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JOURNEY OFF
THE MAP
Unknown to Us,
Known to Him

July 12 - 16
5:00-8:30

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dr. James K. Byrd ~ Senior Pastor

How do you understand worship? Sometimes the word ecstasy is used in describing worship. Webster defines ecstasy as a state of overwhelming emotion. The word ecstasy comes from the Greek and the literal meaning is to “stand outside of one’s self.”

Barbara Brown Taylor in her book “Leaving Church” describes a worship experience she had. “For the first time in my life, I had found a church where the Divine Presence felt as strong to me inside as it did outside. When I entered the sacred cave, I not only lost track of time, I also lost track of myself. From the moment the thurifer (acolyte) passed down the central aisle, swinging the censer in a cloud of sweet smoke, to

the moment the organist lifted his fingers from the last cord, I became part of a body far larger than myself. As the body stood to sing, kneeled to pray, and stood again to declare the faith, I did my part without feeling apart. The feeling of communion was already so intense that I did not go forward for the bread and wine. I let the body go forward for me, while I sat there sensing God’s pleasure. Before Christ Church, I thought that worship was something people cooked up for themselves. At Christ Church, I discovered worship that took place inside God’s own heart.”

I hope you will experience the wonder of worship we will be sharing in our worship experience on Sunday.

David Roberson Minister of Music

Thank you to the Sanctuary Choir for doing such a nice job on the anthem Sunday, “This is the Day” by John Rutter. The anthem is a couple of levels of difficulty higher than our norm. We worked on it little by little for several months and I’m sure they wondered if we were ever going to sing it in a service. But they learned it well and did a great job on it. Thanks Choir for your hard work!

After Wednesday, July 1, the choir will not meet for rehearsals during July. They will be in the loft on Sundays singing favorite anthems from years past. I like to give them time off during the summer as a thank you for the dedicated work they do throughout the year. Make sure you take a moment to thank them for the music they provide each and every week.



The TBC Kids has a great day at the **Kid's Day Camp!** They played Hungry, Hungry Hippos, slid down the blow-up slide, and had fun giving Haley Hawkins a “new doo!”

Wes Roberts

Minister to Youth

I was amazed this past week just how many GOOD people are in this world. I had the privilege of attending the International Kiwanis Convention in Indianapolis and had a great time. There were about 5000 people in attendance from over 22 countries. As I listened about Kiwanis heritage of now 100 years, I was reminded of just how many people love serving others. This organization exists to serve the children of the world through youth projects, feeding programs and many other initiatives that help kids around the globe.

We listened to Tim Harris, owner of Tim's Place on Friday night and he was inspirational. Tim has Down Syndrome, owns his own restaurant and has "Hugs" on his menu. Yes, I said he has hugs on his menu, and is the only restaurant in the world that they know of where this exists. Tim said if you dream big enough and follow those dreams, that they can

happen. He always dreamed of owning his own restaurant and after graduating from college, Tim opened his first restaurant in New Mexico. He encouraged us, as Kiwanis, that we should all look out for the best interest of others. He said to put others first and you will experience the joy of a lifetime.

As we concluded that opening night, he instructed us all to turn and give others a hug. It was quite a scene I must say, to see over 5000 people giving one another hugs "just because." Look Tim Harris up on Youtube. You will be inspired.

So what is your Big Dream? What is Third's Big Dream? As Jesus says, love others and treat them as you would want to be treated. It is pretty simple but we try to make it so hard. Whatever your dream happens to be, make sure that along the way, you LOVE others and show them the kindness that Jesus would show them because He died for them too!

Jan Lampkin ~ Children's Minister

The children had a great time at the church day camp. We spent a few hours at the water park downtown, ate lots of pizza, ice cream and chips, and spent the rest of the afternoon enjoying games in the gym. We played "Hungry Hippo," took a tour of the church, and the preschoolers spent most of their time on the bounce castle.

We are getting ready for VBS July 12-16. We had a great attendance at the organizational meeting this past Sunday. If you have children, grandchildren, neighbors or friends that want to attend; we would love to see them at VBS. VBS is for children 3years old to 5th grade

(based on the school year just finished.)

Because school is out for the summer we have had more requests from our church families that need food. The extra meal each day makes families have to stretch their food allowances. We try to help as many families that we can. If you have extra food items, i.e. canned foods, snack items, bread, or sandwich meat; we can find a family that needs it. Please contact Jan Lampkin if you can assist in any way. Please pray for VBS, the children and their families.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

Pulpit Supply Committee

Patty Ray, Chair

The Pulpit Supply Committee is working on filling the pulpit for September through December this year after Dr. Byrd's retirement. We are currently contacting several people to line up for the month of September. Our Committee met Sunday morning with Dr. Ron and Elaine Williams, and we are pleased to announce that Ron will be supplying our pulpit needs for the months of October through December. The Committee unanimously felt this would be the best solution for Third Baptist at this time.

Ron will be preaching the Sunday morning service and overseeing the Wednesday night prayer meetings for the final three months of 2015. Please call the church office for any other ministerial needs you may have after Dr. Byrd's departure and the staff will direct those requests to the appropriate party. We want to thank the various committees, Deacons and the staff ahead of time for their hard work and support during this time.

We will release further updates as we fill September. Thanks go to our committee members: Jenny Lewis, Shirley Overfield, Pat Settle, Harold Wilson and Gary Kirtley. Please pray for our committee and pray for Third Baptist Church as we seek God's will for our Church and her ministries.

SUNDAY, JULY 5
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 3:00 PM Baby Shower, Game Room

MONDAY, JULY 6,
OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY, JULY 7
 10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
 5:00 PM FCC - Centennial Room
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 9
 1:00 PM FCC Bible Study
 5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, JULY 10

SATURDAY, JULY 11



Atrium Social

July 5:

FCC Fa Ho Lo Class

July 12:

Another Look and
FCC Friends in Faith



SUNDAY, JULY 19 AT 6:00 PM

Listen to our
Sunday Morning
Worship Service at
10:50 AM
100.5 FM or 1420 AM



SUNDAY, JULY 12
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 4:00 PM Stewardship Finance Mtg.
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, JULY 13
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics
 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JULY 14
 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School
 6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
 8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery
 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JULY 16
 5:00 PM Community Meal
 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School

FRIDAY, JULY 17

SATURDAY, JULY 18
 12:00 PM Kids going Bowling

DEACON INFORMATION

July 5
 Mike Morrow, Gary Kirtley
Hope and Harvest Team
 Frank Beller, Sam Lee

July 12
 Stan Napper, John Lampkin

Hope and Harvest Team
 Barry Spinks, Stan Napper

SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS

July 5 Tom Dixon
July 12 Frank Beller

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

July 5 Misty Hernandez
July 12 Cissy Bishop
 Jennifer Spence

SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS

July 5 Laura Bronn
July 12 Karen Grise

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest sympathy to **Robert Harris** in the loss of his brother-in-law, Perry Tichenor; to the family of **James Watts**; and to the family of **Nada Maddox**.

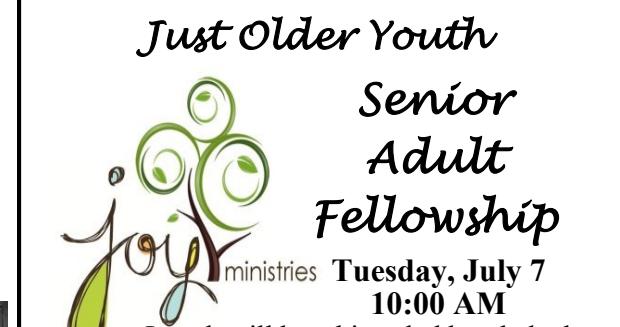
THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family. Your expressions of sympathy, the food and cards were greatly appreciated. Thank you for your prayers.

*Bill & Joyce Webb
and the family of Myril Webb Riggs*

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made **in memory of Nada Maddox** by Mrs. Jean Lampkin, Mrs. Myrtie Wilhoite; **in memory of Perry Tichenor** by Mrs. Jean Lampkin; **in memory of Bill Webb's mother, Myril Riggs** by Mr. & Mrs. Tony Delack, Otis Hicks, Kenneth Greer; **in memory of James Watts** by Mrs. Wilda Luttrell, Lee & Bettie Kincaid.



Lunch will be a big salad bar, baked potato with the trimmings, assorted cheeses and melon tray. Cost is \$6.00 per person.

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