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Pastor's Corner



Ready for a pre-Summer wake-up call?! Thom Rainer, a Southern Baptist researcher, analyzed trends in evangelical churches (like ours) and reported that according to the statistics, *it takes 86 church members in America one year to reach one person for Christ!* The Church (that's you and me) is simply not reproducing itself. "In just one or two generations, Christianity could be so marginalized that it will be deemed irrelevant by most observers," says Rainer. He went on to point to **several factors** behind this anemic evangelism.

- **First, we live watered down lives.** American Christians' understanding of basic doctrine and practice of living out of God's Word have become so thin, inconsistent and hypocritical that we have no power for witness left.
- **Second, we get caught up with minor issues in place of THE issue.** We tend to turn inward, seeing our buildings and programs as an end in themselves rather than a means to an end, namely fulfilling the Great Commission.
- **Third, church leaders are becoming less evangelistic.** This is very indicting to me. It is very easy for me to become consumed with the everyday movements of the church—preparing to preach and teach, managing ministries, directing and meeting and casting vision—and forget the hundreds that drive by our corner every day on their way to wrath.

What does this mean for FBC in Gulf Shores? It's time to rouse the sleeping giant! Get ready for a rush of pure evangelism in our cities! Be watching during May as we ready ourselves for a Summer of Good News, served fresh and warmed by consecrated hearts. We have not become what God wants us to be, Church! Rise and go forth in the Name of the Lord!

Bro. Lloyd

Ladies, Mark Your Calendar for the "Aunt Bea Tea".

This is another opportunity to Mentor. Invite a guest to be your mother or daughter.



Please try to dress in a 40's or 50's outfit!
Saturday, May 13th, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Sign up at the Women's Ministry Table or at www.fbcgulf.com



MAY I have your attention! School will be out in a few weeks and everyone will be going on family vacations throughout the

summer, including those in our Adult Choir. This is where you come in. If your schedule will allow, please consider being part of our summer choir. We need lots of people to praise the Lord and help lead worship this summer. We'll meet from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday nights. I'll try to pick out songs that everyone can accomplish and feel good about singing. Join us this summer whenever you're in town and make the summer special for yourself and all those who attend worship at First Baptist Church. See you in the choir loft.

Bro. Craig <>

May Up-Coming Events

- ▶ **May 1 -** C.D.C. Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 -** Men's Lunchbox Bible Study - NOON
- ▶ **May 3 -** Women's Missions - 2:00 p.m. (2nd only)
- ▶ **May 3 -** Church Council Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **May 4 -** *National Day of Prayer*
- ▶ **May 7 -** Mini-Recital & Reception presented by Tyler Bewley - 2:30 p.m. Founders Hall
- ▶ **May 13 -** Aunt Bea Tea - 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
- ▶ **May 16 -** Ladies Brown Bag Bible Study - 11:30 a.m.
- ▶ **May 16 -** Youth Block Party / 1st Priority - 6:00 pm
- ▶ **May 17 -** Finance Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **May 17 -** C.D.C. Graduation Ceremony - 6:00 p.m.
- ▶ **May 18 -** Keenagers - 10:30 p.m. (Oyster Bay B.C.)
- ▶ **May 21 -** Senior Recognition Day - Phil Waldrep
- ▶ **May 24 -** CDC Spaghetti Supper - Fund Raiser
- ▶ **May 24 -** We Care Ministries Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ **May 29 -** Memorial Day/Church Office Closed



- ▶ **May 21... Parent/Youth BreakTime!**
- ▶ **After church Sunday Night.**
- ▶ **May 23... Gulf Shores High Graduation!**
- ▶ **Devin Prince, Emily Harrison, & Kailey Collins**

MAY - School's Out!
Events to remember...

May 16... King of Kings Skate Ministry! Big Outreach Event with 1st Priority/Block Party



WE HAVE A NEW WEBMASTER! CHECK US OUT AT WWW.FBCGULF.COM

Ministry Opportunities

WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

- 8:30 A.M. Early Worship Service
- 9:30 A.M. Bible Study for All Ages
- 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship Service
- 4:45 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 P.M. Spanish Class
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Ministry Activities
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Ministry Activities

WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

- 4:45 P.M. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Time
- 6:00 P.M. Music Makers (Age 2 thru Pre-K)
- 6:00 P.M. M & M's (Music and Missions)
- 6:30 P.M. Jr. and Sr. High - **BREAKPOINT**
- 6:45 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 P.M. AA/Al-Anon Meeting

Senior Adult Recognition Day

Sunday, May 21st



SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
PHIL WALDREP

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