



## FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

*The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.* - **Isaiah 58: 11**

I love May! My vision of heaven is that of an eternal month of May! The temperatures are wonderful, the flowers are blooming, the trees budding, and all thoughts of snow and the chill of winter are behind us.

According to one website: <http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/may.htm>

**May is . . . .** Better Sleep Month, National Good Car Care Month, National Photo Month, National Salad Month, National Egg Month, National Barbecue Month, Revise Your Work Schedule Month, Date Your Mate Month, and Fungal Infection Awareness Month.

Check out the specific celebration days below:

- May 1 is . . . . Mother Goose Day
- May 10 is . . . . Clean Up Your Room Day
- May 15 is . . . . Na-

tional Chocolate Chip Day

- May 21 is . . . . National Waitresses/Waiters Day
- May 28 is . . . . National Hamburger Day

May is also a great month here at First Baptist Church:

⇒ **Sunday School and Worship** at the usual hours of 8:50 and 10 a.m.

⇒ May 1 is the **National Day of Prayer**. Join Christians from all over the town as they gather in the Town Hall at noon (Room 315) and at the Gazebo (near the train station) from 6 to 7 p.m. to pray for the Nation. See <http://www.ndptf.org/home/index.cfm?flash=1>

⇒ **Mother's Day** (May 11) – Worship with Mom and the family!

⇒ **Memorial Day Weekend** (May 24-26) - The front lawn of FBC offers one of the best viewings of the parade. Our "Coffee and ..." booth provides great coffee and goodies (we need donations!!!) and raises money for an

outreach cause.

- ⇒ Then, there is our annual **Dominican Republic Team Building Retreat**. (May 31, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.). This is a great time for those going on the mission trip to get to know one another, learn names, and prepare for a great week.
- ⇒ **"The Art of Forgiveness"** classes from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Gold Room.
- ⇒ **Softball** each Tuesday night (various times – at Doolittle or West Side Field). Check the schedule and come support our team!!! The fellowship is great!

Praise God for the wonderful month of May! "Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Come, be a part of celebrating all the good things the Lord is doing through us.

Pastor Bill



## Upcoming Special Events for May

**Thursday, May 1**  
National Day of Prayer  
Noon & 6 p.m.—See page 3

**Saturday, May 3**  
Annual Ladies Luncheon  
11 a.m. in Fellowship Hall—  
See page 4

**Sunday, May 4**  
Sunday School Teacher and  
Youth Leader Appreciation  
Sunday—see page 2  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**Thursday, May 8**  
Women's Guild—see page 4  
1 p.m. in FBC Gold Room

**Saturday, May 10**  
Aluminum Chef Competition—see page 4  
4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 11**  
Mothers' Day

**Saturday, May 17**  
Spring Clean Up Day  
8 a.m.—noon—see page 4

**Monday, May 26**  
Memorial Day  
"Coffee and..." Booth on-  
front lawn of FBC, Walling-  
ford Parade—see page 4

**Men's Softball Games**  
Tuesday nights—see page 8  
for the complete schedule

First Baptist Church  
Calendar for May 2008  
Go to:  
<http://www.calsnet.com/fbcwlfld>

## From Your Director of Discipleship, Susanne Jordan

*"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.".....1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Do you need a *push*? I thought this was a great devotional:

"Unlike small children and youth, we aren't always looking for a *push* to help us do something or get started with a new task. Instead, we just want someone to *cheer* for us. We all need cheerleaders. We all need people who will encourage us to do the next right thing. From time to time, we all need standing ovations. We need others to affirm that we're moving in the right direction and that they recognize the value of our contributions.

In the Church, we give praise to God, but we tend to be uneasy about praising others. This is unfortunate because I believe God created us with a need to hear "well done" from time to time. It's probably why God instructs us to "love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other" (Romans 12:10). God wants us to encourage each other because He knows that affirmation breathes life into each of us.

So the next time you catch a soloist, a teacher, a children's worker, or an usher "knocking the ball out of the park," don't hesitate to stand up and cheer. It may be just the encouragement this faithful servant needs to stay the course." -Church Volunteer Central

**A perfect day to offer encouragement would be.....**

**Our Sunday School Teacher and Youth Leader Appreciation Sunday which will be held on Sunday, May 4.** Please say thank you, and give a hug to all those who give of their time so willingly – to our children, our youth, our teens, and to our adults. Let them know how much you appreciate them and how impactful their work is! Let

them know that "they are knocking the ball out of the park!"

### Adult Discipleship Opportunities Upcoming Adult Class:

Pastor Bill is offering a new Sunday School class from Sunday, April 20–Sunday, May 25 from 4-6 p.m. in the Gold Room. The course will be on the book, "The Art of Forgiving" by Lewis Smedes. You will learn:

- What makes forgiveness work
- Why you should do it
- What to forgive and what not to forgive
- How to know when the time is ripe
- Whether to tell the person you forgive that you've done it
- Whether to resume a relationship again after forgiving
- How to know whether you have actually done it, and above all,
- How to do it right.

**Summer Bible Study:** Would you be interested in participating in a short-term, summer Bible study? Perhaps from June 5 to July 10? I happened to pick a Thursday night, but if there is a different night or time that would work better for you, please let me know and/or let me know if you would be interested in participating. I would be willing to lead the study! This would be a great way to jump start your summer devotions.

### Spotlight on This Year's Graduating Seniors:

Let us continue to lift up and celebrate the following young people who will be graduating from high school this spring: Adam Desjardins, Steven Drozd, Timothy Fekete, Mary Kay Hester, Krissy Noyes, and Eric Sanford. This is a very exciting time for these students, (college decisions have arrived in the mail by now and deci-

sions usually need to be made by May 1) but I'm sure a very busy and anxious time as well. Let us remember these young people in prayer, and let us continue to remind them that God has *big* plans for them!

### June 8, 2008 - Children's Sunday:

It's hard to believe but Children's Sunday is just around the corner! Please join us for worship on this Sunday. Our kids and youth always shine, so I know you won't want to miss this service. Sunday School will meet as usual from 8:50-9:50 a.m. on this day, as many classes use this time for one last rehearsal of their skit or presentation. Please note that this is the last day of Sunday School until September.

**Save August 4-8 for Vacation Bible School:** We need you; there is a job for everyone! We are forming our ministry team now, so please let us know that you are a **YES!** Feel free to speak to me or Stephanie Sanders; we promise you won't be disappointed with the experience!

### Attention Children and Youth Attending Camp Wightman this summer

(or another neighboring Christian camp): If you are planning to attend camp this summer and would like to apply for a First Baptist Campership, please let Mrs. Jordan know. This year we have a brief application form for you to fill out. We hope this will streamline the campership process, and it will also provide you with an opportunity to share your *camp testimony!* Thank you in advance for your attention to this, and thank you for sharing your story with us!

Together let us explore the awesome wonder of God's love,

Susanne

## Music Notes

Choir members, soloists, small groups, and instruments are needed for special music through May and June, and it's not too early to sign up to provide music for summer services. Please let me know when your vacation schedules are set so I can plug you in!

Starting this month, I will be highlighting one member of the choir each month in the Light Line. To honor his many years of service to the music ministry of this church, I thought it only fitting to start with Bill Fekete. When many feel a need to retire from public service, Bill continues to sing faithfully and WELL! Bill, you are an inspiration to us all. Thank you for your dedication and loyalty to FBC. (cont. next column)

Blessings,  
Ginny Henderson, Music Director.  
235-4051  
[ginnylou4Him@juno.com](mailto:ginnylou4Him@juno.com)

### Musical Profile of Bill Fekete

I was fortunate to be a part of a family who loved music. My Father had a strong tenor voice and also played the violin and baritone horn. My siblings and I all followed in my Father's footsteps by playing instruments and singing in



the choir of the Hungarian Baptist Church. The Church was founded by my grandparents, Jozsef and Czuri Kobling.

At age 12 I joined the choir as a tenor (at that time my voice range was probably that of a boy soprano) and sang tenor until I was about 16 years of age. When my voice started getting lower, I became a bass.

On February 5<sup>th</sup> of 1958 about 45 or so of our congregation decided to join The First Baptist Church because our children did not understand Hungarian. We were immediately approached by the choir director, Harold Grist, who asked us if we were singers. All of my siblings and I joined the choir as did some of the others from the group. Many members of that choir are deceased. I am the only one left who is still singing, although I now need a stool for my handicapped body. I have now completed 70 years of singing in church choirs.

I also sang with the Wallingford Chorus in the sixties and seventies and enjoyed singing great music and participating in two concerts each year.



## 57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 1, 2008

Millions United. One Day.  
One Voice.

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual National Day of Prayer will take place Thursday, May 1, 2008. The theme for this year is "Prayer! America's Strength and Shield" and is based on the verse from Psalm 28:7 which states: "The Lord is my strength and shield; my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."

### National Day of Prayer Events Wallingford, CT

11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Wallingford Town Hall  
Conference Room 315

6 to 7 p.m.  
Johanna Fishbein Park, the Gazebo  
(Near the Wallingford Train Station)

Wallingford residents and families are invited to attend this year's National Day of Prayer, which will be lead by Wallingford Pastors and church leaders.

## A Job Well Done...

**Josh Powers Awarded "Michael Small Award"** - Congratulations to Josh Powers who was recently presented with the "Michael Small Award" by the Town of Wallingford for his "outstanding achievements, giving back, and volunteerism to the community and be-

yond." Josh was selected as one of two winners out of the 122 local high school students recognized by the town at the 16th Annual "Wallingford Youth Awards" held at the Town Hall on April 23.



## MORE NEWS

**Educational Scholarships** – FBC is once again pleased to announce that, through the gracious donations of members of our congregation, this program will once again be available. Though preference will be given to graduating high school seniors entering their first year of college, ANY COLLEGE STUDENT MAY APPLY. Deadline for receipt of the applications is Sunday, May 18. Applications and guidelines are available on our website at [www.fbcwlfld.org](http://www.fbcwlfld.org), in the Narthex, or from Debbie Kern. Completed applications should be returned to Debbie Kern or Lyvia King by the deadline.



### Memorial Day Parade “Coffee and.....”



Memorial Day is fast approaching, and we will once again be preparing for the “COFFEE AND.....” table at the front of the church. If you can help with this event by donating goodies, donuts, muffins, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. Baked goods (please clearly label for the Memorial Day Parade) can be left in the church kitchen on Sunday, May 25 or brought to the church the morning of the parade (parade begins at 9:30 a.m.)! We welcome ALL donations!! Funds will be used to supplement the First Baptist Church Scholarship Fund, so please help if you can. Also, if you can help in the setup/cleanup department, please let us know. This year we will try selling cold water bottles in addition to the coffee and lemonade; so if you would like to make donations in that area, we would be grateful! Questions? Contact Debbie Kern at 203-269-9998.

**Ladies Luncheon** - All women in our church are invited to join us on Saturday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and lots of fellowship. Please RSVP to Cindy Holland-Toftness (265-7594) or Billie Smith (265-5295).



**Women’s Guild** - Erica is back!! One of our favorite people, Erica DeFrancesco, from the Institute for Living will be visiting us on Thursday, May 8 in the Gold Room at the Church. She is always interesting and informative. Her topic: Don’t know. You’ll have to come and find out. Hostess for the meeting is Joyce Loomis assisted by Pat Maclary and Marge Burrill. Juanita Aldrich will be devotional leader. Let’s hope for a beautiful, warm, spring day. See you there!!



**Aluminum Chef Competition** - Join us on Saturday, May 10. This event is similar to Iron Chef on Food Network and is to help raise money for our fellowship luncheons. Teams should report to FBC at 1:30 p.m. to have the Secret Ingredient revealed. The show will begin at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. More info. to come.

**Spring Cleanup Day on May 17, 8 am.-noon** - Please join us in keeping God’s house beautiful. Coffee and donuts will be provided for breakfast as well as pizza for lunch. Contact Al Messier at 269-6182 for more information.



**American Baptist Churches of Connecticut (ABCCONN)** will be sponsoring the World Mission Conference this year. It is a great presentation of Baptists in missions. Please put this exciting event on your calendar. It will be held September 19-21, 2008 at The Second Baptist Church in Suffield, CT. You can go to <http://www.abcconn.org/wmc/wmc.html> to see pictures that include people from our church doing missions.

**Free Furniture for a Family In Need** - Mark and Liz Davis have used oak furniture (in good shape) to give away. If you are interested in a kid’s dresser, a woman/man’s dresser, kid’s twin bed/foot-board, and/or an oak living room table, please contact Liz at 265-4187 to arrange to see it. You must be able to pick up the furniture yourself.



**FBC in Need of Fresh Flowers for Sanctuary** - If you have fresh flowers from your garden and would like to share them with the church, please contact Liz Davis at 265-4187. She would love to display them for our worship services.

## A Note of Thanks

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and well wishes for Holly (Rule), me, and my family. Holly has made a remarkable recovery thus far and is now an outpatient at Gaylord for Speech and Physical Therapy. Holly and I appreciate all the support and visits at Gaylord to help us through this time. It is so awesome to experience God's love and to see prayers answered and to have friends like you!! Thank you and God bless, Laurie Ferguson

### A Little Laughter

"A cheerful heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit dries up the bones" Proverbs 17:22

### JOKES THAT CAN BE TOLD IN CHURCH

Attending a wedding for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied, "Because white is the color of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life." The child thought about this for a moment then said, "So why is the groom wearing black?"



May 1	Ruth Brown
May 1	Steven Drozd
May 5	Merlin Varney
May 5	Cindy Holland-Toftness
May 6	Lyvia King
May 6	Tom Oppelt
May 7	Jack Sovo
May 9	Andrew Abreu
May 10	Susanne Jordan
May 13	Garrett McCurdy
May 14	Sue DeChello
May 14	Allen Copas
May 15	Annmarie Howell
May 16	Cheryl Moore
May 16	Laurie Ferguson
May 16	Marc Messier
May 17	Zachery Thornton
May 17	Matthew Powers
May 20	Turner French
May 22	Dorothy Van Leuvan
May 22	Melissa Copas
May 23	Sarah Conant
May 26	Ronald Simon
May 26	Kathy Messier
May 29	Brant Walker
May 30	Gabriel Fekete
May 31	Ryan Drozd

# Missions

## Katrina Mission Team Returns to Gulf Coast

First Baptist's Katrina Mission Team made its third trip to Pass Christian, Mississippi to continue rebuilding homes and lives after this catastrophic storm. The group of 20 traveled to the Gulf Coast town April 12-19 and worked on two homes in this still devastated area. To see daily photos of the trip and more information, please visit [fbcwlfld.org/katrina](http://fbcwlfld.org/katrina).



Needed:

Prayer Supporters for  
the  
DR Mission Team

*This could be a ministry opportunity for you if*

- You don't see yourself going on a mission trip (at least this year)
- You want to be involved with the team stateside
- You recognize both the power and privilege of prayer

If you answered yes to the above questions, there is a way for *you* to be involved in the 2008 DR Mission Team

You will receive the names of a couple of team members with a contact number and information about them. Along with this will be general information about the trip — daily schedule and prayer needs.

To sign up or for more information, please contact Debbie Huegel by May 4 at [wd.huegel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wd.huegel@sbcglobal.net), or call 294-4609,

## DR Drug of the Month Collection

Hi Everyone! Thank you so much for all of your donations. We are really in our final countdown—just about two months before we leave for the Dominican Republic. This year's medical team has many physicians, APRNS, RNs, medical students, nursing students, pre-med students, and I think even physical therapists! Wow! I can't tell you how excited I am. I am really hoping that we can collect a lot of medicines, because I feel we can really see a lot more needy people with the large medical team that we have. For the month of May, we will be collecting infant liquid vitamins with iron. These can be a little pricey, and we often have many infants that need them. Please consider buying a package for our medical team to bring to the medical clinics.

Also, we are still in need of other medications such as adult and children vitamins with iron, Tums, Pepcid, Zantac, stool softeners and laxatives, Imodium, and topical creams: antifungal, vaginal, antibiotic, hydrocortisone. These can be given to me directly or placed in the collection in the Gold Room. Please check the expiration dates; we cannot accept medicines with an expiration date of June 2008 or earlier.

We are also in need of children and infant's clothing and children's shoes/sandals. Please remember that the climate is very warm so only lightweight clothing is needed. Clothes should be in good condition with no holes or stains. Thanks for all of your prayers, support, and generosity.

In His service,  
Sandy Drozd

## Help us Help the Poor!

Please help us collect as many items as you can from the list below. Our group will bring and distribute your donations to the very poor in the Dominican Republic in late June. Please return the items to any member of the DR team. You can also call **The First Baptist Church** at 203-269-4796 or via email at [office@fbcwldf.org](mailto:office@fbcwldf.org), and we will pick up the items. If you have questions, you can call **Sandy Drozd at (203) 265-5043** or email [sandy.drozd@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy.drozd@hotmail.com). Remember, generic brand is cheaper and the same medicine! **Thank you!**

### Over The Counter Medications

Tums and/or Calcium supplements  
Aspirin (coated) and Baby Aspirin (81 Mg.)  
Ibuprofen (adult, children, infant drops)  
Multivitamins with IRON (adults, children, infant drops)  
Prenatal Vitamins  
Zantac, Pepcid, or other Acid Reducers  
Imodium or other Antidiarrhea Medications  
Pedialyte Powder or Similar Hydration  
Powders  
Antibiotic Creams/Ointments (Bacitracin, Polysporin, etc.)  
Antifungal Creams/Vaginal Creams (Lotrimin, Nystatin)  
Pepto-Bismol (Tablets)  
Hydrocortisone Creams  
Cough Syrups (adult and children) (small bottles)  
Decongestants and Cold Medicines  
(adult and children) NO Liquid, please  
Eardrops  
Sennekot/Colace/Laxatives  
Eyedrops  
Caladryl Lotion  
Acne Lotion (clear only)

### Toiletries

Toothbrushes/Toothpaste

### Financial Donations

Checks made out to the "DR Mission Team" will help us fund the medical clinics we will run in the DR. All donations are tax-deductible. Specify Medical Clinics - we can buy food/Meds. in the DR

### Prescription Medications

Antibiotics  
Antihypertensives (blood pressure) i.e. Lopressor, Norvasc  
Diuretics – Lasix, HCTZ

**We can take any unused medication as long as they are not expired**

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - MEN'S SOFTBALL

## "D" Division, Team 02

### 2008 GAME SCHEDULE

**Players: Call Joe Sanders or John Powers in advance if you won't be at a game.**



Joe Sanders            294-4359 (Home)  
                                  339-222-1218 (Mobile)

John Powers            294-9406 (Home)  
                                  464-8224 (Mobile)



**In Case Of Rain:** Players will be called if a game is rescheduled due to weather.  
 If you are not called, be there!

Date	Time	Field	Opponent	Game #
Tuesday, April 15	9:00	WSF	Porto's Citgo (1)	1
Tuesday, April 22	9:00	DOOL	Two Pour Guys (5)	2
Tuesday, April 29	7:00	WSF	G&G Beverage (6)	3
Tuesday, May 06	8:00	DOOL	Masonic (3)	4
Tuesday, May 13	7:00	WSF	Wlfd Post Office (4)	5
Tuesday, May 20	8:00	DOOL	Low Rider Trucking (7)	6
Tuesday, May 27	6:00	WSF	Fresh Impressions (8)	7
Tuesday, June 03	6:00	DOOL	Porto's Citgo (1)	8
Tuesday, June 10	6:00	WSF	Two Pour Guys (5)	9
Tuesday, June 17	8:00	DOOL	G&G Beverage (6)	10
Tuesday, June 24	7:00	WSF	Masonic (3)	11
Tuesday, July 01	8:00	DOOL	Wlfd Post Office (4)	12
Tuesday, July 08	7:00	WSF	Low Rider Trucking (7)	13
Tuesday, July 15	9:00	DOOL	Fresh Impressions (8)	14
Tuesday, July 22	8:00	WSF	Porto's Citgo (1)	15
Tuesday, July 29	8:00	DOOL	Two Pour Guys (5)	16
Tuesday, August 5	8:00	WSF	G&G Beverage (6)	17
Tuesday, August 12	7:00	DOOL	Masonic (3)	18

"D" Division playoffs are scheduled for Thursday, August 21 at WSF

Park Names:  
 WSF = West Side Field  
 DOOL = Doolittle Park

Note: All games are in the evening