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SEPTEMBER

FIRST SOUTHERN

BAPTIST CHURCH

EVANSVILLE, IN.

**Church Picnic
Saturday,
September 17
Noon
Fellowship Hall**

Roasted pig, drinks and bread provided
by the church

You are asked to bring 2 sides:
vegetable, salad and/or dessert

Sign up sheet is at the
Welcome Center

Come join the good food and fellowship



**Church Goal:
\$5,000.00
Received to Date:
\$1,004.00**

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Words from Bro. David

D. L. Moody's favorite Bible verse was Is. 1:7. It says, *"For the Lord God will help me. Therefore shall I not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint; and I know that I shall not be ashamed."* There are many things we can know for certain that it is God's will. We can know that we are to witness to people. We do not have to wonder if it is the right thing to do, we do not have to wonder if it is the right person, nor do we

have to wonder if it is the right time.

God says we are to be His witnesses. Since that is the case we can also be assured that He will be with us in this endeavor. I know that there are many areas of our lives that we are searching and wondering what is God's will. But this is not one of them. May we say with Isaiah "I shall not be ashamed." May we "set our faces like a flint" and be

determined to be witnesses for Christ.

We are starting a new church year this September. Let us purpose to lead someone to Jesus. It might start with inviting them to church, then maybe to Sunday School, and then maybe to share with them the Gospel. But there is no better time to start than right now.

Bro. David

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry just finished hosting its largest event of the year... Vacation Bible School! The theme this year was Gold Rush from AiG, and the setting was back in the Old West. It was an exciting time for everyone involved! Each night we averaged around 65 kids, and had just as many workers.

I cannot thank the workers enough, for all of you who helped to pull off this amazing program. Each person's involvement, no matter how big or small contributed to the success of VBS. I am fully aware that there were people behind the scenes, such as those who worked on the set, to those who prayed daily for the kids and workers who will one day see the reward of their labor when they stand before the Lord. Let my thanks be just a

preface to that reward.

We know the Lord worked in each life that walked through the door. The kids were so energized and full of overwhelming excitement after each night, and that excitement was matched by the enthusiasm of their teachers / leaders.

On Friday night, I had the opportunity to share my heart with some of the parents whose child attended. Our deacon body served and hosted a fantastic grill out for the parents, kids and workers. SEEDS were planted and watered this particular week, and I'm excited about what the future holds, where one day we might see the fruit of VBS in the life of one of these kids. I ask that you pray that the Lord continue to be at work in the lives we were able to touch.

I also want to bring to your attention one other opportunity to serve. Outside the nursery, Leah Ice has put together a bulletin board and placed upon it, little hands, which have listed on them items that we need within the nursery. If you are so inclined by the Spirit to provide a "helping hand", I ask that you take that particular hand off the board when you bring the item. Thanks!

by His Grace, and for His glory,
Ryan



"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Luke 18:16

Reggie's Remarks



Our Worship Choir has begun work on this year's Christmas program and is doing a remarkable job already! We plan to present this year's Christmas musical on **December 18** in the **PM Service**. We are choosing the music and designing our own program this year that will focus on our Savior, God's Son, sent to save the

world. A line from one of the songs is a quote from *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* sums it up: "Remember Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas Day; to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray." Continue to pray for us as we prepare or even join us if you would like to be a part of this ministry.

I am thankful for the opportunity I had to share in the Wednesday night Bible Study on August 10. Thank you all for your attentiveness and encouragement. I am thankful for the blessings of being a part of God's family and this church.

Youth Connection: New Bible Study: *Forgotten God*

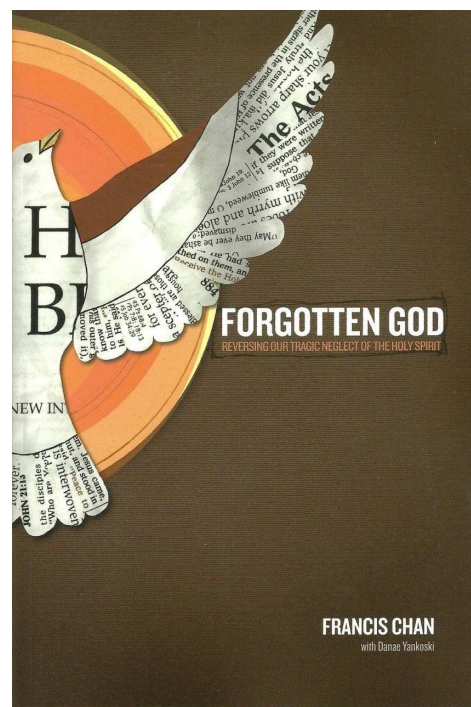
On Wednesday nights in our Youth Ministry, we are starting a new Bible Study that goes along with the Francis Chan book *Forgotten God: Reversing the Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*. The study is at 6:30 on Wednesday nights in the Youth Room, located upstairs in the Christian Life Center. It's not too late to join this study. We began on August 17th, but the study will last well into October.

Here's a little excerpt about the study:

Has today's church forgotten the Holy Spirit? God put His spirit in us so we could be known for our power. Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent and intellect rather than supernatural power. What's worse is that we're okay with it. In *Forgotten God*, breakthrough author Francis Chan returns us to the Holy Spirit as the Bible describes Him and

invites us to understand, embrace and follow the Holy Spirit's direction in our lives.

I Corinthians 3:16 says, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" We want to invite you to join us as we journey through Scripture to see what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit and His role and power within the church. Ephesians 3:20 tells us that God is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. If we are in Christ, the Spirit of God dwells within us and wants to work through us. Let's prayerfully consider the great work that the Spirit of God wants to do through His church! Hope to see you there next Wednesday!



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Gym: 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. M, T, TH, F



Library News

BOOK OF THE MONTH: *No More Jellyfish, Chickens or Wimps* by Paul Coughlin. It is not easy raising a family, trying to teach our children right from wrong, and being the example they will follow. Our kids face bullies every day, and they need help standing up for themselves. This book teaches how to raise confident and secure kids so they are able to make the right decisions.

We also recommend these books for students: *How to Stay Christian In High School* by Steve Gerali, and *How to Stay Christian In College* by J. Budziszewski.

Check out these new books just in:
Winter's Awakening, Spring's Renewal, and Autumn's Promise by Shellie Gray
The Scarlet Thread and The Last Sin Eater by Francine Rivers
How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart
Leaning On A Spider's Web by Jennifer Lacombe

We are still giving away cassettes (on the shelves outside the library door). Please take any you want, there are still some good ones left. Come inside and see what else is new. We're open before and after services for your convenience. We look forward to seeing you.

Brenda Wood, Church Librarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 27 Single Saints
- August 28 First Family Fellowship
- Sept. 2 Dodgeball
- Sept. 5 Labor Day - Church Offices Closed
- Sept. 17 Church Picnic
- Sept. 19 Keenager Mtg.
- Sept. 21 Business Mtg.
- Sept. 24 Annual Assoc. Mtg. @ Gateway
- Sept. 27-Oct. 5 Keenager Fall Trip
- Oct. 15 Deacon's Breakfast
- Oct. 16 Lord's Supper
- Oct. 19 Business Mtg.