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## Getting Back Into the Routine



Well, despite the temperature outside and what the actual seasonal calendar says, summer is over. The school year, which determines so much of how our society works and functions, has begun. To accompany this, we hear/say a phrase quite often. We speak of how we are “getting back into the routine.” It’s interesting to note the variety of meanings attached to that phrase by tone and volume of voice, facial expression and body language. For those who love the summer vacation season, it is said with a depressed sigh. Others state it with a note of relief. “Summer” for them means noise and chaos. For most of us I think this phrase just represents reality. Its not that we prefer summer or prefer the school year. We’re just at a point of transition and change, and that in itself takes time and is stressful. “Getting into the routine” denotes an exit from one mode of being and re-entry to

another.

But regardless of how we view this transitional time, it is upon us, and it does require moving from a more unstructured way of life to more of a routine. The writer of Ecclesiastes, of course, speaks of time and routine. “There is a time for every purpose under heaven.” If so, then the question becomes, “What are the purposes under heaven?” Or at least, “What are the purposes under heaven for me?” “What purposes has God given me to do underneath this heaven, here and now?” Now, as we all know, its not always easy to determine those purposes, but as disciples of Christ, who have professed our faith and made a commitment to God and a body of believers called a church, we certainly need to make room in that routine for prayer and study, for worship, for fellowship, for service. And the more times we can make that routine, chances are the better we will be at maintaining that routine, the more natural it will become and feel, the less forced. On the other hand, establishing a routine without those spiritual disciplines, and they will all too soon be viewed as invaders,

**Rev. Dr. David Breckenridge, Pastor**

additional obligations for which there is no room.

This is, believe it or not, one of the main reasons folks stop coming to church. Sometimes they are angry or hurt or disappointed or doubting. But as many times as not, what people say is, “You know, I just got out of the habit, the routine of going to church.” I hear even church folk say the same about the disciplines of prayer or Bible study or service.

I’m guessing my suggestion is obvious. Here and now, as you are not only getting into your routine, but creating the routine you are getting into...right now, here on the front end...go ahead and carve out that room for God, go ahead and get God into your routine. Now of course, you can do this at any time. You can make this decision and commitment at any point on the calendar. But if you are like me and all the other creatures of habit that inhabit this earth, now may be the best season of the year to establish a foundational routine of faith that will support every other area of your life. Get back in the routine!

See you Sunday,  
David

## 2 Letters, Upcoming Events

### Letters

Dear beloved First Baptist Church family,

Every day of my enforced absence from our sweet church fellowship has been made bearable because of your prayers and numerous other indications of your love and caring.

Your ministry to me and mine has been a humbling and blessed experience which I shall never forget. You are indeed "doers of the Word and not hearers only."

Thank you, thank you, thank you,

**Frances Marks**

Dear FBC Ministers & Congregation,

Thank you for holding a reception in our honor on July 24. We were so humbled by your outpouring of love, words of encouragement and support as

we prepare to move to New York. We feel the love of each person present that day. The flowers from First Friends and the TV broadcast from Mark and Sally Smith were a surprise that made the day extra special.

Please keep us in your prayers and we'll also pray for you. We cherish the time we have spent as part of the FBC family. We will think of you each time we look at the beautiful plaque you gave to Aliou. We look forward to visiting FBC whenever we are back in the area.

Blessings

**Aliou, Elizabeth and Micah Niang**

Dear First Baptist Family,

Your outpouring of love and support on the occasion of my 90th birthday has

been overwhelming.

My family and I are so grateful for all the ways you showed that you cared. Many, many thanks!

We love you,

**Kathleen Feaster and Family**

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for all of the love, prayers, visits and everything you did for us during Ed's illness, death and burial. It makes the grieving easier when you know you have Christian friends up lifting you with prayer.

I felt the love and compassion from each of you.

Thank you so much,

**Jane Martin, Paul Martin & Tom Pitman**

***Mark your calendar now for these events in October:***

**World Communion Sunday,  
October 2**

We will celebrate the Lord's Supper together with Christians all around the world, and join our hearts in prayer and remembrance.

***The Ministry of Music presents  
DAVID CAUDILL  
An Organ Recital  
Sunday, October 9, 4 p.m.***

As you probably know, our church is blessed to have one of the finest pipe organs in the Mid-South right here in our Sanctuary. On October 9, we will enjoy hearing it with all its variety of sounds, as David Caudill plays a recital for us. David is a member of our church, and is giving us the gift of this concert.

David has chosen a variety of music for the occasion, including classics by Theodore Dubois, Cesar Franck, and Johann Sebastian Bach.

Put this date on your calendar now, and invite friends for an afternoon of marvelous music on the king of instruments.

 **ON** with a **SONG**  
***A fun-tastic new year of kids choirs***

***Kinderchoir***

(age 4-5)

**Jeanine Everton** leading

***Young Musicians***

(Grades 1-6)

**The Hatton family** leading

***Enroll Wednesday***

***at 6:00 p.m.,  
and bring a friend!***



## Baptist Women Prayer Retreat

The Baptist Women will have their Prayer Retreat Tuesday, September 20 in Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00 a.m. with coffee and registration.

Sheri Cunningham Zaskowski, who grew up at FBC, will give the program: "Building Relationships Through Prayer" a discussion about the HODEM Church in Ghana at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow and costs \$6.00.

## Finance News

Don't look now, but the year is fast slipping away! Your Finance Committee is beginning work on the 2012 church budget. The ministers and program area directors are submitting their budget requests to the Finance Committee for consideration and discussion. If church members have questions or suggestions for the 2012 budget, please get in touch with a member of the Finance Committee: Glenn Everton, chair; Sara Cunningham, Debbie Desrochers, David Edwards, Brian Kellett, Walter Cooper Sandusky, and Betty Winter.

Also, a Stewardship Task Force has been appointed to investigate and make recommendations on ways to increase revenue and balance the budget. Suggestions are also welcomed to those members: Marc Pendley, deacon chair; Steve Anderson, Jason Callahan, Debbie Desrochers, Glenn Everton, Ray Hatton, Brian Kellett, David Lewis, Kelton Morris, Ed Myrick, Greer Richardson, and Betty Winter.

## Memorials

<u>Given in Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Gladys Thornton .....	Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Burgess Ms. Libby Linder Leslie Fincher & Michelle Sparks Mr. & Mrs. Joe Powell Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith Ms. Jean Breedlove LLL Club
Margaret Dambrino.....	The Hannah SS Class Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hankins
Myrtle Spearman.....	Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith
Dan Pendley .....	Mr. Stephen Lea Mr. & Mrs. Joey McPeak Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith
Edgar Martin .....	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith Ms. Jean Breedlove
Nan Gammell.....	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith Ms. Jean Breedlove Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith
Eula Cheatham.....	Mr. & Mrs. Mark Smith
Rose Ella Stone Robinson.....	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Moss
Dewey Middleton.....	Mr. & Mrs. Milton Ray Mr. & Mrs. Joe Powell Mr. Howard Lee LLL Club Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Burgess Ms. Louise McGhee Mr. & Mrs. Vinson Cobb Ms. Melinda Grable & Mr. Austin Jeter Ms. Dottie Hinds Mr. & Mrs. Kelton Morris Ms. Doris Williams William & Elise Griffin Ms. Peggy Joyner Ms. Pat Stevens Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Bizzell Dennis & Carol Slone Ms. Ruth Sawyer Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hankins Ms. Helen Ruth Bourgoyne Ms. Jean Breedlove
Teresa Gover .....	Mr. & Mrs. M.V. Highsmith
Grace Nelson.....	Ms. Helen Ruth Bourgoyne The Hannah SS Class Ms. Nancy Burch Ms. Jean Breedlove

## Honorarias

<u>Given in Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Mary Walters.....	Game Day Group
Kathleen Feaster.....	Mr. & Mrs. Vinson Cobb

## 4 Boiler Brunch Fundraiser, Volunteer Needs

### Wednesday Night Preschool Security Volunteers Needed

Calling all young families! We are in need of parent/couple/teams to volunteer to “watch” the preschool desk Wednesday nights and let in families for music/missions beginning at 5:30 p.m. If we can get enough volunteers you would only have to serve one every two/three months. If you can volunteer or if you need more information, contact **Bridget Ellis**.

### *Church Kitchen Receives Very High Score*

As we began our partnership in the church kitchen with Maximillian’s Catering, we were required to have the facility inspected by the City Health Inspector. We are proud to report an exceptionally high score of 99 was given to us.

Thank you to **Jessie Edwards** for her work in keeping the kitchen so tidy and clean, and to **Dennis Fruitt** for improvements made several months ago to get everything in “apple pie order.”

As Jessie and Erik Waldkirch of Maximillian’s work together this fall, you will be seeing some new menu items mixed in with some of your favorites. Come and enjoy our Church Supper every Wednesday, served 5-6 p.m.

### MJMRC Library Corner

#### Children’s Books

- *Look Inside a Rainforest* by Alexander Fischer
- *Frogs* by Elizabeth Mills
- *Pinocchio* by Walt Disney
- *Pollyanna* by Eleanor Hodgman Porter
- *Sea Creatures* by Pamela Chance

- *Something Special* by David McPhail

#### Adult’s Books

- *Sheep Tales* by Ken Davis
- *Color-Blind* by Ellis Cose
- *The Church God Blesses* by Jim Cymbala
- *A Ready Defense* by Josh McDowell

### *Boiler Fundraiser Brunch September 18*

First Baptist is hosting a fundraiser brunch following worship, Sept. 18 to raise money for the boilers with a suggested \$5 donation for kids (5-12) and \$10 for adults. Please contact the church office to RSVP by Sept. 14. Interested in helping with the brunch? Contact **Jessie Edwards** for details.

### **FBDS Gears Up for Trike-a-Thon**

On September 16 the three and four year old classes will be participating in a Trike-a-Thon event to help raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Trike-a-Thon is designed to expose pre-schoolers to using riding toys safely. Parents and children participate in a week long program that provides parent awareness and child practice in safe behaviors while riding trike/bikes. Our goal in holding this event is to help raise money for the children of St. Jude, and also teach our children that by being charitable you can help those less fortunate.

We will have a Trike race in the front parking lot. Before the race, kids will participate in a trike decorating contest. Please come and join the fun for a great cause.