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AUGUST

FIRST SOUTHERN

BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANSVILLE, IN.

First Family Fellowships
After the Sunday evening worship
services



July 31 - Grilled Hamburgers
Bring ice cream, buns, chips or
a 2-liter drink



August 14 - Baked Potato Bar
Bring a salad, dessert or
2-liter drink



August 28 - Grilled Hot Dogs
Bring a dessert, buns, baked
beans or chips

Everyone is invited to come share a meal
together and meet new friends.



Church Goal:
\$5,000.00
Day of Prayer
Monday, August 15
11:00 a.m.
CLC Craft Room 105
Bring sack lunch

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Words from Bro. David

Ephesians 6:6 says “*Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.*” This is a command that tells all people to work as if our work was for the Lord. No matter who our boss is or what our responsibilities are, we should do work as if it is Christian service unto God.

I read this story that shows how our hearts ought to be in our work. When 20th Century-Fox advertised in the New York papers to fill a vacancy in its sales force, one applicant replied: “I am at present selling furniture at the address below. You

may judge my ability as a salesman if you will stop in to see me at anytime, pretending that you are interested in buying furniture. When you come in, you can identify me by my red hair. I will have no way of identifying you. Such salesmanship as I exhibit during your visit, therefore, will be no more than my usual workaday approach and not a special effort to impress a prospective employer.” From among more than 1500 applicants, the red-head got the job.

Our attitude about work and living the Christian life before all people should be this attitude. Instead of

thinking about being good when the preacher is looking or when we are around other church folks, we should be thinking Jesus is always watching us. We should ask ourselves “Am I demonstrating a Christian witness all the time?” Whatever we are doing, may we do it unto the Lord.

Remember “*whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*”
1 Corinthians 10:31

Bro. David

Children’s Ministry

Do you ever stop and take an assessment of your life and how you are doing? I do think most people do this, however, I think these assessments usually fall into the category of career, finances or even our physical fitness. How often do we assess our spiritual lives? Is it just when we come to church? During the sermon do we shrug off the convicting power of the Holy Spirit? Or as a slave of Jesus Christ, do we find ourselves obedient to a gracious and loving master who has called us to follow Him, forsaking everything this world has to offer?

Has there ever been a moment in your life that caused you to pause, and wonder what the judgment of Jesus Christ will be like? We will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and with His eyes of flame and His feet of burnished bronze as

Revelation records. He who is Holy, will look into our hearts, He will examine our motives and our deeds, and He will go to our innermost thoughts that we concealed and kept only to ourselves. He knows everything that we do and why we do it, and we will give an account. Not only will we give an account for every thought and every action, but we will also give an account for a life lived, either to the fullest extent of what it means to be a follower of our Lord, or something to a lesser degree. At that time, your bank statement will not matter, nor will the position you held within the field in which you worked. My guarantee is that at that moment each of us will have only one longing, and that desire will be that we wished we would have done more for Jesus our Savior and King.

By His Grace,
Ryan



VBS
July 25 - 29

6:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Age: 3 Yrs. - 5th Grade

Reggie's Remarks



I am deeply blessed to have had the privilege of serving the Lord here at First Southern for 10 years. Yes, and it is still a blessing today. We are thankful to all of the church for the anniversary reception on June 26 and the expressions of encouragement we received. We are

thankful to serve in a church where God's people are excited about impacting the world in Jesus' name.

Of all the months in the year, one of the very best times for joining choir is the month of August. In August we will begin

working on Christmas music and you can be in on the very first rehearsal with the rest of the choir. You will find joy and encouragement in working with the FSBC Worship Choir. We will look forward to welcoming you!

Youth Connection: Meet Iddi!

In James chapter one, verse 27, the scriptures says, "*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and keep oneself unstained from the world.*" Earlier in this chapter we are called to be "doers" of the word and not just hearers. This verse gives us a standard of true, practical faith to be lived out in our lives. A kind of faith that is measured by compassion for those in need. A faith that shows mercy and love to the oppressed. The example of "orphans" and "widows" describes those who are particularly helpless and usually unable to reciprocate in any way. We are to love and have compassion for those who are in need and cannot necessarily return the favor. This is a true, sacrificial, compassionate, Christian love that is clearly demonstrated.

As a Youth Group, we wanted to take this scripture and make it a reality in our lives, even in the smallest way. As a collective group, we decided to sponsor a child through Compassion International. This is a program that exists as a Christian advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social, and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults. We take up a weekly offering that has more than covered the sponsorship of our child. There is a great sense of joy and generosity that our group has experienced in being obedient to this scripture.

We want you to meet Iddi! Iddi Piri Sachu is an 8 year old boy from Tanzania, Africa. Our group has had the great privilege and blessing of not only providing financially for him, but also to pray for him and to communicate back and forth through letters and drawings. I truly believe this is more than just a sponsorship, but an act of worship and faith and compassion. It's an absolute joy to get letters back from Iddi giving us an update on how things are going in his family and in his school.

And just like any other 8 year old boy, Iddi has a great imagination that we've been able to see through drawings that he has sent to us. It's an awesome thing to build a relationship with someone on a completely different continent, and it's all by the grace of God and for His glory.

I really believe it's been just as much a blessing to us as it has been to Iddi. Especially when you are humbled by the words he writes like this, "may God bless you and give you good health and be with you every day...I love you and am praying for you." In a sponsorship in which we thought we were providing for him, in turn, he is praying for us! What a joy to invest and unite with a brother from Tanzania!

We want to ask that you would join us in praying for Iddi, but more so to pray through James 1:27 and ask how you

can show the compassionate, sacrificial love to those in need; whether it is here in Evansville or to the ends of the earth! As a Youth Group, we're taking the initiative to make a difference in the lives of others. Through various programs, our students are sponsoring and investing in more than 10 children's lives. Will you join us as we share the love of Christ with the world and those in need?



Iddi Piri Sachu

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Office Hours:

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CLC Office: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Gym: 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. M, T, TH, F

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Library News

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *Just Enough Light for the Step I'm On* by Stormie Omartian. So many times we try to run ahead of God, and we worry and stress over everything. This encouraging book will help us learn to overcome fear and doubt, and turn our daily needs over to God's care.

Summer is almost over, and the holidays will be here before you know it (23 weeks until Christmas!).

While you are trying to keep cool, check out one of these new books just in:

Learning by Karen Kingsbury

A Lineage of Grace (5 Stories) by Francine Rivers

A Month of Summer and Beyond Summer both by Lisa Wingate

The Prayer that Changes Everything by Stormie Omartian

Please remember your church library when a loved one passes away - we will gladly purchase one or more books for the library in their memory. And we thank you for this opportunity of service in His name. God bless.

Brenda Wood, Church Librarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 25-29	VBS
July 31	First Family Fellowship
August 5	Keenager Trip
August 14 &	First Family Fellowship
August 24	Business Mtg.
Sept. 17	Church Picnic
Sept. 24	Annual Assoc. Mtg. @ Gateway