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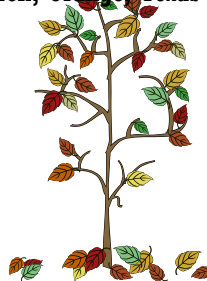
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**Save the Date of Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>**

Come join us Oct. 9th for Friend Fest at First Baptist Church. We want you to invite your neighbors, your co-workers, teachers, family members and anyone else you can think of to join us on that day for Connection Groups, Worship in one of our two services and also a church-wide picnic out on our property on MLK.

We invite our friends to all sorts of occasions, why not invite them to meaningful bible study, fellowship and exciting worship. Can you imagine the smile that will be on your face when you invite someone to join you, maybe someone who has no church home, and they join you on that day. That's what Friend Fest is about! All this is a part of "Connecting our Community..." I hope you will be involved; it's a church-wide effort.

And then let's have a picnic! We want to show your guests how much fun we have as a church family when we come together around the table with great food, fun and fellowship! Immediately following our First Journey service, we'll all gather at our property on MLK and enjoy brisket with all the trimmings. There'll be games for all ages. If you come to the Celebration service, you can come on out as soon as Connection Groups are finished and we'll have all kinds of table games for you to enjoy until the rest of us get to the MLK property. We will begin eating about 1:00 p.m.

In addition to inviting your friends and family begin praying that Friend Fest is more than just a fun day. We "Love People" here at First Baptist Church and what a terrific way to demonstrate that love by inviting those we know to join us for exciting God-honoring worship and meaningful fellowship and bible study. Our prayer is that through our love of people they can discover a relationship with God. Begin now making a list of those you can invite and begin to pray for them that they'll accept your invitation.

**the journey matters**

**BUDGET RECEIPTS**

Weekly Requirements.....	\$14,606.81
Budget Receipts for .....September 4.....	\$14,136.65
Budget Receipts for .....September 11.....	\$22,592.38
Budget Receipts for .....September 18.....	\$8,456.57
Budget Receipts for .....September 25.....	\$13,625.82

TAG (To All Generations) To Date ....\$644,127.54

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR OCTOBER**

Friend Fest	October 9
Lions Club Work Night	October 13
College Retreat in Newton	October 14,15
Deacons Meeting	October 16
Sr. Adult Luncheon	October 27
Children's Car Carnival	October 30
5th Sunday Celebration	October 30
Sell Tickets for Thanksgiving Banquet	October 30

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR NOVEMBER**

Upward Basketball Evaluation	November 7
Blood Drive	November 9
Upward Basketball Evaluation	November 10
Guest Speaker in Services	November 13
Thanksgiving Banquet	November 20
Baby Dedication	November 20
No Wed. Night Activities	November 23
Church Office Closed	November 24
Church Office Closed	November 25

<b>Ministerial Staff</b>	
Barry Bradley.....	886-8101 Pastor
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Todd Beasley.....	670-1581 Spiritual Development

## First Impressions

### Friend Fest

Be with us in Worship for Friend Fest on Sunday, October 9! What a great opportunity for every member of FBCO to invite a friend for Connection Groups and Worship, then enjoy a delicious dinner under the Pavilion on our MLK property. If you bring a guest with you, you are helping us fulfill our mission of Connecting our Community to a Complete Life in Christ. At FBC, people matter to us because people matter to God. Pick up some invite cards at the church office for you to hand out to remind your friends to be with us on that day.

### To All Generations

Continue to be faithful in your praying and giving to our *To All Generations* campaign as we come to the end of Year 2 of this spiritual effort. We have given \$650,000 of our \$1.2 million pledge. As construction gets closer, we need to continue to give sacrificially to accomplish this great vision.

We are waiting on bids to be returned to our builder, N & T Construction. Once those bids are in and the bank loan approval is complete, we will be ready for our formal groundbreaking and the beginning of construction.

### Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for wisdom for our Building Team leadership as they work through this important time in the construction process.
2. Pray that the gifts through our *To All Generations* campaign will come in as pledged, and that members who have not pledged will continue to give generously.
3. Pray that God would supernaturally demonstrate His direction for this project.
4. Pray that the bids for construction will be within the scope of our financial capability and will demonstrate God's leadership.

### Why We Do What We Do?

Over the last two weeks, Tony Romo, quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, has led his team to victory, despite playing with a broken rib. While some may have gone on the injured reserve list, Tony continued to play. A TV commentator talked about his efforts in leading the team. He said, "It's not about an individual, it's about a team effort. We play and we win as a team." Tony just displayed one of his core values--teamwork. That's why he did what he did.

The core values of our church influence us to do what we do. Biblically based, values are the constant, passionate beliefs that drive our ministries and actions. Through the month of October, we will be studying our Values: Honoring God, Loving People, Communicating Truth, Growing Spiritually, and Pursuing Dependence. These are the pillars on which our House of God is built.



### Children Ages 1-12

Children may visit vehicles parked in the church's main parking lot, on 6th and Elm. There, they will be able to complete a fun activity and then receive some treats. Friendly costumes are encouraged and children should be accompanied by an adult.

### HELP NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT

1. We need volunteers to bring your car and set up a game for children to play during our Car Carnival. Please sign up in your Connection Group or call the church office.
2. We also need bags of candy for the Car Carnival. Please drop the candy off in your Connection Group or the Church Office by Wed., Oct.28. Thanks.



Mary Hill Davis Offering for State Missions  
Church Goal: \$2500



Special Offering for Wildfire Recovery  
Church Goal: \$2500

When you give this year to the *Mary Hill Davis Offering* for State Missions, put in something extra for the victims of the wildfires in Central Texas. We are partnering with the First Baptist Church of Bastrop to provide gift cards to fire victims. The homes of 37 member families were destroyed. We will forward this money to FBC-Bastrop to purchase gift cards to distribute to needy families. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church - Orange and memo how much you would like to go to each of these offerings.




Lions Club Work Night  
October 13, 2011 @ 5:45pm

We encourage all members to come and help at the Lions Club Carnival on October 13th and wear your FBC T-shirts. If you do not have a shirt, we have them available in the church office for \$10.00. We will meet at the carnival pavilion at 5:45pm. **Please go by the table in the FLC lobby and sign up if you are volunteering to work on this night.**

### MISSION OFFICE

#### List of Items Needed for Food Pantry in the Month of October

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

### 3rd Annual Cooking Show

Starring our very own FBC chefs



Trina Bickham



John Bickham

Senior Adults Luncheon  
Thursday, October 27

Come and watch your meal be prepared by our chefs John and Trina Bickham. We'll eat at 12:00 noon and provide the lunch at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Be here at 10:30 a.m. for all the fun of dominoes and other table games that you can enjoy. Invite a friend to eat and fellowship with us. The luncheon will be in the Joy Department.

### Wednesday Night Menu for the Month of August



October 5 - Chicken 'N Dumplings  
October 12 - Meat Loaf  
October 19 - Chili & Rice  
October 26 - Muffalettas



### It's Time to Think Christmas!

Consider this your personal invitation to join the Christmas Choir and be a part of the Christmas Concert. We've just begun to work on the music and we would love to have you join us. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 in our Joy Department (just across from the church office.)



### Men's Monday Night Bible Study Locations 6:30PM

October 3 - Charlie Phillips - 2911 Kelly, Orange  
October 10 - Tom Woolley - 707 Sherrill, Orange  
October 17 - John Heard - 15646 Hwy 12, Orange  
October 24 - Ray Rogers - 2225 Tall Oak, Orange  
October 31 - Canceled

**Men of all ages are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship, food and Bible study.**



### Fruit of the Spirit Kids 1st Grade - 6th Grade Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm Leaders: Fred & Brenda Byington

Kids come and discover how the fruit of God's Spirit can grow in your life. Through music, games, art projects, object talks, worship time and Bible stories, we will explore the ways your character displays God's good fruit. **Make sure you bring a friend!**



### Upward Basketball

We will start registering for Upward Basketball in the month of October. Please watch your bulletin for the start date.

The cost per child is \$68.00; after October 27, the cost is \$78.00. Deadline for registration is November 10. Basketball shorts are included in the registration cost.

Everyone must attend one basketball evaluation. They will take place at FBC as follows:

### Kindergarten through 6th Grade Boys/Girls

Monday, November 7, between 5:30p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 10, between 5:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

League Schedule:  
Practices begin the week of Monday, January 2, 2012.  
First Game- Saturday, January 14, 2012

### Welcome New Members

Spencer Udell  
Mark, Cyndi, Justus, Jessica Milligan

5th Sunday Celebration  
October 30, 2011  
9:15am Continental Breakfast  
9:45am Connection Groups  
11:00 am Worship (One Service Only)

<u>SUNDAY MORNING</u>	
8:30 am	Celebration Worship
9:45 am	Connection Groups
11:00 am	First Journey Worship
11:00 am	TREK 252
<u>MONDAY EVENING</u>	
6:00 pm	Ladies Bible Study
6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
<u>TUESDAY MORNING</u>	
6:30 am	Prayer Time With the Pastor
<u>WEDNESDAY EVENING</u>	
5:15 - 6:30 pm	Meal
<b>(Adults \$4.00, Children - \$2.00, Family - \$15.00)</b>	
6:00- 6:30 pm	Prayer Time
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 - 9:30pm	Foothold
9:00 pm	Crave - College