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WELCOME !



Dear Friends,

In the recent past an email came to my attention called "The Manhattan Declaration." As I read the declaration, I was not only inspired by the truths it declared, but also by the united voice of so many Christian leaders in our nation. I would like to urge you to visit the website at www.manhattandeclaration.org, read the declaration and consider uniting with hundreds of thousands of Christians in our land who are making their voice heard and standing on the truths of God's Word and the principles upon which our country is founded.

Let me give you some information about the Manhattan Declaration that I pulled from the website:

ABOUT THE MOVEMENT:

In 2009 a number of Christian leaders known for their public witness on behalf of justice, human rights, and the common good came together in shaping the historic Manhattan Declaration. It was born out of an urgent concern about growing efforts to marginalize the Christian voice in the public square, to redefine marriage, and to move away from the biblical view of the sanctity of life. It was originally signed by 150 prominent Christian clergy, ministry leaders and scholars and was released at a press conference in Washington, DC, on November 20, 2009.

It is important to understand that the Manhattan Declaration is a call of Christian Conscience. It speaks to the church just as much as it speaks to the larger culture. In fact, it is a clarion call to the church to take a stand on three vital issues: the sanctity of life the dignity of marriage as the union of one man and one woman and religious liberty. Every day new threats emerge to these three core principles of a good and just society. And every day more and more people respond by adding their names to the Declaration. Each of these signers has committed to speak and act in defense of biblical truths with respect to the three issues it addresses. Each agrees that these truths are not open to compromise. And each has become part of a growing movement of people standing shoulder-to-shoulder in defense of these three vital moral issues.

WHY I SIGNED:

The Manhattan Declaration focuses on three vital principles of justice and the common good on which the signers say they will not compromise: the sanctity of human life in all stages and conditions, the dignity of marriage as the conjugal union of husband and wife, and religious liberty and freedom of conscience. The Declaration is a message from men and women of faith to both the church and the larger culture.

Dr. Albert Mohler, president of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, wrote that he signed it ". . . because I want to put my name on its final pledge – that we will not bend the knee to Caesar. We will not participate in any subversion of life. We will not be forced to accept any other relationship as equal in status or rights to heterosexual marriage. We will not refrain from proclaiming the truth – and we will order our churches and institutions and ministries by Christian conviction."

I'm greatly concerned about the road that our country is taking, and I want to do all that I can to help turn her back around. I urge you to visit the website, www.manhattandeclaration.org and consider taking a united stand by signing your name and then forwarding the information to your friends and family.

God has us here for such a time as this.

Yours to Count on,

James Walker
Senior Pastor



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Lines of latitude and longitude make up a grid system developed to help determine the location of points on the Earth. These lines run both north & south (latitude) and east & west (longitude) across the planet. Latitude and longitude help you find your way by pinpointing your location.

Alpharetta, Georgia is located at 34° north & 84° west. FBCA's quarterly magazine is named 34:84 because our church is strategically positioned to reach the Alpharetta community. This is our zone provided by God to unite the people of this area to impact the world.

Looking for a place to belong? Check out 34:84 and see what God is doing through First Baptist Church of Alpharetta!

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Falling into place



"FBCA Wives Spring Dinner" brought women of our church together for one exciting evening. On Saturday, May 15th, the staff wives hosted a women's dinner. Members and guests as well as young and old shared an evening of worship, encouragement and FUN. Daphne Schaffer led the praise and worship and Jane Bateman spoke God's grace through her testimony. Decisions were made. Three prayed to receive Christ.

The pastors' wives hosted the evening. Debbie Walker, Jeannie Phillips, Brittany Gerard, Vanda Harrill, Jismarie Ramos, and Lisa Holcomb, provided leadership with an army of others who helped. The pastors' wives were introduced and had a special treat that surprised everyone, including themselves- a music video! No way to describe it, you just have to see it.

Watch for Women's Ministry activities in the Fall. Join a Women's Bible Study in the fall. We have many women's prayer groups. Join one and know God's power along with intimate fellowship. We will have a similar activity to the Spring Wives Dinner as well as a special mission project.

As our Women's leadership team forms, expect opportunities to be more involved in reaching and discipling the women of our community.

Our May Dinner theme verse was, "My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me." We are sheep, and there are many sheep who need to follow their shepherd. We have much to do and invite you to be part this ministry God is building at FBCA.



Vanda is the wife of David Harrill, Pastor of Ministry Development and the mother to Caleb, Ashlee and David Andrew.



We announced the details of the Pursuing the Vision campaign in May and officially began the 52-week campaign on June 1. Our church family has begun to respond. As of July 11, 2010, we have received 122 commitments totaling almost \$600,000. Of the committed amount, we have received \$309,000 which is about 52%. Praise God for this provision! If you have not turned in your commitment card or want more information on the Pursuing the Vision campaign, please talk to a staff member or come by the church office and we will be glad to assist you.

MAKING A POSITIVE FIRST IMPRESSION



As Director of Assimilation, Kraig Kelsey oversees the First Impression Ministry. First Impression is exactly what the title indicates: First Baptist Alpharetta's first impression to guests and others visiting our campus. Those serving in this ministry are greeters, parking greeters, ushers and hospitality hosts.

First time guests makes up their mind whether or not to return within the first 3 minutes of their visit. Making their decision starting in the parking lot, through the doors, the halls, the bathrooms, the worship center, connect groups, and more. First Impression does not focus just on guests but everyone's overall experience when attending church. Our goal is to share the love of Christ through our first impression and ultimately see more people in a relationship with Jesus Christ. The First Impression ministry is currently seeking people to serve in the following areas: door greeters, parking greeters, ushers, and hospitality hosts. If you are interested in exploring this serving opportunity, please contact Kraig Kelsey, Director of Assimilation at kkelsey@fbca.com for details.

You HAVE A PLACE AT FBCA



Jennifer Hanekom wanted to find her PLACE in life and ministry so she attended a Wednesday night PLACE class last spring. After a one to one coaching session, which helps you understand how God has uniquely created you, she understood her strengths and how she could use

her life to serve in ministry. Jennifer's personality, giftedness, abilities, passion and life experiences guided her to a serving role on the Extreme Week Vacation Bible School drama team. Jennifer began *giving her life away*, preparing and rehearsing for the big week. Jennifer demonstrated her passion by performing that week and received wholehearted fulfillment in honoring God with her life.

Others, like Jennifer, are finding their PLACE in life and ministry by attending a PLACE workshop. PLACE is a Bible-based self-discovery process that helps people find their PLACE in life and ministry. It consists of five lessons taught by Kraig Kelsey, Director of Assimilation. Wednesday evening and weekend workshops are available this Fall.

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| August 28-29 | 5 hour weekend PLACE Workshop
(Saturday night/Sunday morning) |
| September | 5 week Wednesday evening
PLACE Workshop |
| October | 5 week Wednesday evening
PLACE Workshop |
| Oct. 16-17 | 5 hour weekend PLACE Workshop
(Saturday night/Sunday morning) |

Specific dates, times, workshop locations and registration can be found at www.fbca.com

Attend a PLACE Workshop today!

Find your life as you give it away!

Matthew 16:25

Student Ministry Summertime

RECAP

beach camp

At the beginning of this summer, 105 of us made our way to Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat Center in South Carolina to spend a week growing closer to each other and to God.

Each morning we spent individual quiet times while sitting on one of God's beautiful creations, the beach! Then we went back to the retreat center for worship led by The Warehouse Band. Ryan Britt then spoke, challenging us to live for the camp's theme "Move." After worship, we had free time to spend hanging out with each other on the beach or at the pool. Next, we headed into another worship service. Night services were often heavier than those in the morning as we pushed deeper into many issues we face as teenagers. We then broke into small group sessions to talk and pray with each other on a personal level.

Beach camp was a great experience for everyone. We were able to learn more about each other and to grow closer as a group, which will be important as our ministry continues to grow. We are already looking forward to what God has in store for us next year!

A beautiful part of Beach Camp were the Ocean Baptisms.

In what ways were you able to grow in your relationship with God this week?

Hallie Canada: "God really opened my eyes to where my relationship with Him was and where it needed to be."

Trevor Durham: "I was able to worship God freely in a way that I've never experienced before."

Alex Matthews: "Through opening up and worshiping more freely I realized that I am to live my life for God."

Harry Schaefer: "I was able to feel more of what God wanted me to do and where he wanted me to go."



Top: Each morning, students started the day with personal quiet time on the beach.

A group photo of all who attended this year's Beach Camp

Ocean Baptisms (from left to right): Donnie Amos, Sarah Anne Winchester, Madison Johnson, Sarah Springer, Chase Burkhead, Conner Skelton stand with Justin Holcomb, Student Pastor.

JUNE 20-23, 33 middle schoolers participated in WeServe, along with 13 high school volunteers and 8 adult chaperones. FBCA Student Ministry had the opportunity to serve the community versus going on a mission trip away from home. WeServe opened the eyes of many students to the world around them and how they can better impact their community for Christ's glory.

WeServe began on Sunday with a prayer walk around the community. The group prayed at Alpharetta City Hall, Wills Park and Northwestern Middle School. For three nights the girls slept in the Azalea Room, and the boys were in the Student Café. Monday was when the real work began. We split into three groups. Each group was responsible for completing several jobs. One group went to *No Longer Bound* (a drug and alcohol recovery facility in North Georgia) to do yard work and also helped with the *FBCA Golf Classic* on Tuesday. Another group went to a *Foster Care Support Foundation* to fold and sort clothing. The third group did yard work for several church members and also volunteered at North Fulton Charities. Each group also worked around our own church cleaning rooms and closets,

washing windows, and touching up paint. On Wednesday, all our hard work was rewarded with a trip to Six Flags White Water Park.

During the WeServe project, we were able to see the number of missions opportunities we have in our backyard. We learned the importance of serving in our own community as loyal followers of Christ.

How were you able to show God's love to others this week?

Joseph Berrios: "Showing others our passion for serving in His name"

Blake Durham: "Helping people do things they wouldn't be able to do on their own"

Callie Addington: "Helping others out and making their lives a little bit easier"

Sam Schaefer: "Serving food for people at 7Bridges (a Ministry to rescue the lost in Atlanta). It looked like they really appreciated it!"



Whitney Durham is the daughter of Mike and Janis Durham, granddaughter of Donald and Barbara Durham, and sister to Trevor and Blake Durham and has attended FBCA all her life. Whitney will be attending North Georgia College & State University this fall.

weServe

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY:

Vital Role at FBCA ...with JOY and gladness

FBCA's JOY Ministry experienced "JOY in the Hills" and "Smoke on the Mountain" in May and June. We not only survived the elevated activities – we had a blast! We laughed, learned and fellowshiped. Some may be wondering about the ministry that takes us to such great heights.

JOY Ministry is the name of our older adult ministry. JOY is an acronym for "Just Older Youth." Our purpose is to keep FBCA's older adults ministering, worshipping, reaching and equipping in line with the Omega Mandate. The JOY Ministry is active and vital at FBCA as evident by their recent trips.

"JOY in the Hills" was a trip to Pigeon Forge on May 3rd-5th. Twenty-five traveled to the hills of Tennessee to watch four shows and musical dramas, and they never missed a meal. The trip was fantastic. The food was outstanding.

On June 18th a group of forty-seven experienced "Smoke on the Mountain." The JOY Ministry made a one day trip traveling to two of Georgia's most beautiful, luxurious estates. We enjoyed eating at the historic Norman's Landing Restaurant followed by the inspirational and hilarious musical play, "Smoke on the Mountain." Great fun! By now you may be asking, "What's next for this group?"

UPCOMING JOY EVENTS

August (date TBD)	Madison Tour/Blue Willow Inn
October 11th	Elijay Fall Apple Festival
November 15th	Thanksgiving Feast at FBCA
December (date TBD)	Biltmore Estate/Cove Christmas Trip

Mark your calendars for these 2 exciting trips in 2011!

April 2011	Callaway Gardens
May 2011	Lancaster, PA Amish Country Trip

After hearing about this group some of you may wonder, "What age is an 'older adult' and how do I sign up?" Good questions. Your age depends on you. Whether fifty or up you are welcome and will not find better people who will love you as you grow together in your relationship with Jesus Christ.

There are several ways to sign up. Keep listening in your Connect Groups, and visit www.FBCA.com. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Kaus at 770.475.6556 ext. 1503, lkaus@fbca.com. Lisa loves older adults and does a phenomenal job assisting our JOY Ministry. JOY receives staff leadership from Lisa Kaus (Ministry Assistant), Kraig Kelsey (Staff Adviser) and David Harrill (Interim Senior Adult Pastor).

By David Harrill



First Baptist Alpharetta Men's Ministry:

FIRST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Our 1st annual Golf Classic on June 22 was a huge success! The Golf Classic raised \$2,700 to date for the Single Mother's Ministry (SMM), and more is still coming in. What a great day!

Our initial goal was 40 golfers, but God took us further than we had hoped. The Golf Classic had 22 sponsors, 63 players and 15 volunteers including 10 middle school students. Over 30 players were outside of the FBCA family. The golfers enjoyed a great day on the links even though they had to drink a jug of water at every hole due to the heat.

"I want to thank everyone for helping the Single Mother's Ministry. The additional funds will assist the families in need."

– Edwin Stinson

The Single Mother's Ministry (SMM) created its mission more than 21 years ago. Aligning with our Omega Mandate, the ministry is a chance to serve or help our neighbors by providing care or meeting the needs of single mothers, their children, widows and orphans.

The SMM also provides housing assistance (rent, repairs, utility bill payments), tutoring for children and gifts for the mothers and children. In addition, generous donations of dishes, food, clothing and medical prescription payments are given to the families. To help the mothers get back on their feet financially, SMM provides them with a financial budgeting service, which includes help with their taxes.

Don Rountree, Ken Morton, David Mimms, Edwin Stinson, David Harrill and Kraig Kelsey did a great job of putting the tournament together. God provided people and sponsors in every way to make this a success.

Pictured above (from left to right): Brian Taylor, Arno Hanekom and Jason Phillips

The NEW SEASON of WORSHIP



The worship team at FBCA has some great new things planned for this next season of ministry. We are expectant of what God will do through us to impact our church and our community. It is our desire to lead our church body towards experiencing God in a deeper, fresher way than ever before. Here are some of the exciting things kicking off this fall:

PRAISE CHOIR

If you have a heart for worship and a passion for singing to the Lord, then the FBCA praise choir is your place! This fall we will be singing new music that you do not want to miss. Our new season of ministry will kick off August 11th in the choir room (underground) and will be followed by a picnic at Wills Park on Saturday, August 21st. This will be a fellowship event for anyone involved in the worship ministry and their families. If you want to become a part of the choir, just come to our rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Come join us and be a part of this family of worship.

PRAISE BAND

The praise band is looking for new talent. If you are gifted and proficient in any of the rhythm section instruments this might be the perfect place for you to serve.

PRAISE TEAM

If you have a developed talent for singing, this might be your place of service. This auditioned team consists of committed choir members. We are currently looking for more men to join the Praise team.

TECH TEAM

If you have a talent for technical things, then this is your area of service. We are in need of committed volunteers to help us develop this area and take it to the next level.

If you are interested in being a part of any of these teams, please contact Lisa Kaus in the worship office at lkaus@fbca.com or by phone at 770-475-6556 for details.

PROJECT CHRISTMAS

Our new Christmas initiative this year is called **Project Christmas!** This is an exciting, fresh way our church will be able to impact our community with the message of Jesus and His coming to earth to redeem a broken world.

Project Christmas is intended to be a benefit concert as we partner with different organizations to give back and help needy children in our community and abroad. At each concert, our audience will be given the opportunity to give to specific organizations. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to help impoverished and deprived children in our community and around the world. This will be a wonderful opportunity to join together with the community and give this Christmas away.

In order to bring this vision to life, WE NEED YOU! If you have a passion for and are talented in music or dance, this is your time to join us. Also, if you've always wanted to be a part of the choir but are not able to commit year-round, this is the

perfect opportunity to do so. If you are interested in being a part of any of these areas (music or dance) please contact Lisa Kaus in the worship office at lkaus@fbca.com or by phone at 770-475-6556 for details. Come join us and be a part of this new and exciting Christmas season at FBCA!

SAVE THE DATE:

CHRISTMAS CHOIR RETREAT AND KICKOFF

September 17-18, 2010

PROJECT CHRISTMAS

December 10-12, 2010



Christian Ramos and his wife, Jismarie joined the FBCA family in April 2010. Christian is our Worship Pastor at FBCA and is leading us into a deeper and relevant worship experience every Sunday 9:30am & 11:00am.

FBCA MAKING DISCIPLES REACHING OTHER NATIONS...



In June our church sent a team of eight to work alongside two local churches, Pueblo Escogido and Fuente de Amor, and the faithful local servants of ITAM (It Took a Miracle) in Maracaibo, Venezuela. This team represented our Lord and His body as His hands and feet. The Lord blessed the team and they want to encourage you to discover ways to join God in His work to reach the nations. Once every nation has heard the Good News, then our Lord will return to claim His bride!

WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Brian: My first trip to Maracaibo I focused on doing, doing, doing. This year, I said, "Lord, it's not about what I will do—or can do. Lord, it's all about everything YOU alone accomplish through me. I'm Your willing vessel—Your hands, Your feet." The Lord does amazing deeds when we are His submissive servants. He's glorified, and lives are changed.

Mark: The people in Venezuela have many needs; God loves them so much. Going there to serve is almost easy. However, God loves my rich neighbor—or the family on my child's sports team—just as much; they have as much spiritual need as the people of Maracaibo. I should not look any differently upon the people that have so much materially than I look at the poverty-stricken people that we served in Venezuela. Jesus looked on the rich, young ruler and loved, rather than condemned, him. Jesus died for our neighbors here just as he died for the needy in Venezuela—or anywhere else.

WHAT CONVICTED YOU?

Brian: God revealed His power through believers totally sold out to Him, completely reliant upon the Spirit's moving. The complete devotion of the people from Pueblo Escogido and Fuente de Amor models His love as the Source from which ALL else flows. I was overwhelmed by how rich we can be in Him, regardless of our surroundings. The people love as Jesus loves—with all they are, without restraint or preconceived ideas. Our relationship with Jesus is all we need.

Perhaps creature comforts are the most readily-available, widely-used tools of Satan. Those comforts quickly distracted me from the Lord's continued work through Christ in me after last year's trip. If the Spirit ceased to move in me, would I notice? Has comfort so enamored me that I merely preside over earthly pursuit, never seeking God's guidance?

As we separate ourselves from the comforts of home, from things and people upon which we rely, we enter a right relationship with our Lord in which we are made whole and proven useful. Christ sacrificed everything for us. Does He require anything less from us? As His disciples, we leave all behind, saying, "Yes, Lord, I'll follow You—wherever, whenever, however."

WHAT WOULD SURPRISE US ABOUT THIS TRIP?

Brian: When you go to Maracaibo, you will be well-fed, well-nourished with clean drinking water. The housing is very adequate, and you'll be safe. Beyond that, the work that the Spirit does in you is tremendous. Throughout the construction, feeding ministries, carnivals, and the testimony of your changed life, Christ heaps undeserved, yet tremendously rich, blessings onto His obedient servant.

WOULD YOU ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO GO?

Brian: Christ calls each of us to go and to "make disciples of all nations." Jesus does not list names of people or churches through whom He will fulfill His command. He calls every believer. There is a need in Maracaibo, Venezuela—to teach them to observe all that Jesus has commanded us; to feed families that subsist off garbage from four-square-miles of city dump; and to provide healing and a new mindset—things that only Jesus can provide. Christ needs willing disciples that respond: "Whatever, whenever, however."

Mark: To allow God to stretch you is the greatest way to grow. We create and attempt to remain within comfort zones. God can only use us to a certain point when we stay where we are comfortable. Going on mission for God is a great way to be obedient and to let God stretch your comfort zone at the same time!

Brian: For years I experienced the conviction to obey His command to make disciples of all nations. I told the Lord, "My 'yes' is on the table." However, He wants more than my "yes." He requires a life solely devoted to Him, willing to make sacrifices out of obedience. I've discovered no greater blessing—you'll receive no greater reward—than obeying His call to go.

What's keeping you from going? Finances? He will provide. Family? He'll protect and care for them. Go, and be blessed. When you return you'll be a more devoted follower of Christ, a better father, mother, spouse or friend. As His disciple, heed His call to disciple all nations.



Writer Carol Bailey joined Jason Phillips, Mark Kreikemeier, Brian Miller, Michael Reeves, David Mimms, Leo Terrazzo, and Melissa Fuqua on the June trip to Maracaibo, Venezuela. She hopes that you will join next year's trek to reach the nations; there are 12 villages near the city dump.

PRAYER: *a Privilege*

There are obvious misconceptions about Prayer in church. First that "they" will take care of the praying and secondly that Prayer is only for the "Saints" and the "lofty ones." The God's 300, the prayer ministry of FBCA, wants to challenge those misconceptions and bring a new outlook of prayer to you.

God's 300 leads our people in praying over the church and her needs. Praying for God's Power, Protection and Provision for the church is essential to the church's health and well being. Currently, we have 20 PRAYER GROUPS that meet once a week for one hour to pray over the church guided by the quarterly God's 300 prayer guide.

In addition we have 30 POINT PERSONS who pray individually each week for an hour using the God's 300 prayer guide. Among our groups we have commonalities that bring them together: Men's groups, Women's groups, Co-Ed groups, Women with small children and even a Men's group that requires a breakfast biscuit and coffee for entry. (Sounds good to me!)

I hear a variety of comments that have come from several PRAYER GROUP members. The group members have described their prayer groups as affinity groups. They say they depend on their prayer group for support, because they have the freedom to laugh and weep together. Several have said they have grown spiritually deeper and have actually gone from not knowing how to pray to praying effectively with confidence.

It is crucial for our church to be lifted and covered consistently with prayer. I like to compare it to "Manning the Wall." Like soldiers who are assigned to man the wall of a fort or city, we are to man the wall around FBCA with prayers that are focused, purposeful and alert to current needs or threats.

On the same foundational level as our PRAYER GROUPS and POINT PERSONS, we have a new addition to our prayer ministry: POWER POINT. POWER POINT is prayer coverage during the

- Sunday morning worship services.
- The prayer ministry is tapping into the organization of our
- Connect Group ministry. Each
- adult Connect Group will provide prayer coverage for a worship service about once every four to six weeks. It is not intimidating or indifferent. Surprisingly, people will find it quite the opposite because they will be among friends.

In addition to our foundation of PRAYER GROUPS, POINT PERSONS and POWER POINT, God's 300 has involved FBCA in other prayer efforts. Our National Day of Prayer was a victory, getting many involved in prayer coverage for our Nation. We had 109 for the prayer breakfast and 130 participated in the 24 hour prayer coverage that day. We rejoiced in FBCA's participation in the National Day of Prayer.

There are many opportunities at FBCA to get involved in the Prayer Ministry. We have had growth and success in this vital ministry this year, but it will never be enough if you are not involved.

Everything that is supernatural in this church rises and falls on prayer coverage. If we fail to pray, we fail to see God work. Why is it then, that so many don't involve themselves in this vital ministry? Is it because "they" will take care of it? NO! It is a privilege for you, and I am asking for you to get involved.

For more information contact us at prayer@fbca.com



Debbie Walker is the wife of Senior Pastor, Dr. James Walker and the mother of four terrific children: Amy, Ian, Jamie & Emma. Debbie began the God's 300 Prayer Ministry in 2009 and is passionate about the power and responsibility of prayer in our lives.



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EXTREME WEEK VBS: JUNE 14-18TH



- Average of 350 kids and 100 staff and volunteers each day
- 35 decisions for Christ (most of them not from FBCA)
- 1750 snacks and drinks served to kids
- 3 days to build the stage set & 3 hours to tear it down
- A canoe full of canned goods donated to North Fulton Charities
- 1 crazy Ernie character!!

Extreme Week 2010 is over and what an awesome week it was! We saw God do some great things during the week and we got to see kids' lives changed, which is really what it's all about. This is something that our Children's KidCity team has been working on since January, and it turned out to be an incredible week of fun, learning, and growth for those who attended. Thanks again to all of the volunteers who participated during the week. We could not have done it without you.

If you missed it or would like to check out what went on each day, visit the Extreme Week page at fbca.com to view videosband pictures from each day.



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upcoming events

PROMOTION SUNDAY - August 15th

All children and youth promote to their next year age group for Connect Groups.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL KICKOFF - August 25TH

Come out and see what classes and opportunities we will be offering for our Fall Semester. Dinner and fellowship.

UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING Winter league sign ups begin September 1st

FALL FESTIVAL - Sunday, October 24

PROJECT CHRISTMAS - December 10-12th

LCU Fall 2010 FBCA Equipping and Discipleship

Kickoff Night August 25 - 6:00-7:30pm in the Gym

Register for classes, church-wide fellowship and dinner

Dinner: \$6 for adults \$4 for kids (Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Ice Cream)

Classes this fall will include:

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

- Precept Study for Adults: *Revelation*
- Precept Study for Kids

MONDAY MORNING

- Parenting for Moms

MONDAY EVENING

- Grief Share
- Recovery Through Christ

TUESDAY MORNING

- Precept for Women: *Revelation*
- Beth Moore Bible Study

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- PLACE Ministry Workshop
- Leadership
- Parenting
- Marriage
- Men's Fellowship Group
- Open Group Bible Study

For more information on each of the classes offered this fall, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center or visit our website www.fbca.com.



Alpharetta Christian Academy and First Baptist Alpharetta invite you to our

2010 Fall Festival

Sunday, October 24th, 4:00-7:00pm

Join us for food, FREE games, prizes, inflatables, petting zoo, crafts and more!



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