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# FIRST SOUTHERN

BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANSVILLE, IN.



**Church Offices  
Closed  
Monday, July 4**

**VBS**  
**July 25 - 29**  
**6:00 - 8:45 p.m.**  
**Age: 3 Yrs. - 5th Grade**

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## Words from Bro. David

As the nation celebrates its birthday let us remember to pray. Some years ago there was placed upon the altar of the Washington Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge an exquisitely illuminated copy of Washington's prayer for the nation.

*"Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the heads of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of sub-ordination and obedi-*

*ence to government, and entertain a brother-affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large.*

*And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and with a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can ever hope to*

*be a happy nation.*

*Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."*

May we have a passion for our nation like this. May we add to this prayer the great need of revival.

Bro. David

## Children's Ministry

### Discovering the Rock of Ages

In this day and age our children are faced with a multiplicity of gods each and every day. In school, from the media, in books, they're taught that all roads lead to heaven; believe what you want and it will be true for you. These dangerous lies are drawing our kids away from the truth—that Jesus, the Rock of Ages, is the way, the truth, and the life! (John 14:6) This year's Vacation Bible School (VBS) entitled Gold Rush, seeks to help kids answer the most important question Jesus asks: "Who do you say that I am?" They'll be saturated with the truth as they discover the biblical responses to questions such as:

- Is Jesus the only way to heaven?
- Who did Jesus say He is?
- What was unique about Jesus' birth, life, death, and Resurrection?
- How can I be saved?
- How can I share the good news of Jesus' life-changing power?

Each day a new facet of God made

flesh (John 1:14) will be presented in a manner that challenges kids to learn about the bold claims that Jesus made about Himself. These claims include; that He is God, He is the only way to heaven, and that He can forgive sins. After studying these claims, our hope and prayer is that the children will realize the uniqueness of Jesus Christ and that He is superior to any other person who has ever lived.

From birth, Jesus fulfilled prophecies and performed miracles, all the way to the crowning event of all history, His death and resurrection. We will explore and search these truths to discover the one and only Rock of Ages! VBS is right around the corner, and we hope that you will join us July 25 – 29. If you are interested in helping, see Ryan or Christine Maglinger, or if you are interested in registering your child, you may do so online at:

[www.firstsouthernbaptist.org](http://www.firstsouthernbaptist.org)

Please pray for VBS this year! For His Glory,  
Ryan

### AseraCare Hospice Is Seeking Volunteers

**AseraCare Hospice is seeking companion volunteers to join the team of individuals making a difference in patients' lives.**

**Do you want to feel spiritually enriched and make a difference in someone else's life? Have you thought about volunteering, but weren't sure where you wanted to volunteer at? AseraCare Hospice is looking for Companion and Vigil Volunteers to assist our team in providing excellent end-of-life care to patients.**

**For more information, Contact Ellen Holland  
Volunteer Coordinator  
858-1032**

# Reggie's Remarks



Last month I thanked our technical support people for the integral part they play in the ministry of our church. This month I would like to thank the people who help out in other ways: those that fix things and move things, sometimes using a special expertise they have and at times just giving of their time and labor. Our church is blessed with a lot of people like this and every church needs such people. Not only does this make our work easier; it is an encourage-

ment as well.

As we are well into the summer months of 2011, I want to thank our choir for their faithfulness. I have worked with this group for ten years now and I find it a real honor to serve with them. I am truly amazed at what the Lord has done through their availability and faithfulness to Him. To the members with the longest tenure, to those who have just joined, and to everyone in between, thank you for the contri-

bution of your music and your encouragement in the worship ministry of our church. To those who sing or play an instrument or help with media, early service or late, morning or evening, we thank you.

*“Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him” Psalm 95:2*



## \$10 Tuesdays: Youth Fellowship

With summer in full swing, it's time for \$10 Tuesdays to start back up. What are \$10 Tuesdays you ask? It's a weekly hangout for our students and their friends on Tuesdays that cost \$10 or less. All you have to do is bring \$10 and we'll supply the activity. This summer we're planning on going out for bowling and pizza, lazer-tag & mini-golf, go-karting, etc. Come out and join the fun!!!



## First Family Fellowships

**First Family Fellowships will be held on July 10th, 31st, August 14th & 28th after the evening worship service.**

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

**Watch for more information in the church bulletin and in your Sunday School Classroom.**



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### OUR STAFF

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Beverly Gibbs	Pastor/Church Secretary & Senior Adult Ministry Director
Carolyn Gulick	CLC Secretary
Hala Bachynsky	Housekeeping

#### Office Hours:

**Church Office: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**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:** *The Radical Disciple* by John Stott  
What does it mean to follow Jesus? He calls. We follow. This little book explores eight key aspects of Christian discipleship written by a well-known preacher and evangelist. Check it out, it's inspiring.  
We are so fortunate to live in this great country, enjoying the many freedoms our forefathers fought for. It is always touching to see the flags displayed in our church. We give thanks to every man and woman who serves their country.

It's just too hot to be outside very long, so grab a good book and relax in the A/C. Here are the newest books just in:

***Just Enough Light For the Step I'm On*** by Stormie Omartian

***The Story Jar*** by Hatcher & Bedford

***Nana's Gift*** by Janette Oke

***I'll Hold You In Heaven*** by Jack Hayford

***While We're Far Apart* and *Though Waters Roar***, both by Lynn Austin

***The Perfect Life*** by Robin Lee Hatcher

Stop in your church library before and after services for some of the best reading and Bible study material available. We're happy to make this service available to you. It's another one of the freedoms we all enjoy! God Bless.  
Brenda Wood, Church Librarian

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 25	Trustee Work Day
June 26	Reggie Haire's 10th Anniversary Fellowship following PM service
June 30	All GROW teams
July 4	Church Offices Closed
July 9	Deacon's Breakfast
July 10 & 31	First Family Fellowship
July 9-13	Youth Summer Camp
July 13	Business Mtg.
July 22	Keenager Trip
July 25-29	VBS
August 14 &	First Family Fellowship

**The church and CLC offices new hours are 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. M-F.**