

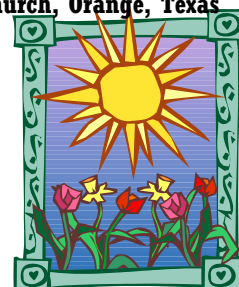
Connecting our Community to a Complete Life in Christ

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School Supplies and Back to School Bash at Oaks Apartments

A special Thank You to Brittanie Hogg for collecting school supplies for kids at the Oaks Apartments. We had over 100 kids that

were helped with school supplies. Also, we would like to thank Brenda Allen for coordinating the Back to School Bash and to all the volunteers that came out on a very hot, humid night to make this event a big success.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR September

Labor Day - Office Closed	September 5
Monday Night Men's Bible Study Begins	September 12
DiscipleLife Classes Begin	September 14
Senior Adult Luncheon	September 15
Deacon's Meeting	September 18

IMPORTANT DATES FOR October

FriendFest	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

the journey matters

BUDGET RECEIPTS

Weekly Requirements.....	\$14,606.81
Budget Receipts forJuly 31.....	\$14,870.93
Budget Receipts forAugust 7.....	\$14,001.50
Budget Receipts forAugust 14.....	\$14,531.70
Budget Receipts forAugust 21.....	\$10,777.00
Budget Receipts forAugust 28.....	\$12,473.07

TAG (To All Generations) To Date\$635,817.54

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

We've Got to Pray Right Now!

A seven year old girl was watching her mother rush around on her way to the hospital to visit a gravely ill family member. As you might imagine the mother had a million things on her mind trying to get things together to leave. Her daughter said, "Stop, momma. We've got to pray Right Now! We've got to ask Jesus to help Aunt D!" This seven year old knew what we adults often forget. Before we do anything—even in a crisis, "We've Got to Pray Right Now!"

To All Generations

Our Construction Drawings have arrived from Harvestime Church Development. First, they will be reviewed for errors and omissions. This has been a slow and arduous process to get to this point. However, the better the drawings, the easier the construction process and fewer change orders. We appreciate the effort of our Building Team leadership (particularly David Bloxom as the "drawing expert"), all of our Work Groups that participated in the design process, and to the staff of Harvestime.

Next, the drawings will be handed to N&T Construction to issue to subcontractors for bids. Because we are using the "construction manager at risk" process, our Building Team will be able to review each bid as it comes in. Upon selection of subcontractor bids, the general contractor will give us a "not to exceed" price for our building. If the bids are on budget, we will proceed with bank appraisal and city permitting. If there are cost cutting measures that need to take place, we will make those adjustments at this stage, rather than wading into construction not knowing what the final price will be. Once the building and budget are agreeable, the Finance Team and Building Team will make a joint recommendation to the church for final construction approval.

Prayer Needs:

Pray that gifts through our *To All Generations* campaign will come in as pledged, and that members who have not pledged will continue to give generously.

Pray that the bids for construction will be within the scope of our financial capability.

Pray that God would supernaturally demonstrate His direction for this project.

Pray that our people would experience the "joy of giving" that comes when we are obedient to God.

God's Blessing

Just a quick note to tell you how God continues to bless our church. Because you have been obedient to God in giving your tithes, our church has had a miraculous turn around in our finances from last year. In 2010 (APR-JUL), our total gifts were \$211,168; we were (-\$22,000) in expenses over receipts. This year (APR-JUL), our total gifts are \$280,134, and we are \$29,000 in receipts over expenses—all of this in a time of economic uncertainty. For the first time in my 20 years as your pastor, we are 3% over our budget needs... "in the middle of summer!"

If you don't let up, God won't let up His Blessings!!

Senior Adult Luncheon September 15, 2011 Bring a covered dish and a friend! Winners of our August Crazy Hat Contest



Weldon Townsend
1st Place



Virginia Currier
2nd Place



Dot Skiles
3rd Place

North Orange Baptist Church invites you to join us for a Community-Wide 9/11 Remembrance Service Sunday, September 11 7:00pm

The service will feature the LCM Band under the direction of Steve Shoppert and a Community Choir under the direction of Brad Holmes. We will hear from members of the military and service organizations and leaders of our community.

Deacons Meeting September 18, 2011 - 4:00 PM Meet in the Joy Department

Wednesday Night Menu for the Month of August



September 7 - Beans & Rive
September 14—Chicken Fried Chicken
September 21—Smothered Chicken
September 28—Baked Spaghetti

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



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

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.)

DiscipleLife Classes Wednesday nights at 6:30 Beginning September 14th

Romans: The Letter that Changed the World Vol. 2

Facilitator: Tom Woolley
Number of Sessions: 10
Cost: \$10.00

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted (Priscilla Shirer)

Facilitators: Nita Aldredge & Katie Beasley
Number of Sessions: 8
Cost: \$12.00

Have the Funeral: God's Plan for Your Past (James MacDonald)

Facilitator: Tommy White
Number of Sessions: 6
Cost: \$8.00

Men's Secret Wars (Men's Study)

Facilitator: Todd Beasley
Number of Sessions: 11
Cost: \$16.00

Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted (Priscilla Shirer)

MONDAY NIGHTS @ 6:00 beginning September 19th
This group will meet at the home of Nancy Decker.
Facilitator: Nancy Decker
Number of Sessions: 8
Cost: \$12.00



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

September 12 - Barry Bradley - 501 Pine Ave., Orange
September 19 - Butch English - 9158 Bessie Heights, Org.
September 26 - Alan Sanders - 2607 Champion, Orange

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 Starts September 14th Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

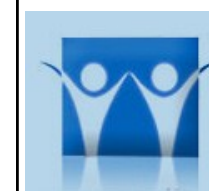
Leaders: Fred & Brenda Byington

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!



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - ORANGE



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
9:pm	Crave - College