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Youth

Amazing Summer Ahead

We are looking forward once again to an amazing summer at FBC. Personally, I do not think it would be possible for me to be any more excited about this summer's events. In 20 days I will be marrying the love of my life, Bekah (soon to be Pyne) Swift. We are both so thankful for all of the love you have shown us as we have prepared for this day. So many of you have been more than generous to us and we are so thankful for your gifts and care for us. It has been amazing to see how God has brought both of us to this point and we are thrilled with the privilege of serving God at FBC as husband and wife.

Following our wedding, we have a great summer of

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REFLECTIONS

Memorials

It is the beginning of the summer, not real summer but the attitude of summer. It is marked by Memorial Day. School is just about closed, colleges are closed, primary and secondary schools are a week or two away from being closed, vacations begin and the beaches and boardwalk at the Jersey Shore are ready for the crowds. But is that all Memorial Day is, a marker for the opening of the games of skill/chance at the shore, we all know that it is not.

While Memorial Day is a time to reflect on the men and women who have died in the military service of the United States. Those people who have given of themselves for a greater cause. But hopefully our thoughts go beyond, to those have served in many ways, some have lost their lives, some have been severely wounded and disabled at an early age for the rest of their lives, some have worked hard in support areas or in World War II some as did Rosie the Riveter picked up tools that they never would have expected to and accomplished a great task. It is a reminder of the profound impact that the defense of our

country has in our lives and national character.

We need to think of this day in a broader sense, I was struck some years ago when a friend recounted living on the axis side in World War Two. When I asked them why they migrated so quickly to the homeland of the enemy they shared a story that has always been compelling to me. The said that when the American troops arrived each day at their school with lunch. As a result they realized that anybody that did that couldn't be as bad as they had been portrayed. It is for those people who that we also celebrate this day.

The concept establishing a day or place set aside for something special that happens in the life of a country is not new. We simply have to go to the Old Testament to see the memorials that were set up to commemorate the acts and faithfulness of God. There are a number of notable occasions but one comes to mind, after the Israelites crossed the Jordan, each of the twelve tribes had carried a stone across the Jordan with which to build a memorial. The purpose was plain, Joshua 4:6-7 tells us "We will use

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Care Net Baby Bottles

Fathers' Day is quickly approaching and that means it is time to return your Baby Bottle. We pray that your participation was a blessing to your family. Thank you so much for participating in this offering. There is still time to pick up a Baby Bottle, fill it and return it on Fathers' Day. We don't want anyone to miss out on the fun!

Feel free to contact Debra Dockendorf with any questions. She can be reached at 908.859.3102

VBS at FBC

Aug 1-5 2011

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these stones to build a memorial. In the future your children will ask you, 'What do these stones mean?'⁷ Then you can tell them, 'They remind us that the Jordan River stopped flowing when the Ark of the LORD's Covenant went across.' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.' (NLT) Does this memorial affect our global politics to this day, without a doubt, it is the sovereign right, to Israel.

Few people at FBC know of this but sitting in the tree row on the west (Belvidere Road) end of the building is a rock cairn. That cairn was established for our 100th anniversary with each family bringing a rock with which to build it. Why did we do that? For the same reason it was done in the OT, as a memorial to the faithfulness of God in the life of our church and in our individual lives.

Those are physical reminders, much like the grave stones of our soldiers, family or friends. But Biblically we are also given other reminders. One of the earliest is the rainbow, a memorial to God's

love for man and His promise. The Passover is another, to remember the grace of God in miraculous freedom from bondage in Egypt and the promise of the Holy Land. In the New Testament we are given the ordinance of communion to remember and reflect on the sacrifice of Christ and to confront our own need for that salvation.

In our personal lives and those of our families the institution of a memorial is an important one. My mom gave me my grandfather's Bible. Given to him by my grandmother in 1914. It is a first edition, at the time only edition, Schofield Reference Bible. But the value in it is not the rareness of it but what it means. It sits on my desk at home, rarely opened (the leather binding is weak) but none-the-less incredibly powerful. My grandfather was a Deacon (Elder), a Sunday School teacher and the Benevolence Treasurer of his church. Frequently as I contemplate bringing a message it simply sits there reminding me of the heritage passed on to me by him. It served, to a degree, and in a similar way to him, it is the only Bible he ever owned, not because

people did not try to buy him a new one but because it was a gift of his wife early in their marriage, a reminder of that union and dedication.

Each one of us needs memorials in our lives. Those places where things have happened that we need to be reminded of, maybe high points and maybe low points. They are particularly important in our spiritual lives and in the lives of our families. Some have the advantage of generations, as I am fortunate to have, with others they are the initiator of the memorial. But the value is the same to remind us of God's faithfulness to us, it becomes inestimably valuable in the lives of our children or our grand-children in setting an example.

What serves as a memorial in your lives or in the lives of your family. It is never to late to establish something to remind us of the work of God in our lives.



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ARCHERY TOURNAMENT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
— ROMANS 3:23-24 NIV

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COMING THIS MONTH

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

(Wednesdays 7^{pm}, Main Church Building)

We meet weekly to pray specifically for the church leaders, members, family and ministries. All are welcome to participate.

Youth Group

(Wednesdays, 7-8:30^{pm}, Youth Room)

We meet every week for worship, Bible Study, food, and fun. All teens from grades 7 - 12 are welcome.

(Pastor Tim Pyne, youth@fbcpcburg.org)

Men's Prayer Group

(Saturdays 8^{am}, "House")

The men of First Baptist meet weekly for a time of prayer and sharing with one another.

Men's Bible Study

(Tuesdays, 7:30^{pm}, "House")

This group meets weekly for study and fellowship.

(Pastor Doug Mace, dmace@fbcpcburg.org)

Ladies' Missionary Fellowship

(Monday, June 13, 9-11^{am}, "House")

Join us for a fun time of food, fellowship, and missions. (Jan Merritt and Eva Kunz, lmf@fbcpcburg.org)

Tween Game Night

(Friday, June 17, 7^{pm}, "House")

All kids in grades 4 through 6 are invited for games, food, fun and Bible study. Let us know you're coming by signing up at the Tweens board! (Kris MacQueen, tweens@fbcpcburg.org)

Hooked on Prayer

(Thursday, June 23, 7^{pm})

This group meets monthly to crochet or knit blankets to celebrate milestones in the lives of our youth and church family. (Deb Dockendorf, hookedonprayer@fbcpcburg.org)

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ministries and activities planned for the youth group. We are excited this year to have a Jr. High mission trip in addition to the high school mission trip. From July 10-13th, our 7th and 8th grade students will be going to CMTS, which is a missionary organization that works behind the scenes to help make missionaries and other ministries successful. We are going to be working at their facility to do whatever jobs we can to help make them successful. This is a great opportunity for our students to work together to accomplish something for the cause of Christ and begin to see the potential they have when they choose to serve Him together.

Our high school students are going to be participating in a mission trip to FBC from July 28-

Aug 7th. During this trip our teens will be helping get our facility ready for VBS, playing a significant role in our church's VBS, and serving in our community. We want our teens to understand the importance of serving God right where they are at and see some of the needs in our community that they can help meet. We trust that both of these trips will enable the students of FBC to make a difference for the cause of Christ and give them a desire to continuously serve our Savior.

Of course, summer at FBC would not be complete without our annual trip to Lake Ann Camp. We are once again anticipating a great trip to Michigan July 17-23rd. Lake Ann was vital to my spiritual growth throughout my childhood and I am thrilled with the impact we have seen in the lives of our

FBC students as a result of this trip. Every year, teens are challenged with the truth of God's Word and make significant spiritual decisions at Lake Ann Camp. Once again, we have a wonderful group of students participating in this trip and we are excited to see what God does in each of their lives.

Please be in prayer for all of these events. I trust that the summer of 2011 is going to change the lives of people as we serve God together. This is going to be a fantastic summer and I am so thankful that God has given my beautiful soon to be wife and me the privilege of serving Him together at FBC.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. <i>Psalms 1:1-2</i></p>						
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