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FOCUS: New Sunday School Year

September 2011! Are you excited about the new church year? We expect much to occur at SBC with the blessings of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ. First is the arrival of a new pastor. Pray for him, even though we don't know who he is at this time & for the Search Committee as the search continues. Now Sunday School, we have many new teachers this year as God has led many into a new area

of their Christian life. We have 56 different people in the Sunday School ministry as leaders, 24 new, or in different positions. Wow, God is good. Do you know how blessed this congregation is with so many willing to spread the word of God through the Sunday School ministry? We have been asking God to lead in creating a new class, and He has led Bubba & Mary Celsor to start the “Young Married Ministry” class beginning in September. Pray for the Celsors, the couples in the class & invite any young couples you know to this class. America needs God now more than ever. Folks at SBC are answering the command of God in Matthew 28:19-20, the Great Commission. Will you be obedient to God & ask Him to help you make a total commitment to Him? Come join us as we study, build relationships & fellowship together.

Gaylen Baugh
SBC Sunday School Director

Lauch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.
—Luke 5:4



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Jr. Brown in the loss of his sister, Mamie Harris.
To Martha Arnold in the loss of her sister, Oneda Rogers.
To the family in the loss of their loved one, Inez Graham.
To the family in the loss of their loved one, Steve Rager.

KIDS KORNER

September is a time of change, as the new church year begins. For some of the preschoolers and children, they will move up to the next age-level group in Sunday School and Wednesday nights. We already have some anticipating the move to Pier 419 next year. The 2011-2012 year (can you believe it!) will begin Wednesday, September 14, with Mission Friends for preschoolers through Kindergarten, GAs for girls in grades 1-6, and RAs for boys in grades 1-6 (one group). We encourage you to bring your preschoolers and children to church on Wednesday nights. They all learn how God is at work around the world and, how they can be a part of that. Kids CAN make a difference! There is a need for more volunteers in all three groups; if you could help at least one night a month, that would be great. A particular need is for more men to work with the RAs. If you are willing to invest some time with our children on Wednesday nights, please let me know. (We do not meet on business meeting nights.) An event coming up September 24 is CiA Day Camp (Children in Action) for boys and girls in grades 1-6 at Buck Creek Baptist Church, Calhoun, KY, from 10 AM - 2 PM. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Children do not have to be in RAs or GAs to attend. During the month of August, the GAs, by request by military personnel, made items to be given to children overseas. The box included handmade jewelry, bookmarks, pencils and small gift bags of items. We ended the month of August with a celebration/recognition of the past year. Throughout the month of September the Children's Sermons will focus on the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions. The church goal is \$3200; last year we gave \$3100. We're looking forward to a great year in missions education at Second Baptist! Love in Christ, Connie



Wedding Anniversaries



Bruce & Crystal Jones	01
Bobby & Rene' Forgy	02
Jimmy & Lois Prince	10
Jeff & Corrie Fuller	11
JT & Marilyn Collier	16
Joda & Faye Boley	17
Joe & Sue Laird	17
Joey & Jennifer Young	17
Bobby & Rita Woodall	18
Tyler & Lori Davenport	22
Phil & Lynette Baker	30
Gaylen & Shelia Baugh	30



Mike's Minutes

As I thought of a topic to speak on today, I remembered a statement that my doctor recently mentioned to me about losing weight. He asked, "What is your reach factor?" I had never heard it put that way before, though the thought made sense in fulfilling my goals of losing more weight. I'm proud to say I've lost 13 pounds, and now my small goal, "reach factor" is another 13 pounds, while my long-term reach factor is an over all 70 pounds.

This said, I also thought about our reach factor as a church member toward reaching out and building relationships with others. Quiet observation of human interaction will demonstrate that some have an almost effortless ability to reach others, while some can barely extend their hand whatsoever. I admire those with a great reach factor. They know how to go beyond themselves for the sensitivity of others. They may even pay the price of giving up their own preferences or being inconvenienced. The value of 'reacher' goes way up when you recognize how hard it is to be one.

I've logged a few years in church work...enough to feel sufficiently qualified to address some of the challenges of dealing with people in this environment. I've watched staff members willingly give up a portion of their own budget so that another department could flourish and experience success. That's reaching. I've been in close proximity when observing a pastor quietly lay down his own preferences to recognize there is another way to go about a particular project or service. That's reaching. I can even remember on occasion that I, too, have chosen to bend a few "hard and fast rules" because **reaching** demanded it...and in that moment, the voice to reach was louder than the voice to be rigid.

I fully understand that the "reach component" comes easy to some and not so easy for others. It seems to be built into one's personality. I've seen some choir members refuse to sit in a certain chair because they didn't like the cologne or the person next to them...or didn't care for the shoes the person next to them was wearing!

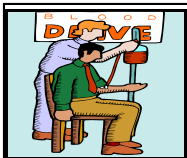
I want to be a **reacher** ... a really good one. I'm probably not one of those for whom it comes easily, but I've learned to greatly appreciate it when I see it. In this "ME" centered culture, thankfully, I'm allowed to see it properly exemplified in front of me through some of the quality people with whom I'm in relationship.

I recently heard a pastor share a sermon that reminds me of this:

That Great God, Who holds the seven stars in His one Hand. That Great God, Who made the Heaven and the Earth. That Great God, Who calls one day a thousand years, and a thousand years like one day. That Great God, Who created the galaxies, Who spoke and there was light. That Great God, Who laid down His royal crown, while all the angels watched ... and Heaven watched as He laid down His crown and His royal robe and started stripping Himself, and reducing Himself like a funnel. Less and less and less He became until He started fitting into our solar system; until He started fitting into our years, into our months, into our days, our hours, our minutes and into our seconds. He humbled Himself and reduced Himself to become less and less until He fit into the womb of a woman. He did this for one reason and one reason only ... so that you and I who were NOTHING could sit with Him in heavenly places for all eternity."

Now THAT, my friend, is reaching.

Simply yours,



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Sept. 21st
NOON-6pm
FLC Gym



Take Note: NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS:


Bubba & Mary Celsor will be teaching the new Young Married Sunday School class, starting Sept. 4th, in FLC Room #207, at 10:00 A.M. For more info, see either Bubba or Mary.

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<h2 style="text-align: center;">September</h2>  <h2 style="text-align: center;">Birthdays</h2>	David Kitchens	01	Peggy Holloway	17
	Brad Wallace	01	Susie Rigsby	17
	Nichole Bibb	01	Amy Dill	17
	Victor King	03	Grace Woodall	18
	Pearl Page	04	George Sledge	18
	Marie Romero	05	Carol Holloway	19
	Peggy Vick	05	Kim Matthews	19
	Richard Elamon	06	Corrie Fuller	22
	John Robertson	06	Andrea Porter	22
	Barbara Penrod	07	Ashlee Casebier	24
	Doris Gregory	08	James Barry	25
	Marilyn Stratton	08	Gradie Belcher	26
	Brett Fuller	12	Samuel Stanton	26
	Cindy Coffman	15	Alexa Young	26
	Jimmy Prince	16	John Dworske	28
Bobby Woodall	16	Kyle Ashby	28	
Jewell Christie	16	Alicia Croft	28	
Kim Fulcher	16	Tommy Sprouse	29	
Dana Stoker	16			

FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Been processing lots of books I bought at LifeWay. We have a good variety. The library will have Tim Tebow's book, along with *Growing Up Colt* featuring Colt McCoy and his dad. The library will also feature lots of "series" books. Come visit your library and see what it has to offer.

Librarian,
Suzann Coles

