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**Saturday, August 21
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall**

**Men's Cake Contest
"Minute to Win It" Game**

**Sign Up at the
Welcome Center
(Cont'd on page 4)**

**New Sunday Class
20-30 Something
Singles & Couples**

**Come check out this
new exciting class.**

**Teacher: David Harper
Room 202 in the CLC
at 9:30 a.m.**

wMu Day of Prayer

State Missions

Monday, August 16

11:00 a.m.

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Words from SBC President, Bryan Wright

Dear Friends:

It is only by the Sovereignty of God that Southern Baptists have chosen me to serve Him as President of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are great transitions ahead for the Executive Committee and our Mission Boards; changes in leadership and strategy will affect the mission of Southern Baptists as a whole.

I ask you to pray fervently for our Convention in these critical days of decision making so we align ourselves fully with the heart and mission of Jesus. I also ask that you pray for me and Anne, that we most of all stay close to the Lord and one another during these days. In that light, through prayer and reflection, God has put on my heart three fundamental issues at the core of my service:

1. A return to Christ as our first love. When we return to Jesus as our first

love in our pulpits and pews, we will begin to see a rekindled love for the gospel reaching all people.

2. A radical change in priorities in order to fulfill the Great Commission. This begins with each individual believer seeking to fulfill our role through the local church and continues with pastors and churches recognizing the immense need of getting more and more Cooperative Program dollars to the unreached people groups of the world and into the under-reached areas of North America.

3. Churches must begin to look at global ministry differently. It is my hope that every church participates in sending its pastor and members on at least one mission trip annually. I also am praying that this fall every church will step out on faith and set its largest goal ever for the Lottie Moon offering.

To do this, I truly seek to be a pastor to pastors, missionaries and ministers who lead the way in carrying out the Great Commission. I will attempt to talk directly to these leaders and have established a website – www.pray4sbc.com – where you can receive monthly video updates, access daily devotionals to use as resources with the unchurched and enlist as part of our prayer team for the SBC.

There's much to do and much at stake. So join me in examining how all of us can be more fruitful and faithful Kingdom witnesses in order to fulfill the greatest mission on earth.

In Christ,



Children's Ministry - Ryan Maglinger

Our most exciting event for the Children's Ministry just took place. It was such an exciting time for us, along with all the workers and the children involved. We had a total of 94 kids come to The Egypt File, averaging about 70 kids each night. We also had about 60 workers this year to help pull off an amazing program for the kids. I want to take time to express great appreciation to all those who helped in any way. Many teachers, leaders, and even Sunday school classes contributed to the success of VBS. There were also people behind the scenes, such as

those who prayed for this event.

We know the Lord worked in each life that walked through the door. The kids were so energized and full of overwhelming excitement. On Friday night, our Phabulous Phun night, we invited the families of the children to come for an evening together. I was able to share the gospel and plant seeds, that maybe down the road we might see the fruit of VBS, as the Lord continues to be at work. We have a lot of families to reach out to and are grateful for opportunities to visit with them in these coming days. Please be praying for these lives that we will be visiting with and for the

children's ministry. We already are anticipating next years VBS!



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

Reggie's Remarks



I hope you are having a great summer! It was a privilege for our *Winds of Worship* to play in our 10:45 service on the 4th of July. What a joy it is to lead and rehearse with this group! They have a positive "can do" attitude and tremendous potential.

Congratulations to Jason Embry, son of Larry & Wanda Embry, who just graduated from United States Special Forces training. He is a Green Beret now! Pray for him as he continues to

train and serve our country.

Many of you have asked about our son Joel recently. Joel has been working for the North American Mission Board in the World Changers organization. He was the music leader for the Georgia team. He has spent 1 week in Augusta, 3 weeks in Savannah, 2 weeks in Brunswick, and 1 week in Sugar Hill.

He will be home soon and have a few weeks off before going back to college

at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee.

If anyone would like to serve in our media ministry (audio, video, or projection) please let me know. We already have a hard working team who are very faithful but others who can serve in this way are always needed.

PS: It's a great time to join the choir!



First Southern Baptist Church presents:

2010 Couples Conference

From Chocolate & Strawberries To Football & Get It Yourself:
A Practical Guide To Bringing God's Word Back Into your Relationship

Couples Conference September 17th & 18th

All Married Couples, Non-married Couples, and Singles are invited to attend

The conference topics and speakers are:

"To Have and To Hold" - Bro. Joe Mayes

"For Better or For Worse" - Dr. Jim Baize

"For Richer or For Poorer - Dr. Wayne Wester

"In Sickness and In Health" - Mrs. Yvette Walts

"To Love and To Cherish" - Dr. Wayne Wester

"From This Day Forward Until Death Do Us Part" - Mrs. Beverly Gish

This fun filled conference will begin Friday evening at 6 PM with a nice dinner and ending at 8PM.

Saturday begins with a Continental Breakfast at 8 AM and will end at 4PM.

Lunch and snacks will also be provided on Saturday.

Structured childcare will be available for infants - 5th grade

Friday night is movie night for the children with dinner being provided. Saturday's schedule for the children will include structured activities as well as breakfast, lunch, and snacks. When you register for the conference, you will also register your children.

Couples \$20.00 before August 31st - \$35.00 after

Singles \$10.00 before August 31st - \$15.00 after

You may register in the Welcome Center at First Southern or by going to First Southern's web site at www.firstsouthernbaptist.org

Payment is due with registration and checks may be made out to First Southern Baptist Church. In the memo section, please put "Couples Conference".

If you have any questions, call Johanna Greenwell @ 470-1355 or Kim Cullison @ 477-6643.

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Office Hours:

Church Office: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
CLC Office: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gym: 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Church Picnic cont'd

You won't want to miss this year's church picnic! Be at First Southern on Saturday, August 21, from 12-2pm. Gerald Devine and his pit crew will be preparing the meat. A sign up sheet will be at the welcome center for sides and vegetables. Lunch will be in the fellowship hall.

For dessert, we will head over to the CLC - for the Men's Cake Contest!! The cakes will need to be brought to the gym for judging prior to lunch. There will be three categories to enter your cake into: Best Decorated, Best Tasting, or Most Creative.

Stick around after the meal and cake contest to participate in First Southern's version of "Minute to Win It!" This game will pit husbands against wives, parents against children, staff against staff against the clock in a test of skill. With games called *Dizzy Mummy*, *Elephant March* and *Caddy Shack*, you won't want to miss out on this hilarious fun!

If you have any questions, please see Alysia Rhinefort. Come out for a fun-filled afternoon of summertime fun!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 30-Aug 2 College Rafting Trip
- July 31 Single Saints Picnic
- Aug 6 Dodgeball
- Aug 16 wMu Day of Prayer- State Missions
- Aug 18 Business Mtg
- August 21 Church Picnic
- Sept 6 Labor Day - Offices Closed
- Sept 11-18 Keenager Trip
- Sept 17-18 Couples Conference
- Sept 22 Business Mtg
- Sept 27-28 Assoc Annual Mtg at FSBC