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*"If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine:
and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:31-32*

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 11- July 15
9 a.m. to Noon

(see more details inside)

The purpose of Liberty Baptist Church is to **magnify God** through **reaching people** and **developing members toward Christ-like maturity**, preparing them for **personal ministry** and **worldwide mission**.

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FROM THE OF THE PASTOR

On May 1, I preached a message on remembering “Our First Love.” We looked at a church that found approval for its good deeds, its hard work, its perseverance and endurance, and its rejection of evil men and false teachers. This church, however, was accused (by the Lord) of leaving its first love. It was as if the church was saying, “I will keep on doing all the right things, but I do not really love you anymore.” It had neglected and distanced itself from close fellowship with the Savior. The people had lost intimacy, passion, and trust in Him. They had come to love what they did more than Whom they knew. They had become ritualistic, academic, and weary. They had lost love and wonder at the grace of God. We were challenged to ask God to “search me, O God, and know my heart.” What if we had left our first love? Then we were to remember from where we had fallen, repent, and repeat the deeds we did at first (with a passionate love for Jesus). In order to seek that our hearts would be renewed, our passions stirred, and Jesus would be and remain our first love, I began preaching a series “Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus.” The intent has been to help us fall deeper in love with our Savior; that we would not be distracted by secondary or peripheral matters, but would be focused on Him. We have already seen in the Scriptures that Jesus is Lord and Savior, Friend of Sinners, Our Advocate, Lamb of God, Chief Cornerstone, Holy One, Shepherd, Our Intercessor, and King of Kings. Continue to join with me each week as we keep our eyes fixed on Him.

Let me mention how proud I am of the youth of Liberty. They are a wonderful part of our church family. They were faithful to take part in camp this summer and God has been doing a work in their hearts. Several of them are “on mission” in Ocean City this week. Many of them will be serving as volunteers in our Vacation Bible School that begins on Monday. You should be thankful for and encouraging of these fine young men and young ladies.

My family and I will be on vacation the last week of July and first week of August. I am glad to share with you that Joel Rainey, our director of missions, will be preaching at Liberty on July 31 and Ron Schwier will be preaching on August 7. Please pray for these men as they prepare to proclaim God’s Word to you. Pray that your hearts will be receptive to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Lance



Thirteen youth and two adults attended reCharge youth camp at Skycroft during the month of June. The theme was understanding “Our Identity in Christ.” It was a great week as our group joined with a collective group of almost 200 campers from churches from four different states.

Six youth and five adults are ministering in Ocean City this week (July 2-9) under the leadership of Central Atlantic Leisure Ministries.

Stay tuned for other youth activities throughout the remainder of the summer.



**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL
July 11-15
9 a.m. - Noon
(pre-K thru 6th grade)**

The VBS motto this year is “Hear It! Believe It! Connect It!” and the VBS Scripture is Romans 10:17. This verse says, “So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.”

The children will engage in Bible studies, crafts, recreation, music, and missions each day.

Please pray for the children, parents, and volunteers participating in VBS during this week. Use these suggestions to guide you:

Day 1: Pray that kids will have open hearts to hear the Word and connect what they hear with their actions.

Day 2: Ask God to help kids see that our natural response to Jesus’ love should be to love Him.

Day 3: Pray for the kids who do not know Jesus as their Savior and Lord. Ask that God will begin to reveal His plan for their lives in His timing.

Day 4: Ask God to reveal opportunities for the kids to tell others what they are learning about Jesus.

Day 5: Pray that kids will have the courage to live out their faith and perform every action with love.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

There is a Bible study class for you every Sunday morning at 9:30. Liberty has been blessed with good and faithful teachers for all ages. If you are not active in a class, come on Sunday and we will introduce you to one.

VBS SPECIAL EVENTS

**“Extra Innings”
Tuesday, July 12
Noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Parents are invited to join us on the lawn for outdoor activities at the conclusion of VBS. Street vendors will be offering hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and water. Children may bring other lunch items and picnic on the lawn before heading off to jump on the moon bounce, write on the graffiti wall or play in a whiffle ball game. Other activities include face painting, photo spots, and carnival games. Bring your camera and wear sunscreen. (Parental supervision required for all preschoolers.)

**Family Night
Friday, July 15
7:00 p.m.**

Join us as we conclude our week on the Big Apple Adventure. We will be presenting the songs, pledges, and verses the children have learned this week. Afterwards, you may visit your child’s classroom and enjoy some light refreshments. (The entire Liberty family is invited to join in this end of VBS celebration!)

Missions Offering

We will be collecting an offering each day to go to the Baptist Family & Children’s Services. BFCS has been ministering to children and their families for over 90 years.

Welcome to the Liberty family!!!

Ashley Tracy, Lily Tracy, Christine Reiser, and Meredith Reiser were baptized on May 8.

Heather Anderson 07/04
 Bob Rimbey 07/06
 Daisy Goad 07/12
 Richard Pryor 07/14
 Victoria Barron 07/18
 Faustine Ervin 07/18
 Keith Roelands 07/18
 Damon Gerber 07/25
 Ray Wilder 07/30



Neva Kimble 08/01
 Debbie Foster 08/06
 Herb Aston 08/08
 Joyce Hopkins 08/17
 Don Cowherd 08/20
 Corey Dwyer 08/28
 Zach Dwyer 08/28
 Jane Colson 08/30

Richard & Carol Barron 07/07
 Milton & Leah Miller 07/19
 Bob & Debbie Foster 07/26

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Olivia Faith Frownfelter was born on June 22 to Michael and Shannon Frownfelter. Proud grandparents are Jack and Janet Severn.

Chloe Danielle Mulder was born on June 27 to Greg and Kellee Mulder. Proud grandparents are Boh and Brenda Mulder.

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH


(as of June 30, 2011)

2011 General Fund Budget	\$230,000.00
Budget Needs to Date	\$115,000.00
Budget Given to Date	\$114,109.71
Budget Spending to Date	\$110,826.24
Mortgage Balance as of 6/23	\$ 30,729.13

If you regularly contribute to Liberty Baptist Church and want to receive a year-end statement of giving for income tax purposes, you will need to use a numbered offering envelope. Envelopes are assigned by and available from Richard Barron.



	Sunday School	Worship
05/01	55	87
05/08	62	107
05/15	55	83
05/22	46	78
05/29	47	86
06/05	54	82
06/12	56	80
06/19	57	79
06/26	50	69



Men's Breakfast
 Saturday, August 6
 8:00 am
 Bring a breakfast food to share.
 (coffee & juice provided)

<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH STAFF</p> <p>Lance Metcalf, Senior Pastor Josh Steves, Music Director Brenda Mulder, Custodian</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DEACON OF THE WEEK</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">July</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">August</td> </tr> <tr> <td>03 - Paul Mied</td> <td>07 - Richard Barron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10 - Boh Mulder</td> <td>14 - Paul Mied</td> </tr> <tr> <td>17 - Richard Barron</td> <td>21 - Boh Mulder</td> </tr> <tr> <td>24 - Paul Mied</td> <td>28 - Richard Barron</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31 - Boh Mulder</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	July	August	03 - Paul Mied	07 - Richard Barron	10 - Boh Mulder	14 - Paul Mied	17 - Richard Barron	21 - Boh Mulder	24 - Paul Mied	28 - Richard Barron	31 - Boh Mulder	
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3 OCEAN CITY	4 Independence Day MISSION TRIP	5 OCEAN CITY	6 MISSION TRIP	7 OCEAN CITY	8 MISSION TRIP	9 ends
10	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 VBS	14 VBS	15 VBS	16
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June 2011

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			1	2 7PM - Church Council	3	4 8am - Men's Breakfast
5 H2H 7pm - "Experiencing God"	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 12 Noon - Youth Sub sale 7pm - "Experiencing God"	13	14	15 7PM - Quarterly Business Meeting	16	17	18
19 Father's Day	20	21	22	23	24	25
ReCharge, Skycroft Conference Center						
26 7pm - "Experiencing God"	27	28	29	30		