

Weekly Reports

	7/27	8/03	*MTD
Sunday School Attendance	105	123	
Worship Attendance	114	n/a	
Budget Offering	\$7,131.32	\$7,410.25	\$28,133.83
Weekly Budget Needs	\$9091.00	*Received Month-To-Date	

MEMBERS IN SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

Nursery - Pam Morgan, Mitzi Burton

Children's Church (Ages 4-1st) - April Sanford, Wendy Balog

Deacon of the Week - W. I. Dawson

MEMBERS IN SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Nursery - Mary Ann Partain, Nancy Frye

Children's Church (4 thru 1st) - Pat Allen, Rita Worsham

Deacon of the Week - David Frye

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The First Word

A newsletter for family and friends of Greenbrier First Baptist Church August 8, 2014

FOR STUDENTS

5th Quarter Rally

August 22nd

After the game until 11:00 PM

Live Band: Devin Williams

Food, Door Prizes and Inflatables

Invite your friends!



Last Minute Sign-Up:

PASSION 2015

College, career and high school seniors ages 18-25 are invited to attend January 2-4, 2015 in Atlanta. The cost is \$ 139 per person (includes transportation and hotel). A \$20 deposit is due this Sunday, August 10th. See Bro. Nathan or Ashton Burgess for details. PASSION Events sell out FAST! Get your deposit in and save your spot!

Thank You

We want to thank our church family for the flowers, food, cards and especially your prayers following the passing of Betty's mother. May God continue to bless and use each of us for His will.

Betty and Steve Branch

First & Third Sundays

Our Men's Ministry hosts a fellowship before Sunday School on the first and third Sundays of the month. Join us in the main hallway at 8:45 AM for a cup of coffee and a breakfast snack.

Mark Your Calendar:

Saturday, Sept. 27 - Women's Luncheon
In Fellowship Hall

From Your Pastor - Nathan Washburn

These are Exciting Days!—A Church Update

These have been some exciting days the last few weeks as we've seen some great things happen—a family join the church, a public confession of Christ by baptism, several come forward for prayer, and a great business meeting this past Sunday night. There was a great spirit of fellowship and anticipation in the meeting. One major thing that took place was that we voted to affirm our teachers and volunteer leaders for the next year. We have a great set of teachers and volunteers, and I thank you for be willing to serve, and I pray that God would give you strength and wisdom as you lead and teach this year.

Another item was that we heard an update on the use of our parking lot for parents to pick up children from the middle school. We have discontinued the use of our parking lot in the afternoon per a request by the middle school that we do so. They are seeking to keep the students safe by having them picked up on school property. This will also help keep students safer by not requiring them to cross Parker Avenue in order to get picked up. It will also cut down on the loitering of students on our grounds in the afternoon while waiting for rides or walking home.

The biggest item of the business meeting Sunday evening was that we voted to create the position of *Student and Family Pastor* and approve the job description affixed to it! This means that we will now set forth a candidate

for this position, which the Youth Committee already has. This comes after much prayer and searching, and we anticipate that having another full-time pastor on staff will expand greatly the amount of ministry and leadership we are able to offer. Our ultimate prayer is that this will lead to many people coming to Christ and that we would be able to make disciples more effectively with his presence here.

Coming Soon—Community Groups

The #1 thing that families are looking for in a church is not quality of preaching or style of music—it's a sense of community. This fall, on October 5, we will be launching Community Groups, which will be held in homes across Greenbrier to foster a sense of community and to reach out into our neighborhoods. This will expand the church's ability to reach people where they are and will provide us with a fresh vision to be about reaching those who are in our "Jerusalem." Stay tuned for more info!

Need for the Holy Spirit

About a week ago our family went out to try to fly a kite together. We bought one a while back (for Kara) and had been wanting to try it for some time. We had a beautiful afternoon this particular day, so we decided to try it. We ran with the kite, it lifted in the air, we let out a little string, and it floated back to the ground. We tried it again, this time with a little more effort. Again, it fell. We tried several times, each one resulting in the kite lying motionless on the ground. There wasn't enough

wind. It wasn't going to happen.

As we think forward to our plans and vision for this Fall and the excitement and expectancy that comes with renewed purpose and passion, we need to realize that we have to have wind for this vision to take off. We have to have the Holy Spirit blow through our church and lift this new direction and vision off the ground. Otherwise, we will try and try and run and run, but our vision will float softly back to the ground, where it will lie motionless.

O Father, we pray that as we seek to make disciples who love Christ and love people that your Holy Spirit would move in our church and community to draw people to faith in you. We pray that Christ would be central to everything we do, and that we would fade into the background as He takes center stage. Be glorified through us and expand your kingdom in Greenbrier and the rest of the world through your servants here. To you alone belong all power, all glory, and all honor. Amen!

Sunday Sermon Series

Join us at 10:30 AM for "Identity"

August 10 - Relationships At Work

Ephesians 6:5-9

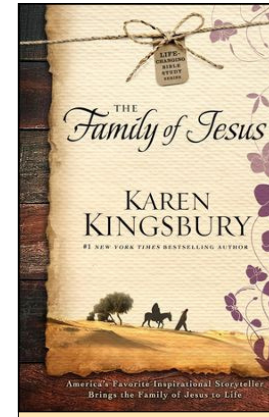
August 17 - Relating to the Spiritual Realm

Ephesians 6:10-24

Dorcas Room Needs:

We supplied lots of school children with clothes during our Backpack Giveaway so we are in need of a few items if you have these to donate:

- winter coats (for all ages)
- children's winter clothes (size 5 thru teens)

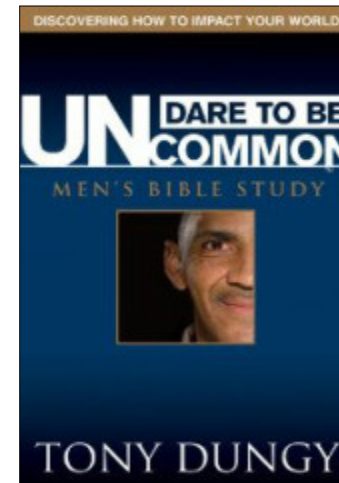


Deadline to register for the Fall Women's Study is August 17th

"The Family of Jesus"

PAY AND REGISTER ONLINE
www.greenbrierfirst.com

Contact Mary Ann Brooks for details. Cost is \$18.



For Men:

We will begin a 7-week Bible study group, "Dare to Be UnCommon," on September 24th at 6:30 PM. We will meet on Wednesday nights. The study is open to church members

and friends in the community. See our website for more details or contact Butch Savage. **There is no cost! All materials will be supplied.**