

Salt and Light

Mission Morganton XII Saturday; Hot Dog Fundraiser for Mimosa September 25

Each September the same thought occurs to me: "It is so hard to believe that another Mission Morganton is upon us!"

Amazingly, this unique, powerful, one-day missions and evangelism blitz, which began in 1998, is here again!

Once again, we plan to gather in front of the Kistler House at 8 a.m. this Saturday, September 19, for a short time of worship, praise, and prayer before we scatter in every direction to build access ramps, to help construct a Habitat house, to do landscaping, to distribute food, and all the rest.

For those of us who have participated in the past, it has been a day like no other—marked by physical challenges and, at times, logistical problems, but also (and more importantly) by the visitation of the Holy Spirit among us and within us in a fresh and wonderful way as we minister and witness in Jesus' name.

Again this year, we are grateful for the participation of partner churches, through whom the work has been expanded and the blessings, both given and received, greatly multiplied: Calvary Lutheran, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, New Day Christian, and New Life Church of God.

Even if you cannot labor very much physically, please come and participate in whatever way you can.

If you cannot come at all, please pray for the projects' success—that we and all we serve might know the love and the saving power of Jesus Christ for the first time, or anew.

And while we're on the subject of service, witness, and love . . .

Let me remind you of Mimosa Christian Counseling Center's "Hot Dawg Jamboree" on Friday, September 25, from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Community House in Morganton.

First Baptist started Mimosa in 2004, and its ministry has reached hundreds of men, women, and (more recently) children up to the present time.

All proceeds of the hot dog luncheon (after the deduction of expenses) will be applied toward the Mimosa Fund, which enables clients who cannot pay the full amount of services to be seen by Mimosa Counseling Coordinator Dr. Jane Rawson or one of her associates.

Almost 40% of Mimosa's clients, so many of whom are uninsured and/or deeply impoverished, require this kind of supplementation in order to receive the licensed, professional, counseling services that they cannot get anywhere else under these circumstances.

Please support this vitally important fundraiser.

Tickets are \$6 each and are available, among other places, in the church office.

In all these endeavors, to God be the Glory!

Love,
Tom

WOMEN'S WEEKDAY MORNING STUDY Beginning Monday, September 21 9:45 a.m. in room K101

Beth Moore's Newest Study for Women!
ESTHER: IT'S TOUGH BEING A WOMAN
Leader: Debbie Franklin

Esther may have been a queen, but her life was no fairy tale! An outsider, a foreigner, and an orphan, she found herself facing an evil plan to destroy her people. Esther's story is a profile in courage and contains many modern parallels for today's overloaded and stressed woman. All women are invited to join in this in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance. If you have ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the study for you.

To enroll, contact debbiefranklin@bellsouth.net or 584-6316.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is time to elect officers in our Sunday School classes. *Training for each office starts in October, so please finish his process by the end of this month!* Please take this seriously and prayerfully. We hope our class officers will lead the way in putting our Sunday School class "Dreams and Visions" goals and plans into action this year!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Coming in October...

Lord's Supper in Worship – Oct. 4
FBC 130th Anniversary Homecoming with
Pastor Emeritus Bob Shepherd preaching in
worship and our bountiful dinner-on-the-
grounds feast – Oct. 11
FBC Fall Round-up Cowboy Songfest – Oct. 21
Reformation Sunday – Oct. 25
Great Pumpkin Party – Oct. 31

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Nunzio Loiudice - Italy
Annette Hall - France
Robert Dunlop - Ireland
New Pastor at Brannockstown
Mark Hamblen
Janos Katona - Romania

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Eric Duckworth Erienne Davidson
Shawn Graham Veronica Graham
Roland Berger Mark Scannell
Ryan Moya P. J. Chapman
Joshua Davidson James Gillon
Zack Maye Mark Shell
Jacob Durden Wes Shuffler

WANTED Guitar Players

Anyone and everyone, no matter what level – from beginner to studio session player, no matter what age - from preschool prodigy to senior adult front porch picker. Please let Fred Schuszler know if you can be a part of our "all guitar ensemble" for our first ever Fall Western Roundup. Call him at 437-2544 x 14 or email fls999@hci.net.

Just 4 YOUTH

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am - Mission Morganton
5:00 pm – Leave from church for Momentum

Sunday, September 20

8:20 am – YMC meeting at Jeff's [117 Coffey St.]
9:44 am – Bible Study
5:00 pm – Youth Choir
5:00 pm – Super Session Leaders
5:45 pm – Youth Meal
6:09 pm – Super Session
7:29 pm – Dismiss

Wednesday, September 23

6:10 pm – Grapple & Spectrum meet

Sunday, September 27

9:44 am – Bible Study
5:00 pm – Youth Choir
5:00 pm – Super Session Leaders
5:45 pm – Super Session begins

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 20 - Ron Martin

FBC TRAVEL

Billy Graham's Library &
Daniel Stowe Gardens
Monday, September 28

Leave @ 8:00 from the parking lot
Return by 5:00 pm

Cost: \$25 (tickets & Motorcoach)
To sign up for a trip call Mr. Rotan
@437-2544, x16

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received Sept. 13.....\$15,514
Budget Required to Date..... \$673,892
Received to Date \$614,656
Under Budget \$43,220

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date \$767,199
Building Fund Expenditures ... \$641,515
Building Fund Balance\$125,470

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of Lula Mae Duval and Gross Waters.

HOMEBOUND VISITORS MEETING

Wednesday, September 23
4:30 p.m. - K101

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT MENU

September 23, 2009

Fall-Apart-Tender-Slow Roast Pork
Creamy Red Potatoes

Orange Glazed Baby Carrots
Rolls

Veggie Meal - Baked Potato-Sauteed Veggies, Salad Bar & Roll and any other veggies from serving line
Child's Meal - Pizza/Fries and any other veggies from serving line
Serving Team – Betty Ann Elmore

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Lynn and Rob Mould on the birth of a grandson, Joey Morrison. Parents are Wesley and Mandy Morrison.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

This Wednesday, September 23

Programs:

- Mission Morganton Celebration
 - Middle School *Grapple*
 - High School *Spectrum*

- Preschool & Children's Choirs and Discipleship
 - Nursery for three-year-olds and younger

Schedule (see front page Coming this Week column)

Don't miss this incredible mid-week opportunity for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth for all ages and interests!

Coming up September 30
Youth "Dinner Theatre" Play
Summer in Cricket County

A hilarious look at the foolishness of gossip.
Get your reservations in early. Don't miss this one!
Free dessert for all that night!

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY!

September 20, 2009

Deacon Ordination and Affirmation Service

**Sermon: "A Passionate Partnership"
(I Peter 4: 10-11)**

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be preaching.



**We will observe the ordinance of baptism.
Tom Hall will be baptized.**



**Deacons to be ordained are:
Jeff Carswell, Tom Hall, and Bill Lennon**
**Deacons to be affirmed are:
Sandy Baden, Steve Bailey, John Cantrell,
Angela Deal, Ed Hardin, Alan LeCroy
and Rusty Lyday**

COMING NEXT WEEK

◆ **Sunday, September 20**

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
10:55 a.m. - Worship
5:00 p.m. - Youth Choir
Youth Leaders
5:45 p.m. - Youth Snack Supper
6:10 p.m. - Super Session

◆ **Monday, September 21**

9:45 a.m. - Women's Bible Study

◆ **Tuesday, September 22**

5:15 p.m. - Child Protection
6:30 p.m. - Play Practice
7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ **Wednesday, September 23**

4:30 p.m. - Homebound
Committee K101
Church Family Night
5:30 p.m. - Serving Line Opens
6:00 p.m. - Blessings &
Celebrations
6:15 p.m. -
• Children's
Discipleship
• Youth Discipleship
• Mission Morganton
Testimonies - fellowship hall
• Esther Bible Study - K101
7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
Rehearsal
Play Rehearsal - fellowship hall

◆ **Thursday, September 24**

7:00 p.m. - Adult Handbells

◆ **Saturday, September 26**

10:00 a.m. - Dress Rehearsal
for Youth Play in fellowship
hall



MISSION MORGANTON XII

Is here!

Saturday, September 19 – 8:00 A.M.

Gathering on the front lawn in front of the chapel

- ❖ **Pray for our project leaders, participants, those we work with from other churches and those we will help through our variety of projects.**
- ❖ **It is not too late to take items for the yard sale at First United Methodist Church to generate funds for local ministries. Take them to FUMC on Friday, September 18!**
- ❖ **Join us on Wednesday, September 23 during Church Family Night for Mission Morganton testimonies!**