

# The Baptist Record

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



### Getting ready for the 125th Anniversary

We hope you will all make plans to attend the 125th Anniversary of First Baptist Church, set for Sept. 20! As we get ready for the big event, we will have the first of two "clean up" days this Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m. This will be a time to paint, pick up, hang blinds, and anything else that can be done to make the building look its best for the celebration.

We will also be hosting a floral fundraiser to help offset some of the costs of the celebration. Be looking for forms that can be turned in to the church office, as we hope to sell 125 chrysanthemums to decorate the sanctuary and the FLC for the event.

As part of the 125th celebration, we are collecting historically relevant photos from the history of the church that will be included in the commemorative book and a special display in the FLC. If you have photos you would like to have considered for the project, bring them by the church office before July 31. No photos will be taken after that time to allow for publication of the book.

A mission team from New York will be doing a Backyard Bible Club at White's Creek Lake July 19-24. If you would like to help, especially with grounds maintenance, please let me know.

*In Christ's Love,  
Bro. Travis*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

- July 16 *Cynthia Wilson*
- July 16 *Earlene Hodges*
- July 17 *Yvonne Middleton*
- July 17 *Dr. Joe Duncan*
- July 17 *Brandi McDowell*
- July 18 *Gayle Earnest*
- July 18 *Holly Edwards*
- July 18 *Dale Boatman, Jr.*
- July 19 *Emily Russell*
- July 19 *Tyler McCluskey*
- July 19 *Bill Hankins*
- July 20 *Wendy Cook*
- July 21 *Stacy Hyer*
- July 21 *Annette Strickland*
- July 21 *Tristen Robertson*

## Bible Club at the Lake set to reach children in the community

By Gwen Sisson

Children throughout Webster County and the surrounding area are invited to a special Backyard Bible Club designed to connect children and families with local churches.

It all began when members of Cumberland Baptist Church took a mission trip to New York to work in the community where Harvest Bible Fellowship Church is located.

As an extension of friendship, the New York church wanted to return the favor for the benefit of the Webster County community.

Twelve members of Harvest Bible Fellowship Church will conduct the "Backyard Bible Club at the Lake," from 9-11:30 a.m. July 20-23 at the pavilion at White's Creek Lake. Children, ages 6 -12 years old are invited. The week will close with a Block Party/Carnival in the grassy lot by the Department of Health (DHS) building on Highway 9 South on Friday, July 24, from 6-8 p.m. This event is sponsored by the churches of the Webster Baptist Association and Harvest Bible Fellowship Church of the Finger



Lakes Baptist Association of New York.

"It is always a good thing when we reach out as a group of churches to those in our community," said Webster County Missions Director Martin Jacks. "As believers in Jesus, we have a responsibility to share Him with the world, which includes our community. God always blesses this effort and one of the blessings comes from churches working together. When we strive to do God's will, He always blesses."

Rev. Travis Gray of First Baptist Church of Eupora said this event is an opportunity for churches "to come together to serve the community and share the gospel of Jesus."

"Nothing can change lives for eternity like the gospel of Jesus," Gray said. "May we ask ourselves, 'what can we do to change our world where God has placed us?' This is an opportunity to form friendships have can last into heaven."

For more information, or to find out how you can help, contact the Webster County Baptist Association at 258-5611, from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Buy-A-Pipe program gets underway at FBC Eupora

It is hard to imagine that the summer is halfway over. Vacation Bible School was amazing last week. I would have to say that it was one of the best I've ever been a part of. Thank you Charla Boatman for doing a great job!

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, we will begin working on our Christmas music! I can't believe it's already

time for that. I'll let you know what our plans are for that night.

In thinking about the pipes for the organ, someone presented the idea of buying a pipe in honor or memory of someone, so I called the organ company and asked how much each pipe cost. The cost for a pipe is \$397 each! So if you would like to give a pipe in honor or memory of someone it would

be \$397. We appreciate donations of all amounts for this project!

Be sure and look at the construction area, it's looking incredible! Ceiling grid is up and lights are being installed.

Thank you for all you do, and I look forward to worshiping with you Sunday.

*In Christ,  
John*

## VBS was an amazing week; make plans for 'Night in the Gym'

We have had an awesome summer so far in the children's ministry! I want to thank each one of you who helped in VBS and for all the children who attended. It was truly an amazing week. I was so blessed to see and hear how the little ones learned so much about Jesus through singing, Bible stories, and activities. And we raised \$853 for Operation Christmas Child so many other children around the world will be blessed because of our Bible school as well.

This Thursday from 6-8 p.m., we have an upcoming "Night in the Gym" for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. We have invited children from other churches and you are welcome to invite your friends. I would ask that you contact me or the church office by Wednesday afternoon so we can

plan on how many to accommodate for. We will eat, sing, have a devotion and play. I can't wait to see you there.

We have had a great group in G-force the last couple of times we have had it. We will meet this Sunday, July 19 but will not meet on July 26. Remember the verse we learned this week which was Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

And lastly, we have several t-shirts left from camp and Bible school. They are in assorted adult and youth sizes. We will sell these for \$5 each if anyone is interested just contact me or Gwen.

*Praying for each you!  
Ms. Charla*

### AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:

- Thursday, July 16  
8:00 Children's Play Time in the FLC
- Saturday, July 18  
\*\*\* Clean Up Day
- July 19-24  
\*\*\* Backyard Bible Club at the Lake
- Sunday, July 19  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 G-Force (worship for children K-6th grades)  
5:15 Youth Bible Study  
6:00 Evening Worship Services
- Monday, July 20  
6:30 Deacon's Meeting
- Wednesday, July 22  
6:30 Youth Bible Study  
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service  
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, July 23  
8:30 JOY Club trip to Starkville



### ITEMS OF THE MONTH: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

#### THANK YOU

I would like to thank each and every one who has been so kind while I have been in the hospital and since being back at home. The prayers, the visits, the flowers, the phone calls have meant so much. And a special thank you to Bro. Travis. Keep remembering me as I continue to recover.

**ZELMA CROWLEY**

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 7/12/15

Adult	152
Young Adult	4
College/Career	5
Youth	19
Children	16
Preschool/Nursery	16
Nursing Home	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>228</b>

#### FINANCIAL 7/12/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.	\$9,409.38
Weekly Bud. Needs	\$10,522.86
Gifts to Date	\$287,284.46
Budget Needs to Date	\$294,640.08
UNDER Budget	- \$7,355.62

#### BUILDING FUND 7/12/15

Gifts given to date	\$201,770.52
Expenses to date	\$84,266.91
Balance	\$117,503.61

#### ORGAN PIPE FUND 7/12/15

Gifts given to date	\$5,510.00
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#### 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

