

# The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



## Join a Sunday School class TODAY!

Sunday marks the beginning of a new Sunday School year. Some students will be moving to new classes as they grow up in wisdom and stature. If you have not been involved in Sunday School, this is a great time to start. 2 Timothy 2:15 says that we are to "Study to show ourselves approved unto God." Yes, we are to study to increase our academic intellect, but this verse is referring to much more. We are to study His Word to gain spiritual knowledge. We need His Word to be a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. We must hide His Word in our heart to keep from sinning. Sunday School is an excellent opportunity to help us grow in the Lord. Take advantage of the opportunity and be an encourager to someone else.

The church office will be closed Monday to observe Labor Day. I hope that you spend some extra time with your family. Every day is a gift from the Lord, so make the most of it!

Our children's programs will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. They will end at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please let us know.

I hope that you are excited about being in God's house on Sunday. He has something in store for those who seek Him.

Keep our 125th anniversary in your prayers. May it be a great day for the Lord.

*In Christ's Love,  
Bro. Travis*



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Sept. 3 **Brenda F. Gary**  
Sept. 3 **Dr. Wanda Porter**  
Sept. 5 **Thelma Hoover**  
Sept. 5 **Rev. Travis Gray**  
Sept. 6 **Cheyenne Stewart**  
Sept. 6 **Emmett McGarr**  
Sept. 7 **Wanda Gray**  
Sept. 7 **Bailey Colvin**  
Sept. 7 **Tadd Cain**  
Sept. 7 **Khara Fondren**  
Sept. 8 **Cindy Alderman**  
Sept. 8 **Stanley Harrison**  
Sept. 9 **Freitchie Booth**  
Sept. 9 **Trevor Bragg**  
Sept. 9 **Christie Young**  
Sept. 9 **Tera Fortner**  
Sept. 9 **Jessi Brooks**



## MISSION: Managua

Many of you know this past summer Taylor and I traveled to Nicaragua.

A lot of people probably think that this was just a short term mission trip but, in fact, it was a vision trip for future ministry for our church. I got to talk briefly to most of you on a Sunday night about Nicaragua and the things we were involved with while we were there.

Taylor and I worked alongside a church from Murray, Ky. who has partnered with the community and church in Managua for the past eight years.

One of the things they're allowed to do in the school system in Managua is to go in for half the day and share the gospel. They have been able to build really good relationships with the staff and principal, which opens many doors and gives them freedom to openly share with the students.

Ministry that is done at the school then compliments the church that is near by. They have not only been able to share the gospel with hundreds of people but they have also been able to provide for the school and church with damages and cosmetic improvements.

Several work projects have gone on in the past

### The choir is working on new anthems for the 125th Anniversary, Sept. 20

Sunday was a great day! The Spirit of the Lord is moving! I look forward to worship every week. I know it is the single most important thing we do every week. Don't you miss it! Make worship the priority. The Lord has something for all of us!

We are working on music for the anniversary and some new anthems for worship. Come join us! Music is also available for the Christmas cantata, stop by the choir room and pick up a cd.

Youth choir went great this past Sunday. We will meet again on

Sunday, Sept. 13, in the new choir room.

Plan to join us Sunday and invite a friend. It's going to be a great day! I'm looking forward to worshipping with you.

*In Christ,  
John*



**AT CHURCH THIS WEEK:**  
**Sunday, September 6**  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Morning Worship  
11:00 G-Force (worship for children K-6th grades)  
4:00 Prayer Shawl Group  
5:00 125th Anniversary Committee  
5:15 Youth Bible Study  
6:00 Evening Worship Services  
**Monday, September 7**  
\*\*\* Offices closed for the Labor Day holiday  
**Wednesday, September 9**  
6:30 Youth Bible Study & Worship  
6:30 Prayer & Praise Service  
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal



**ITEMS OF THE MONTH:**  
CRAYONS, SMALL BEANIE BABY SIZED STUFFED ANIMALS

& DONATIONS FOR SHIPPING

### WOMEN'S RETREAT @ DORROH LAKE

Make plans to be part of a special WOMEN'S RETREAT at Dorroh Lake in Bellefontaine from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Sept. 19. The cost is \$10. For reservations, contact Liz Cummings at 258-5204 or 312-1821 before Sept. 11. Hope to see you there!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD 8/30/15

Adult.....	159
Young Adult.....	5
College/Career.....	6
Youth.....	26
Children.....	20
Preschool/Nursery.....	18
Nursing Home.....	23
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>257</b>

### FINANCIAL 8/30/15

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$9,009.00
Weekly Bud. Needs.....	\$10,522.86
Gifts to Date.....	\$368,300.10
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$361,089.95
UNDER Budget.....	-\$7,210.15

### BUILDING FUND 8/30/15

Gifts given to date.....	\$201,805.52
Expenses to date.....	\$137,485.20
Balance.....	\$64,320.32

### ORGAN PIPE FUND 8/30/15

Gifts this Week.....	\$70.00
Gifts given to date.....	\$13,288.00

### CHURCH STAFF

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

