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# 10:00 AMFOCUS:SundayWho Needs SundaySchool?

When was the last time you read the 29th chapter of Matthew? Here Matthew explained to us the reason we are to have Sunday School at 10:00 am every Sunday. Did you think God was the one who created Sunday School? Maybe you didn't know that because you haven't been in Sunday School regularly. I would guess that most of the regular Sunday School attendees know the answer to these questions. You may be the one that needs Sunday School! You can learn alot about what is and isn't in the Bible through the Sumday School ministry. You learn about God's word with your Christian brothers and sisters, make new friends as you fellowship together, and can get involved in a ministry to lead someone lost to God or maybe help a needy family as well as many other SBC opportunities. However, you've got to get up and get to church to be a part of this vital endeavor. Also, be sure to read you Bible daily. It's Christian food for the Spirit, just as the meals you eat is to keep your body healthy and strong. Hope to see you in Sunday School this Sunday and every Sunday. Walk with God daily, and don't be guilty of holding hands with the devil.

#### Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director

P. S. Don't spend too much time looking for Matthew 29; just come to SBC at 10am on Sunday.







## KIDS KORNER

Didn't we have a great on our "Amazing Wonders Aviation" trip in June? Along the way, several decisions were made...what a great way to start the summer! We want to say a special congratulations to a former "Kid", Jordan Blick, on his accomplishments in baseball. Current GA, Cami, and former GA, Brittany, will be busy this summer in the production of Aladdin, Jr and Music Camp. There are many camps to choose from; hope you didn't forget to register for Jonathan Creek (7-13/14) or the Logan-Todd Association Mission Camp (7/20-21). While everyone is very involved in activities during the summer, we do continue to offer the Wednesday night groups: Mission Friends, GAs & RAs. Looking over the number of "church kids" at VBS in the preschool - sixth grade age range, we could have a greater number on Wednesday nights. The new church year does not begin until September, so think about this over July & August: Is there somewhere you would be willing to serve on Wednesday nights? Teach? Lead projects for RAs? Provide refreshments? A special talent? We have had one person contact us about teaching our GAs how to sew. Hopefully we can do that in August. The time and effort we invest in the children now WILL make a difference in the church tomorrow. Just look around Second Baptist and see what the youth are already doing to make a difference! Several were in GAs and RAs before going to the youth group; many also were involved in Team Kids. Praying for a safe summer for all of you. Love in Christ, Konnie



## What If?

I've just finished reading the first installment of a three part trilogy by Bryan Litfin called 'The Sword'. I am now reading through his second book entitled 'The Gift'. It's a Chronicles of Narnia, Lord of the Rings type of thing. Bryan is a professor of Theology at Moody Bible Institute and



was featured in an article in our 'Stand Firm' Men's Devotional a couple of months back. That's what spurred me to look into his book.

To give you a brief synopsis of the storyline the year is 2042. A deadly virus outbreak mushrooms into a world-wide epidemic and takes millions of lives. In the resulting chaos and loss of life nuclear weapons fall into the control of those who would destroy anyone and everything. The sum of this is that our world as we know it ceases to exist. The Earth is plunged once again into a 'dark ages' with all communication, technology, and financial structure gone and as the centuries roll by the 'ancient' world of the present is gone and along with it the scriptures and the knowledge of the one True God. The story evolves as the one True God begins to real Himself to the Hero and Heroine and they begin their quest to find His truth.

Maybe you're not intrigued with that sort of story, but for me it really stirs my thinking. What if we didn't have the scriptures anymore? That they were gone and lost forever? What if we had lost our knowledge of the one True God and His Son? And from that we had no hope for the future. That we just lived and died and that was it. Makes we want to give thanks anew for God's mercy and grace to give us His Word. It causes me to realize afresh that the light and knowledge of the one True God should not be taken for granted.

But I am also reminded that for many in our world the setting for 'The Sword' is true in their countries today. They don't have the Scriptures in their language or otherwise. They don't have a knowledge of the one True God. They haven't heard of a Savior who died for them. They have no hope beyond this life. Let us not take our blessings or our mission for granted. Let us remember His calling on our lives to those around the world and across the street who don't know His love and salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20)

### Mike's Minutes

This is one of the busiest times of the year, so I've been working on several different areas of ministry. In about two days we'll be leaving the church parking lot with a group of youth and adults heading out for a week of Ky. Changers. This mission trip (Project Paducah) will be a little different than some events in the

past. Instead of being housed in a local middle/ high school where the air condition is usually down in the summer and cleaning of the school is in progress we will be housed in what I call the "Marriot" of churches in the Paducah area. Beautiful, First Baptist Church of Paducah has graciously opened their doors for 300-400 youth to be housed for a week of Changers. Each church group will have their own room in which to call home during the week. The church has made arrangements to conduct joint S.S and Worship services while Changers is in town. First Baptist Church members will be working closely with KBC Officials to see that the group is taken care of.

Twenty some low-income homeowners from the surrounding Paducah area have been chosen and will be getting an outside makeover for their home during the week. It's exciting to see how the Lord will work through the homeowners and to see what the Lord has in store for us, too.

Summer always is a time in which a lot of things can control what you do in a youth and music ministry. I sat down a few weeks in preparation for writing my article this month and I listed a few things that I hate about summer. Here goes that top ten list (David Letterman style):

10. The increased and crazy pace.

9. Trying to manage summer and plan for the fall at

the same time. 8. Being in my bathing suit and standing next to a teenager. (not a pretty sight)

7. Trips to Wal-Mart or to the hospital, while on mission trips, for students who don't

pay attention to their "medical" forms or their "things to bring" list.

6. When my youth are at home or out of school while I'm at church working.

5. When my youth/choir goes on vacations and miss summer camps/ choir

3. Inconsistent attendance at youth/music programs. 2. When great camps /events are followed by calls by angry parents who want to

know why their child came home without their towel, jacket, etc.

1. When summer ends.

As tough as summer is, I really hate when it ends. Summer brings so many relational moments, fun memories, and fresh spiritual commitments. It's so rewarding and I'm so thankful for those that do go to camp and listen, learn, make new friends, that ask questions, and are trying to figure out how to live in today's world as a teenager with Jesus Christ as the Savior of their life.

Regularly, I'm reminded that youth /music ministry isn't easy especially during summer. But, I'm also reminded that being a youth/ music worker is a rewarding role when we get to rub shoulders with students and adults who respond to the Good News and their life is changed forever. This very thing happened just this week! I realize you and I don't change lives, but it's a great ride, my friend, to be there when a life is changed forever. Thanks, for being there even if it is in a small group- your presence matters.

Until next time .... Bro. Mike

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**Birthdays** 

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Billy Carter	02	Billy Carnal	16
Rene' Forgy	02	Christopher Trimmer	16
Brenda Crafton	03	Candice Coles	16
Courtney Eaton	03	Chastity Willis	17
Tyler Holloway	03	Taylor Gilliam	18
Becky Belcher	04	Nick Mantlo	21
Chris Blick	04	Jennifer Young	21
Shirley McPherson	05	Tonya Johnson	22
Jean Whitley	06	Loreal Cheaney	22
Louis Baker	06	Terri Byrum	23
Mary Moss	06	Kirsten Matthews	24
Scottie Bibb	06	Jayden Blick	24
Debra Carter	06	Randy Baskerville	25
Heather Blick	06	Andrew Simpson	25
Bubba Norman	09	Mary Ogles	28
Lisa Costelow	09	Sue Blick	28
Rhonda Reynolds	11	Shirley Davenport	28
Christopher Williams	11	Machelle Williams	28
Glenn Penrod	12	Carol McEndre	29
Jared Duncan	13	Duane Spencer	29
Mason Davenport	14	Teresa Browning	30
Claude Blick	15	Kyle Mills	30
Barry Mills	15	Steven Costelow	31
Jan Mills	15		