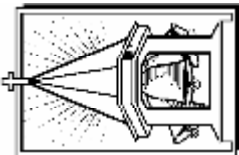


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"The Chimes"
92 Fifth Street
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Hours of Worship & Activities

Sunday	
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Practice
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	
9:30 AM	Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym
Wednesday	
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM	Team Kids
Thursday	
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym

Other Opportunities for Service

Brotherhood - Meets at 7 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Lamplighters - Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.

WMU - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch immediately following the meeting.

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April, 2010



Check us out on the web! fbcchickasaw.com That's right! Our web site is back up and running. We are not quite complete with it yet, but we are working on it diligently. So please pass the word to all your children, grandchildren, and friends. You can now keep up with our church activities through our web site.

I sincerely hope you receive this edition of **The Chimes** before Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010. Because that is the date when Dr. Roger Breland (that's right – Dr. Roger Breland) who is now the Executive Director and Dean of the Center for Performing Arts at the University of Mobile, will bring two of the ensembles from the Center to lead us in the morning worship service. We will have a covered dish luncheon for the group and for our church family immediately following the morning worship. I am asking each one of you to phone your neighbors, friends, and family to invite them to this very special occasion.

We have completed the lease for the CLC building with CenterPointe Assembly of God congregation. They have already begun moving into the building, and hope to have their first worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010. They are a wonderfully loving congregation, and I truly feel that this lease will benefit both our church and theirs. It will be good for our old CLC building to be in use every day, and to be filled with worship services each Sunday, instead of just sitting idle and deteriorating.

We now have 53 persons committed to go to see **To Kill A Mockingbird** in Monroeville on Thursday evening, April 29, 2010. This is going to be a great day trip for us. Dr. B is also working on another day trip for us to visit the Mobile Museum of Art in the near future.

David Jordan is now officially on board with us as a music intern, under the direction of Dr. B. David has already thrilled our hearts with his instrumental specials in our morning worship hour. We look forward to the many varied ways God will use this young man in the ministry of our church.

Our FBC choir, under the direction of Dr. B, will present our annual Easter Cantata during the morning worship service on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. Again, I am asking each one of you to phone your neighbors, family and friends to encourage them to attend this special Easter service, as the Lenten season culminates in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Come, help us sing:

***Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph ore his foes;
He arose the victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his
Saints to reign; HE AROSE! HE AROSE! Hallelujah, Christ arose!***

And now, as we pass the Vernal Equinox, the sun moves north of the equator, bringing longer days and warmer temperatures. The long winter is past. The earth warms. Trees bud. Birds nest. Spring arrives with new growth everywhere. And somewhere down the long halls of my memory, echoes a voice from the Revelation saying,

"Behold, I make all things new."

And all of God's people said, **AMEN & AMEN !!**

Dr. Creel

LET'S HEAR FROM ZWINGLI AND CALVIN ON MUSIC

- DR. B:** Just like my historic interview with Martin Luther in the February Chimes, I feel privileged to speak with two other Reformation leaders about their take on music. Let's begin with you, Mr. Zwingli.
- ZWINGLI:** I was always interested in, and had a talent for music. I considered pursuing a music career when I was younger, and even after my ordination to the priesthood, I continued to compose sacred music.
- DR. B:** But aren't you considered one of the more radical reformers?
- ZWINGLI:** Yes. At first I was influenced by people who wanted to reform the church from within. But my own ideas of reform soon took a more radical turn, and I broke away from the Roman Catholic Church. The city council of Zurich forbade religious images, and we removed crucifixes, frescoes, and tapestries from the Grossmunster church. Bell-ringing, organ-playing, and singing ceased, and we even dismantled the organ.
- Dr. B:** That sets you in a far distant land from Luther's pealing bells and thundering organs. But why?
- ZWINGLI:** I was simply following the New Testament which makes no reference to instruments in worship. I'm not an enemy of music or art, but I think that music may distract the worshipper, and art may lead to idolatry.
- DR. B:** Well, I don't believe the New Testament specifically prohibits musical instruments, and I do remember what Luther said about images. "When I hear of Christ, an image of a man hanging on a cross takes form in my heart....If it is not a sin, but a good thing to have an image of Christ in my heart, why should it be a sin to have it in my eyes?" But, let us turn to your younger contemporary, Jean Calvin, who led the reform in Geneva, for his opinion about music.
- CALVIN:** "There is hardly anything in the world that has greater power to bend the morals of men this way or that" than music....And for this reason we must be all the more diligent to control music in such a way that it will serve us for good and in no way harm us....We should have songs that are not only upright, but holy, that will spur us to pray to God and praise Him..."
- DR. B:** So, unlike Zwingli, you feel music can elevate the spirit if carefully controlled.
- CALVIN:** Yes, but only if the words come directly from the Psalms, only if the music is sung with no harmony by the congregation, and only if there is no instrumental accompaniment.
- Dr. B:** Well then, let's sum up the reformers' attitudes toward music. Luther has been the most open-handed, welcoming psalms, hymns, harmony and instruments. Calvin has also welcomed music, but only with careful restrictions — only Psalms, and no harmony or instruments. Finally, Zwingli has been the least receptive of the three to bring music into the church.

And Luther and Calvin could agree that music can edify, inspire, and unite the faithful. Luther might even add a tincture of enjoyment to the mix, as long as it does not overbalance music's devotional character.

So, where do we at First Baptist Chickasaw stand? None of the three disliked music, and all would probably attend our Deep South Dulcimer Association/Jam'n Folks concert, because it is not a worship service, and it would give them an opportunity to hear our own heart-warming Janet Gardner. On the other hand, while only Luther would attend our worship services, both he and Calvin would approve of our desire to edify, inspire, and unite the faithful through music.

Sunday School Attendance

2/28/10 - 03/21/10

	Average
	<u>Enr.</u> <u>Att.</u>
Sunday School	182 71

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at First Baptist,
We thank y'all with all of our heart for your prayers for Mom during her illness. She enjoyed and loved everyone she knew at church. We already miss her terribly! Also, the lunch the ladies prepared for the family was so nice and delicious. What a wonderful comfort that was for our family.
Thanks for everything y'all did for Mom.
Sincerely,
John, Patsy, Steve & Debra
(The family of **Margaret Smith**)

We received thank you letters from the following this month for donations and/or services rendered:

Auburn Urban Studio Team

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Norma Miller
was given by
Jerry and Barbara Pulliam.

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was given anonymously in honor of
Norma Miller.

A gift to the Music Ministry
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