MAY 2014

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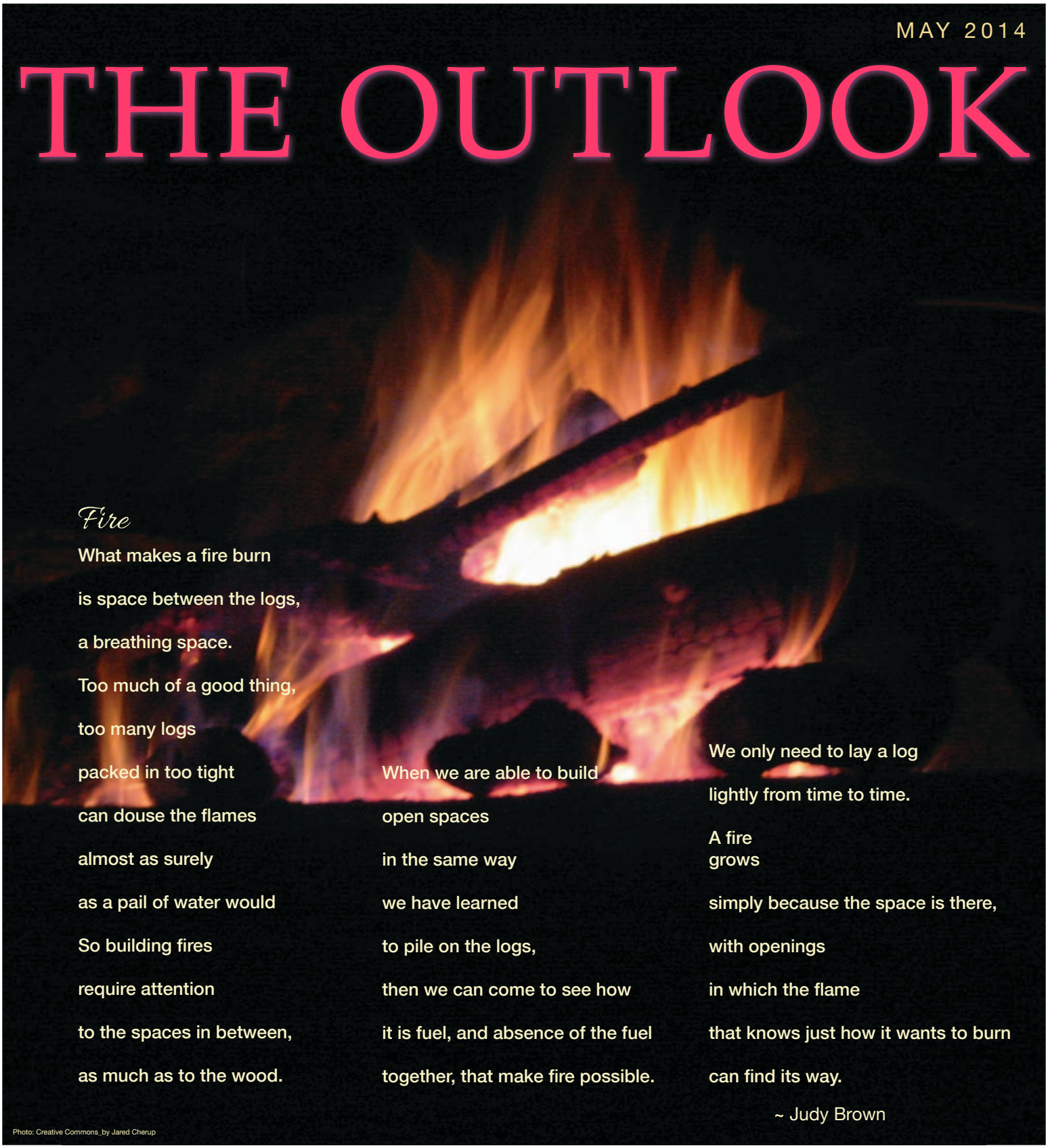

Fire

What makes a fire burn
is space between the logs,
a breathing space.
Too much of a good thing,
too many logs
packed in too tight
can douse the flames
almost as surely
as a pail of water would
So building fires
require attention
to the spaces in between,
as much as to the wood.

When we are able to build
open spaces
in the same way
we have learned
to pile on the logs,
then we can come to see how
it is fuel, and absence of the fuel
together, that make fire possible.

We only need to lay a log
lightly from time to time.
A fire
grows
simply because the space is there,
with openings
in which the flame
that knows just how it wants to burn
can find its way.

~ Judy Brown

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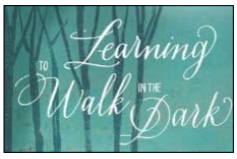

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Among Friends

Julie Pennington-Russell, Pastor

The apostles then met up with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, ***"Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest."*** *For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat. Mark 6:30-31*

I can only begin by saying *Thank you for this gift.* Your generosity in allowing me a 12-week sabbatical means more than I can say. I need to be transparent: My pups are draggin'. Even now, simply the anticipation of a prolonged Sabbath is breathing fresh air into my lungs.

Sabbath is ceasing. It is intentionally hitting the Pause button in order to rest and gain new perspective through listening—listening to God and to what's going on inside our own souls. If a pastor isn't intentional about this, she can become more attuned to the goings-on of her congregation than she is to her own heart.

You likely have questions as I step away— How will the church benefit from your time away? Whom do I turn to if I need this thing, or that? Who's in charge of such-and-such? Where are you going? Answers on p. 3.

This column is a chance for me to give public thanks. Sabbaticals don't just happen. A successful sabbatical requires a great deal of time, energy, preparation and goodwill on the part of many, many people. And so today I say *thanks:*

Thanks to our generous staff.
Sharyn, Bob, Blake, Dale and Van have been wonderfully supportive and generous in covering some of my responsibilities this summer, and in "getting beneath" the load in additional ways. Our office staff has been terrific as well. I'm entirely grateful.

Thanks to our Personnel Committee and Deacons.
Our personnel team has been working with me for two years to bring my sabbatical about, and our deacons have provided helpful feedback these past several months. The deacons will also be especially visible this summer, both for the congregation and staff. *Thank you, thank you!*

Thanks to our amazing congregation.
So many of you have taken time to say you're praying for me and to say, "We'll be fine—you go and take care of yourself so you can come back to us refreshed." This means the world, truly.

Thanks to God.
The Fourth Commandment is all about life. Full life. Abundant life. God's good intention for us humans is that we stop, rest and recalibrate as part of the regular rhythm of our living. What a loving gift from a loving Creator.

I'm looking to May 18, when you and I will bless one another in worship and then have a party on the lawn. I hope you can be here!

Grace and peace,

Julie

OneWorship
Sabbatical Send-Off & Fellowship Cook-out

MAY 18

Bible Study at 10 a.m.
Bible Study and Sunday School Classes will meet as usual at 10 a.m.

Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study and Sunday School Classes will meet as usual at 10 a.m.
Everyone will gather in the Sanctuary for worship led by both FreshStart and Sanctuary musicians.

Fellowship Cook-out following worship
Look forward to a fun event with cook-out favorites:

- Hot dogs
- Hamburgers
- Potato Salad
- Cole Slaw
- Cookies.

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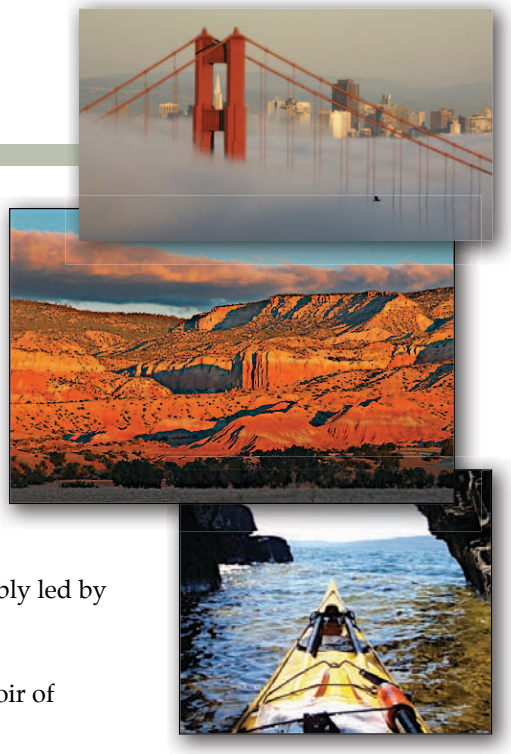
Fellowship Cook-out
Following worship

Sabbatical 411

Probably more than you wanted to know, but . . .



What's the timeline for your sabbatical?

May 19–August 12.

Where will you be this summer?

May and June:

Northern California: Enjoying time with Tim's family, and a 3-day retreat with the first church I ever served—19th Avenue Baptist in San Francisco.

Northern New Mexico: A time of rest in Abiquiu, then experiencing refreshment from the beauty of the desert and mountains while backpacking in Carson National Forest (7 days). After backpacking I'll spend 7 days in prayer and reflection while on silent retreat at the Christ in the Desert Monastery.

I'll be back in Atlanta briefly to preach at a worship service at the CBF General Assembly led by our FreshStart team (June 27 at 1:30 pm, Hyatt Regency Downtown).

***July*:**

I'll spend much of July in the mountains of Georgia writing one of the books—a memoir of faith—that's been stirring inside me for over 20 years. I'll come back to Atlanta periodically during July to enjoy time with my family.

August:

I'll conclude my sabbatical in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, on a 40-mile kayaking retreat along the shores of Lake Superior with an organization called the Cedar Tree Institute. We'll kayak by day and reflect on the writings of Flannery O'Conner around the campfire at night. (I'm told that by August the ice in Lake Superior *may* have melted.) ☺

How, specifically, will First Baptist benefit from giving you this time away?

Hands down, the most important thing any pastor has to offer her or his congregation—more than stirring sermons or tender pastoral care or wise leadership—is a soul in tune with God, and "ears" of the heart to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit. While I'm away I'll be worshiping in a variety of settings, having conversations with church leaders and observing best practices in other churches. You'll definitely benefit from this. But what you'll benefit *most* from next fall is leadership from a pastor who came back with clarified vision and a refreshed soul.

Whom do I turn to in an emergency?

Pastoral Care: Sharyn Dowd, Pastor for Caring and Serving Ministries, and Bob Williamson, pastor for Senior Adults are available, as usual, for pastoral care needs. Bob is in the office Mon-Wed; Sharyn, Wed-Fri, and both may be reached on weekends in case of emergency. sdowd@fbcdecatur.com; bwilliamson@fbcdecatur.com

Operations: Van Smith is standing by for any operational kinds of issues (finance & facilities) vsmith@fbcdecatur.com

Miscellaneous: Our deacons are also standing by to be of help. Deacon chair: Bob Waters iambobw@yahoo.com; Deacon vice-chair: Lou Ann Brown lbrow03@emory.edu; Secretary: Matt Hicks hicksm914@gmail.com

Who are the go-to leaders for worship matters?

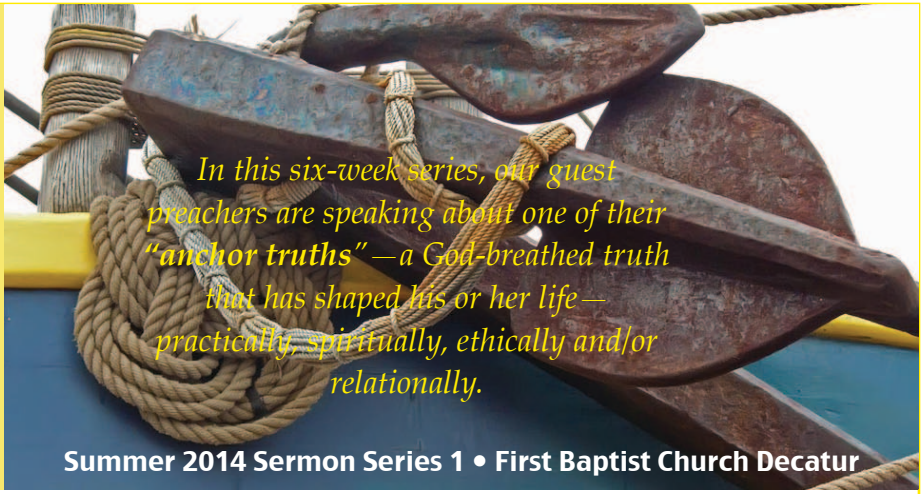
FreshStart:

- Leanna Coyle-Carr—leading worship for Parker, May 19–August 1 leannacoylecarr@gmail.com
- Katie Roberts—lay production coordinator gth850x@gmail.com
- Sharyn Dowd—pastoral staff liaison sdowd@fbcdecatur.com

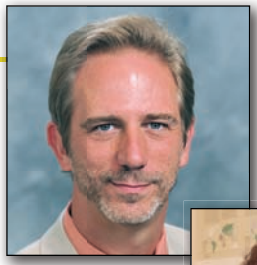
Sanctuary:

- Peggy Ray—planning and leading worship and the sanctuary choir xuriphacross@gmail.com

One True Thing



May 25 **David Gushee**



Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics, Mercer University, and FBC Decatur member

God's Kingdom Turns Everything Upside-Down

Luke 6:20-31

June 1 **Sharyn Dowd**

Pastor for Caring and Serving Ministries at FBC Decatur

Jesus Brings Freedom

Isaiah 43:1-7 & Romans 6:15-23

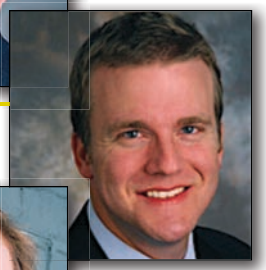
June 8 **Suzii Paynter**

Executive Coordinator, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Tomorrow Calls for Adventurous Obedience

Mark 4:3-20

June 15 **Ted Smith**

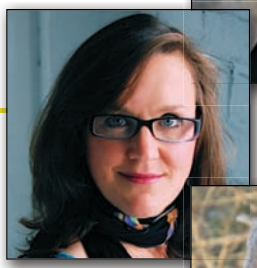


Associate Professor of Preaching and Ethics, Candler School of Theology

Where Sin Increases, Grace Abounds

Genesis 50:15-21 & Romans 5:18-6:4

June 22 **Joshilyn Jackson Winn** (8:45)

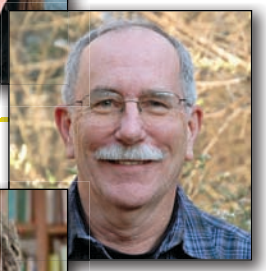


New York Times bestselling author and FBC Decatur member

There is Room at the Table

Acts 10:34-48a

Craig Taylor (11:15)



President, Communities for Veterans, and FBC Decatur member

Celebrate Your "Good"

Genesis 1:27-31a

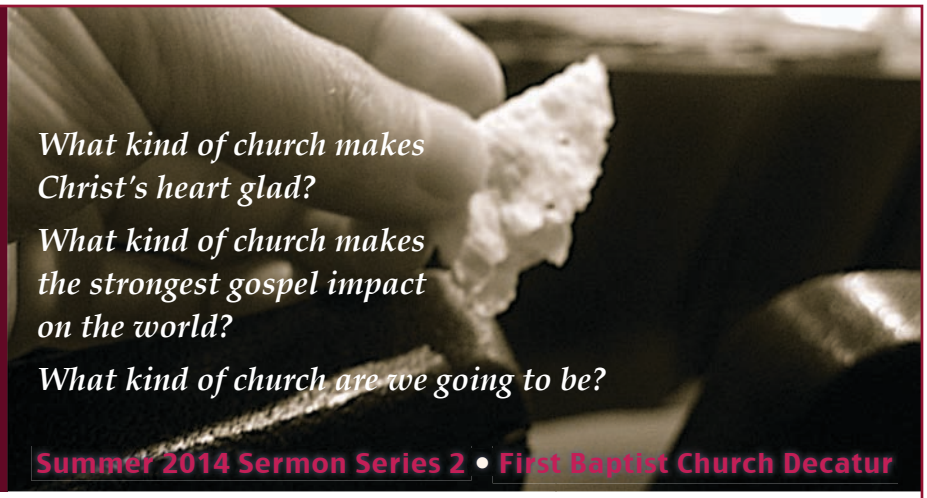
June 29 **Bill Leonard**

Professor of Baptist Studies at the Wake Forest School of Divinity

Sometimes You Just Have to Laugh

Genesis 18:1-14 & Luke 10:38-42

WHAT KIND of CHURCH?



What kind of church makes Christ's heart glad?

What kind of church makes the strongest gospel impact on the world?

What kind of church are we going to be?

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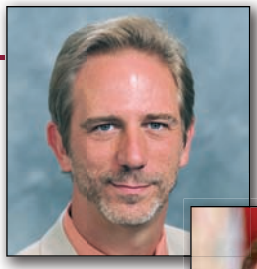
July 6 **David Gushee**



Distinguished Professor of Christian Ethics, Mercer University, and FBC Decatur member

A Church that's Free

1 Peter 2:13-17

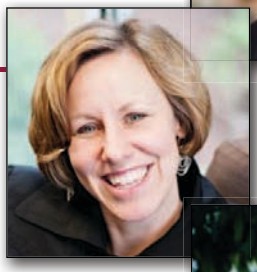
July 13 **Bill Wilson**

Founder and President, The Center for Healthy Churches

A Church that Lives to Serve

Mark 9:33-35

July 20 **Devita Parnell**



Networks Manager, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and FBC Decatur member

A Church that Takes Risks

Acts 28:23-30

July 27 **Jake Myers**

Teacher of preaching, co-managing editor for *Practical Matters*, and FBC Decatur member

A Church that Loves

John 13:31-35

August 3 **Blake Tommey**

Youth Pastor, FBC Decatur

A Church that is "With"

Acts 2:43-47, 3:1-10

August 10 **Ruth Perkins Lee**

Congregational Services Manager, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and FBC Decatur member

A Church that Listens

1 Kings 19:9-13

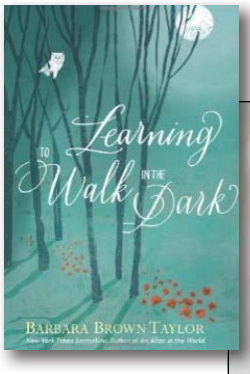
Congregational Life

Barbara Brown Taylor Speaks Thursday, May 1

Barbara Brown Taylor

May 1 In the Sanctuary, 7 p.m.
Doors open at 6 p.m.

Award-winning author, Barbara Brown Taylor, will discuss her latest book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*. Challenging everything she has been told of the perils in darkness, Barbara Brown Taylor embarks on a year-long journey through caves, underground nightclubs, and unlit cabins, discovering a life-saving antidote within the spirituality of darkness. Barbara Brown Taylor is the Butman Professor of Religion at Piedmont College, and the author of twelve books, including *Leaving Church* and *The New York Times* bestseller, *An Altar in the World*.



Barbara Brown Taylor

Sponsored by GA Center for the Book and hosted by the FBC Decatur Conversations Team.

Coffee Talk for Newcomers

A time to meet new friends and learn about FBC Decatur

At the 10:00 a.m. Bible Study hour during January, folks who are new to First Baptist are invited to gather in the Parlor for coffee, nibbles, and a great opportunity for meeting new friends.

Women on Mission

Women on Mission to Learn about First School

On Tuesday, May 13 at 11 a.m., Harriet Holland, new director of First School, will speak to the Women on Mission about our all-day pre-school ministry. The group will meet in S218 (Joy/Dunstan) at 10:15 a.m. for prayer and announcements.

Notes From the Organ Bench

Sanctuary in May

Preludes and postludes for the month of May will continue the celebration of Easter. Pentecost is 50 days (7 weeks) after Easter. Praise music is appropriate for this season.

In March, Ed Arnn donated Evelyn's organ music library to the church. Melanie White is beginning to arrange this wonderful collection for use through the Media Center. A few dozen books are already being used, and music from Evelyn's collection have been part of sanctuary worship nearly every week since late March.

New Community
Wednesday Spring & Summer Calendar
Regular Wednesday night opportunities
IN MAY
May 7, May 14, May 21.
IN JUNE
June 4, June 11
SUMMER BREAK: No regular Wednesday night opportunities from June 18–August 20

May Wednesdays

Family Dinner	5:30 p.m.
God Stories & Prayer Time	6:10–6:25 p.m.
Opportunities for All Ages	6:30–7:30 p.m.

New Community for Adults
New Community for Kids
Youth Community Groups

ADULT OPPORTUNITIES

The Book of Revelation: Reward and Punishment
Leader: Van Smith
In Room S206

How Churches Hurt the People They are Trying to Help
Coordinator: Sharyn Dowd
In Carreker Hall

Faith and Justice Discussion
Leaders: Rob Johnson and Mickey Goodson
This group will meet in Carreker Hall with the group examining "how helping hurts." (see above)

Career Assistance Ministry
Main office—Room 3
Coach: Larry Decuir
Assistance with resumes, job search strategies, effective interviewing.
By appointment only:
larrydecuir@yahoo.com

Women's Small Group (filled)
Led by Kristin Vanderende and Stephanie Harry.
In Room S123
If you are interested in participating in a new small group on Wednesday nights, contact Sharyn Dowd: sdowd@fbcdecatur.com.

MUSIC for ADULTS

Avé (Adult Vocal Ensemble)
7:00–7:30 p.m. in Room S226
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
7:30–8:45 p.m. in Room S226

SUPPORT GROUPS

Al-Anon, ANAD, and Emotions Anonymous
Support groups continue to meet every Wednesday year round.

Woven Together: Thread of Fellowship CBF General Assembly

June 23-27 in Atlanta!

Downtown Hyatt Regency Hotel

Celebrate how our stories as Cooperative Baptists are ***Woven Together*** with each other and with God's **mission**

FBC Decatur one of four Atlanta churches asked to lead worship

Our FreshStart Team has been asked to plan and facilitate a worship service from a postmodern perspective during the General Assembly this year in Atlanta. Postmodern worship is marked by organic movement through the liturgy, experiential elements designed to challenge or decode dogma and tradition, and hands-on congregational participation. Pray for our FreshStart Liturgy Planning Team as they plan this special worship service. Though Pastor Julie is on sabbatical in June, she will be in town briefly that week, and will bring the message on Friday afternoon at the 1:30 worship service.

- **Pre-register today!**
  http://www.thefellowship.info/assembly/preregistration
- **Complete information at**
  http://www.thefellowship.info/General-Assembly

Pastor Julie to Preach at Assembly on Friday afternoon

Pastor Julie is among the preachers invited to preach during worship at the Assembly. Come hear Julie and other outstanding CBF church leaders.

Worship Schedule:

Thursday, June 26, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Worship with **Johns Creek Baptist Church**, Alpharetta, Shaun King preaching

Thursday, June 26, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Worship with **Friendship Baptist Church**, Atlanta, Emmanuel McCall preaching

Friday, June 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Worship with **First Baptist Church, Decatur,** Julie Pennington-Russell preaching

Friday, June 27, 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Worship with **Northside Drive Baptist Church**, Atlanta, James Lamkin preaching

FBC Decatur Church Conference

Wednesday, May 28, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
In Carreker Hall

Wednesdays—Summer Preview

June 4	Regular activities
June 11	VBS— no Wed night activities
June 18	Regular activities
June 25	Take in some of the CBF events. No Wed night activities.

Wednesday night dinners resume **August 27** with a congregational meeting.
The new Wednesday night schedule begins **September 3**.

Volunteer for CBF General Assembly Registration

Our own Ann Smith is leading registration for the Assembly. If you would like to volunteer to work a shift at the registration kiosk, please email Ann at **clairannsmith@gmail.com**.

DEAM Success!

Thanks for DEAM Donations!
This lenten season we ***tripled*** the amount of food and household items that we usually collect in March for DEAM (the Decatur-area Emergency Assistance Ministry). We filled 12 shopping carts full of goods! In addition to the abundance of canned goods and other items, you gave $1142 to enable DEAM to assist people with utility bills. Thanks to everyone who contributed. A special thanks to Ann Murphy who's organizational efforts made this possible, and also to the 2nd and 3rd grade class who inspired people to not just ***give up*** something for lent, but to also ***give***.

Young at Heart Lunch & Learn

Thursday, May 15

Our next YAH Lunch and Learn will be Thursday, May 15 at noon. Andy Landrum, executive director of Clairmont Oaks, will be the speaker for our luncheon. Sign up at drodenhi@fbcdecatur.com.

Caregivers' Support Group

May 6
In the Parlor
11 a.m.
On Tuesday May 6 the Caregivers' Support Group will meet in the Parlor at 11:00 a.m. This group is for anyone who is caring for an elderly person or an individual with a debilitating illness. The leader is Ann Murphy, R. N.

Sunday Morning Census

We are asking everyone in worship to sign her or his name on a roll that will be passed down each row. This will take place on four consecutive Sundays: April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18. These names will be compared with the attendance from the 10 a.m. Bible study hour to make sure that people are counted if they are able to attend only Bible study. The purpose is to find out who and how many our regular attenders are. Thank you for your cooperation.

Wednesday Opportunities for Adults

How Churches Hurt the People They are Trying to Help
Leading: Sharyn Dowd
May 7, 14 and 21

The ideas found in two important recent books: *When Helping Hurts* and *Toxic Charity* will be presented and discussed in a variety of ways. Three FBCD folks who attended a conference on these topics in February will lead a panel discussion. We will look at and discuss some videos. The 2014 Thailand Mission Team will present their work, which is an example of a positive way to do short term missions.

Sharyn Dowd

Faith and Justice will participate in conversations in Carreker Hall (see above).

The Book of Revelation: Reward and Punishment

Leading: Van Smith
May 7, 14 and 21

Class outline: We will take a look at the theme of reward and punishment throughout the book of Revelation. We will briefly take a look at the historical setting of the book of Revelation and then ask ourselves how reward and punishment functions in the text. We will ask such questions as: are there other texts in the New Testament that focus on reward and punishment for believers; how would it feel to be on the outside of God's judgment; and, how did early Christians view reward and punishment? We will tackle such things as how to remain faithful in the worst of circumstances, God's gracious judgment, the option of salvation, how the theme of "works" functions in an apocalyptic text, and identifying ourselves with the Lamb. We will discuss how these themes have played out through Christian history, interpretations of the texts throughout history, and what these themes mean for us today.

Van Smith

Youth at FBC Decatur

FBC Decatur youth to engage missionally in Nashville

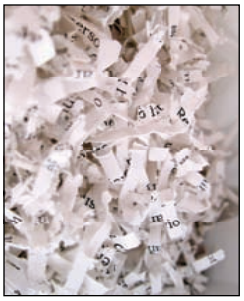
During the week of June 16-21, 26 youth and adult chaperones will travel to Nashville, Tennessee to partner with local organizations seeking to foster justice and sustainability among communities there. The group will work with Second Harvest Food Bank, the McNeily Center for Children and the Nashville Food Project sorting food, working in community gardens, caring for children and providing maintenance for three days in the city. As they partner with these organizations during three days of missional education, the group will engage what it means to live a missional life dedicated to justice and serving others. In addition to partnering with these organizations, the group will experience Nashville staples such as the Country Music Hall of Fame and Centennial Park.

McNeily Center for Children

Youth Summer Dates

Vacation Bible School—Youth volunteering
June 9 - 13
Youth Mission Trip—Nashville, TN
June 16 - 21
Beach Retreat—Panama City Beach, FL
July 7 - 11

Shred Day Fundraiser for Community School



On Saturday, May 17th from 10am to 1pm, come shred your confidential documents, bank receipts, and old tax forms at Community Shred Day, sponsored by The Community School and Eagle Secure Shredding! Invite all your friends and drop by the First Baptist Church of Decatur to have your confidential documents (paper only!) shredded on-site and recycled for a minimal fee by Atlanta's premier shredding company.

Shredding costs $5 per bankers box or equivalent (maximum of ten boxes per patron please). Larger donations are welcome and we will also have TCS goods for sale (t-shirts, magnets, etc). All proceeds will support TCS. Rain or shine—we'll see you there!

Questions? Call Sarah Hersh at 404-573-2012.

THE YARD SALE is October 3 & 4!

Time to spring clean and donate stuff to the church-wide yard sale for missions!*

Courtney Mwangura and Mike Haun have taken on specific responsibilities. Courtney is managing the sale's team coordination and publicity and Michael is overseeing the logistics of gathering the yard sale items.

Big thanks to the following FBC folk who've already stepped up to lead critical pieces of the Yard Sale:

- Mike Haun (pickups and storage in pods)
- Mai Cavalli (food and volunteer coordination)
- Carol May & Joyce Garrett (pricing)
- Helen Wallace, Courtney Mwangura & Katie Roberts (set-up and take-down).

*** Proceeds from the sale will go towards our missions efforts including scholarships to the First School, After School and Community School programs.**

REQUEST PICK UP

- Email FBCDYardSale@gmail.com
- Call the church office at 404-373-1653.

Your name and contact information will be forwarded to the above email address. You will be contacted within 24 hours.

DROP OFF ITEMS

- Drop-off items go under the **covered area** outside of Tom Seim's office and Clothing Room.

FBC Decatur Kids

God Does Amazing Things

Thank you for hearing our plea for used computers. I thought we might get two or three if we were lucky. Wow! The response was amazing. What started as a simple and modest request has turned into eight working desktops and two laptops.

Since we have been blessed so well, we have been able to set up a separate room dedicated to computer stations. In addition to using them for Wednesday nights with the children, we have enough computers to create a learning lab that can be used to teach adults who may have a desire to learn more about computers, word processing, e-mail, Internet or even social media.

When I think of you all donating computers that seemed to have so little value to you, I can't help but think about the little boy who shared his simple lunch with the crowd one day as Jesus had been teaching. That is not to say that this little boy's lunch was not of value to him, but I am sure it seemed small and insignificant in relation to the size of the crowd. The little boy gave his simple and meager meal and Jesus did the rest. While this biblical story may mean much more, it is clear that when we give out of a pure heart, be it lavish or meager, leftovers or new, God can do some amazing things and the gift of your computers is no exception.

Thanks be to God for doing amazing things and thanks be to you for being so generous.

Pastor Dale

May

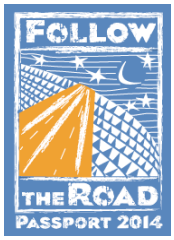
New Community for Kids

Wednesdays
6:30–7:30 p.m.

Bringing three communities together:

Recreation with Purpose

Coming This Summer



FBC Decatur Kids
Vacation Bible School:
June 9-13
Passport Kids Camp:
July 19-22

Activities Ministry Day Camp
9 weeks of camp are available
Begins Week 1: June 2–June 6
Ends Week 9: July 28–August 1

For complete Camp schedule and reservations, please go to the Camp website: fbcdecaturcamp.net

First School Registration

Registration now open

Helping children grow cognitively, physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually.

Full time learning care center, ages 3 months through 4 years old
Upcoming information sessions and tours of school:
Tuesday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m. and **Tuesday, June 3 at 8:00 a.m.**
Applications for the fall semester are being accepted now.
Contact Harriet Holland at 404-370-7688 or hholland@fbcdecatur.com

Personnel Committee Update

Debra Pyron, Personnel Committee Chair

Worship Arts Leader—Update of Recruitment

Posting for the Worship Arts Leader position closed on April 21. We are now moving into the interview phase of the process. Initial interviews with four potential candidates will be conducted by both interview panels May 4-6.

Panel A: Lou Ann Brown, Eddie Campbell, Dale Doud, Jake Myers, Debra Pyron, Ruth Perkins Lee
Panel B: David Bennett, Sylvia Chandler, Larry Decuir, Sharyn Dowd, Bob Evans, Matt Hicks
Follow-up interviews will be conducted with the top candidate(s) and interaction will occur with the choir.

Final Steps:

- Selected candidate will be recommended by the interview team.
- Recommendation of candidate for Worship Arts Leader will be presented to Finance Committee and Deacons for affirmation.
- Supported candidate for Worship Arts Leader will be presented to the Church in Conference for affirmation by congregation.

Personnel Committee— Job Posting for Youth Pastor

First Baptist Church of Decatur has a strong legacy of significant investment in the lives of youth and their families. Now we are searching for a creative and gifted youth pastor who will lead students in grades 6-12 as well as a team of adult volunteers. Key areas of responsibility include spiritual development, youth participation/engagement, parent engagement, mission engagement, event planning/programming, leadership development, communication, and administration.

The job description can be found on the home page of FBCD website at fbcdecatur.com. Copies of the job description are also available in the church office.

Guest Worship Leader in FreshStart this Summer

Our own Parker Ebling-Artz is one of two Candler students who've been invited to participate in a prestigious worship internship at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, TX (located on the campus of SMU). The Personnel Committee has blessed his request to be gone ten weeks this summer. Leading FreshStart from May 25 through July will be **Leanna Coyle-Carr.**

Leanna Coyle-Carr is a 2012 graduate of Samford University, where she earned a B.A. in Religion with a concentration in congregational studies and was also a pre-ministerial scholar. She has led worship at Shades Valley Community Church and Berea Mennonite Church (among others) and is incredibly excited about working with the community at FBC Decatur. Leanna also works at Zoës Kitchen in Emory Village and spends most of her free time experimenting with ways to live more sustainably on this fragile planet. She lives on the north side of Atlanta with her husband and her dog.

Sharing in Prayer

Christian Sympathy

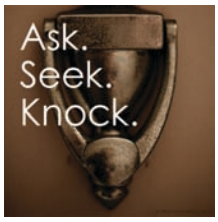
To Betty Brooks Baker in the death of her sister, Mary Catherine Brooks, on April 8.

To Justin and Tracy Williams, Piper and Gracie, in the death of Justin's grandmother, Julia Swetnam, on Monday, April 21.

To Steven Hall and his family in the death of Steven's father, Donald Hall, on Tuesday, April 22.

Ask. Seek. Knock.

Pastor's Prayer Partners & Pals
You are invited to pray with Pastor Julie. Sign up by emailing Darci at drodenhi@fbcdecatur.com.



Pray for the church worldwide at www.operationworld.org.

2014 By the Numbers

MINISTRY ACTION PLAN (M.A.P.)

Through April 27, 2014

Offerings last week…..$16,742
(average needed per week…..$26,058)

Offerings received YTD…..$369,069
Offerings YTD (behind) budget…..($69,008)

YTD through February 28, 2014

Offerings + other income received…..$193,089
Church expenses…..$213,502
Surplus/(Deficit) *…..($20,413)

PROGRAMS OUTSIDE OF M.A.P.

Through April 27, 2014
Special Missions…..$6,471
Benevolence Offerings…..$3082

Giving Online

Quarterly Publishing Schedule for the Outlook:

May publish date is May 1.
June publish date is May 29.
(Articles due Monday, May 19.)
July publish date is June 26.
(Articles due Monday, May 16.)
Articles submitted after each issue's deadline will be published in the following issue, put on a MailChimp email or posted on the website.

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Weekend Contacts

To reach a staff member for weekend pastoral emergencies, please call their cell phone number (below).

Pastors on call

Sharyn Dowd	(770) 329-7929
Julie P-R	(678) 602-7209
Bob Williamson	(770) 633-4651

Deacon on call

May 2-4—Ann Smith
May 9-11—Linda Judson
May 16-18—Mary Beth Lively
May 25-27—Peggy Smith
May 30-June 1—David Howard

Wednesday Dinner

Every Wednesday—5:30–6:30 p.m.

The first time a visitor attends the Wednesday night supper the meal is free. Encourage folks to get involved in New Community offerings and the fellowship around the tables.

Office Schedule

Regular office hours:
9 till 5, Monday–Thursday
9 till 12, Friday
Memorial Day Holiday—offices will be closed Monday, May 26

Blue Plate

May 7—Meat Loaf
May 14—Apple Glazed Pork Chops
May 21—Oven Fried Chicken
May 26—Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Meal Prices

Adults—$6.50 Students—$5.50
Children (10 and under)—$3
Family Maximum—$25

Ann Smith

Linda Judson

Mary Beth Lively

Peggy Smith

David Howard