

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LITHIA SPRINGS**  
**BOOK OF REPORTS**  
**AUGUST 11, 2013**

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT FOR MAY - JULY, 2013**

ENROLLMENT 04/30/13	861 + 102 Prospects
ENROLLMENT 07/31/13	862 + 118 Prospects
AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN MAY-JULY	309
% OF AVERAGE	32%

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**CLERK'S REPORT FOR MAY - JULY, 2013**

ADDITIONS	Ian Cochran, Baptism Brittany Webb, Baptism Jimmie Clark, by Statement Anita Ransom, by Letter
TOTAL ADDITIONS	4
DELETIONS	Dotson Davis, Deceased Juanita DiMattia, Deceased Dale Pickens, Moved to Jefferson Ave. Bapt. Church Vickie Pickens, Moved to Jefferson Ave. Bapt. Church Judy Storey, Moved to Macland Bapt. Church Roberta McKinley, Deceased
TOTAL DELETIONS	6
FBC MEMBERS AS OF 04/30/13	2213
FBC MEMBERS AS OF 07/31/13	2211

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**LITHIA SPRINGS WEST AFRICAN MISSION**

**CLERK'S REPORT FOR MAY - JULY, 2013**

ADDITIONS	Stephen Kwame Yeboah, by Statement Alberta Owusu, by Statement Alifoe Prince, by Statement Akwas Duah (Steve), by Statement Fred Paul Amankay, by Statement Josephine, Serwaah by Statement Love Duah, by Statement Kwamena Andam, by Statement
TOTAL ADDITIONS	8
DELETIONS	0
LSWAM MEMBERS AS OF 04/31/13	69
LSWAM MEMBERS AS OF 07/31/13	77

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, LITHIA SPRINGS**  
**MINUTES OF CHURCH CONFERENCE – MAY 19, 2013**

Pastor Kevin McKoy called the conference to order and led in opening prayer.

Pastor McKoy called attention to the **Book of Reports** which had been distributed to the congregation.

Included in the Book of Reports were the following:

**Minutes of the April 28, 2013 Church Conference: Approved as presented.**

**Clerk's Report for April, 2013: Approved as presented.**

**Financial Report for March, 2013: Approved as corrected.**

**Financial Report for April, 2013: Approved as presented.**

**Clerk's Report for April, 2013 for Lithia Springs West African Mission: Approved as presented.**

**Financial Report for April, 2013 for Lithia Springs West African Mission: Approved as presented.**

Organizational Reports were included in the May Book of Reports.

**Old Business: Recommendation for Church Bylaws Amendment from the Church Council.**

Pastor Sinyard read aloud a recommendation from the 2012-2013 Church Council, to amend our Bylaws, (as printed in the April Book of Reports - page eight and the May Book of Reports - page nine), to change our church business meetings to quarterly instead of monthly. (Complete recommendation was attached to the April and May Minutes.)

There were no questions.

**A vote was taken by the uplifted hand and the motion carried unanimously.**

Church Conferences will now be held in February, May, August and November.

**New Business: Recommendation from the Nominating Committee by Jill Coats.**

The Nominating Committee recommends that these people be added to our Building Committee:  
Susan Beasley, Greg Lamb, Vickie Rutherford.

There were no questions. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**New Business: Recommendation from the Building Committee by Tom Richardson, Chairman.**

The Building Committee recommends that we enter into a contract with Hughes-Ray Engineering Firm, Inc. for them to develop a master plan that designs and explains our best solution for over-all site development. The master plan includes an eight-step design process which will include meetings with a specific group from the church. We recommend this group to include the six Building Committee Members and our Ministerial Staff. The design process will also include presentation of the master plan to the church body and define possible phasing to make future projects easier to construct and finance. The initial cost of this master plan and design process is \$7,500.00, with funds coming from the *Journey to Tomorrow* account.

There was some discussion and questions concerning issues such as the widening of Bankhead Hwy., drainage, asphalt issues and the situation of traffic in our drive-through. It was explained by Tom Richardson and Pastor McKoy that these issues will be taken into consideration by the engineering team along with the proper authorities, and recommendations will be included in the plans which will be presented to the church for a vote.

A vote was taken by the uplifted hand and the motion carried unanimously.

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## MINUTES - CHURCH CONFERENCE, MAY 19, 2013 (CONTINUED)

### New Business: Question from the Floor: :

Sandy Beasley asked if the Phone Tree still worked and recommended that the church use that method or some other method of mass contact, such as mass email or text etc, to notify the church body of member's deaths. Seconded by Bruce Rutherford. There was a voice vote and the recommendation passed, however Pastor McKoy stated that although the Phone Tree still works, it is out-dated and ties up a phone line when used. He suggested that this matter be tabled pending investigation of possible other methods of affordable mass contact. It was decided to do so.

Pastor McKoy made the following announcements:

- May 20: Deacons' Dinner Meeting
- May 21 LINK
- May 26 Graduate Recognition at Morning Worship Service
- May 27 Memorial Day Holiday - Church Office & Activities Center closed. No Evening Service.

Conference was adjourned with prayer by Pastor McKoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Hitchcock, Church *Clerk*

## MINISTRY REPORTS

### **BUILDING COMMITTEE Tom Richardson**

The committee, along with staff, met with our engineering firm on Sunday evening, July 14, 2013

We had a good round table discussion concerning several areas involving a workable master plan of our properties.

Our engineers are in the process of doing research and gathering data from both the State and County Dept. of Transportation. This will be an ongoing process as we gather all the necessary information in making final decisions.

We are also looking at ways to best handle the school traffic, as well as other drive thru traffic coming through our property.

As information and decisions are reached, we will keep you informed.

Respectfully Submitted, Building Committee:

Susan Beasley

Greg Lamb

Jim Rose

Vickie Rutherford

Jim West

Tom Richardson, Chairman

**C.A.M.P.**  
**(Christian Aid Mission Partnership)**  
**Richard Clough**

Tuxedos and auction paddles out and barbecue, bluegrass and vocal bidding are in as C.A.M.P. rebrands its annual Empty Plate Gala into a more relaxed and hopefully more entertaining Empty Plate Social planned for the 26th of October at Adventure Outdoors on South Cobb Drive. Low Country Barbecue will be catering. The gala, now social, is an annual fund drive for C.A.M.P with dinner and auction. Tickets can be purchased on line, at C.A.M.P. or from volunteers. Auction items are donated by local, regional and nationally known firms, and sometimes individuals, like last years' Chipper Jones autographed baseball.

The long legal process is over! *Our Father's Hands* officially joins the C.A.M.P. family of caring and sharing on September 1, 2013. Policies, procedures and cultures have been meshed together and OFH Board of Directors dissolves on August 31. OFH is a clothing ministry in Powder Springs and will maintain at their current location until road expansion forces their relocation. C.A.M.P. and OFH are already seeking a new location in the Powder Springs area.

The Hope Project graduation has been rescheduled for 7 p.m. the 29th of August at Light of Hope Presbyterian Church, Marietta. Applications are being accepted now for the next class to begin in September. The Hope Project is C.A.M.P.'s educational arm - teaching job, social and basic computer skills to women entering or re-entering the work force.

During the last quarter, CA.M.P. filled food requests totaling 21,352 pounds of food and distributed 24,252 items of clothing.

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**  
**Rev. Mike Sinyard**

Thank you to all who filled out a survey. Obviously, we can't offer every class that was suggested but we will respond to the most asked for classes during the year. **New classes beginning Sept 4th at 6pm.**

**For Ladies - *The Christian Atheist*** - a video based study facilitated by Christy McKoy. Cost \$10

Sessions include:

When You Believe in God But Don't Really Know Him

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**For Men: *A Family Ministry That Works*** - A study on the Ministry of a Deacon. For all deacons and anyone who is interested in knowing about the deacon ministry. Six week session, led by Pastor Kevin McKoy.

Registration for these two classes will begin August 11, in the Worship Center Foyer.

Following these two studies - a 7 week study by Max Lucado entitled *GRACE*. This study is not gender specific. Facilitated by Mike Sinyard. Cost \$10.

**EMERITUS AT SWEETWATER**  
**(Formerly Sweetwater Springs Assisted Living)**  
**Betty Robertson**

We have a new name - Emeritus at Sweetwater, and some of the administration is new. Our worship services have been going really well. We meet at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the assisted living facility. We invite you to come and join us. It is good for the attendees to see our church supporting the efforts we're making there.

The Activities Director asked if we would work with the Rose Garden patients through singing, using motions etc., so we meet with them about 3:00 p.m. after our worship service. The worship attendees have purchased a small sound system for our services and it will be left at the facility for other groups to use. Thank you for your interest, your prayers, and ahead of time - your support.

**ESL**  
**(English as a Second Language)**  
**Kay Grimmer**

Our report for last year shows ministering to 62 students (from Benin, Cuba, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria), 17 teachers involved, 1 profession of faith. We look forward to our new year, beginning on August 14th.

**LSWAM**  
**(Lithia Springs West African Mission)**  
**Charles Owusu**

In the months of May and June, we celebrated our Mother's and Father's days respectively. We invited families and friends, shared the Gospel and prayed with them, served them with meals and presented gifts to them. Through these special services, four people made decisions to join our church. Our women also organized a baby shower for one of our expecting mothers in May. She delivered a beautiful baby girl in June.

Rev. Jerry Baker, our State Missionary for Intercultural Ministries at GBC visited our church in June to speak to the congregation about the Cooperative Program and how our contributions were supporting the spread of the Gospel in Georgia and beyond. Members received a better understanding of the Cooperative Program and look forward to our continued support for the program. Some of our children participated in the Vacation Bible School in June and three of our 5th grade students who attended accepted Jesus as their Lord and Personal Savior.

We had the opportunity to minister to people in our community through a baby dedication service and a funeral service for people who were not yet members. The parents and some family members of the baby made decisions to join our church. Also, the widow and some members of the bereaved family came to church after the funeral to thank God and made decisions to join the church. These new members are going through our membership classes.

We celebrated our Youth day in July and the activities brought fresh energy among our youth to do more for the Lord. Our Youth raised funds for presentation to *Wellspring Living* in Tyrone, GA, an organization whose mission is to confront the issue of childhood sexual abuse and exploitation through awareness, training, and treatment programs for women and girls.

From May to July, a total of eight people completed our membership class and were added to our membership list. In the months of August and September, we shall celebrate our Children' Day, Women's Day and Men's Day.

**LORD'S SUPPER COMMITTEE**  
**June Strow**

Our last Lord's Supper we served 330 people.  
Our next communion service will be Sunday, September, 22.

**MEN'S MINISTRY**  
**Submitted by Pastor Kevin McKoy**

August 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> is the West Georgia Men's Conference: REBORN at Beulah Baptist Church. It is two days of passionate worship and challenging messages from God's Word. Our prayer is that this event will help light the fires of revival in our men.

On Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Men's Ministry Roundtable luncheon. This will be for any men interested in being a part of re-launching this ministry with renewed focus and leadership. Glenn McCall, GBC Men's Ministry, will be leading our discussion time. Lunch will be provided while we meet in the Jewell Room following the Morning Worship Service. Contact the church office if you would like to attend.

**MISSIONS COUNCIL**  
**Shelia Nesbitt**

The Missions Council is excited about the latest opportunity for church-wide involvement in missions. As a church we are participating in the "Backpacks for Appalachia" program sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Convention. This is a Christmas gift ministry for the children of Appalachia. Each Sunday School class is asked to provide at least 2 back packs stuffed with gifts, school supplies, hygiene items, etc. A detailed flyer has been given to SS departments, which explains all the details. Please bring the stuffed backpacks to our church by November 3, 2013.

The annual truck-loading for the Georgia Baptist Children's Home is coming up on September 26, 2013. There will be a display of items needed for this event coming soon to the lower lobby. Mrs. Betty Reed is the contact person for this event.

We would again like to thank EVERYONE who had a hand or heart in providing support for our Ukraine team last June. Plans are in the works to send another team to an overseas location next year so please be in prayer about how you can support this endeavor. We are also seeking ideas for a local (southeastern US) mission trip and for someone to coordinate such a trip. If you have any ideas please contact Shelia Nesbitt (678-977-6170) or our Pastor.

Above all else the Missions Council welcomes your prayers as we strive to explore every mission opportunity available to our church to be the hands and feet of God.

**MUSIC MINISTRY**  
**Kerry Jenkins**

Celebration Choir

The Celebration Choir is beginning their Christmas Program entitled "I'll Be Home for Christmas". This dramatic Christmas presentation is set in 1941 just before the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It is a very touching program that speaks of how we listen to the world through the many forms of communication that we have rather than listening to God. It will be presented December 7-8 in the Activity Center as a Dinner Theater.

Student Choir

The Student Choir will begin again on August 11 with a great schedule ahead. Our group has been invited to sing at September Saturdays on September 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Douglas County Courthouse. The time will be announced later. Then on to working on a special Christmas presentation.

Handbells

The Handbells will restart on Wednesday, September 14, at 6:15 PM.

Surge 150

**Surge 150** was the new music camp created by the Music and Worship Ministries of the Georgia Baptist Convention and administered by Keith Chandler. We had two students attend this year. Jonah Sampson and Emily Jenkins. Thank you very much for those who helped provide scholarships for these two students.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
**Judy Johnson**

At the request of the Property Committee, we have reinstated a custodial position. Kathy Garvey and Karl Lashley have accepted these positions. Kathy will be moving her schedule to days, and Karl will be working the afternoon/evening schedule.

We are currently interviewing for a financial secretary position. Sonya Lockhart resigned for another position. Sonya's husband is currently attending seminary and request prayers as they venture into this new chapter seeking God's will for their lives. Many thanks to Diane Hitchcock and Vickie Thompson for stepping up to handle duties while we are searching for a replacement.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**Tommy Hagler**

The Property Committee has been involved in many items of church business over the last several months. The committee has completed or is engaged in the following items;

### May

The Property Committee took bids on insurance for the church. After discussions with several companies, Church Mutual Insurance Company was selected to be our insurer. We were able to acquire a greater amount of coverage and protection for our facilities at a greatly reduced rate.

### June

The Property Committee looked into the possibility of repairs to the overhead area above the wooden entry doors to the Worship Center. Bids have been taken, but have had to be placed on hold until funding is available. New handrails were installed on the steps at the Patterson Building entrance.

The Douglas County Water and Sewer Authority surveyed the church property adjacent to the Annette Winn Elementary School playground. We now have definitive property pins and lines to this property.

The second floor of the Beaver Building has been painted.

### July

The clean-up of the New Life Building has been underway. Most all materials from the "yard sale" have been removed. This structure is receiving minor repairs, touch-up painting, cleaning, stripping and waxing of the main floor, and removal of stored materials that are not being used.

In addition to the above, many events have been brought before the committee. These included family reunions, anniversary celebrations, a request for the use of our facilities by the Circle of Friends (home-school group) for the following school year, and a request by Girl Scout Group # 14375 for a meeting place for the following school year.

The Property Committee is presently engaged in acquiring service contracts with an HVAC company to service our heating and cooling systems and a company to inspect and maintain our fire protection systems.

## **RECREATION COUNCIL**

**Terry Watson**

The Recreation Council would like to recognize the great work by Harry Allgood who for the last 5 years has coordinated the volunteers for the Whitmire Activity Center. He has been responsible for ensuring that the Activity Center had the volunteer coverage needed to allow this ministry to operate four days a week from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Terry Watson and Carol Snider will be the co-volunteer coordinators in the future.

The Recreation Council would like to extend the hours in which the Activity Center is open. In order to extend its hours until 3:00 PM, we need to have 4 additional volunteers who would be willing to supervise the gym for a two hour block, one time a week. If you would be interested in this volunteer activity please call the church office.

## **RISING OAK MISSIONS**

**(Formerly Hands of Love (Apartment) Missions**

**Kim Jeffrey**

*Rising Oak Missions* is the new name of our missions work with children in area apartment complexes. Four Backyard Bible Clubs were conducted this summer in the following apartments:

Parkview Apartments on Six Flags Drive; Kingsley Village on Six Flags Drive;  
Hunters Grove on Six Flags Drive; Columbia Gardens in Douglasville.

We hope to follow up with each family by taking each child a goody bag of school supplies. Donations of school supplies may be taken to West Metro Baptist Assn.

Volunteers are always needed to assist in this ministry. For information, contact Kim Jeffrey, Mission Service Corps Missionary at [kimjeffrey@comcast.net](mailto:kimjeffrey@comcast.net) or 770-605-8673.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY**  
**Marion Beaver**

The summer months have not slowed our Ministry down . The R.A.F has had great and helpful programs and the Homebound and the Weekly Visitation Programs have been busy. In addition to our annual "Snack Supper" and the "Ice Cream Blast," we have had an informative program, as Rick Spencer introduced us to the mission work in Cuba. It was a delightful tour. Great programs are in the works for the coming year.

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**  
**Judy McDonald**

The Stewardship Committee has had regular meetings each month to review the budget figures and has approved the statements for May and June and will be looking at July numbers at our August meeting.

In addition, the Committee has conducted a mid-year review of the budget. We are roughly \$25,000 less in our tithes and offerings this year compared to last year at this time and even though the Committee has examined line items and made cuts where appropriate, if we see no rise in receipts, we still need to amend the budget even more to avoid a \$50,000 shortfall by the end of our fiscal year.

An amended budget will be presented at Conference on August 18. The Stewardship Committee welcomes your participation as we discuss a budget for the rest of the year that will reconcile our expenses with our receipts.

**STUDENT MINISTRY**  
**Rev. Danny Anderson**

There is so much energy happening in the Student Ministry these days. You may have been looking around at our students and wondered, "who is that?" Well have no fear, your memory isn't fading, it is just that we have had many new students become active in both U-TURN and REMEDY.

**U-TURN Student Ministry**

Buses are running, school bells are ringing, while teachers and students are crying because summer is over. We have students representing 9 High Schools, 8 Middle Schools, plus those that are Homeschooled. Think about the influence this church is having in Douglas, Cobb, and Paulding Counties. We have had a great summer with our Summer Sunday Nights, Summer @ FRONTLINE with Van Joyner and Hamish Lamb speaking through the summer. Those that went on the Summer Camp trip had a wonderful experience and we thank you so much for helping us get there.

**REMEDY (College/Career)**

It has been a great summer having many of our students that go away to college back and plugged in. All the get-togethers, as well as the times together around the Word of God, have brought this group together very well. Many of these students have helped lead the Sunday School Bible Study as they are engaging in ministry themselves. You may recognize some new faces here as well, as the College Ministry has been reaching their friends.

God bless you as we minister to our students together,

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

### **Rev. Mike Sinyard**

What a summer!!! Never in all my years, even when we were larger and had summer attendance campaigns, have we ever increased in attendance during the summer. But we did this year. It's just another reminder that CONTACTS WORK. To every SS class that went above and beyond, thank you. The challenge remains: KEEP IT UP FOR THE KINGDOM'S SAKE!!!

Important dates in August:

**Today** - there will be a SS Leader Luncheon following the 10:30 service in the Fellowship Hall. A small donation will be asked to help with our SS budget

**Thursday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Annual SS Leader Training at Beulah, 7-9pm. Cost \$5. An optional supper for an additional \$5 is available. You must have pre-purchased a conference ticket before the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Cost at the door is \$10. You also must have pre-purchased a meal ticket by Sunday Aug 18.

**Sunday, the 25<sup>th</sup>** - LINK Lunch following the 10:30 service This is for all LINK team members and any new people who would like to become part of the LINK ministry.

Please let me know if you need childcare for any of these meetings.

## **VIDEO MINISTRY**

### **Mark Sampson**

The Video Ministry Team continues to staff Sunday Morning services, Sunday Evening services, and Wednesday night prayer meetings. We also record Sunday Morning services, as well as the Community Union Service hosted by our church.

As you may know, we use the recordings to make DVDs that you can use for ministry purposes. In June, we copied and distributed 74 DVDs to 12 different families. In July, we copied and distributed 37 DVDs to 7 different families. Thru July 2013, we've copied and distributed 409 DVDs to 39 different families or individuals. The recordings are also uploaded to the internet, for viewing online.

I want share with you two ways that people are using this ministry....

One choir member has distributed over 25 copies of the "We Believe" musical presented by our Choir. One of our deacons has delivered over 15 copies of our morning services to one of our "shut ins". He even showed her how to operate her DVD player.

Those are just two examples of people utilizing the video recording ministry as a tool in their own ministry. For one, the DVDs are an out-reach tool, enabling him to reach out to those who don't attend our church. For the other, the DVDs are an in-reach tool, enabling a member of our church to view our worship service even though she is not physically capable of being here.

Perhaps you know someone who would benefit from watching a DVD of our service. If you need to add this to your "toolkit", you can always order DVDs online at [www.fbcls.org](http://www.fbcls.org), or you can call church office.

Sometimes, "Yahoo!" gobbles up the emails generated by the online form on the web site. If you've ordered a DVD and have not received it, please notify the church office, or send an email to [fbcls\\_video@yahoo.com](mailto:fbcls_video@yahoo.com).

The Video Ministry Team includes the following:

Video Board Operators – John Horton, Bobby McConnell, June Strow

Computer Operators – Brett Beasley, Jeff McGuire, Mike Strow

Camera Operators – Sherry Horton, Mike Joyner, Hamish Lamb, Blake McMichen, Brenda-Ann Miller, Seth Redwine, Jonah Sampson, Michelle Sampson

Team Leader – Mark Sampson

**WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT MINISTRY**  
**Barbara Hagler**

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