

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 20

10:00 A.M. .... Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. .... Morning Worship Service  
 6:00 P.M. .... Evening Service

### TUESDAY, JULY 22

7:00 P.M. .... Bible Study  
 ..... Home of Jan & Cheryl Bailey

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

10:00 A.M. .... Morning Prayer Meeting  
 6:30 P.M. .... Mission Friends  
 ..... Wacky Wednesday  
 6:45 P.M. .... Youth Deep Impact  
 7:00 P.M. .... Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 P.M. .... Sanctuary Choir

### SATURDAY, JULY 26

10:00 A.M. .... Youth Putt-Putt in Memphis

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### NURSERY

Lulu Ferguson, Shirley Pratt,  
 Sarah Crenshaw, Jan & Cheryl Bailey,  
 Amber & Mark Austin, Brenda Locke

### SUNDAY NIGHT

#### NURSERY

Amanda Lott & Libby Hedgepeth  
**NURSERY CONTACT PERSON**

Amber Austin

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

David Putman

#### DEACON COUNTING COMMITTEE

Warren Sanders, Bobby Beckwith,  
 Nathan Crenshaw

#### SENIOR PARKING ATTENDANT

Russell Durham

## BIBLE STUDY REPORT

### JULY 13, 2008

Adult .....166  
 Youth .....21  
 Children .....19  
 Preschool .....21  
 Visitors .....9  
**ON CAMPUS TOTAL .....236**  
 Winona Manor .....17  
 Bus Ministry .....4  
 Kent Street Ministry .....3  
**OFF CAMPUS TOTAL .....24**  
**TOTAL IN BIBLE STUDY .....260**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Gifts..... \$8,153.50  
 Designated Funds ..... \$1,763.86  
 TOTAL GIFT ..... \$9,917.36  
 Weekly Budget Needs ..... \$13,373.58  
 Monthly Budget Needs..... \$53,494.32  
 Budget Gifts to Date ..... \$26,163.75

### *Sympathy*

The pastor and entire church family extend  
 sympathy to the family of:

### **Louise Salley**

(Brenda Blaylock's Mother)

## Sharing God's Transforming Love

From Your Pastor:

Everyone believes something. But where do we find our source of authority for what we believe? Many people put stock in visions they have seen, or trances they have entered, or experiences they have encountered. Simon Peter had one such dramatic experience in Matthew 17:1-8. Here he saw Jesus glorified and heard the very voice of God. What an opportunity! Peter could have gone on the speaking circuit, telling everyone about his vision. He could have told everyone about his dramatic experience. "Believe what I say because I had an amazing and personal encounter with God on a mountain," could have been Peter's cry.

But Peter does not do that. In fact, he does just the opposite. In 2 Peter 1:16-21, he recounts the fact that he was on the mountain when Jesus was transfigured. He was there when God the Father spoke out of heaven. Yet, he does not point to these things as the source of authority for what he believes or teaches. Peter states that the prophetic Word of God is more certain than even what he heard on the mountain. "*So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God*" (2 Peter 1:19-21).

So, what do we believe? Do we believe some vision that we or someone else has had? Do we trust in our own experiences for guidance and authority? Or, do we trust in the Word of God? I hope that we allow God's Word to be "*a lamp to my feet and light to my path,*" (Psalm 119:105).

In Christ Alone  
 Bro. Phillip

## Change of Address

In order to avoid return postage charges please notify the church office of any change in your mailing address. You can contact the church office at (662) 283-4682 or mail a change of address form to P. O. Box 408, Winona, MS 38967.

## Ask The Pastor

Do you have a theological or biblical question. Write it down and leave it in the box outside the church office or you can email your question directly to the pastor by going to [www.fbcwinona.org](http://www.fbcwinona.org) and following the "Ask the Pastor" link.

## Sunday Morning Prayer Time

**9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor**

## *Sanctuary Flower Calendar*

If you would like to place an arrangement in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, the following dates are available.

August 10

August 24

August 17

August 31

## Tuesday Night Bible Study

### *"Walking In Faith"*

A seven week Bible Study  
 each Tuesday night @ 7:00 p.m.  
 Home of Jan and Cheryl Bailey



### HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

IRIS PATRIDGE  
 410 SUMMIT ST.  
 WINONA, MS 38967

AS THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL APPROACHES may we be encouraged to pray for two essential aspects of the life of First Baptist Church.

### Pray for our Sunday School

Pray faithfully for each other as Sunday School needs are emphasized. Pray for yourself. Pray to allow God to continue to grow the truth of His word in your life. Pray also that God will give you "eyes to see" and "ears to hear" the needs around you. Pray for faithfulness to reach out to those around you to help bring them to saving grace in Jesus Christ.

Pray for fellow class members. Pray for their faithfulness in growth of God's truth. Pray for your class teacher and other leaders. Pray for their continued strength and wisdom as they prepare in the imparting of God's word.

### Pray as Church Leadership is enlisted for 2008

Pray for the Nominating Committee and Committee on Committees as they begin their work to secure leadership for the 2008-2009 church year. Faithfulness of God's people to commit themselves in service through leadership to the various ministries of First Baptist Church is very important. Pray for direction and discernment of the committees as they go about their work. May a God given willingness to service be present in the people of First Baptist Church as they give consideration to the places of service that need to be filled. In all things, may God be glorified.

God's richest blessings  
T.R.



## PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE

This service is planned for  
**August 17, 2008**

All parents wishing to involve their families with this special time of dedication should contact the church office.

## Student Fellowship Activity

**Putt-Putt in Memphis  
Saturday, July 26  
Leave At 10:00 a.m.  
Cost \$25.00**

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## ONE OF THE FIRST KIDS TO RECEIVE A SHOE BOX GIFT IS NOW REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHER HURTING CHILDREN

Lejla Allison's happy childhood was turned upside down when ethnic violence erupted in Bosnia in the 1990s. The once peaceful rolling green hills that surrounded her village of Dubrave were filled with gunfire and hidden landmines. Hunger, fear, and misery consumed her life. Lejla and her family were not forgotten. At 11 years old, she was among the first group of children to receive gift-filled shoe boxes from Operation Christmas Child.

**Lejla will be sharing her story at  
First Baptist Church  
Winona, MS  
This Sunday, July 20**



*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit..*

II Corinthians 3:18

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