

# The Booneville Baptist

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*A place to belong... a place to become.*

MAY 31, 2009

## OPPORTUNITIES

**May 31 - June 6, 2009**

**Deacon on Call: Hubert McDaniel**

### **Sunday, May 31:**

- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
(WBIP-AM 1400)
- 6:30 p.m. Evening Worship
- Youth Choir Homecoming Concert**  
(WBVV-FM 99.3)

### **Wednesday, June 3:**

- 5:00 p.m. VBS Kick-off
- 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, June 5:**

- 8:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship  
Service Broadcast (Cable 16,  
[www.ubntv.org](http://www.ubntv.org))

Visit our church website ([www.fbcbooneville.com](http://www.fbcbooneville.com))  
for upcoming events and previous editions  
of the newsletter.

## **Son Rock Kid's Camp Vacation Bible School**

**June 8 - 12**  
**9:00 until 12: noon**

**Kids entering K - leaving 6th grade  
welcome!**

**Limited van rides available for  
those without other transportation.  
Call the week before - 728-6272.**

## **Upcoming Events for June**

**VBS Kick-Off**  
Wednesday, June 3  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

**VBS**  
June 8 - 12  
9:00 AM - 12:00 noon

**JoyMakers Luncheon & Program**  
Thursday, June 11  
12:00 noon

**VBS at**  
**Prentiss Industries DayHab**  
June 15 - 20

**Good News Children's Camp**  
June 21 - 27  
Chickasaw State Park, TN

**Youth Xtreme Summer  
Conference**  
June 29 - July 3  
Panama City

# Haunted by the Past

By: Dr. Lynn Jones

Halford Luccock once wrote, "Every person's mind is a haunted house. Through it flit the ghosts of vanished yesterdays." There are bits and pieces of yesterday that are scattered through the lives of us all. You cannot escape them. In the words of Frederick Buechner, "You carry your past with you the way a snail carries his shell." It is on your back. It will not go away.

You may have memories that haunt you. The pasts of us all are marked by sin and failure. Great rivers are generally very crooked. The reason they are crooked is because they follow the course of least resistance. Wherever the ground is lowest or the soil is the softest that is where the river chooses to make its channel. Often that is why our lives are crooked. They take the course of least resistance. We go the way that costs us nothing.

Too many people are haunted by the past. A college professor asked a student if she were interested in studying history. "No," she replied, "I think it is best to let bygones be bygones." It is not quite that simple in dealing with your past. You cannot cut yourself off from your past. You may try to destroy it, but the best that you can do is bury it alive. And even then it won't stay buried. It returns to power dressed as anxiety and regret.

The ultimate solution to our past is not to ignore it or attempt to bury it. What we need to do is face up to it. That's what the gospel demands. The gospel is bad news before it is good news. It begins with the word, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." It does not try to sweep the past under the rug. It hon-

estly confronts it and confesses how bad it is. Having done that, then the gospel gives us a new opportunity.

In seminary New Testament courses, we studied about a type of manuscript called a "palimpsest." The New Testament documents were written in a day when writing materials were scarce. There was no paper. One of the materials on which most of them were written was papyrus (from which we get our term "paper"). Papyrus was made by taking reeds that grew along the Nile River, cutting the reeds open, pressing them flat, letting them dry, and then gluing the strips together to form a white, flexible writing material.

Occasionally, a person would want to write or copy a New Testament document and had only papyrus on which something had already been written. In such a case, the writer would erase the old message and write the new message over it. By carefully examining the manuscript, you can often see traces of the old message behind the new one. Such a document is called a "palimpsest."

That is what happens to us in Christ. He comes to erase the old bad message of sin and disobedience and to write the good news of grace and forgiveness in our lives. He can take care of the past that haunts you today if you will trust Him for it.

--Sunday's Sermons:

AM: "Getting Ready for Finals"

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

PM: Youth Choir in Concert

## COUNTING COMMITTEE:

David Jones, JoAnn Long

## USHERS:

### AM

Mark Pitner, Jerry Keeton,  
Buddy Smith, Hubert McDaniel,  
Ernie McCoy, Todd Dickerson

### PM

Earl Millsaps, Travis Browder,  
Dan Volk

## EXTENDED SESSION:

### May Coordinator

Andrea Mathis (720-0937)

### May 31:

Donna Pitner  
Tammy Jackson  
Laurie McBride

### June 7:

Catherine Mincy  
Lisa Wright  
Sean Reynolds

## Pray for our Homebound:

Mrs. Mavis Morgan  
Mrs. Billie McGlaun

## IN SYMPATHY

*Christian sympathy and our prayers are extended to Ray and Wendy Scott and family in the loss of his grandmother,*

*Mrs. Mary Scott*

*and to*

*Roger and Mary Rhodes and family in the loss of their grandson, Austin Rhodes.*

## GIFTS RECEIVED

*Gifts have been received by First Baptist Church in memory of Austin Rhodes Dakota Nanney E. G. Lindsey Theresa Thompson A. D. Jenkins*

<b>May 24, 2009</b>	
Sunday School	252
Budget	\$6,234.00
Designated Offering	<u>1,486.00</u>
Total	\$7,720.00

**JoyMakers Luncheon and Program**  
 Thursday, June 11  
 12:00 noon

Joe and Mike Carter are in charge of the program. If you are not a part of this great group, but are 55 or over—come join us!!



**Katherine Taylor Fones**

Matt and Anne-Taylor (Smith) Fones proudly announce the birth of their daughter on December 3, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Great-grandparents are the late Taylor and Undine Smith.

*You are invited to a reception celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Bill and Marion Duncan*  
 Saturday, June 6, 2009  
 5:00 to 7:00 PM  
 First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
 110 Lawrence Street  
 Macon, Mississippi

*Hosted by their children and the First Baptist Church Family  
 No gifts please*

You are invited to a Bridal Shower Tea honoring *Julie Brooke Thomas* and *Blake Jones*

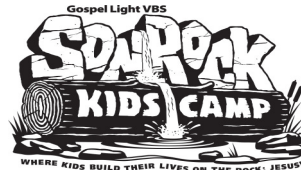
on Sunday, June 7, 2009  
 from 1:30 until 3:30 PM  
 First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall



# MUSIC NOTES

## Youth Choir Homecoming Concert Sunday, May 31 6:30 PM

You won't want to miss this evening of music, video and testimony of God's wonderful work this past week in Cincinnati. Please invite friends to join you as we celebrate God's wonderful blessings to our church through the youth trip this past week!



### VBS 2009!!

Our sixth graders have been rehearsing for weeks in preparation for this year's Vacation Bible School Musical. We look forward to a great week of local mission work here in our church.

Won't you be in prayer for the sixth graders and the teachers as they prepare for this crucial week in the life of our church?

**Vacation Bible School — June 8 - 12  
 9:00 AM until noon**

# EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

*Just a reminder...*

**ALL Teachers and Leaders**  
 (Sunday School, Mission Kids, Bible Drill, etc.)  
 Please turn in your commitment cards for the new year by this coming Sunday.

***Kids' Club***  
 Wednesday nights  
 6:30 - 7:30 PM  
 in the CLC Game Room



An adult Bible study is also being offered in the Fellowship Hall at the same time. Please bring your children to the game room area.

**Vans will not run this summer.**

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**YOUTH NEWS**

***Xtreme Summer Conference***

June 29 - July 3  
Panama City

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