

# JULY



- 4th**  
Marvin White
- 5th**  
Henry Adkison  
Landon Hutchinson
- 9th**  
Asher Crosson
- 14th**  
Vicki Carter
- 15th**  
Joe Hastings
- 18th**  
T.J. Husted
- 21st**  
Wayne Cox  
Candace Howell  
Ashton Poole
- 25th**  
Nicole Barwick
- 26th**  
Debbie Mills
- 28th**  
Misty Pritchard  
Carrol Roberts

- 1st**  
Ray & Suzanne Brown
- 2nd**  
Frank & Virginia Gossett  
Bobby & Kelly King  
Bill & Ann Wilson
- 3rd**  
Wendell & Phyllis Hodges, Sr.
- 12th**  
Hinton & Reba McLendon
- 30th**  
Joe & Debbie Roberts

Have a  
Safe &  
Happy  
July 4th!



Wednesday, July 4th  
Church Office closed  
Saturday, July 7th  
Brotherhood Breakfast - 8am  
Sunday, July 8th  
Church Visitation - 5pm  
Wednesday, July 11th  
Church Council Mtg. - 6:15pm  
Wednesday, July 18th  
Business Meeting - 7pm  
Friday, July 20th  
Dinner & a Movie - 7pm  
Thursday, July 26th  
Children's Bowling Trip - 10:30am  
Sunday, July 29th  
Observance of the Lord's Supper - Morning Service  
Fifth Sunday Sing - 6pm

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# The Banner

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July 2012



## From The Shepherd's Heart

"Where there is no vision, the people perish" Proverbs 29:18

What is our vision at First Baptist Putney right now? The Bible teaches that if we have no vision we are perishing. The vision is God's and we join Him in it. God's ultimate vision never changes— that is to reach people for His Kingdom. So, if we are not actively as a church reaching people for Jesus Christ then we are in a state of decay.

Herbert Hodges, in his book, **Tally Ho The Fox** says "You will become what your see, but what you do not see you can not be." Meaning, if we do not join God in His vision we will not be the Church God desires us to be. Look at II Corinthians 5:7 and Hebrews 11:6.

Speaking of spiritual vision, J.B. Phillips in his paraphrase of Colossians 1:9 says, referring to Paul, "I pray that you will see things from God's point of view". Do you want to see things from God's point of view? Why do members get excited about so many things but not excited about the church? I believe the answer is Proverbs 29:18— Lack of vision! If we have no vision we are like Judges 17:6— we do what is right in our own eyes and the church perishes.

Vision gives us energy, purpose and helps us focus on God's calling. No vision leads to apathy, lack of desire or commitment to God and church which leads us to follow other "things". Herbert Hodges believes the greatest sin in the body of Christ is unreached potential for God.

So, church family what is our vision for 2012? What are we as a church going to do to reach people for Jesus Christ?

In Christ,

Brother Tab

**CHOIR NOTES**

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him." Psalm 34:8

"All honor, all glory, we take the praise that's due, and bring it all to You. All honor, all glory, Lord we give to You alone".

I love that I saw this verse in a Bar-B-Que place in Tifton! Wow! We have quickly arrived at summer activities: cookouts, beach trips, vacations, Fourth of July celebrations! And with all these things we think of the good tastes associated with them: that Bar-B-Que, corn on the cob, watermelon, grilled hamburgers, fish and seafood, etc. etc. Please remember to see the Lord in all these celebrations and thank Him for that family, friends, food.....give Him the glory.....once we see Him at work in our lives, we should want more.....kinda like when I taste that sweet watermelon, and want more and more! We will celebrate Fourth of July on 7/1, and have Lords Supper and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singing on 7/29. I look forward to seeing you as we sing and worship together!

In His Service,  
Vicki Carter



**Hey Kids!**

On Thursday, July 26th, we are going Bowling at the All American Fun Park. This is for ages 4 years old up to 5th grade. Preschoolers will need a parent or guardian to attend. We will leave the church at 10:30AM. The cost will be \$5 per person. This will include your shoes, bowling, hot dog and drink. Parents, please call the church office, 436-5101 to let us know if your child(ren) will be attending. Kids remember to bring socks. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, July 12th.

Love,  
Ms. Jenny

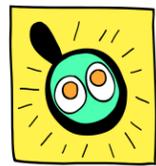


**WOMEN ON MISSION**

I was looking over the table of contents in our July issue of *Missions Mosaic* to see what this month's articles would bring. I chuckled at the title for our Prayer Patterns: "Gloves, Hands, and Hydrocortisone - How God Can Use Them All." And on page 3, the editor's letter is entitled "Removing the Rubber Gloves". The sidebar on the same page says "What ways are you getting your hands dirty doing missions this summer?"

We have to be hands-on, taking our gloves off when we reach out to others. I'm excited about my first mission trip (which will be over by the time you read this). We (I) need to look for opportunities God gives us to reach out and help others. We need to be **BOLD** for Jesus and tell others about God's love and how He sent His Son to die on the cross for us. He will give us the words to say...we just have to be obedient.

In His Service,  
Donna Gurr



**Brotherhood**

The Brotherhood Breakfast was a wonderful time in the Lord. Bobby King and the Pastor of the Christian Motorcycle Association were our guest speakers. They shared with us many different interesting things the group does to help others. There were riders from different towns around the Albany area. We had twenty-one total in attendance.

Our next breakfast will be July 7th. Chris Gurr will be our guest speaker.

In the Lord's Service,  
Frank Earley



I was thrilled to hear good reports about Vacation Bible School, and look forward to making further contact with families of the children who came.

Have you been to a book-signing lately? The opportunity to have a book signed by a well known author is a big draw. We offer something better than that. Every Sunday morning we have groups who come together to study the only book God ever wrote, and He wrote it for you! I'm referring to the Bible, and the hour we call Sunday School. Over and over I hear it said that this time means so much. I encourage you to join us next Sunday morning. And parents, remember your little ones cannot come on their own!

Your servant,  
Allan Gardner



**HAPPY HEARTS**



I hope you're enjoying these long days of summer as we are. Allan is still talking about the beautiful sunrise he viewed from our back porch at 6 AM today. (I confess I slept through it!) We recently returned from our annual Gardner family vacation, with 24 adults, youth and children having together-time. As good as that was, it was good to be home again.

We will not have a regular meeting in July and August, so make a note on your calendar that our next meeting will be September 28th.

Food for thought: Being in a good frame of mind helps keep one in the picture of health.

Love,  
Anne Gardner

**Youth News**

Wow I can't believe that it is July already. This year is really moving fast. Well first of all, thanks to everyone who helped out the Youth during VBS, we had nine (9) youth in attendance every night. Special thanks to Debbie Mills for allowing us to go to *The All American Fun Park Bowling Alley* our last night of VBS.

I look forward to spending sometime in the Word with the youth who are attending on Sunday morning, night, and Wednesday night. I hope to be able to get a group together sometime soon to go tubing down the Ichetucknee River. Maybe by the end of July or first part of August. I hope to see everyone at Sunday School and/or Wednesday Night service. Please join me in prayer for our Youth Group, ask God to bless us and for us to grow in Him.

In Christ Service,  
Chris Gurr



Missed a sermon? Want to see pictures from recent activities? Looking for news on current events at the church? Check out our website at [www.fbcpntney.com](http://www.fbcpntney.com)

**SERVING THIS MONTH**

**AM USHERS**

David Bynum, Frank Earley, Don Rutledge, Donald Whisman

**PM USHERS**

John Ricks & Jim Phillips

**COUNTING & SECURITY**

David Bynum & Frank Earley

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**NURSERY WORKERS**

**July 1st**

AM - Eva Suggs & Brandi Mashburn  
PM - Leigh Ann Edmunds & Paula Nettles

**July 8th**

AM - Sharon & Rex Kiger  
PM - Nita Faircloth & Jenny Vorse

**July 15th**

AM - Emily Wages & Ashton Poole  
PM - Fred & Glenda Wood

**July 22nd**

AM - Ruby Howell & Phyllis Willis  
PM - Donna Gurr & Rhenda Coxwell

**July 29th**

AM - Debbie Roberts & Jennifer Dent  
PM - Anne Gardner & Paula Nettles

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**Children's Church**

**July 1st**

Shirley Bynum & Debbie Johnson      Jenny Vorse & Sandy Hutchinson

**July 8th**

**July 15th**

Mallory Crosson & Kelsey Brown      Candace Howell & Misty Whisman

**July 22nd**

**July 29th**

Debbie Mills & Becki Rutledge

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**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**July 1st**

Fred Wood 435-4458

**July 8th**

Wayne Howell 435-2877

**July 15th**

Ray Cannon 436-4266

**July 22nd**

Robert Carter 436-1428

**July 29th**

Frank Earley 364-9980