



MOPS: When do we meet? We meet one Friday a month at FBCER. Our meetings are Fridays, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., April 15, May 13, last of the school year. **Please Join Us!** FREE childcare is available! FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MEGAN @ FBCERMOPS@YAHOO.COM Don't Forget: **FIRST FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP @ 9:00**



The EAGLE *APRIL*

A Newsletter of First Baptist Church Eagle River, Alaska

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

NYC Big Apple Adventure

- April 11/12, I can attend VBS Clinic in Palmer or Anchorage
- July 9, I want to walk in Bear Paw Parade with NY T-shirts
- Aug 7-12, Evenings, I am available to help in VBS
- NAME.....



VBS Clinics
Monday, April 11, 1st Palmer
Tuesday, April 12, Filipino Baptist, Raspberry Rd.

"So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ. Romans 10:17"

Please check each box that you can serve in, put name on line & give to the office or VBS Director Sheryl S., 622-9700 for more info.

Women on Mission Celebration

"Unhindered: Freedom in Christ"

April 7-9, 2011
First Baptist Church Anchorage



Featuring guest speakers from North American Mission Board International Mission Board • WMCJ

Event cost assistance • Donations • World Crafts store • Door prizes each session • Dinner on Thursday • Lunch on Saturday

Register by March 7 to receive Early Bird price!

Registrations must be submitted online at www.almabypatriot.com/mission

Deadline: Early bird registration for \$50, March 7. Registration after March 7, \$60. Hotel reservations, March 20. Children reservations (birth-K, only), April 1.

BEAR PAW PARADE, JULY 9, AND SUMMER PARKS MINISTRY Park Ministries
July 11-15, July 25-29, August 1-5

Block Parties on Thursdays
July 14, 28, August 4

Sign Up in the Foyer
Or let David know if you are interested.



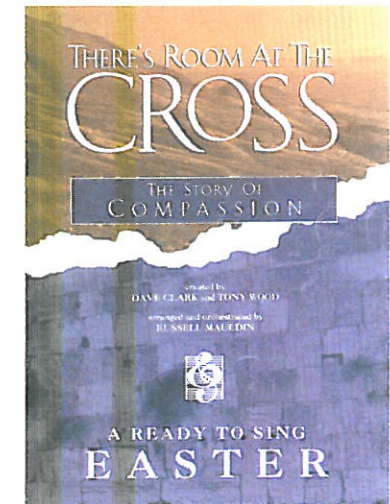
Ministry Opportunity Available
CIA is looking for another adult who would like to work with, and bring snacks for a Great Group of *Children in Action* Wednesday evenings, 7-8 pm

LORD'S SUPPER PASSOVER CELEBRATION
POTLUCK, INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 6:30 PM, IN THE ANNEX



Please Join Us
As our Worship Choir
Presents

THERE'S ROOM AT THE CROSS
The Story of COMPASSION
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING
APRIL 24, 11 AM



Three O'Clock

"At noon the whole country was covered with darkness, which lasted for **three hours**" Matt. 27:45 TEV

Of course the sky is dark; people are killing the Light of the World.....

The sky weeps. And a lamb bleats. Remember the time of the scream? "At about **three o'clock** Jesus cried out .**Three o'clock** in the afternoon, the hour of the temple sacrifice. Less than a mile to the east, a finely clothed priest leads a lamb to the slaughter, unaware that his work is futile. Heaven is not looking at the lamb of man but at "**the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world**" (John 1:29), RSV

Max Lucado, Everyday Blessing

Library Updates
At the time & after inventory we've come up with some interesting numbers:

- # of Adult books **1818**
- # of books deleted **227**
- # books checked out **23**
- # of books missing **197**

We have an open Library, so some many will eventually turn up. Thank you for using your church library



Care Boxes for College Students
Let's show them we are praying & caring for them.
List of donations & gathering box in foyer.
Last donation date is **April 25.**



ANNIE ARMSTRONG HOME MISSIONS OFFERING
National Goal: 70 million \$Alaska Goal: \$100,000
FBCER Goal: \$5,000. (\$100. for each of the 50 runners)
Goal reached as of April 1: \$91.00
100 Percent of gifts given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Directly Supports Missionaries & their Ministries.





PASTOR'S PEN

God is so Good, and for those who might not have heard the news, Dean and Jessica had a baby girl named Hope Katherine and she was 7lb 13oz. Kathy and I are very excited and cannot wait to see her, since she is our first grand baby.

Well after that intro I don't really know what else to say. God is still on the throne and He is constantly working all around us if we have the eyes to see what He is doing. I would ask the church to continue to pray about how and where the Lord is directing us in ministry. These can be exciting times in the Lord, but also uncomfortable times because following the Lord requires adjustments in our lives. I fervently believe that we must follow God and step out in faith trusting Him for the results. His plans never fail.

As always, my door is open for anyone to come and talk about things that God may be laying on their heart, but don't be surprised if He asks you to lead the effort. I hope everything is going well with each of God's people and may we truly be drawn closer to each other and the Lord in the months and years ahead.

**In Christ,
Bro. Todd**

FBCER Memorial Day Church Family Camp is May 30-31 @ LaVerne Griffin Camp in Wasilla. Come for the afternoon/evening barbeque & worship and/or spend the night. PLAN now to go & contact the church office. We need to have RSVP in at LGYRC by MAY 2.



Music, Worship & Education

"With open arms that seem to say: 'I know all your secrets, and I love you anyway. With open arms, I'll gently wait.

No matter what it takes to reach your heart, I'll be here with open arms." That is the chorus from one of my favorite songs in the Adult Choir's Easter musical, "There's Room at the Cross: The Story of Compassion" to be presented Sunday morning, April 24. Opening with the familiar hymn, this musical helps us take a fresh look at an old, old story. We serve a risen Savior who was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities. Not only has he borne our grief and carried our sorrows, He also longs to just hold us. From a rugged cross, the voice of compassion invites us to come. There is truly room at the cross. I hope the Lord will speak to your heart through this music, helping you to get a fresh glimpse of the great price He has paid for yours and my salvation. Please pray for us, as well, as we present the musical at Hiland Mountain the following Tuesday evening.

Details are coming together for our Summer Parks Ministry with now three churches from the Lower 48 as well as our partnership with Valley View Baptist here in Eagle River. Hyde Park Baptist from Austin, TX and Myrtle Lake Baptist from Land O' Lakes, FL had already agreed to come and help us in this ministry. Now, Matt Cornelius is working on bringing a group up from his church in Killeen, TX to hold a sports clinic in the park as well! We have parks reserved, materials ordered and some general plans for crafts and food for the block parties. All we need is people: our people, to get on board with this effort. The teams coming up will do a wonderful job, I am sure, but folks in our community need to see FBCER people, the folks they are going to be seeing when the teams are gone. Sunday afternoon, May 1, at 12:30 pm, we will have our first planning meeting to give everyone an idea of where we are, what is expected and to find out who is able and willing to help. PIZZA will be available for lunch if you let us know you will be at the meeting.

More reminders to come between now and then, but I hope you can join us as we seek to reach our community for Christ.

Weeks for Summer Parks Ministry:

June 27 – July 1 Sports Clinic, Block Parties each
1st Baptist, Killeen, TX Thursday evening
July 11-15 Parks Ministry with Hyde Park, TX
July 25-29 Parks Ministry with Myrtle Lake, FL
August 1-5 Parks Ministry with Myrtle Lake, FL

David

CHILDREN IN ACTION

Surf's Up! That is an interesting part of the missionaries the CIA gang will be learning about in April. Missionaries Sean and Jessica Regan witness to surfers on Re'union Island, which is located in the Indian Ocean, 500 miles east of Madagascar. Only a small percentage of the local people are Christian while Islam, Hinduism, and atheism are prominent. Sean says, "I love being able to use my passion for surfing to share the gospel among people that live in such spiritual darkness." Our memory verse this month is "Don't be afraid. Stand firm. You will see how the Lord will save you today" Exodus 14:13 NIV

Our mission projects this month include collecting microwave popcorn for Alaskan missionaries Brian and Debbie Love of Shungnak. We also plan to help decorate lunch bags for the Homeless ministry. I am still in need of another adult helper - come join the fun! There will not be CIA on April 20th due to Passover activities.

THE HOMELESS MINISTRY: would like your help and/or donations when they pack lunches on Sat. April 16.

They need bread, lunch meat, individual cheese, chips, cookies and snacks. Please mark clearly donations you leave in the Annex kitchen. Over 200 bags are decorated and packed by Children in Action & others who help.



Welcome to the World in 2011

The Young Marrieds SS class is bursting with pride. They have had 3 new additions with more on the way! Blessings to: Steve & Janna Trudel, Julia, on 1/14
Josh & Ashley Fitzgerald, Josh Jr, on 3/4 and
Dean & Jessica Burgess, Hope Katherine, on 3/19

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Christa C
Cody W
2 Karalee B
Laura F.
7 Scott E.
Noah W
13 Ollie H.
19 Sharon E.
21 Debbie H.
22 John N.
25 Joey H.
26 Beth W.
27 RaDeena B., Robin T.
28 Carol N., Michael W



YOUTH

Well, according to the calendar, it's Springtime. I'm almost convinced of that by the way things look outside. Hopefully, we'll soon be seeing those warm Summer days. Speaking of Summer, we are planning the first Youth Event for the Summer. It's the After School Bash (or whatever we choose to call it). This event is being planned for May 20th from 3:30pm to Midnight. This is the first event of the Summer and it is also the first event that we invite the graduating 6th graders to join the Youth group. As more details become available, I'll pass those on.

The Youth just had an event at Anchorage Baptist Temple. The yearly Youth Evangelism Conference (or Avalanche) was held March 18-19. Three of our Youth went to this event. We heard from the Praise Band from California Baptist University and a Preacher from Atlanta, Georgia. The Youth had a good time as we listened to the music, preaching and participated in Breakout Sessions.

If you are interested in teaching Youth during the Sunday School hour, let me know. As you know, the David Banks' family will be moving to New Orleans this summer. Alice has been teaching the 7th & 8th grade Sunday School and we'll need a teacher to replace her. If no one is interested, we will probably reorganize the Youth into two classes. Pray about whether or not God would have you teach the Youth in Sunday School. If you feel led to teach, but aren't sure about teaching 7th & 8th graders, I'm sure we can change teachers around to pair you up with the age group you would be comfortable with.

As always, please keep the Youth in your prayers. They need your support daily as do the leaders.

Keith

Campus Life @ the Annex
Will have their 2nd meeting in our annex
Tuesday, APRIL 19, 6:30
All Youth are invited