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FRIEND DAY

Sunday – May 1st

All for one ... and one for all! The primary focus of the STBT Saints in 2011 is winning souls. Salvations and baptisms have been regular throughout the winter months, and now with better weather coming, the efforts are concentrated to get out and “bring them in.” For many years the first Sunday of May has been organized into a concentrated effort to bring unsaved and un-churched people to STBT as “Friends.”

Another good thing about this annual event is that it allows STBT Saints to “see” how many friends God has given to the church. Even though most of the guests will not join and many will not return, it visibly shows STBT how God has blessed the church with people that have been a helpful friend in life.



Evangelist Herb Brail will be coming to perform his illusions to teach Biblical truths to the Junior Church. He will be speaking in the afternoon service in the church park as well. He is the best speaker for kids! He captures their attention and keeps their attention, and has been used of God to see many come to faith in Jesus Christ.

Evangelist Jeremy Frazor and his team will be coming to minister to our teenagers with hopes of having a great harvest of teens. They will be meeting out in the park in a tent during Sunday School and the morning service. His team will also be providing some music in the afternoon service as well.



And, for the first time in three years, Pastor Humbert will be preaching the Friend Day Service. He is preaching ‘A Short Story of Salvation’ from John 3:16. Many volunteers are coming early, staying late, giving themselves for this one thing . . . the salvation of souls!

Following the morning service, a picnic lunch will be enjoyed in the church park. The picnic gives another opportunity for each member to reach out and touch the life of someone who needs Jesus. A short outdoor service is scheduled after lunch, weather permitting.

PARSON TO PERSON

FRIEND DAY IS SUNDAY!

This day has become the spiritual birthday for so many people! It is fun and full, energetic and enthusiastic, crowded and crazy, nerve-racking and pew-packing, sensational and spiritual, exhorting and evangelizing. Though I enjoyed Kent York in '09 and Tom Farrell in '10, I am so glad I get to preach the gospel this Friend Day!

This year's awards are very modest, as I have learned that most of our people really don't want awards, but will use them to help persuade some of the 'friends' to come to help them out.

Culver's in Matteson has become a "good friend" of your pastor! They have made it possible for me to give a gift card for a scoop of ice cream to every person that brings just one visitor! Everybody (that tries) can bring at least one visitor . . . and if you don't "need" your award, you can give it to your visitor . . . or your pastor!

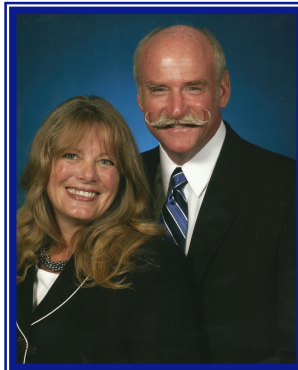
Those of you who bring five visitors will receive a lunch gift card to Culvers. And if you bring 11 visitors, you will receive a dinner gift card to your choice of restaurants: Maggiano's, Chili's or Macaroni Grill.

The person who brings the most visitors (minimum 11) will receive dinner for two on the Spirit of Chicago, or a preferred restaurant of equal value.

Visitors are considered to be non-members, or non-attending members for six months. Each visitor is only counted once. Visitors will be counted from the filled out visitors cards . . . so be sure your guests fill in the "Invited By" section.

There will be a workers meeting for final instructions and prayer Sunday morning at 8 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Come early. If you want to help and have not signed up, come and we can find a place for you!

Pray that God will be pleased to bless the day and be glorified in our work and efforts to reach the lost.



WE HAVE THREE INTERNS

coming to serve with us this summer! All three of these young men are students of Heartland Baptist Bible College in Oklahoma City, OK. I have not been this excited about the potential and possibilities of a summer . . . ever!

Mitchell Logue will be a sophomore this fall. Joshua Garza will be in his second year of grad school. Sam Waterloo is graduating in a couple weeks and praying about full-time ministry. They will be arriving here the weekend of May 22nd. Mitchell and Josh will be working primarily in the Jr. Church ministry and Sam will be working in our Teen Department. We will be praying with Brother Sam about the possibility of staying at STBT as our next full-time youth director.

More on that later . . .

I NEED TO PRAISE THE

Lord for His wonderful blessings last month! Our Revival Services were the best attended ever. The messages from Brother Hightower were written in heaven specifically for STBT! And, three souls got saved!

The Lord's Supper was so precious and we had the best attendance.

Easter Services . . . WOW! Our first chance to have Dr. Jimmy DeYoung will never be forgotten! I cannot remember a time that I enjoyed hearing prophecy taught so much . . . and rather than 'scaring' me to serve God, I was so filled with joy and excitement, I cannot help but serve the Lord.

I agree with Rolland Smith when he wrote me, "...he far exceeded my expectations. What a blessing he was to me and it seemed the whole church was caught up in his every word."

MEN'S GOLF RETREAT IS

scheduled for May 20-21 at Camp Joy in Watertown, WI. We leave Friday morning early enough to have breakfast before we tee off at noon. See Rick Stone or Rolland Smith for details. Great preaching, fellowship, food, golf.

Memory Verse May 1

"I will say of the LORD,
He is my refuge and
my fortress: My God;
in him will I trust."

Psalm 91:2

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

by DONNA NAJEWSKI

Every two years, millions of viewers watch the Olympic events, cheering their countries to victory. The modern tradition of a lit torch being raced around the host country before lighting the giant torch at the opening ceremonies, does have its roots in the ancient 776 BC games. In the ancient event, participants were given a lit torch to carry as they raced a predetermined course. The winner wasn't the competitor who finished the race first, but finished with the torch still lit. In the Christian life, we often look to those who "finish first," the ones who start strong and perhaps do good for a part of the race, but God wants us to see that the true "winners" are those who finish with their torches lit. **II Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.**



Retiree, Mike Bargas, might be withdrawn from his People's Gas and Coke Co. occupations, but you can likely catch him officiating a clubber racing in the AWANA circle on any given Thursday night! The two other ministries that Mike is involved in are the choir and the maintenance crew that cleans the building every week. What he enjoys the most about STBT is the preaching, music and people.

Michael John Bargas was born on May 7, 1952, in Rural Shields, Illinois. Since he has been an STBT member for the last 6 years, Mike says, "I have learned much more about the Lord and understand how to walk with the Lord." He shares his salvation testimony: "One day I went shopping at the Save-A-Lot store, and I kept walking into the same young lady aisle after aisle (a.k.a. Angela Beddingfield!) In the front of the store at check out, we finally spoke, and that's when I found out that her husband was a pastor at the church down the street. Later, she asked me if I wanted to be saved, and I said, "Yes!" Mike's hobbies are drawing, helping people and working in Meals On Wheels program. His favorite places to travel are California, Missouri, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

We close our interview with the most important lesson that Mike has learned in life thus far: "God's Word is the Bible. Whatever verse I turn to, I have learned to respect and love Him more."

Memory Verse May 8

"My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me."

Psalm 144:2



May 5 Ruben & Lucy Vargas
May 7 Jim & Charlene Paul
May 12 Jim & Marge Janda
May 16 Parkes & Cindy Balhouse
May 18 Calvin & Henrietta Cooper
May 20 Ethan & Jackie Armstrong
May 22 Darryl & Barb Hudson
May 24 John & Dale Nieminski
Rick & Linda Stone
May 26 Gerry & Marlissa Capen
May 27 Greg & Debbie Lay

LORES TO OUR LADIES

by LAURIE HUMBERT

Dear STBT ladies, we've all experienced some very busy days lately & God has been faithful to comfort, strengthen & encourage us through various struggles & situations. So take a big breath right now as you read this, & as you experience that sigh, take a moment to thank Him for His love to you! Which brings me to announce our next Ladies Bible Study to begin in May...it is entitled ***"My Heart Restored"*** by June Kimmel (some of you may have already purchased it at the Hightower's table when they were here). In the book, she states, ***"Sometimes we get soul-weary. We feel fragile, anxious--stretched to the limit of our own strength. Whether your weariness stems from a hectic job, constant ministry, busyness at home, or all three, you can find rest & healing in the Savior."*** Doesn't that sound like a refreshing study? Stop by the Info. Center to sign up for the time & day of the study you can attend, and to purchase your book for \$7.50.

The **May 16th L.I.F.T.** meeting (7:00 PM) will highlight the theme, "Know His Holiness". Please invite someone to come with you. And for those of you that want to have supper together before the meeting at Fuddrucker's that evening we'll meet there at 5:15 (or as soon as you can get there). What a great evening we'll have!

For those of you that are willing & able, I would like to ask you to join me for a **'Work & Play Retreat'**. Let me explain...on May 23rd -24th (leaving the church approx. 8:00 am) we'll be going to Shipshewana, IN to spend that Monday as a **work** day helping to clean the Michiana Baptist Camp to get it ready for their season. Then we'll spend the night there at the camp (yes, we will be roughing it...but it's free lodging!) & the next day will be a **play** day, going to the flea market, various shops, lunch at one of the Amish restaurants & possibly the museum. Sign up at the Info. Center.

Memory Verse May 15

"The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."

Psalm 18:2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 1	Vanessa Doerr Rosie Harris Dan VanRyn	May 16	Rebecca Ferguson
May 2	Merry Logsdon Don Morrison Natalie Torres	May 18	Calvin Coopoe Fernando Morales Jacob Rosmanitz
May 4	Tim Tucker	May 19	Genevieve Rhodes
May 5	Jaiden Kmetty	May 21	Jordan Lampkin Brandon Lampkin
May 7	Mike Bargas	May 22	Jacob Ferguson Megan Jepperson
May 8	Anthony Hoots	May 23	Raquel Mergenthaler
May 9	Lenae Patterson	May 24	Sandra Hudson Candace Griffin
May 10	Jonathan Walters	May 26	Diana Kasco Ryan Samson
May 11	Isaac Wegerson	May 27	Rosemary Simmons Jessie Valadez
May 12	Adeola Johnson Genevieve Johnson	May 30	Mary Teresa Vernon Jack Christensen
May 13	Jeff Palmer Monroe Patterson, Sr. Ashley Raffauf	May 31	Amelia Morales Nola Werner
May 15	Caril Tucker Sue Smith		

It is hard to believe another AWANA year has come and gone! The bus ministry works hand in hand with AWANA. During the AWANA year we have the chance to pick the kids up two times a week and then they are all visited on visitation so that is THREE times a week we get to see the kids! This is where relationships are built. Pastor always says, "Rules without a relationship results in rebellion." So from the time they see the bus, we have the chance to talk and sing and pray together, then when we get to church we all scatter to our own clubs! At the end of the night we come together and ride home singing about Jesus! And the kids love it! They are always happy to see us and they are learning to be faithful, to be prepared and they know they are important to us and most importantly they are important to God!

This year we had more kids finish their books than ever before, because of dedicated hard working leaders that go above and beyond to help the kids reach their goals. We had kids on each of the teams that represented our church at the AWANA Games! Also, because of the Pit Stop some were able to participate in the Grand Prix. It was a fun and busy year for us! I would like to challenge every AWANA leader to ride the bus at least one time next year! It will change you forever, to see the kids ready with their Bibles and books and uniforms as they run to the bus so excited because they belong! The love, attention, training and teaching they receive every week is making a difference in their lives!



We have had a special theme each week on the bus! We have had Peeps Sunday, Egg-Citing Sunday where every rider got a Jello egg, Kitty Cat Sunday with goldfish crackers for a treat, and Popsicle Sunday. It was 80 degrees that day and we had a snowball fight on the bus ride home! It has been fun playing games and singing songs to go along with our themes. A special thank you to Brother Bric, Barb and Mrs. Jones for the extra work that it took to pull this off.

This month, we are going to focus on one of our riders. Reggie Henderson is in the fifth grade he lives in Chicago Heights and is faithful on Sundays and Thursdays and he has really grown spiritually this year! He is in AWANA and PBJ puppet ministry and recently Kingdom Kids. Reggie wants to be here every chance he gets because he loves being with God's people and learning about God. He has a wonderful attitude and wisdom beyond his years when it comes to people. He almost always has a smile on his face, he is a wonderful conversationalist, he can talk to anyone, memorizing verses comes easy to him, he encourages workers and kids with his sincere kindness. He is always helpful and will do any task you give him, he is a hard worker. It is such a blessing to be able to see the changes in his life as he yields to God. In school, he is an honor roll student. He has seen first hand how God answers prayer. He prayed he would be able to attend summer camp and within a week he was telling how God heard and answered the prayer. He has a sponsor that is making it possible for him to go to camp! I know from personal experience that he will never forget this summer. Please remember this special young man in prayer as he continues to grow in the Lord.

The bus ministry will plan activities for the summer months to keep in touch with the kids so that we can spend more time with them. Remember, bus workers are the first to arrive and the last to leave, they sacrifice time with their own families, they sacrifice fellowship before and after church to go and pick up these kids because they know kids matter to God. Again, I ask that you remember the workers, the kids and the bus ministry as a whole in your prayers.

Memory Verse May 22

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation."

Isaiah 12:2

Memory Verse May 29

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him."

Psalms 28:7

COMING EVENTS

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May 2011

- 1 Friend Day
- 7 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8 Mother's Day
- 14 SOUL WINNING SATURDAY
Abundant Life Activity
- 15 ClayHouse Shindig
- 20 Teen Senior Banquet
- 20-21 Men's Golf Outing
- 21 ClayHouse Activity
- 28 SATURATION SATURDAY
- 29 Fifth Sunday Sing
- 30 Church Picnic

June 2011

- 4 Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5 Sunday School Promotion
Baby Dedication
Kid's Summer Church Begins
ClayHouse Shindig
- 8 Glorybound Quartet
- 10 Teen Freshman Luau
- 11 SOUL WINNING SATURDAY
New Member's Class
- 12 New Member's Class
- 16 - 18 ClayHouse Campout
- 19 Rex Harmon to Jamaica
- 20 L.I.F.T. w/Jan Harmon
- 20 - 25 Junior Camp
- 25 SATURATION SATURDAY
Teen Bike Progressive Dinner
New Member's Class
- 26 WCBC Singing Group

THERE ARE FOUR THINGS YOU MUST KNOW

1. All have sinned... Romans 3:10 & Romans 3:23
2. The Penalty for sin is death & hell ... Romans 6:23 & Luke 16:23
3. Jesus died to pay for our sins ... Romans 5:8

Service Times:

Sunday School 9:00 AM ♦ Morning Worship 10:00 AM ♦ Evening Praise 6:00 PM ♦ Wednesday 7:20 PM

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JOHN 17:23

