



FBC Women's Ministry

Women Reaching Out to Women



JULY CALENDAR

- July 5TH:** No Monday Lunch Bunch scheduled for July.
- July 6TH:** No Work day scheduled for July.
- July 19TH:** Women's Ministry Meeting, 7:00 PM at FBC.
- July 24th:** Way of the Master Evangelism Crash Course, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at FBC.
- July 29TH:** Thursday Lunch Bunch, 11:30 AM at The Egg and I, 2625 W. Queen Creek Rd., call Dorothy for information, 480-883-0426.

July Birthdays!

Be sure to remember these Ladies on their special day.



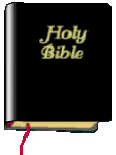
Cindy Meaux	07/01	Marita Walker	07/16
Dorothy Randall	07/01	Sharon Ware	07/17
Sandra Williams	07/03	Nina Fitch	07/20
Cheryl Lugo	07/06	Carmen Woodard	07/21
Robin Baggett	07/08	Tonya Lawson	07/22
Polly Law	07/08	Shelly McCurdy	07/22
Ruth Lones	07/09	Karla Proffer	07/23
Libby Monroe	07/09	Missi Courtney	07/25
Brie Craig	07/10	Gerriane Wheeler	07/25
Sherry Juarez	07/11	Joy Hopkins	07/26
Gale Visser	07/11	Mary Christie	07/28
Melinda Fryrear	07/12	Sherrie Hendricks	07/29
Shirley Jorg	07/13	Carol Denton	07/30
Taylor Smith	07/16		

Happy Happy Happy Birthday!

(Did we miss your birthday this month? If so please let us know so we can add your name to our list.)

BIBLE CORNER

By Dorothy Randall



And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free ... Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:32, 36)

In recent years, as Christians, we have been seeing our freedoms gradually eroded. But the freedom Christ gives us cannot be taken away. We have freedom to worship in our hearts whether the law allows it or not. We have freedom from the power of death and the devil. We have the freedom to love and serve one another. And we have God's promise that He will never leave us or forsake us, no matter how bad circumstances get. Remember to thank Him daily for these blessings.

Getting to know ... Mary Brooks

By Linda Wheelis

Mary Brooks was born in Pontiac, Michigan but grew up in and around Clarksville, Michigan. She graduated from high school at the age of 16 in Clarksville. It was difficult to find jobs during the depression so she worked in a canning factory, as a nanny, in a grocery store, in a country club as a waitress and at a soda fountain. In 1938 she went to business school in Detroit. Since she still couldn't find a job in business, she worked as a nanny again.

In 1939, she married her high school sweetheart and they lived in Lansing, Michigan. Later, he went to the war for four years. She worked as a bookkeeper for the State of Michigan, Selective Service. In 1950 their son was born. Later, she worked in administration at Michigan State University for 20 years and retired in 1982. She and her husband traveled all over the United States from 1982 until 1986 before settling down in Arizona. She has two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren – she loves seeing them.

Mary started coming to First Baptist in 1989 or 90 and has had several church jobs over the years. She was a member of the First Tuesday committee where they planned lunches and games for seniors, Senior Oasis, she worked in the kitchen for Wednesday night dinners, and Vacation Bible School. Currently she is her Sunday School class treasurer, she buys meat for the food pantry, and volunteers once a month in the church office to help mail out the Home Page to everyone. She is also a member of Forever Love – where I got to know her better and enjoy her company.

She recently flew to Michigan to see family and friends, rented a car and traveled around Michigan for two weeks. If you see her, ask her about her trip. Mary's a lot of fun and you'll enjoy getting to know her.

*Whatever your cross, whatever your pain,
there will always be sunshine, after the rain.
Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall,
But God's always ready, to answer your call.
He knows every heartache, sees every tear,
a word from His lips, can calm every fear.
Your sorrows may linger throughout the long night,
But, suddenly vanish at dawn's early light.
The Savior is waiting somewhere above,
to give you His grace, and send you His love!*

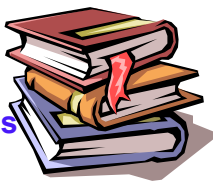
Poem by an unknown author.

Have you read any good books lately? Here's one you're sure to enjoy!

"Mama, Get the Hammer! There's A Fly on Papa's Head!"

Author: Barbara Johnson

By Norma Ames



Laughter laced, reality based, and just a little bit off the wall, this book is vintage Barbara Johnson ... a gift of hilarity and hope from America's queen of encouragement.

Barbara Johnson has staked her life and her ministry on the healing power of positive outlook. But here she zeroes directly in on the therapeutic benefit of a smile, a giggle, and a good, old-fashioned belly laugh. She insists that laughing in the face of adversity is not a form of denial, but a proven tool for managing stress, coping with pain, and maintaining hope. And to prove her point, she presents this funny bone-tickling, heart touching laugh manual – packed with hard-earned wisdom ... and custom designed to nudge you (giggling) down the road to positive living.

If you're already a Barbara Johnson fan, you know the difference her down-to-earth-but-zany approach can make. You've learned to decorate hats with geraniums, splash joy in cesspools, and keep gloomees packed in boxes – and you're more than ready for a new adventure. If you've never heard or read Barbara's books, you're in for a treat. Either way, this book will put a humor hammer in your hand – and a delighted smile on your face.

"Do you know what a Christian stalker is? That's someone who puts on the helmet of salvation! We also need the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of readiness to share God's peace, and the shield of faith. And, above all, we need always to trust in God through prayer." – A quote from Barbara.

Psalms 91:4 – "He will cover you with His pinions (feathers), And under His wings you may seek refuge."

Ephesians 3:19-20 – "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

RECIPE

Potato Soup

- 1/2 stick margarine (I Can't Believe It's Not Butter!)
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot

Melt margarine, add onion, celery, carrot – stir occasionally until almost tender (a little crisp). Add 2 cups mashed potatoes (you can use leftovers). Stir in, then add 3/4 cup milk or until consistency you prefer. Serve with grated cheese sprinkled on top (to your desired thickness). Serve with your preference of crackers or cornbread.

Recipe submitted by Norma Ames

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

America, America, God shed His grace on thee ... And He Certainly Has!
4th of July

It's a time of celebrating freedom and the birth of our nation. A nation founded on godly, biblical principles. But freedom isn't free – it always comes at a cost. And our freedoms have – many have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy, yet those principles and freedoms are being attacked, stripped away and possibly destroyed. Sin is rampant in our country and even celebrated.

What should Christians do? I'll tell you. We need to be busy telling others about the One who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we could have true freedom, freedom from the wages of sin which is death, freedom from God's wrath, freedom from what we justly deserve. We must stand and share the gospel of Jesus Christ while we still have the freedom to do so, and when that freedom is gone, we must still stand and share the gospel. The gospel is the power unto salvation. Jesus is the only One who can transform hearts and minds and thus transform this nation.

Please, please – learn how to share your faith while you still have time. It's simple, it's effective, but most important, it's biblical. All it will cost you is a few hours on a Saturday.

The Way of the Master One Day Crash Course Saturday July 24th 9am-1pm right here at FBC.

Always be prepared: Good advice for drivers

Here's a recipe that may help you keep you and your car on life support until help arrives in an emergency. You can keep your emergency items in a large bucket in your car:

- Cell phone and car charger
- Towing service number in your wallet or programmed in your cell phone
- Jumper cables
- Flashlight with fresh batteries
- Large bottle of drinking water
- First-aid kit
- Work gloves
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Blanket or tarp
- A small vehicle safety kit including flares
- Can of "Fix a Flat"
- Complete jack/tire changing tools and lug lock key
- Windshield shade
- Sun Shading hat
- Walking shoes
- Aired-up spare tire (not older than seven years)

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