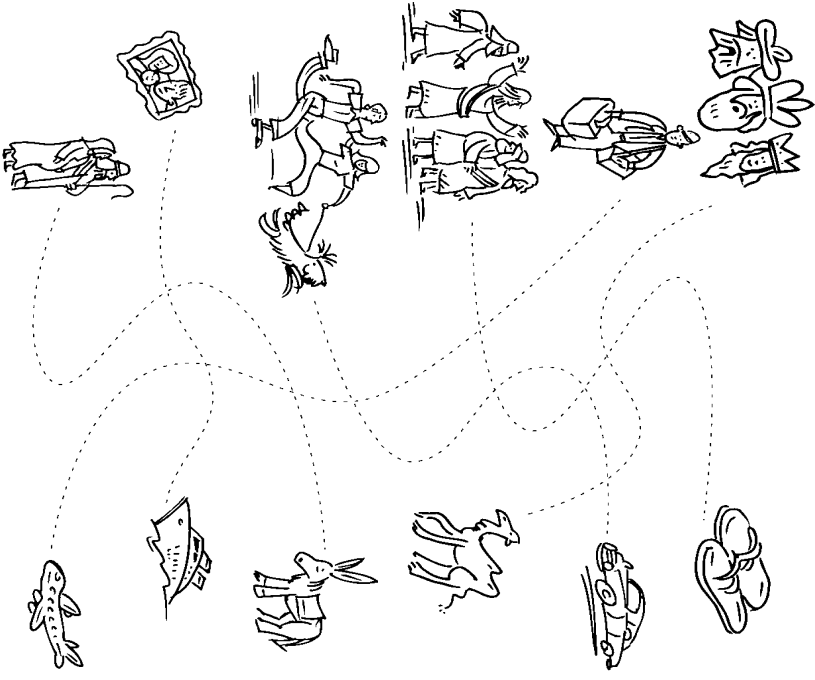


Just for KIDS

TRAVEL

During the summer many families like to travel. Modern day travel is much easier than it was during Bible times.

Directions: Follow the maze lines. Match people of today with modern ways of travel and Bible characters to ways of travel long ago.



Will your family use any of these ways to travel this summer?

BIBLE Travel Games

Try one or all of these games when you travel with your family this summer.

Missing Books of the Bible Game

One person recites the books of the Bible in order starting with Genesis. The person leaves out a book on purpose. Be the first person to guess the missing book. See how long it takes before the others guess the missing book.

20 Questions

One player thinks of a person, place or thing from the Bible. The other players take turns asking yes or no questions. See if you can guess the mystery person, place or thing in 20 questions or less.

3 Things in Common

One person names 3 objects, 3 people or 3 places that have something in common. The other players take turns guessing what that something is. For example, Jesus, Saul and David (answer: all were kings) or Egypt, wilderness, Promised Land (answer: places where Israelites lived).

"I'm Going to ..."

Choose a place in the Bible, for example, Jerusalem. The first player says, "I'm going to Jerusalem and I'm taking a tent." The second player repeats what the first player said, but adds another thing to take. Each person takes a turn repeating the entire list and adding something to it, until someone misses.

Name That Tune

Hum a hymn or Sunday school song that everyone knows. See who can name the song first. After the name is guessed, sing the song together.

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Join Us For Worship
Sunday Morning Service
9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship
5:00 p.m.

Vision and Purpose Statement:

To encourage and empower changes within ourselves,
to meet the needs of the congregation, community and the world.

Phil. 4:13, James 2:26

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2006 Daily Bible Reading Guide for August

8/1	Psalms 73-74	2 Corinthians 3	8/16	Psalms 111-112	Galations 1
8/2	Psalms 75-76	2 Corinthians 4	8/17	Psalms 113-114	Galations 2
8/3	Psalms 77-78	2 Corinthians 5	8/18	Psalms 115-116	Galations 3
8/4	Psalms 79-80	2 Corinthians 6	8/19	Psalms 117-119	
8/5	Psalms 81-84		8/20	Psalms 120-124	
8/6	Psalms 85-88		8/21	Psalms 125-126	Galations 4
8/7	Psalms 89-90	2 Corinthians 7	8/22	Psalms 127-128	Galations 5
8/8	Psalms 91-92	2 Corinthians 8	8/23	Psalms 129-130	Galations 6
8/9	Psalms 93-94	2 Corinthians 9	8/24	Psalms 131-132	Ephesians 1
8/10	Psalms 95-96	2 Corinthians 10	8/25	Psalms 133-134	Ephesians 2
8/11	Psalms 97-98	2 Corinthians 11	8/26	Psalms 135-138	
8/12	Psalms 99-102		8/27	Psalms 139-142	
8/13	Psalms 103-106		8/28	Psalms 143-144	Ephesians 3
8/14	Psalms 107-108	2 Corinthians 12	8/29	Psalms 145-146	Ephesians 4
8/15	Psalms 109-110	2 Corinthians 13	8/30	Psalms 147-148	Ephesians 5
			8/31	Psalms 149-150	Ephesians 6

1	Tuesday	1:30 p.m.	ABW Ministries Hostess: Maxine Noper, Meet at FBC
		6:30 p.m.	United in Prayer
		7:15 p.m.	CAM Team Meeting
2	Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Saturday Worship Team Practice
		7:15 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice
3	Thursday	5:45 p.m.	Women leave for Conference Youth traveling back from QUEST
5	Saturday		Women arrive back from Conference
6	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	No Youth Group
7	Monday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
8	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Boards Meet
9	Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Saturday Worship Team Practice
10	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice
13	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Youth Group Meets
14	Monday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
15	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening @ Mosaic
16	Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Saturday Worship Team Practice
17	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Committee Meeting
19	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry
20	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Youth Group Meets
21	Monday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
23	Wednesday	5:45 p.m.	Saturday Worship Team Practice
24	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice
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| 5 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>God Really Cares About You!!!</i>
Isaiah 49:8-16 |
| 6 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>God Really Cares About You!!!</i>
Isaiah 49:8-16 |
| 11 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
Guest Speaker : Lance Hart |
| 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Guest Speaker: Lance Hart |

**THEME: Attitude Good or Bad
(Ten Choices for Success in Life)**

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| 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>Four choices to choose a Good Attitude
(Optimism, Excellence, Confidence, and Joy)</i>
Isaiah 40:31; John 16:33 |
| 20 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Four choices to choose a Good Attitude
(Optimism, Excellence, Confidence, and Joy)</i>
Isaiah 40:31; John 16:33 |
| 26 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>Four more choices to choose a Good Attitude
(Integrity, Enthusiasm, Cordiality, Perseverance)</i>
Romans 8:25; Phil 2:3 |
| 27 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Four more choices to choose a Good Attitude
(Integrity, Enthusiasm, Cordiality, Perseverance)</i>
Romans 8:25; Phil 2:3 |

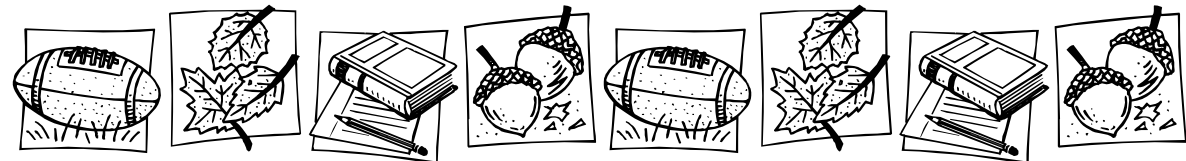
What did Jesus mean by an abundant life? Would Jesus consider me rich or poor? What would Jesus say about the way I spend my money? What do Jesus' teachings about money mean for my decisions today? I have asked these questions over many years, struggling with other believers to find answers. On one hand, I know God does not want anyone to live in need. The Bible is filled with images of the Lord's desire for lives of plenty. It tells us Jesus came that we might have eternal life (John 10:10). The Israelites were promised a land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8) and the Psalmist sang praises because God made his cup overflow. On the other hand, the gospel stories tell us that following Jesus can mean giving up material wealth as an act of faith. The rich young ruler went away sad (18:23). He could not follow Jesus if it meant giving up his riches to the poor. The widow gave all she had even though she was poor. (Luke 21:3) Zacchaeus gladly gave half of what he had to the poor and repaid anyone he had cheated by giving them four times what he had taken. (Luke 19:8)

Like the Apostle Paul, I cannot claim to have reached my goal: However I keep pressing on, believing that God's call and prize will be joyous and abundant. (Philippians 3:12-14). Many things that I am being taught are difficult, at times even painful.

As we begin our fall stewardship emphasis our Stewardship Ministry Team is again using the ministry stewardship program called Consecration Weekend. This program is based on the Biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the church to receive. I want to encourage each of you to participate in our Consecration Weekend Events. The dates of Consecration Weekend are Saturday, September 9 and Sunday, September 10th. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation.

I do look forward in working and worshipping with you this month.

Pastor Wally





The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was taken during June. \$1545.94 was received and will continue to rise through the summer with contributions from the sharing table. Although our goal of \$2500.00 was not reached, the Missions Committee is most appreciative for every dollar given. There is certainly no shortage of natural disasters and emergencies.

Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

Scott Coats was commissioned as an American Baptist Missionary in Thailand at the FBC of Champaign-Savoy, Sunday, July 23. Dr. Stan Murray of International Ministries, ABCUSA spoke at the service.

Scott and his wife, Tan, and their children will live in the Chiang Rei area. He served several years previously with World Concern. Scott grew up in Thailand, the son of Bob and Pat Coats who were ABC Missionaries for 36 years.

Bob was an interim minister at Macomb First Baptist before going to Thailand. Pat's mother lived in Macomb. Their son, John and wife Debbie, are also ABC missionaries serving in Cambodia.

Sarah & Daniel Chetti serve at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. Daniel teaches theology and provides administrative assistance to the academic dean at the school. He also mentors and ministers to a Sudanese Congregation that gathers at Fanar Baptist Church, Lebanon. Sarah helps with the development and organization of the seminary's library. The Seminary closed for the summer on June 3. However, there was an International Conference organized through the Seminary, June 19-21, with the theme 'Waging Peace: From East to West'.

With the Mid East Crisis going on at the time of this writing, I haven't heard if the Seminary has been damaged or if the Chettis have been evacuated.

Sarah has been suffering for a long time with allergies which have turned into a mild form of asthma. Their daughter, Rachel, is a high school senior this fall. She is quite musical, having formed her own band. Pray for their safety and Sarah's health.

Our Special Missionary, Dr. Kristina Guterrez and children, Angelica and Gabe, of Nicaragua, began their home assignment in May, 2006. Their address is Grove City, Ohio. Angelica has been accepted to Dennison University at Granville, Ohio this fall. Both cities are near Columbus.

Matt and Lori Mann, development workers in Laos, are also on home assignment and will be living in California. They have three children.

Tuesday, August 15 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Free Blood Pressure Screening



Nan's calling to stewardship

Nan K. was asked by her church to lead a special campaign to pay off the remaining debt on the sanctuary. She consented and made this statement at a worship service:

"Stewardship is realizing that our relationship with money is very much connected to our relationship to God. When our relationship to money becomes the stewardship of God's gifts, then our decisions and actions are tied to our understanding of God's will for our life. When we discern the purpose for our life on earth, then we look for the signs, the opportunities, the coincidences that show us the path to that purpose.

"I want you to know that this is not just a campaign to pay off our debts (although it will). It is about building a community of faith. If one of our members came to me today and offered to pay off the entire debt, I wouldn't feel this campaign was a success.

"This is about strengthening our church community with everyone giving to their own ability. I'll feel the campaign is successful when 100 percent of our membership participates."

Are you participating? You have nothing to lose, and everything to gain.

IT'S COMING

SEPTEMBER 9-10

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Gleaners

Mary McKamy, Leader

David C. Cook

Deep Truth. Bold Faith. Lives Changed

Discussion topics will include: Choosing and Losing, Royalty and Loyalty, and Wise to Advise, and studies of 1&2 Kings, 2 Chronicles & Jeremiah.

THE FRIENDLY CLASS

Judy Hurt, Leader

David C. Cook

Deep Truth. Bold Faith. Lives Changed

Discussion topics will include: The God Who Created Us, The God Who Corrects Us, The God Who Calls Us, and studies of Genesis, Exodus & Numbers.

IF YOU WANT TO WALK ON WATER, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THE BOAT

by John Ortberg

Annetta Holt, Leader

Deep within you lies the same faith and longing that sent Peter walking across the wind-swept Sea of Galilee toward Jesus. In what ways is the Lord telling you, as he did Peter, "Come"? John Ortberg invites you to consider the incredible potential that awaits you outside your comfort zone.

For College Students

Beth Deitrich, Leader

A study designed for the college student. Watch for more information.

GENESIS

Just for Women

Karen Miller, Leader

"In the beginning God created..."

Participants will study Genesis and examine issues relevant to women.

WILD at HEART

A Study for Men

by John Eldredge

Moises Molina, Leader

God designed men to be dangerous, says John Eldredge. Simply look at the dreams and desires written in the heart of every boy: to be a hero, to be a warrior, to live a life of adventure and risk. Sadly, most men abandon those dreams and desires-aided by a Christianity that feels like nothing more than pressure to be a "nice guy." It is no wonder that many men avoid church, and those who go are often passive and bored to death. In this provocative book, Eldredge gives men permission to be what God designed them to be – dangerous, passionate, alive, and free.

Kari Davidson and children returned to Japan in May. Dwight went earlier as the Japanese school year began in April. They send their sincere thanks to all who contributed toward their new van. They got an eight passenger Toyota Voxy with a little over 9000 miles.

Susan Harding is Director of Cordova Community Christian Center in Cordova, Alaska. She is one of our National Ministries Specials. Located in a remote, commercial fishing town in southeastern Alaska, the Cordova Christian Center serves the town's population of 2500 people which swells to 5-6 thousand during the summer. The Christian Center was established in 1955. Susan was called to Cordova as a missionary with her husband, Richard, in 1975 and has been director since.

Through day camps, summer clubs, music camp, school time programs and the HomePort, the Christian Center is a lighthouse in the world of Cordova which is often filled with darkness, both physically and spiritually.

Each year the Christian Center holds a bazaar in November which provides funding for most of the programs through the year. Items to sell include quilts, baby items, decorations, clothes, school supplies, and crafts. These are sent by churches and friends in the lower 48 states in the White Cross Quota. There are no roads out of Cordova. People must fly or go by boat. However, there is a ferry now operating during the summer. With very limited shopping available, the bazaar is one of the special events in the community.

Richard was pastor of the Cordova Baptist Church until his health made it necessary for him to retire. Their son, John, is the present pastor. They have a daughter, Nancy, who is a nurse, and lives in California. Richard grew up in Moberly, Missouri.

"Home Port is a restaurant ministry that we run in partnership with the Cordova Baptist Church" Harding explains, "We are the only place to eat in town that does not serve alcohol; our goal is to provide a wholesome atmosphere where teens and families with children can gather for a meal and some activities."

The World Mission Conference will be held at Green Lake, WI July 29-August 4, 2006. The theme is "Surprised by Prayer, Mission and the Untamed God."

Birthdays

August 4	Debbie Mullenix IM India
August 9	Mike Mann IM Thailand
August 31	Walter White IM Global Consultant



August

- 1 - Sterling Davis
- 5 - Tara Geltmacher
- 8 - LaDawna (Hurt) Cale
- 9 - Jared Burns
Debbie Derry
Stephen Hartmann
- 12 - Alice Arvin
Karen Aunko
- 18 - Robert Waight
- 21 - Stephanie Smart
Jill Adair
- 23 - Lora Wallace
- 27 - Jim & Claudia McCain (a)
Moises & Andrea Molina (a)
Roger & Sandra Riggins (a)
- 29 - A.J. Bourn



Friends of First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the pretty altar flowers. We enjoyed visiting with Dora Leonard. The stampers sent me a nice get well card and Veta Harper wrote to me. All were very much appreciated as well as prayers that went up on my behalf.

Love in Christ,
Betty Adair

Dear Friends of FBC of Macomb,

Thank you so much for your loving hospitality during our visit with you the weekend of July 8th and 9th! It was so good to worship with you, get caught-up with old friends and make new ones too!

Thank you for your loving gift, as well as your faithful support. You are and always will be family and friends to us!

Alan, Whitney, Amber, Sierra, and Nadia Brown

Dear FBC,

Thank you for all of your prayers and the cards that I received while in the hospital and since returning home.

I finished my therapy on Friday, July 14. Didn't quite reach my goal, only made 130 on the bend and a 0 in straightening my leg.

What a blessing you folks have been to me and my family.

Gods richer blessings to all of you,
Lisa Forney (Claudia McCain's mother)



Bible quiz

In 2 Samuel is a story about one of King David's sons who rebelled against his father. There was a battle in the forest of Ephraim between men who were faithful to David and those who followed the rebellious son.

David's soldiers won the fight, and David's son fled riding a mule. The mule ran under an oak tree and David's son caught his head in the thick branches. He was left hanging there, trapped but alive. His father's soldiers came upon him and ended his life.

King David was heart-stricken when he learned about his son's death. He cried out, "O my son _____, my son, my son _____! Would I had died instead of you, O _____, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33, NRSV).

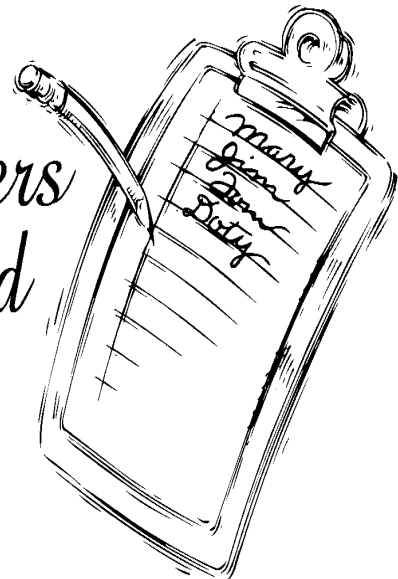
What was the son's name?

- A. Amnon
- B. Absalom
- C. Solomon
- D. Daniel

Answer: B

Starting Monday, July 31—Monday, August 31, we, as in FBC, are responsible for restocking the food pantry shelves at Loaves and Fishes. On the bulletin board at FBC there is a sign up sheet. Two people are needed each day Monday-Friday sometime between the hours of 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. to restock the pantry shelves. Thank you in advance for signing up.

Volunteers Needed



FBC Rummage Sale Start Saving Your Things

FBC Rummage Sale will be Friday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



August 4-5 — Savvis Center, St. Louis, MO

Women of Faith Speaker Team

Luci Swindoll, Patsy Clairmont, Marilyn Meberg, Thelma Wells, Shiela Walsh

Special Guests

Donna VanLiere, Anita Renfore, Sherri Shepherd, Natalie, Grant

13 women and friends from FBC, Macomb plan to attend this year.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

The Emotionally Healthy Church

by Peter Scazzero

Pastor Wally, Leader

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, begins Sept 6

Sundays, 3:00-4:15 pm, begins Sept 17

As go the leaders, so goes the church.

Look beneath the surface of problems; break the power of past wounds, failures, sins, and circumstances; live a life of brokenness and vulnerability; recognize and honor personal limitations and boundaries; embrace grief and loss; make incarnation your model to love others. Especially for church leaders and those who have completed *Experiencing God* or *Purpose Driven Life*.

Experiencing God

KNOWING AND DOING THE WILL OF GOD

by Henry T. Blackaby & Claude V. King

Annetta Holt & Claudia McCain, Leaders

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, begins Sept 6

Experiencing God is designed to help members grow into a relationship where they learn to hear when God is speaking, recognize where God is working, join Him in His work, and experience God working through them to accomplish His purposes.

The Basics of Christianity

Mike Foulk, Leader

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm, begins Sept 6

The Basics of Christianity study will examine in detail the primary teachings of Christianity. This is not only for those who are just starting their Christian walk, but also for those who want to rediscover or reinforce their Christian roots.

A TIME TO PRAY

Karen Miller, Leader

Wednesdays 6:30 pm, begins Sept 6

Spend time praying for the needs of the church, our congregation, as well as for individual needs. Pray silently or aloud as the Spirit leads.

The Gospel of John

Rob Wallace, Leader

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm, begins Sept 6

Part II of the study begins with Chapter 12. The Gospel of John, was written to new Christians and searching non-Christians after the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. John's purpose? To prove conclusively that Jesus is the Son of God and that all who believe in him will have eternal life.

A Study of Corinthians

Mike Foulk, Leader

Sundays 3:00-4:00 pm, begins Sept 10

(meets 2-3 times a month)

Participants will take an in-depth study of the book of Corinthians which was written by Paul to the church in Corinth in approximately A.D. 55-57. Corinth was a major cosmopolitan city, a seaport and major trade center – the most important city in Achaia. Paul had established this church on his second missionary journey.

Study about loyalty, freedom, worship, trials, discipline, hope, love and giving.

TRAVELING LIGHT

&

HE CHOSE^{the} NAILS

By Max Lucado

Mary McKamy, Leader

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15 pm, begins Sept 6

Are you tired of carrying around too much baggage in life – fear, worry and discontent? *Traveling Light* uses Psalm 23 to help us release the burdens we were never intended to carry. – – – Linger on the hill of Calvary, rub a finger on the timber and press the nail into your hand. Allow the tools of torture to tell their story. Listen as they tell you what God did to win your heart. *He Chose the Nails*.

Registration Form—Small Group Studies

Registration Deadline is Sunday, August 20

Please ✓ the small group(s) in which you'd like to register or call Leann @ 309.833.2479

- _____ Sunday 3:00 p.m. **The Emotionally Healthy Church** (enrollment limited to 20)
 _____ Sunday 3:00 p.m. **A Study of Corinthians** (enrollment limited to 10)
 _____ Wednesday 3:00 p.m. **Traveling Light & He Chose the Nails** (enrollment limited to 12)
 _____ Wednesday 6:30 p.m. **The Emotionally Healthy Church** (enrollment limited to 20)
 _____ Wednesday 6:30 p.m. **The Book of John** (no enrollment limit)
 _____ Wednesday 6:30 p.m. **Experiencing God** (enrollment limited to 12)
 _____ Wednesday 6:30 p.m. **The Basics of Christianity** (enrollment limited to 10)

Name _____ Phone () _____

Email _____