



A Church That Cares

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The Proclaimer

FROM THE PASTOR

June 28 is an exciting day in the life of our church. A new prospective pastor will be preaching in view of a call. If this is the new shepherd God has for us, change is about to take place. God will use him to challenge us, and stretch us into new areas of ministry. We have prayed long and hard for God to provide a new pastor. We need to pray longer and harder for him when he comes. It won't be time to slack off, it will be time to saddle up. We will owe him and his family our prayers, our love, our friendship, our support, and our service. We should cherish him and his family as a wonderful gift and blessing from God. Hebrews 13:7; 17 says, "(7) Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. (17) Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden. For that would be of no advantage to you."

Marty McCord

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study



Saturday, July 4, 2009
7:30 a.m.

Bring a friend and join us for breakfast and a short devotional. All men are invited to attend.

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VBS - JULY 20-24, 2009
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
2701 W. Eighth
6-8:30 p.m.
Invite a friend and join us for a great week! !

YOUTH MINISTRY

Scott Connelly, Minister to Students



Is It Important To Go To Church?

I remember when I was a little boy we would always have this big deal at the end of the summer at church for those who had perfect Sunday School attendance. They would recognize all those who had perfect attendance or near perfect attendance, and we would get a certificate and a small gift. I don't remember how many times I was recognized, but it was almost every year. I remember how proud I was and my family was during these ceremonies. Over the last few months I have come to two realizations about this. The first is God is not impressed with our attendance. It is not about how many times we attend, but about how many times we see and hear from God. It is about Him not about us. It is real easy to feel like we are blessing God by our attendance, but the truth is it is not church if God doesn't show up. We can replace God with our attendance and make that become an idol. I don't want to get to the end of my life and the only thing to have to show for it is my certificate. God wants our hearts with our presence. Going to church does not make us a Christian, nor does it make us righteous. On the flip side of this the second thing I have realized is corporate worship with a local body of believers is important and biblical. If Christ died for the church it is important. Going to church is a great privilege for us because we get to worship God. We should be excited to worship God with others, but the excitement comes from the overflow of worshiping God all week in our day to day living. The only reason I got those certificates is because I was drug there every week. It had nothing to with God or worship; it was about me and my pride and self-righteousness. Church is one of the best things God has given us, and many people died for the ability to meet corporately. God is not impressed with our attendance, but is offended when we devalue the church because it was important enough for Him to send His Son to die for it. Church is not about the pastor, the programs, the deacons, the location, the facilities, the style or about us; it is all about worshiping Him, and us being the church He intended us to be.

U.S.A. NEWS

July 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. we will have a covered dish luncheon. Be sure and invite someone to come and fellowship with us.

Friday, July 17, we will go to Porter for peaches. Please let Janet know if you want to go. We have the van reserved.

CINDY POWELL

MINISTER OF MUSIC



SUN, JULY 5TH
6:00 P.M.

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FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST
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SUNDAY, JULY 12, 6:00 P.M.**

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