



# The EAGLE

June

A Newsletter of First Baptist Church Eagle River, Alaska

## Library

Are Books becoming obsolete? What things in your life hinder you from reading? Are you too busy? There are too many electronic toys, TV, Computers?

Those of you who enjoy reading, why? Do books have any advantages over other media? Please, share your thoughts with the library. If you would like to explore a new hobby, try reading a book.

Check out your church library in the Annex. Reading can be enjoyable if you have the right resources available to you.

## “Youth Camps”

LaVerne Griffin Youth Recreation Camp will be having several recreational camps going on over the month of June.

**Boys Camp:** June 27 – July 01 (\$150.00)  
1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Girls Camp:** June 20 – June 24 (\$150.00)  
1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade

**Youth Camp:** June 13 – June 17 (\$175.00)  
7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade

If your child is interested in attending one of these camps, contact Keith B. or Janey F. for more information.

## Handbell Concert

**DATE:** June 10, 2011

**TIME:** 7:00 PM at Joy Lutheran

Christine D. Anderson is in great demand as handbell clinician and solo handbell artist. Having received her music degree from Florida Atlantic University, she embarked on a career encompassing all aspects of the art of handbell ringing. She serves as editor for “Handbells” magazine, writes for several music journals, is the handbell consultant for LifeWay Church Resources, and conducts handbell festivals and conferences across the nation.

Christine is a sales representative for Malmark handbells, and concertizes around the world, including 25 countries and all 50 states. Her more than 100 published arrangements have set the standard for excellence in solo ringing, and her CDs and videos showcase her incredible grace and musicality. In 1984 Christine founded, and still rings in, the Medallion Ringers, a professional four-in-hand handbell quartet which actively tours the United States and other countries. She is Artist in Residence at The Master’s college in Santa Clarita, CA, and annually receives the ASCAP award for performance in the Concert Division.

Christine is happily married to Dr. Ross S. Anderson, science professor at The Master’s College. They have four married children and ten grandchildren.



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## Greg Frizzell

**DATE:** July 03, 2011

**TIME:** Discipleship Training (5PM – 6PM)  
Evening Service (6PM – 7PM)

Dr. Gregory Frizzell has served as the Prayer and Spiritual Awakening Specialist for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for the past ten years. He has served as a pastor for over 20 years, and is a well-known author and conference leader all across the nation and in other countries. He has also hosted numerous radio programs.

Dr. Frizzell has written over 30 books and resources on prayer, church renewal, evangelism and spiritual awakening. His book “Returning to Holiness” has been translated into forty languages and is approaching two million copies.

Dr. Frizzell is also an appointed missionary with the North American Mission Board with the specific responsibilities of church and association wide prayer and renewal.

He has a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary and a Doctorate from New Orleans Seminary. He is also founder and president of “Gregory Frizzell Ministries” which produces conferences and resources in the United States and other nations.

## V.B.S.

**DATE:** August 8-12

**TIME:** 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Workers are still needed for this year’s VBS. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Sheryl Stevens.

### WORKERS MEETING:

The worker meeting is scheduled for June 12<sup>th</sup> after the morning service. A light snack will be provided to all those who attend the meeting.

## Banks Family Party

**When:** June 05, 2011 (12:30 PM)

**Where:** FBCER Annex (across the street from the main church building)

The Banks family will be moving at the end of June down to New Orleans for David to pursue a degree in marriage and family counseling.

Please join the church body in giving them a fond farewell on June 5<sup>th</sup> with an afternoon lunch. Though the lunch is early June, the Banks family plans to stay in Alaska throughout the month.

## Pastor's Note

God has always been gracious and kind to His church. He has led us through many trying and challenging times and He will continue to direct His people if we are willing to hear what He has in store. Change is never easy, but is often necessary if we are to continue in the direction the Lord is leading.

Within any church there are those who need to surrender their hearts and lives to the Holy Spirit's control, to allow Him to radically change their lives from the inside out. We all should be in prayer for those who are not living according to the Lord's commands. It is also important that those who are being obedient in the church allow God to work through them in ways that only He can. God has brought revival to His people many times because of a handful of people who have surrendered to Him. Elijah on Mount Carmel comes to mind. One man totally surrendered to God brought change because he trusted in what the Lord said He would do. We need to live our lives using those same principles, and who knows, God may begin revival through you.

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

## Music Minute

Things usually slow down in the music ministry, as well as many other areas, during the summer. However, this is not so with the Summer Parks Ministry. First Baptist will actually be very involved this summer as we reach out to the children and families of our community through the parks in Eagle River. If you have not committed to be involved in this ministry as of yet, may I encourage you to prayerfully consider joining in? The weeks of July 11-15, July 25-29 and August 1-5 we will be "camping out" at Town Square Park from 2:00 to 4:00 with a bounce house, crafts, games, and activities for children, as well as those who will talk with the adults that come along, sharing the love of Christ to all who are available. Block Parties will be held each Thursday evening in the same location (July 14, July 28, and August 4 at 6:30) with hot dogs, more activities and fellowship. You do not have to have any particular talent, other than to care about people and to ask the Lord to use you and gift you in whatever area honors Him the most. There is probably no other state in which people love to fish more than in Alaska. Can we truly be Fishers of Men, as Jesus called us to be?

Thank you to all for the prayers that have gone up for us as we make plans to relocate. We look forward to fellowship with many of you on June 5, but plan to be here through the month of June. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching "Experiencing God" through this particular season in our life and would encourage the church body to continue to look for where God is at work and join Him in His work. I believe He has great things in store for the future of FBC, Eagle River.

## Youth Time

I think summer is here! If not summer, at least Summer Vacation. School is out and the Youth had a great time at the COHO Event. We had 15 Youth participate this past Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We did a Video Scavenger Hunt that took the kids all through Eagle River, from Chugiak High School, to Eagle River High School. We had Youth stuffed in a car trunk, in a large construction dumpster, and looking in drainage culverts. We even had one of our Youth hit by a car! Oh, wait! He wasn't really hit by a car. The photo made it look like he was hit by a car.

After the Scavenger Hunt we went around the World for dinner. We started in Mexico for appetizers and then moved on to Germany for dinner. Once we stuffed ourselves at dinner, we flew on over to France for delightful desserts. Needless to say, we ate very well. After all of that food, we exercised a bit at the Roller Rink. We ended the night reviewing all of the funny photos and videos the kids made during the Scavenger Hunt.

I would really like to thank Janey Freedman, Karen Gore, and Jeremy Gore for helping me drive the Youth around. A big thanks also go to David & Alice Banks, Joe & Tammy Klusewitz, and James & Elaine Logan for providing the wonderful meals. THANK YOU!!!

What's next?? Who knows? We'll keep you posted as we plan more events in the upcoming months.

Continue to keep us in prayers. We want to be pleasing to the Lord in all we do and be a good witness to the people we meet along the way.

Keith

## Birthdays

### JUNE

01	Debbie W.
03	Todd B.
04	Gail H.
05	Jeremy G.
16	Helen P. Bryan T.
17	Elizabeth L.
19	David F.
20	Philip U.
24	Chelsea K.
27	Daniel G.
29	Don G.
30	Jessica B. Bradley M.

## C.I.A.

The CIA group will be learning about a mission project that a Florida church participates in called "Project Northern Lights". This group travels to northern Africa where they distribute Bibles and other Christian resources to Muslims as they wait to board ferryboats. Our memory verse this month is "These is my Son, and love him. I am very pleased with him."

**Matthew 3:17**