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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

WORSHIP BEGINS AT 7P | DOORS OPEN AT 6:30P
AT FBC BARNESVILLE'S GYM | 200 ZEBULON ST

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THE WITNESS

COME SEE
WHERE WE
TOOK THE
GOOD
NEWS AND
CELEBRATE
ALL THAT
GOD HAS
DONE!

**GOOD
NEWS
IS COMING**

IN THE CLFC

SUNDAY, AUG 11 AT 6:30P

**MISSIONS
FEST 2019**





From the Shepherd's Heart

Pastor Garth Forster

As I recently preached on Hannah, the wife who prayed for a son and miraculously gave birth to a boy who would become the great Old Testament Prophet Samuel, I ran across an illustration I had never heard before. E.V. (Ed) Hill, who pastored Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Los Angeles for 42 years, tells the story of how the love and prayers of his adopted "Mama" changed his life. Mama believed in two things: Prayer and Ed. She saw to it that he graduated from high school and even insisted that he go to college. As he boarded the bus to leave for college, Mama said to him, **"Remember, Mama is praying for you."**

When he arrived at Prairie View College in his native Texas, he stood in the registration line and soon learned that the \$1.90 he had left from his bus trip would not pay for his tuition, room and board. He started to get out of line, but then remembered his Mama's words. She was praying for him.

As it came his turn to register, Dr. J.M. Drew approached him and asked if he was Ed Hill from Sweet Home, Texas. Ed told him he was, then Dr. Drew said, **"We have a four-year scholarship that will pay your room and board, your tuition, and give you thirty dollars a month to spend."** And Ed says he heard his Mama say, "I will be praying for you!" Indeed, there is great power in a mama's prayers!

August has some very special emphases:

- **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** for Pre-K through fifth grade is Sunday, August 4th, from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. in and around our Christian Family Life Center.
- **LAMAR COUNTY SCHOOLS PRAYER WALK** will be August 4th from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M. We'll begin with some refreshments and instructions at the Lamar County Schools Fine Arts Center.
- **MISSIONS FEST** will be Sunday evening, August 11th, at 6:30 in our gym. We'll have a great meal with a "Boston Food Theme," and then have the opportunity to hear from all who served on mission trips this summer, including our Youth Choir that served in Boston (that's in Massachusetts)!
- August is also the month that we do **DEACON ELECTION** here at First Baptist. We will pass out the ballots on August 4th and you may return marked ballot up until Wednesday, August 14th. Deacon Election will be in all three Sunday morning services on August 25th.

August is going to be a great month! COME EXPECTANTLY!

I Love You,

Garth

#WeGetToDoThis

RECEIVED FOR JUNE:

\$36,307.18

RECEIVED TOTAL:

\$653,175.62

GENERATIONS FOLLOWING UPDATE

As we enter the month of August we are reminded where the Lord has led us in regards to our Generations Following campaign. This is the time of the year that our kids, students and college students are starting back to school and we are thankful that we are committed to their spiritual growth and providing a path for creating disciples for Christ.

We continue to make progress on funding the project. Our most recent update has us at a total of \$653,175 given to date with \$36,307 of that given in June. We also have invested a portion of the funds into CDs to build financial interest. Thanks to Melinda Merritt for finding a wise investment strategy. This will provide additional funds as our building finance team led by Mark Smith begins to plan in the coming months as we get closer to our ground breaking goal of \$1,050,000.

We are excited by everyone's continued prayers and support of the Generations Following! Many Blessings, Steven

July has been a good month with 314 in Bible Study. I am so proud of you for meeting and exceeding our **Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering goal of \$15,000 with a total of \$15,4412.26.** We also did well in the month of June and had, at month's end, **a total of \$653,175.62 toward our new Student/Young Adult Building!** As I write this, **Vacation Bible School** is taking place. Thanks to our Director, **Rene Hubbard**, and all who worked with her and **Maria Brannen** to make this one of the best V.B.S.'s we have ever had! We also look forward to our **Youth Choir Dinner Theater** on the evenings of July 27th and 28th.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee and Conversation: Tues. August 6 at 10:30a in the Annex, Joyce Bradley will be share about her mission trip to South Georgia.

Back to School Bash: Sun. August 4 from 4p-6p, for Pre-K through 5th grade, in the CFLC and outside the building

Prayer Walk for Lamar County Schools: Sun. August 4 at 6:30p at the Lamar County Fine Arts Center

Gordon State Move In Day: Thurs. August 15 from 8a-2p. Come serve with *your college ministry* as you help families move in their college students into the Gordon State dorms. For more info, please contact Jason Teal.

Deacon Elections: Deacon ballots will be available August 4-14. Deacon elections will be taking place on Sunday, August 25.

Grief Share: Begins Sun. August 18 st 5:30 in Room D207

Regular Wednesday Night Schedules begins August 14: 5p Children's Choirs, 5:30p Supper, 6:20p Prayer Meeting, Children's Missions, Student Worship, and Life Groups, 7:15 Adult Choir, and 8p Common Ground.

People Hopping, Preacher Swapping Revival: September 9-11, with dinner served at FBC on Wednesday night.

A Word of Thanks

I have felt so much love from many people in our church during my cancer treatments. I don't know if I could have made it without your constant support. God gave me eyes of faith so I could see Him even more in my storm. I am so blessed!

In His Love, Ethel Garrison

Thank you so much to everyone for your love and support during Billy's passing. Thank you to the Agape Team for the food and to Janet Graham and Judy Jackson for serving and setting up. And of course, Brother Garth, Greg, Alison, Nick, Russ, and Evan for their help.

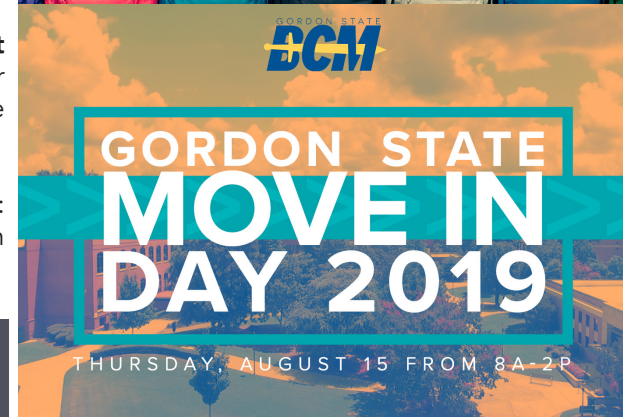
In Christ's Love, Deana Jackson

BACK
TO
SCHOOL
BASH!

YOU GOT THIS

AUG. 4 FROM 4-6P

For PreK - 5th grade



DRIVEN STUDENTS

EQUIP Weekend: August 9-10. Cost is \$30 per person at Antioch Baptist Church.

Strength to Stand 2020: Jan. 18-20, cost \$200. Deposit (\$100) due on October 15.