

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Each Monday, 7:00 pm
At First Baptist Church
in Dublin

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered fellowship that offers HOPE and Spiritual healing based on 8 principles from the Beatitudes.

All are welcome! For more info call 609-1122.

VISIBLE RESULTS

Bible Study Average Attendance For April 2012

Preschool	35
Children	46
Students	35
Adults	<u>168</u>
TOTAL	284

This does not include the last Sunday of April.

South Campus Worship Schedule For The month of May 2012:

Sunday, May 6th
If your last name begins with H-M,
Please attend worship in the South Campus.

Sunday, May 13th
Last Names N-Z

Sunday, May 20th
Last Names A-G

We will not have South Campus Worship during the Summer. Beginning May 27th, we will all meet in the Sanctuary.



It's time to load the truck for the Baxley Children's Home. Items needed: coffee, breakfast snack bars, Kool-Aid, sauces (hot, soy, & teriyaki), kitchen cleaners. Truck loading at Jefferson Street Church on May 16 & 17, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

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The Dudley Messenger

May 2012

Kingdom Growth Banquet

Sunday, May 6

After months of praying and seeking the Lord, the Master Plan Team, the Stewardship Team, the Church Staff, and the Pastor believe that we need to move ahead to the next level of raising funds to build a new building. The Church has approved this plan! We have entered into contract with Eklund Stewardship Ministry to help us with this endeavor! Now it is time for you to be praying about what your part will be in giving over and above your normal tithe! Sunday, May 6th is commitment day!

Our "Breaking Ground" Goal: \$1,200,000

Our "Erect the Walls" Goal: \$1,800,000

Our "Completion" Goal: \$2,400,000

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

We hope you will make plans to join us for this special day at DBC. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 and Morning Worship will be at 10:30. A full catered meal will follow worship. There is no cost for the meal. Please call the church office (676-3186) to make reservations. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 1 at noon.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13



Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies.

Proverbs 31:10

Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her.

Proverbs 31:28



Imagine Greater...Believe Greater...Serve Greater...Give Greater!

Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

May 2012 may well be the most important month in Dudley Baptist existence. This could be the beginning of the transition to a powerful influence in Laurens County and beyond. The Georgia Baptist Convention has recognized our church as the 5th fastest growing Sunday School among medium sized churches in Georgia! We are not far from leaving the category of a medium sized church.

May 6th is a major day in the life of our church! May 6th is Kingdom Growth Sunday. Sunday School begins at 9:45am but worship begins at 10:30am. We are setting up a 100 x 60 foot tent to seat 500+ people for worship and a meal. The meal will cost you nothing. You do need to have reservations for you and your family. Please call the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 1st.

All of our members and attendees are asked to be in prayer. The Master Plan Team, Stewardship Team, the Church Staff and I have presented a plan that will meet our need for Worship Space, Fellowship Space, and Sunday School Space. You need to ask God what your part should be in helping us to meet this need.

We are also asking you to examine your giving. If you are not tithing already, please follow the Lord's direction for giving a 10th of your income to the church. This Kingdom Growth Campaign is asking you to make a statement of intention to give whatever God directs you to give. This could be a one time gift or an amount giving each month for the next three years. This would be over and above your regular offering.

Please pray! At the end of this campaign, I want it to be said that whatever the results, it happened because the people responded to God. We have done everything possible to make sure that we are not being extravagant or wasteful with God's resources. Our goal is to build a strong base of operation that we work from to meet the needs of this county and beyond with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love you!

Pastor Billy

BABY DEDICATION - Mother's Day Sunday, May 13 at the 11:00 am service

Please call the church office at 676-3186, if you would like to participate in this special service.

REMINDER...We will not have Evening Worship on Mother's Day.

DBC SOUP KITCHEN

Reminder...Our Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry will be every third Saturday of the month from 4-6 pm. Volunteers are needed to help prepare food and deliver food.

We need to restock the food pantry with peanut butter, jelly, Mac & cheese, canned fruit, canned veggies, canned meat, tuna, spaghetti sauce (no glass) and noodles. Thank you!

UPDATE ON LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies' Bible Study is on hold for awhile, so that Rena can care for her mother, who is under hospice care. Ladies, please remain diligent to study God's Word and use the skills you've been taught to dig out the treasures hidden for you there. We will resume as soon as possible.

ONLINE DIRECTORY

We are beginning the process of setting up an online directory. In order to help us, we need you to email us:

1. a picture of your family
2. a picture of each person in your family individually. Send it in a jpg format. Send it to this email address: directory.dbc@gmail.com
3. Please identify who each person is.

It needs to be a color photo and it needs to be appropriate...don't send us pictures of you holding your huge fish.

I think this will be a tremendous tool! You will be able to call this up from your smart phone or your computer plus we will be able to print hard copies to give to those who need them.

If you don't do email, just bring a hard copy of the photos to the church office. As you are sending this info, please take time to update any changes in address, phone number, email, etc.

DBC STUDENT MINISTRY

In the life of Student Ministry, the month of May represents two things: Graduation and the final month before inaugurating the summer. As for graduation, Josh & I look forward to recognizing the seniors in a special service on May 20th. I am reminded of II Timothy 3:14: *"But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you."*

During this month, on Wednesday nights, we will engage in a series entitled "Writerwrite." The series require us to answer some serious questions. Are we a part of God's big story? If so, how are we telling the story? Is the story something bigger than ourselves?

A busy summer will then be upon us. It will be filled with some Mystery Mondays, Vacation Bible School, Centrifuge, Prayer Lunches, Missions Opportunities, and more. I plan to make a full summer calendar available later this month. I encourage you to be involved as we continue to strengthen our relationship with the Lord and one another

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Think about all you saw when you stepped outside this morning. Was the sun shining? Did you hear birds or see squirrels making the most of their morning? Did you take a deep breath? Without our thinking about it, life happens. The sun keeps shining. The seasons change. We have air to breathe.

From the beginning, when God created the world, He set systems in motion. If He decided to ignore those, our world would quickly turn chaotic. God takes responsibility for what He creates. Even when we failed Him, He promised a way of escape through Jesus. He made good on this promise, and after we take our last breath we can trust that we'll be with Him forever. God has proven that you can trust Him with every moment of your life.

But God doesn't want for us to move through our life simply trusting Him. He wants us to become more like Him by showing others that we can be trusted as well. Every day, you have opportunities to take what God has given to you: your stuff, your words, your relationships and use them wisely. When you respond to God with the abilities that He has given to you, you are responsible.

And when you are responsible with a little, the Bible says you will be given more: more opportunities, more relationships, more ways that you can use what God has given you to reflect His character to the world around you. Our monthly **memory verse** says it this way, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much," (Luke 16:10, NIV).

Our series is called, "**Great Expectations—will you win Trust?**" It plays out like this: God has proven He can be trusted. When we trust Him and we respond to Him with our abilities, then we are responsible. And when we are responsible, we live a good story. We are a light to others. They will see our good works and glorify God because of how they see Him at work in us.

Week One, we start with the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and focus on responding to God by giving Him our stuff—our money and our abilities.

Week Two, we discover our words matter (Ephesians 4:29). We'll talk about how we can become trusted people by the way we build others up based on what they need.

Week Three, we unpack the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37). In this powerful narrative, we see how the people we most expect to be responsible aren't.

Week Four, we review with the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:34-37). Our greatest responsibility is something very good: loving Someone who loved us first and loves us most—so much He willingly sacrificed for us.

Imagine how the world might change if we lived out these "great expectations" and became even more trustworthy people!

There will be no Kids ROCK on May 6th and May 20th

***Mother's Day Worship Service, May 13th - Moms invited to worship as family.

BUSINESS MEETING AND FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday, April 29th

Our Business Meeting will begin at 6:00, followed by a Hot-Dog Supper. Please bring sides and desserts, the church will provide the hot-dogs and drinks.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 10-14, 6:00-9:00 pm

VBS workers are needed! Please see Deania Johnston to volunteer or fill out a form located in the main hallway.

DBC WORKER TRAINING

Sunday, April 29 at 4:30 pm

31 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR VBS

Begins Thursday, May 10

VBS MUSICAL

Sunday, June 3 at 6:00 pm

We will be taking VBS T-Shirt orders beginning Sunday, April 29 thru Sunday, May 20. See Deania with your order.

CHILDREN'S MONTH OF MAY WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE



May 9 - Progressive Supper
(walk through Dudley)

May 16 - Sunday Small Groups

May 23 - Baseball/Softball Camp

May 30 - Football/Cheerleading Camp

Awana Awards Ceremony

Our 11th Annual Awana Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 2, from 6:30-8:15 during regular Awana hours. Parents, Grandparents, and Friends are invited to attend. All children will receive an award. Please plan to be present to support and encourage our hard-working Awana clubbers. They've had a really great year! All leaders and clubbers, please wear your uniforms to the ceremony. Thank you.

ATTENTION ALL AWANA LEADER/HELPERS

There will be an important and productive meeting with our new Awana Missionary, Beth Greene, on Thursday, May 10 at 7:00 pm at Poplar Springs North Baptist Church on Hwy. 338 in Dublin. If you are IN ANY WAY a part of our Awana Children's Ministry, please plan to attend this brief meeting. It will be a great encouragement, and we'll get to hear all the new, exciting things that Awana has in store for us. See you at the meeting! See Rena for more info.



CHERUB CHOIR



END-OF-THE-YEAR PARTY

Sunday, April 29 at 5:30

It's time to celebrate with popsicles, bubbles and much more! See ya Sunday!

ONLINE DIGITAL GIVING

We are in the process of getting our digital giving set up. We will let you know soon how to do that.