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If you were not at church on July 3rd you missed a blessing. John Bickham and the Celebration Choir presented the musical "The Patriot Song" and did a wonderful job. We could not have celebrated July 4th in a better way.

the journey matters

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Weekly Requirements.....	\$14,606.81
Budget Receipts forJuly 3.....	\$15,722.70
Budget Receipts forJuly 10.....	\$16,533.99
Budget Receipts forJuly 17.....	\$10,429.58
Budget Receipts forJuly 24.....	\$10,995.65

TAG (To All Generations) To Date\$613,110

IMPORTANT DATES FOR August

Deadline for School Supplies for Oaks Apart.	August 14
Back to school Bash at Oaks Apartments	August 16
Preschool Play Day at Church	August 16
Youth 101 Fellowship	August 14
Senior Adult Luncheon	August 18
Deacons Meeting	August 21
Promotion Day for Connection Groups	August 21
First Grade Bible Presentation	August 21

IMPORTANT DATES FOR September

Labor Day - Office Closed	September 5
DiscipleLife Classes Begin	September 14
Senior Adult Luncheon	September 15
Deacon's Meeting	September 18

Ministerial Staff

- Barry Bradley.....886-8101
Pastor
- John Bickham.....746-2573
Music
- Jason Fuller.....988-0268
Students
- Todd Beasley.....670-1581
Spiritual Development

First Impressions

Missions

We welcome home our latest mission team from Alabama. Nine of our members returned on July 30 from the tornado stricken part of the Deep South. The latest group was helping to rebuild Alpha Ranch, a home for troubled young men having difficulty moving into adulthood. This group spent countless man hours cleaning, building, and encouraging this ministry founded by Gary Liverett. Gary suffered a heart attack just hours before the tornado hit the Shoal Creek Valley, near Ashville, AL. His story is one of his faith and God's great Grace. I am so proud of all of our members that have served our Lord and others through missions this summer to Ecuador, Alabama, and Orange.

To All Generations

If all goes according to plan, Harvestime Church Development is scheduled to deliver the 100% drawings for our new facility the middle of this month (August). This has been a long, tedious, tiring, and, yet, rewarding journey to get to this point. It has required the attention to detail from many of our members serving on 12 different work groups, coordinated by our Building Team which is led by four great men—David Bloxom, Ray Rogers, Scot Sims, and Kyle Walker. Our leadership team has done yeoman service to guide our church through this design process.

What happens next?

1. Once our plans are completed, they must be "approved" by our team in their final form.
2. After church acceptance, these plans will be submitted to the City of Orange for its review and the issuance of permits for construction.
3. Also, these plans will be submitted to Community Bank for its review, appraisal, and presentation to its loan committee for final approval for our construction loan.
4. Simultaneously, the plans will be submitted to N&T Construction for the bidding process to sub-contractors. As bids are received, they will be reviewed by N&T and our Building Team. If bids are on target, then the church will be asked to approve the construction budget—as approved by the bank. If the bids are high, then the Building Team, N&T, and Harvestime will make adjustment in the design, furnishings, and/or equipment in order to bring the bid into a manageable amount.

These are exciting days for our church family. Our dream of relocation is slowly becoming reality. Because of your faithfulness in giving and praying, we have seen the mighty Hand of God at work. Continue to pray for the following items:

1. That God's people will continue to be faithful to our To All Generations commitments, and that new members will join us in giving sacrificially.
2. That the bank loan approval process will go smoothly.
3. That the city permitting process will go smoothly.
4. That utilities will be secured in a timely manner and at a savings to the church.
5. That sub-contractor bids will be at or better than expected, and that as the building process continues, that additional savings will be seen..
6. That materials pricing will be at or better than expected, and that God will provide from yet unseen sources exactly what we need.
7. That FBC-Orange will be more effective in meeting its mission that ever before—not later, but right now.



Senior Adult Luncheon
August 18, 2011
Cost: \$5.00
10:30—11:30 Games
11:30—Meal
Crazy Hat Contest

Start thinking about what you have around your house to make an unusual looking hat for our Crazy Hat Contest. You may also wear a hat that is not homemade for the contest also. You can get some ideas from the internet. Make sure you join us for a great time of fellowshiping and eating a wonderful meal prepared by Trina and John Bickham.

Help the Kids at Oaks Apartments

Brittanie Hogg is collecting school supplies for the kids at the Oaks Apartments. If you would like to help please take an item/s off the poster board located in the FLC lobby. Please return items to the FLC lobby and place in box marked School Supplies no later than Sunday August 14th.

We will be having a Back to School Bash at the Oaks Apartments on August 16th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. We need several volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested please contact Brenda Allen or the church office.

Deacons Meeting
August 21, 2011
4:00 pm
Meet in Joy Department

MISSION OFFICE List of Items Needed for Food Pantry in the Month of August



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| Spaghetti & Sauce | Macaroni & Cheese |
| Saltine Crackers | Oatmeal |
| Peanut Butter | Cookies |
| Canned Meats | Bars of Soap |
| Canned Soup | Dishwashing Liquid |
| Sugar | Small Detergent |
| Cereal | Toilet Paper |

The Missions Office is in need of plastic bags to use for groceries they give out to needy families. You may bring the bags to the church office or put them in the Missions Office container in the FLC lobby. Thank you for your support and help.
 (Don't forget that your empty coke cans can help out the Mission's Office to purchase food. Please place cans in trash can in the FLC lobby.)

Promotion Day for Connection Groups
 1st Grade Bible Presentation
 August 21, 2011

Youth 101 Fellowship
 (6th Graders Promoting to
 Youth Department)
 August 14, 2011
 5:30 pm
 Meet in the FLC

Women's Ministry

If you have any ideas for women events/opportunities, or would like to serve on our Women's Ministry planning team, please contact Myra Sanders at sanders@exp.net or by calling her home phone 883-8764.

Welcome to our Newest Members

Dean & Kim Granger
James & Jennifer Wright

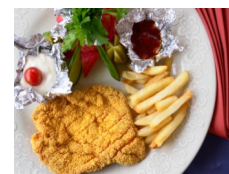
Preschoolers

August 16 10am - 12 noon
 Play Day at the church



For more information contact Shelley Fuller, 670-6436.

Wednesday Night Menu for the Month of August



August 3 - Hamburgers
August 10 - Taco Salad
August 17 - Chicken Tenders
August 24 - Meatloaf
August 31 - Potato & Salad Bar

SUNDAY MORNING

8:30 am	Celebration Worship
9:45 am	Connection Groups
11:00 am	First Journey Worship
11:00 am	TREK 252

TUESDAY MORNING

6:30 am	Prayer Time With the Pastor
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WEDNESDAY EVENING

5:15 - 6:30 pm	Meal
(Adults \$4.00, Children - \$2.00, Family - \$15.00)	
6:00- 6:30 pm	Prayer Time
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 - 9:30pm	Foothold

DiscipleLife Classes

Fall is quickly approaching which means the time is near for our DiscipleLife classes to begin. Classes will start up again on Wednesday, September 14th. You will find below a description of the studies we will be offering, so please take some time to consider the studies and chose the one that best fits you. We will have sign-up opportunities for these studies coming up in a few weeks.

There will be a couple of ladies groups; one on Monday nights in someone's home and the other will be on Wednesday nights at the church. The material for these groups is still being worked out, so that information will be available at a later date.

A class specifically geared for men will be available on Wednesday nights in addition to our regular Monday night Men's Bible Study. The Wednesday night study is called "Men's Secret Wars" which focuses on the various moral and spiritual issues men have to deal with in this world. It is designed to help men work through and develop a strategy to overcome these issues and become more Christ-like.

"Romans Volume II" will be another study offered which is a follow-up to the study we offered last semester. It is by well renowned author, teacher, and pastor, Tommy Nelson and it focuses on the second half of the book of *Romans*.

Finally, a study by James McDonald called "Have the Funeral: God's Plan for Your Past" will be offered. This study challenges the participants to bury the past once and for all and to find the path to a life of forgiveness and freedom. Again, consider these options and make plans to participate in the study that best fits you.