

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



What is more important?

Summer is quickly approaching. It seems to me that everything is approaching too quickly, and I can't figure out exactly why. Could it be because we are neglecting the things of God? Why don't we have an excitement about our relationship with the one we call our Lord? How can we have a relationship with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and not be excited about Him? I know that Satan is very crafty and deceptive, but he is no match for our God. May we all plead for the joy of our salvation to be restored. This is something we must do and do quickly! What is more important?

This week, we celebrate the 125th Birthday of the town of Eupora. Last week, I told you to save the date of September 20, 2015, when we will celebrate the 125th Birthday of FBC Eupora. We sure are celebrating many things. I don't know about you, but I want to get back to celebrating Jesus every day and all day. So many things are trying to weigh us down. We need Him to lift us up.

Congratulations to all the graduates. Whether you are a kindergarten, high school, college or some other graduate, your efforts have not gone unnoticed. I do wonder what kind of efforts we are making in God's school. His is the one that we never graduate from.

*Quickly for Jesus,
Bro. Travis*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- May 14 *Cynthia Elkins*
- May 14 *Reba Thompson*
- May 14 *Logan Graham*
- May 15 *Carolyn Jackson*
- May 15 *Daniel Robinson*
- May 15 *Brown Bailey*
- May 16 *William Lee Bagwell*
- May 16 *Blain Curry*
- May 16 *Lorrie Boatman*
- May 16 *Justin Boatman*
- May 16 *Tennille Gary*
- May 17 *Debbie Bagwell*
- May 17 *Daniel Hitt*
- May 17 *Jasi Brooke Galloway*
- May 17 *Haven Ellison*
- May 18 *Ann Gifford*
- May 19 *Mira Watson*
- May 19 *Lesa Hardin*
- May 19 *Rev. Doyle Cummings*
- May 19 *Ed Baker*

McMullen family to donate new organ

In 1950, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Doss gave an organ to the church to enhance the worship. That organ has served this church faithfully for 65 years.

I am pleased to announce to you that the family of J.W. and Bonnie McMullen are giving First Baptist Church a new Quantum 350 Allen Organ. This organ is a 50 stop, three manual console instrument. It will have 14 speakers installed throughout the sanctuary. In other words, this is an amazing instrument with many sound capabilities that will add so much to our worship experience.

One of the capabilities that is included with this organ is the availability of adding pipes. The cost of the pipes is \$85,000. (Please note: The organ will function without the pipes.)

Since the McMullen family is purchasing the organ, we would like to offer to the church the opportunity to help with the cost of the pipes.



Contributions can be made in memory or in honor of family members or friends. This will be a one of a kind instrument in Webster County, and I believe it will be a blessing to our church family.

The current organ will be moved to the new choir room. We expect the new organ to be installed on September 1, in time for the 125th Anniversary. I really believe you will all be amazed, at the difference in the sound and capabilities of this instrument.

I look forward to worshipping with you all this Sunday!

*In Christ,
John*

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: Breanna Hunter

What are some things you will miss the most about FBC Eupora?

I will definitely miss the youth group and being considered a "kid" — all the close bonds I've made in the youth and the fun but life changing trips. Being in college away from home, I might have to find another church community and I'll definitely miss all the familiar faces and close relationships.

How did you first come to know the Lord?

I grew up in church and believed there was a God and have known ABOUT Him my whole life. But in September of '13 while reading the book "Follow Me" God burst through my self made "safe barrier" and told me that knowing about Him wasn't enough. He showed me that it's about a Father/daughter relationship! That in my hopeless sinfulness and complete blindness of being saved, He would come and get me; come PURSUE me to make me His.

How have things you have learned at church helped you in your daily walk?

Being part of all the youth bible studies and just being surrounded with true godly people... is just a huge encouragement and really makes a difference.

Who has influenced you the most in your time at FBC Eupora?

Kevin and Taylor—in just the few short years spent with them I have learned SO much and have been able to grow spiritually. I can't thank them enough for all the time they've invested in me.

What is your favorite verse?

I have so many but this is one Taylor shared with me soon after I got saved. It's what salvation is and I love it! "You have not seen Christ, but still you love him. You cannot see him now, but you believe in him. You are filled with a joy that cannot be explained. And that joy is full of glory. Your faith has a goal, to save your souls. And you are receiving that goal—your salvation." 1 Peter 8-9.



In the future how will you use what you have learned at FBC Eupora?

Everything I've learned has helped me grow into who I am right now. And as I keep growing I pray that it will continue to branch off. And what I've learned, I pray, will always turn me back to God for my basis.

Breanna Hunter will be attending Mississippi State University where she plans to study kinesiology.

— Kevin Barnette

AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

Sunday, May 17
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 NO G-Force (worship for children K-8th grades)
5:15 Youth Bible Study
6:00 Evening Worship Services

Monday, May 18
6:30 Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, May 20
9:30 Lifestyles WMU
6:30 Youth Bible Study
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 21
6:30 Girls (Youth) Bible Study @ Taylor Barnette's house
6:30 Guys (Youth) Bible Study @ FLC



ITEMS OF THE MONTH:
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

The FBC Sanctuary Choir is seeking contributions/memorials to be made to help cover the costs of the purchase of the new ladies choir performance apparel.
THANK YOU!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 5/10/15

Adult.....	145
Young Adult.....	5
College/Career.....	5
Youth.....	33
Children.....	14
Preschool/Nursery.....	12
Nursing Home.....	-
TOTAL.....	214

FINANCIAL 5/10/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$6,811.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,522.86
Gifts to Date.....	\$199,934.34
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$199,192.23
UNDER Budget.....	\$742.11

BUILDING FUND 5/10/15

Gifts given to date.....	\$201,625.52
Expenses to date.....	\$45,718.94
Balance.....	\$155,906.58

CHURCH STAFF

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

