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# The Baptist Bell

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## Let's Go Camping!



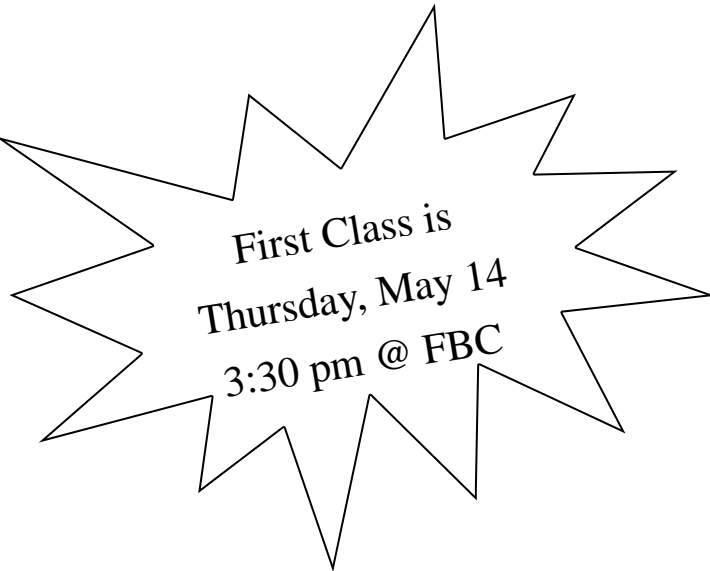
Did you attend church camp (back in the day)? Remember what fun you had? The friends you met? The camp counselors who explained God to you in a way your parents and Sunday School teachers never could?

Or if you didn't attend camp, do you wish you had? Would you like your children to have an experience you weren't able to?

Make it a reality for them! Church camps are registering now for June, July and August. A full schedule and registration form is located on page 3 of this newsletter. Camp packets are available in the church office. And if cost is an issue for your family, call Pastor Jim to find out about scholarships so your kids can have a wonderful, God-filled summer experience!

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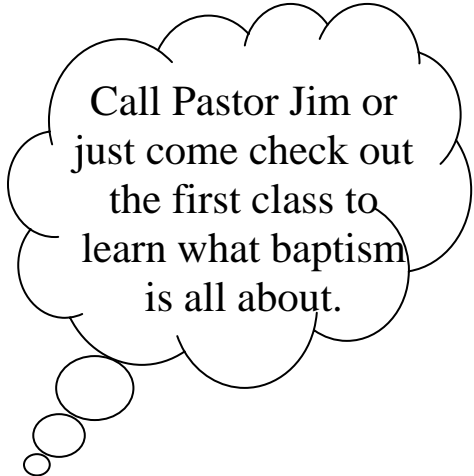
## Kids Baptismal Classes to Begin Soon



First Class is  
Thursday, May 14  
3:30 pm @ FBC

There's still  
time to join the  
class!

We've got  
room for any-  
one who wants  
to participate!



Call Pastor Jim or  
just come check out  
the first class to  
learn what baptism  
is all about.

# From My Heart to Yours.....

Pastor  
Jim Harper



## Lake Springfield Baptist Camp Workdays

It's time to get our camp cleaned up and ready for the camping season. Lake Springfield Baptist Camp will be holding two upcoming workdays, May 16 and May 23, from 8:30 am-3:00 pm each day.

Volunteers will be cleaning cabins, raking leaves, washing windows, cleaning out gutters, planting flowers, and doing minor repairs and maintenance.

We will plan to take a group of volunteers over on the first workday, **May 16**. We will meet at the FBC parking lot at 8:00 am to car-pool. Bring work gloves, rakes and other "tools of your trade." Lunch will be provided by the Camp.

We'd love it if you'd make this a family event, but just so you know, all volunteers must complete a waiver of liability/medical release and any volunteers under the age of 18 must have a the waiver/release signed by a parent or guardian before they will be allowed to participate. (See the church office for a copy).

We're ready to roll up our sleeves and spruce up the camp for summer! Won't you help us?

## You're Invited To Crop for The Camp

**What: A Scrapbooking Extravaganza!**

**When: Saturday, May 30, 9am-9pm**

**Where: Lightbody Conference Center @ Lake  
Springfield Baptist Camp**

**Who's Invited: All scrapbookers & crafters**

**How Much: Register before May 15 @ \$25/person  
After May 16 @ \$30/person**



Price incl. lunch, dinner & beverages  
(bring a favorite snack to share)

*Come for fun, fellowship, door  
prizes, games, goodie bags, demos,  
make & take and MUCH MORE!*

Vendors will be available on site for  
you to purchase supplies.

*All proceeds to towards the LSBC Manager's House Project.*

## *Ladies' Only Event*

*Sorry, guys! Also, please no children under 12!*

Registration forms available from the church office.

## Church camp scholarships are available.

Call the church office to speak with Pastor Jim about obtaining scholarship funding for your kids to attend camps this summer. Camp schedules and registration info are located on page 3 of this newsletter.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1701 MOUND ROAD

JACKSONVILLE, IL 62650

PHONE: (217) 245-6119

E-MAIL: FBC@FBCJAXIL.ORG OR

PASTORJIM@FBCJAXIL.ORG

### WEEKLY SERVICES:

SUNDAY 9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM

### FOR INFORMATION ON

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS, CHOIR, BELL  
CHOIR, AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH  
OR OTHER MINISTRIES, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

### OUR WEBSITE

WWW.FBCJAXIL.ORG

### GREAT RIVERS REGION WEBSITE:

WWW.ABCGRR.ORG

### AMERICAN BAPTIST WEBSITE:

WWW.ABC-USA.ORG

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Mail to: Camp Administrative Coordinator, PO Box 3786, Springfield, IL 62708

(1/12 fee to be sent with registration - if not member of a Great Rivers Region Church Fall amount must be sent)

T-shirt & Picture included in Fees for Children and Youth Camps

**2009 Great Rivers Region Camps**

**Camps Pertain to Grade Completed in 2009**

*T-shirt and Picture included in Fees for Children and Youth Camps only*

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parents Email \_\_\_\_\_

T-SHIRT Circle Size: Y 6-8 Y 10-12 Y 14-16 AS AM AL AXL Other \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name & City \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Authorize church billing - Pastor signature needed: \_\_\_\_\_

(By signing this, if camper does not pay, authorization given to bill church)

Camp Attending:  Blackhawk  Lake Springfield

Grades of Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (May not be able to honor) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT SENDING: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment method: (If paying by check, skip credit card selection)

Check to: Blackhawk Baptist Camp or Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

Credit Card:  American Express  Master Card  Visa

Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

3-dig V-code (on back of card): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print cardholder's name below exactly as shown on card:

**Blackhawk Baptist Camps**

	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time	Cost
Grades 6th - 12th	June 21 at 4:00 PM to June 26 at 10:00 AM	June 26 at 10:00 AM	\$200
Young Adult Retreat (age 19-29)	June 26 at 7:00 PM to June 28 at 10:00 AM	June 28 at 10:00 AM	\$40
Grades 1st, 2nd, & 3rd	June 28 at 4:00 PM to July 3 at 10:00 AM	July 3 at 10:00 AM	\$200
Grades 4th, 5th, & 6th	June 28 at 4:00 PM to July 3 at 10:00 AM	July 3 at 10:00 AM	\$200
Grades 6th - 10th	July 5 at 4:00 PM to July 11 at 10:00 AM	July 11 at 10:00 AM	\$230
Grades 9th - 12th	July 12 at 4:00 PM to July 18 at 10:00 AM	July 18 at 10:00 AM	\$230
Grades 2nd - 5th	July 19 at 4:00 PM to July 24 at 10:00 AM	July 24 at 10:00 AM	\$200
Grades Kg, 1st & 2nd	July 25 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	July 25 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Grades 6th - 12th	July 26 at 4:00 PM to August 1 at 10:00 AM	August 1 at 10:00 AM	\$230
Twilight Camp Grades 6th-12th	August 1 at 7:00 PM to August 3 at 1:00 PM	August 3 at 1:00 PM	\$80
Combo Grades 6th -12th	July 26 at 4:00 PM to August 3 at 1:00 PM	August 3 at 1:00 PM	\$300
Day Camp Grades Kg - 5th	August 4 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 4 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Karen Churches Day Camp	August 5 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 5 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Day Camp Grades Kg - 5th	August 6 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 6 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Grades Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd	August 8 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 8 at 4:00 PM	\$25

**Lake Springfield Baptist Camp**

	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time	Cost
Grades Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd	June 13 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	June 13 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Grades 2nd - 4th	June 21 at 4:00 PM to June 26 at 10:00 AM	June 26 at 10:00 AM	\$210
Grades 1st - 4th	June 28 at 4:00 PM to July 1 at 4:00 PM	July 1 at 4:00 PM	\$130
Grades Kg - 5th Slumber Party	July 2 at 4:00 PM to July 3 at 10:00 AM	July 3 at 10:00 AM	\$25
Grades 4th - 6th	July 5 at 4:00 PM to July 10 at 10:00 AM	July 10 at 10:00 AM	\$210
Grades Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd	July 11 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	July 11 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Grades 6th - 9th	July 12 at 4:00 PM to July 18 at 10:00 AM	July 18 at 10:00 AM	\$240
Grades 9th - 12th	July 19 at 4:00 PM to July 25 at 10:00 AM	July 25 at 10:00 AM	\$240
Grades 6th - 8th	July 26 at 4:00 PM to August 1 at 10:00 AM	August 1 at 10:00 AM	\$240
Grades 2nd - 5th	August 2 at 4:00 PM to August 5 at 10:00 AM	August 5 at 10:00 AM	\$128
Day Camp Grades Kg - 5th	August 6 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 6 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Day Camp Grades Kg - 5th	August 7 at 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM	August 7 at 4:00 PM	\$25
Father & Son Retreat each additional son \$20	August 7 at 7:00 PM to August 8 at 4:00 PM	August 8 at 4:00 PM	\$45

# Health Notes

**Sis Goben, RN,**  
*Parish Nurse*



**Office Hours:**  
Mondays  
10am-3pm

**Blood pressure clinics:**  
2nd & 4th Sundays of each  
month in the Narthex

**Home, nursing home and hos-  
pital visits:** upon request

**Contact:**  
First Baptist 245-6119 or  
Sis Goben, RN 245-6204

# Parish Nurse Volunteer Program

I am in the beginning planning stage for a volunteer program in conjunction with the Parish Nursing program.

Volunteers would be friendly visitors to homebound and nursing home members. Currently, we have 6 members at Barton Stone Christian Home and one at Jacksonville Convalescent Center, as well as 10 homebound members.

I try to visit the homebound members at least once a month and the nursing home members weekly.

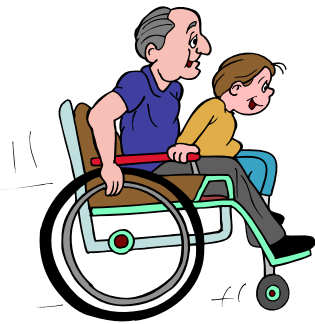
I could use some help and I know all these church members would be thrilled to have more people from our church visit them.

If you are interested, please let me know and I will have a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. I will provide some information and training if you wish.

Thank you for considering helping with this important ministry.

Love & prayers,

Sis Goben, RN



# Wheely Fun!

The Jacksonville Area  
Center for Independ-

ent Living invites you to our third annual Wheelathon on Saturday, June 13, in the Community Park Center on the south end of the grounds, 9:00 am to noon.

A Wheelathon is just like a walkathon but uses wheelchairs. Our "Wheeler" recruit sponsors, people to donate to JACIL. Anyone who recruits at least five sponsors will receive our 2009 Wheelathon t-shirt.

A picnic lunch of hot dogs and all the trimmings is free for all our "Wheeler" and will be available to the public as

well.

A special attraction this year will be our Disability Awareness Festival which will feature games and activities for the entire family and is open to the public at no charge.

We are seeking to raise \$10,000 to support our mission of serving people with disabilities in Cass, Mason, Morgan and Scott Counties.

Please consider sponsoring one of our participants or joining us as a "Wheeler" by contacting us at (217) 243-8371 or at our website at [www.jacil.org](http://www.jacil.org).

*Thank you, Roger Deem*

# This Camp Teaches Hope!

Camp Care-A-Lot is a weeklong camp for disadvantaged elementary school aged children. It is no being held in Pittsfield but it serves the Jacksonville area.

These children are given opportunities and experiences they would otherwise not be able to enjoy. The camp relies on gifts and donations from caring persons and organizations.

FBC will collect our annual offering for Camp Care-A-Lot on May 17. Won't you pray about how you can have a part in making a difference in a child's life? *Thanks,*

*Jean Shafer, Mission & Service  
Commission*



# Stewardship Report

## April 2009

	General	Missions
Year-to-Date Budget Needs	\$ 58,004.00	\$ 6,545.00
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$ 57,237.01	\$ 5,468.00
Difference	\$ (766.99)	\$ (1,077.00)

### Offering:

April 5	\$ 5,367.55	\$ 673.50
April 12	\$ 3,108.75	\$ 259.50
April 19	\$ 3,029.97	\$ 208.50
April 26	\$ 2,487.46	\$ 240.50

Attendance:	Sunday School	9:00 AM	11:15 AM
April 5	75	137	38
April 12	65	145	50
April 19	69	101	29
April 26	62	103	30

Tenebrae Service - April 9, 7pm—77 in attendance

## Lay Leaders Schedule ~ May & June 2009

Date	Ushers			
May 3	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
May 10	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geof Griffin
May 17	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
May 24	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker
May 31	Bill Nichols	Jeff Jacobs	Jim Hayes	Tim Runkle

Date	Ushers			
June 7	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
June 14	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geof Griffin
June 21	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
June 28	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker

Date	Worship Leader	Children's Church	Acolyte
May 3	Bob Nicolet	Melissa Walker	Brock Ripple
May 10	Mike Hubbs	Jennifer Gaus	Chris Barringer
May 17	Melanie Floyd	Janice Hubbs	Wade Berger
May 24	Barb Baker	Melissa Walker	Brock Ripple
May 31	Bob Nicolet	Jennifer Gaus	Chris Barringer
June 7	Mike Hubbs	Janice Hubbs	Wade Berger
June 14	Melanie Floyd	Melissa Walker	Brock Ripple
June 21	Barb Baker	Jennifer Gaus	Chris Barringer
June 28	Bob Nicolet	Janice Hubbs	Wade Berger

## MAY AT FIRST BAPTIST

### Every Week:

- Sunday— ABY Sr. High 6:30 pm
- Monday—Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 pm
- Tuesday—Bell Choir Practice 5:30 pm

### This Month:

- Monday, May 11, 6:30 pm  
Mother-Daughter Celebration
- Tuesday, May 12, 6:45 pm  
Commissions and Diaconate
- Thursday, May 14, 3:30 pm  
Baptismal Class for Kids
- Saturday, May 16  
LSBC Work Day (see article)
- Sunday, May 17  
Camp Care-A-Lot Offering
- Thursday, May 28  
Peggy Smith Circle Dinner
- Saturday, May 30  
Crop for the Camp (see article)

## Stewardship Notes

FBC received a bequest of \$3000 from the Estate of Virginia Teter in late 2008. Of that amount, half was placed in the general fund; the other half in the music fund.

## Special Offerings Received in April

Communion: \$ 105.25

Camp Scholarships:  
\$693.00

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*Reaching People  
Under 40 While  
Keeping People  
Over 60*

Seminar with  
Eddie Hammett

Our “fields” include persons of all ages. Yet, we all know how difficult it is to bring together 3, 4 or even 5 generations of believers in the same church. This workshop is intended for church leaders who believe the Gospel imperative for the church crosses the generation gap.

Thursday, May 28  
First Baptist Church  
Bloomington, IL

Call the ABC-GRR office or contact Pastor Jim if you are interested in attending this event.