGARET LACKEY OFFERING 10/26/14	
Gifts to Date.....	\$5,686.00

CHURCH STAFF

- Travis Gray — Pastor
- John Herring — Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
- Kevin Barnette — Youth Director
- Anita Russell — Children's Director
- Yvonne Hitt — Financial Secretary
- Gwen Sisson — Church Secretary
- Marcelle Robertson — Custodian
- Kathy Bailey — Librarian
- Jo Faulkenbery — Church Clerk

So great to see servant leaders at revival; join the choir now in time for Christmas

I wanted to begin by talking about revival services. We had a great week and the Lord was present.

Alan Simpson did an awesome job, as did the choir. I also had an unexpected lesson from the week. After the services, we would have meals prepared by different Sunday school classes. Now I know

you are probably thinking I'm going to talk about how awesome the food was, and it was, but I was more impressed by the servant spirit of everyone who prepared the meals. You know when Jesus and the disciples spent their last night together, Jesus knelt to wash the disciples feet. He said, "He who is greatest is least." Washing

feet was left for the lowliest slave. So I saw people serving with joyful, glad hearts! What a blessing! So I want to say thank you for showing me Jesus in what you did! Thank you to everyone of you who served!

It's hard to believe that Christmas is only a few short weeks away. We are working on a musi-

cal called "Christmas Is Jesus." It's a moving, spirit-filled musical presentation. We really would love to have you join us. If you've been thinking about joining the choir, now is a great time. I pray your week is filled with every blessing God has for you! I look forward to worshipping with you Sunday!

— John Herring

The OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD packing party is set for 6 p.m. NOVEMBER 2. Please bring finger foods for the event.

