

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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where He is first

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Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Baptism

Mark Laird  
Breann Thomas

10:00 AM

Sunday

## FOCUS:

## Godly Wisdom

Recently as I was reading one of our S.S. lessons in the quarterly about being wise. I thought, how can we not seek more Godly Wisdom now than ever? We have the ability to gain worldly wisdom so easily through education, internet, travel, TV & many more outlets. However, is that the wisdom we as Christians need? Most who profess to be Christians would answer "no" to worldly wisdom, but what do our actions show we are doing? Are we doing God's will as he instructs Christians? Wisdom that God wants us to obtain is from God only, not something we get from other men. When we seek to grow in the spirit, we learn how to worship. Today, we think having "fun" in church is worship. Church is a place for joy in the heart as the spirit of God leads us in worship. We can learn this & much more in our S.S. studies. In 1Corinthians 2:14 says, "The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." If you aren't a regular attendee here at SBC, I am inviting you to be here every Sunday in S.S. for a study with God's people. Our S.S. teachers are ready to teach the saved & witness to the lost. Bro. Steve & S.S. leaders are growing in Godly wisdom to grow the kingdom of God to greater heights. Looking ahead in what is planned for our S.S. ministry, we will have "Back to School Roundup" on August 19th. We will try to reach those not attending regularly & the lost for this "special" Sunday. A S.S. Revival is planned for October 20-24. Start praying for this revival & make your plans to attend.

See you Sunday,

*Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director*



## With Sympathy

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 Dorris Blick in the loss of his father, Claude Blick.  
To Sherman & Jewell Christie in the loss of their daughter,  
Judy Baskerville.

## KIDS KORNER

July was a whirlwind of activities at Second Baptist. Many attended various camps, went on vacation or participated in community events. It's now August, and that means "Back to School" for many of you. The new church year begins in September, so our Wednesday night groups will not change until then. However, those entering 7th grade have started participating in some of the youth activities. On August 29th we'll celebrate the accomplishments of 2011-2012, welcome the preschoolers and children moving to new groups and say good-bye to several who are moving to the Youth Group. For those of you who work with (or would consider working with) Mission Friends, GAs and RAs, there will be a training on Monday, August 13th, 6:30 PM, at Calvary Baptist Church, Elkton. In all the years of involvement with preschoolers through youth, I've never left a training without learning something new, or a better way to do what I do. Want to know what to do with the boys? Well, here's your opportunity to find out! If there is any doubt that what is going on at Second Baptist is making a difference, just ask the children. It can't be emphasized enough that the investment made in our children now will make an impact at Second Baptist for years to come. We all want to thank you for the continued support of our preschool and children missions education/ministry groups and the many projects we do during the year. We will continue to collect aluminum cans (only) through the end of this month. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD for August: variety of school supplies (their tote is in the old kitchen).

Love in Christ, Konnie



## What's Really Important?

What's really important to you and I? Our possessions? We certainly don't want to lose them. Our health? We've got to have that too if you want to have any quality of life. How about our family and friends? It sure would be a lonely world without friends and family and I'm not talking about our cell phone circles either. So where does our relationship with our Creator fit into our lives? Did He create us to wind us up like a top and see how we spin, or did He fashion each one of us in His own mind before we ever became a living creature with a plan and purpose for our existence? So many live their lives discouraged and disillusioned with no hope of things ever changing. What's the answer? **Hosea 4:6** says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." This is why Bible Study is so important. God's Word has the answers! God gave us His Word to study and prepare ourselves and our children, for the spiritual battles and conflicts that we face each day. We need the knowledge, strength, and purpose for our lives that we find when we study His Word. We need the grace and mercy that Jesus provides to sustain us in our daily duties. We need His help to love and forgive one another, and to be loved and forgiven. August 19, we are going to have a 'Back to School Day' for Sunday School. Our kids and families will be finished with vacations and summer activities. Many have drifted away from Bible Study due to all the summer outings that we love and enjoy. It's time to 'round up' everyone and get all of us back to School! Sunday School that is! Make the calls, send the cards, take time to visit, text, email, skype, facetime, make contact in whatever way you chose! Let them know they are important to God's Kingdom and make sure you are there yourself! We have adopted a new motto for our church that you have probably already seen. It's this, "**We are Second, where He is First!**" Is He first in our lives, our families, our church? God has a plan for this world and you're a part of it! His plan is revealed in His Word. You're important to Him, so don't miss out on what He has for you! **He is First!**

Bro. Steve

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## Mike's Minutes

Every so often, every choir needs to recruit new members. In doing so, you will get all kinds of excuses why one can't commit to the choir. I believe the number one excuse would be, I can't carry a tune in a bucket, or I can't sing.

Do you know people who don't like to sing or say they *can't* sing? Ask them if anyone sang to them when they were very young. Lullabies, silly songs, hymns, carols, game songs, any kind of children's songs or folksongs, the kind of songs doesn't matter. What does matter is if anyone sang to them, just as you would talk to a baby or young child. A child who has no hearing does not learn to speak as other children do, merely by listening. A child who does not hear singing in the same way does not develop that unique use of the voice which delivers so much joy to the rest of us.

I once attended a music workshop where the instructor had done a great deal of research into the ways children learn music. Most of it came down to the all-important early days of life when, ok I'll say it, "the good old days" parents and teachers used to sing with children. Now, much of the early (and middle and later) years is spent with radio and television. Much of the vocal music heard in the media is pitched so low that children often begin singing it in their "speech voices." The result is actually not singing, but yelling. This can be overcome with proper training, as long as there was singing in their younger years.

After attending the workshop, I returned to the choir rehearsal to ask choir members, "Who sang to you when you were little?" One young lady in my choir at that time, who had an exceptional voice said, "My father use to sing to me." Others, one by one, told of a father or mother, an aunt, or a grandparent, who sang to them. I was curious about what one member would tell us. He had a big voice, but had a great difficulty staying on pitch. When I asked him the question, he said, "Well, my mother *tried*." I have come to think of our singing voices in the way I think of those cards with the hidden messages or numbers on them. All you have to do is scratch off the surface camouflaged material and you discover something, hopefully wonderful, underneath.

We all started life with voices for speaking and singing. How they are nurtured and used has everything to do with their health. Nurture your children's and grandchildren's voices. They will thank you!

In the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, the Apostle Paul tells us that each one of us is given spiritual gifts, or abilities, from God. There are many different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. Come join us in choir rehearsal on Sunday afternoons at 4:45p.m! We would love to see you there!

Bro. Mike



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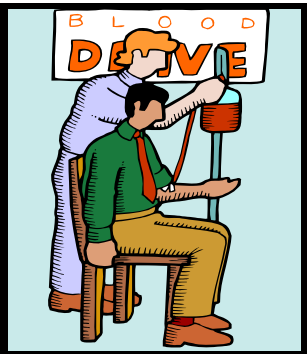
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Sunday School "Back to School Roundup"  
**High Attendance Sunday**  
**Aug. 19th**  
More information to come!!



**Don't Forget!**  
**Annual SBC**  
**Picnic**  
Sun., Sept. 9th  
**City-County Park**  
Following the morning  
worship service



**AMERICAN**  
**RED CROSS**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Wednesday, Sept. 19th  
2-6pm  
FLC Gym