

# Dadeville First Baptist

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## Pastor's Column

School's out for Summer! Remember that old song? It's that wonderful time of the year when teachers and students alike are finally on the same page – ready to celebrate some much-needed time off. And parents are sighing heavily wondering what exactly they are going to do with their kids for the next 10 weeks. Fortunately, we live in a place where summertime entertainment is not all that difficult to find. The lake is a great place for kids. Fishing, swimming, and other lake activities provide a great place for spending time as a family. But where do you get the time? Working 40+ hours every week. Taking care of the yard. Cleaning the house. How do you get it all done? First, make a list of your priorities remembering that family is important. It is, in fact, your first and greatest ministry as a Christian. Some things can slide for a day or three when it comes to the family. Put God first with your spouse and children close to the top of that list. Then check out all of those time-wasters like social media, television programs, and video games. I'll bet that adds up to a couple of hours a day. Then maybe rearrange your schedule so that several times a week all that free time adds up to a great time with those most important to you. Take it from someone who would love to have their children (and especially grandchildren) close by. These years pass quickly. Please don't take them for granted. I promise you when you are on your death bed, you will not be wishing that you had spent more time at work or mowing your grass or doing laundry. Think about that for just a minute, and remember that your pastor loves you.

Bro. Ben



*Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 Sanctuary*



Hey FBC,

Youth Camp is here! We have 20 teenagers going and 5 suckers...I mean sweet servant-hearted chaperones going to camp this year. In all seriousness, please pray for us. Pray that the Lord would do a work in the hearts of the youth that are going. Pray for conviction of sin, that they would see Jesus, and that they would be filled with the knowledge of His will. Commit to pray for each day that we are at camp, May 28 through June 1. Finally, thank you to everyone that has donated for youth to go to camp this year. Thank you for investing into our young families.

God Bless,

Hunter



**VBS June 3-7 9:00-12:00**

**Volunteers Needed**

**Contact Lauren Rawls  
if you would like to help.**



**Sign-up slips for supper club are on the table in the hall & the table in the foyer.**

**June 30, July 7, 14, 21**



## The Blessing of Music in Worship

If you listen to older "top 40" songs on the radio they can bring back strong and distinct memories. They take us back to our younger days where we can experience those same emotions of joy and depression that we had in our adolescence.

Worship songs are the same, but the lyrics make the worship song different because the words focus on God, either praising Him or asking Him for guidance. I will always remember singing "Holy, Holy, Holy" in church and feeling the majesty of His presence. I feel that way when I sing "How Great is Our God" and "What a Beautiful Name" today.

We should never take singing in our worship services for granted. There was a time, before the Reformation, when singing was not allowed in public worship. Laypersons were expected to stand mute as sacred music was performed by professionals (priests and cantors), played on complex instruments (pipe organs), and sung in an obscure language (Latin).

Reformers gave the act of worship back to the people in the form of congregational singing. They composed simple tunes that were easy to sing and, in fact, some of the songs used secular tunes that had sacred words attached to them.

Music is mentioned in the Bible over 800 times. Praise is mentioned and commanded 332 times. Note that we are commanded to praise God. People worship in many different ways. There are many styles of music. But there is one God who deserves All Praise, whether we raise our hands or close our eyes as we sing. Music is one way we can respond to God. Remember, God is our audience when we sing and play instruments during worship. Let us "BE Worshipers" with a right heart attitude and not just "DO Worship". Just because we are singing does not mean we are truly worshipping. So, Let's Continue to Make a Joyful Noise in Praise to God!



*June Birthday List is available in the wall holder outside Lauren's office.*