

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

7 Bill and Helen Jackson  
 19 Ray and Jody Steward  
 21 James and Debbie Byers  
 25 Charles and Hope Siebke  
 28 Don and Mervyl Sloan

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1 John Sanders  
 3 Maci Lindner  
 9 Michael Vanderwall  
    Ray Steward  
    June Stofel  
    Lisa Little  
 12 Karl Lindner  
 13 Ben Laney  
 16 Joe Zeichman  
 19 Lorrain Smith  
 21 Ron Ciampa  
 25 Joyce Andruezewski  
 29 Helen Jackson

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget - \$ 7,133.00

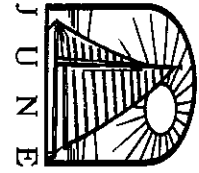
4/25	\$ 5,242.74
5/02	\$ 8,606.50
5/09	\$ 3,201.75
5/16	\$ 7,867.01
5/23	\$ 6,308.30

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	A.M.	P.M.
4/25	93	177	45
5/02	87	177	66
5/09	73	200	Mother's Day
5/16	74	137	43
5/23	85	176	47



June 20th



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Dear FGBC,

## REJOICING IN CHRIST

As an assignment for my pastor's group that meets monthly in Miami, I have recently been reading a book by Craig Groeschel entitled *It: How Churches and Leaders Can Get It and Keep It*. The premise of Groeschel's work is that there are some churches that have an "it" quality which seem to enable them to make a significant impact for the kingdom while other churches do not and subsequently are not making much inroads in advancing the gospel. While acknowledging that primarily, the "it" factor is a gift from God, Groeschel did conclude that those churches with the "it" factor seemed to be doing similar things.

One such action Groeschel observed was that these churches had a divine focus. Quoting Anthony Robbins, Groeschel said, "Most people have no idea of the great capacity we can immediately command when we focus all of our resources on mastering a single area of our lives" (53). In other words, churches with the "it" factor seem to have a vision that is focused on the main priority or a few fundamental priorities while allowing good things to go undone. Groeschel said, "Too many ministries are doing too little by doing too much" (58). They never really excel in a ministry or reach greatness in any area as a church because their focus is too spread out. It reminds me of the difference between a great restaurant that has a very select menu but is known for a certain entrée compared to a restaurant that has a large menu selection but has no real specialties. Everything on the menu is just "okay" because the restaurant is not able to focus its energies and resources into doing a few things really well.

This observation caused me to consider how we function at FGBC. I have mentioned before I know we can be a great church. I think we are a good church, but if being honest, describing us as a great church would be an overstatement. One reason I believe we have not reached our potential is that we are very busy doing many things but are not really focusing on doing a few things really well! I would like to pose some questions to you. In ministry terms, what do we do best? If we could only do a few things in ministry, what would we do? How do the things we currently do move us forward in obtaining our goal of reaching people for Christ? If things are not effective in reaching people, is there a purpose in continuing to do them? In other words, are there ministries or activities, many of which can be good things, that we should consider "pruning" so that our efforts and focus can be used most efficiently to do the great things that fulfill our vision as a church? Consider a bush: you often prune back good branches, even healthy branches, all for the greater good of the bush. The goal is that the pruning will allow the resources to produce a fuller bush.

I think the great struggle for us will be learning to say no to "good things" in order to be open and available to do "God things." This will require great amounts of prayer and discernment. It will also require maturity as a church. Will you join me in asking Christ to show us ways we can focus our energies on the things He would have us to focus. There are numerous good things we do that have no real impact on the nearly million people in our community who are lost. May the Lord show us the things to "prune" so that we have more energy and resources and focus on the things that will impact the lostness of our community!

Pastor Travis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mother's Day Offering for FL Baptist Children's Home \$446.00!!!**

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION COOKOUT**

**Sat., June 5 from Noon - 2:00 PM**

See Pastor or Don if you would like to assist with games or cooking.

### **"POUNDING" FOR OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER**


**Sun., June 6 at 6:00 PM (bring a side dish or dessert)**

### **SENIOR BAR-B-Q (50 years old +)**

**Sat., June 12 at 3:00 PM**

John & Candy Cook will provide the hamburgers & dogs. Please bring a side-dish or dessert. Bring your senior family & friends, games & outdoor chairs. Contact Candy to RSVP 967-0180.

**Tyler Vanderwall Memorial BLOOD DRIVE ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

**FOOD PANTRY ~ Sun., June 13 (2nd Sunday of each month)** 

### **WOMEN ON MISSION (All women are welcome)**

**Thurs., June 17**

**10 AM & 6:30 PM**

### **MEN & YOUNG MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**Sun., June 20 at 7:45 AM**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**June 21 - 25 from**

**9 AM - 12:30 PM**

**4yr olds through youth going into the 8th grade**

### **CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY (next to Music Suite)**

**There are great Christian materials for all ages!**

Dear Church Family,



## Don's Notes

Summer is around the corner. Florida Gardens has many activities planned over the next three months. Many of these will be included in Pastor Travis' and Jessica's articles.

One coming event for the seniors (50 years old and up) is a picnic at John and Candy Cook's home. It is scheduled for June 12 at 3:00 PM. Their home is located at 5061 Canal Drive in south Lake Worth. The Cooks have maps available and need to know if you are coming so the correct amount of hamburgers and hot dogs are purchased. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite side dish. Please check the church's website for any other details.

The Lynn-Ellen Memorial Bell Choir is taking the summer off. Please consider becoming a part of this ministry in the fall.

I'd like to take the remainder of my space to express my deep gratitude for the ministry Jessica Pavone provided for our youth during the past several years. This type of ministry requires energy, patience, the ability to listen, discernment, planning, a sense of humor and a deep faith in Christ all of which Jessica exhibited(s).

I had the privilege of serving with Jessica on many youth trips, youth functions and, of course, Vacation Bible School. She was my authority, which could have been stressful because of our age difference, but I never felt any strain. She is a mature leader and one who strives to please God in what she does.

So, Jess, thank you for all you have done to instill into our youth a love for Christ, His word, His church and each other. It has been my honor to serve with you.

Maranatha,  
Don

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## YOUTH NEWS

**"POUNDING" FOR OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER**  
**Sun., June 6 at 6:00 PM (bring a side dish or dessert)**

**Food supplies \* Gift cards \* Fruit**

Jonathan Gibson, our new Minister to Students and Families will be moving to Florida the first week of June with his wife Etta, his daughter Chloe, and his son James. Their first Sunday with us is scheduled for June 6th. We want to welcome them to our family that night by having a "pounding" for them at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. The church will provide the meat and you are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. As well, feel free to "pound" them by bringing supplies or gift cards that will help them get settled in our community!

### **South Summer Calendar**

**June 6 Welcome Party Jonathan & Etta**  
**June 14-19 VBS Prep Week**  
**June 21-25 VBS**  
**July 13-17 Summer Mission Camp**

**VBS WORKERS ARE STILL NEEDED.**  
We need support workers for all areas.


### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 21-25**

- Assist a teacher
- Help teacher prepare or clean up
- Craft instructors & helpers
- Assist with Parent's night

See Jessica Pavone, Pastor Travis, sign up sheets are in the sanctuary or call the office

# Florida Gardens Baptist Church

## June 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly...</b> <b>9:30 Sunday School</b> <b>11:00 Worship</b> <b>6:00 Worship</b> (nursery provided for all services)		1	<b>2 Weekly...</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study,</b> <b>Children, &amp; Youth</b> <b>Ministries</b> (nursery provided) <b>7:30 Worship choir</b> (nursery provided)			5 <b>Teacher Appreciation</b> <b>Cookout</b> <b>Noon - 2 PM</b>  <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>NURSING HOME</b> <b>MINISTRY</b>
6  <b>Welcome Party for</b> <b>Jonathan &amp; Etta</b> <b>6 PM</b>	7	8  Staff Mtg 4:00	9	10	11	12 <b>Senior Picnic at</b> <b>John &amp; Candy Cook's</b> <b>Home 3:00 PM</b> <b>RSVP 967-0180</b>
13 <b>Food Pantry</b>  <b>Children's Bells</b>  <b>Blood Mobile</b>	14 PASTOR TRAVIS TO SBC	15 PASTOR TRAVIS TO SBC	16 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING	17 <b>Women of the Word</b> <b>10:00 AM &amp; 6:30 PM</b> (Father's Day gifts)	18 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DECORATING	19 <b>1:00 PM</b> <b>NURSING HOME</b> <b>MINISTRY</b>
20 <b>Father's Day</b> <b>7:45 AM</b> <b>Men's Prayer</b> <b>Breakfast</b>  <b>No Evening Activities</b>	21 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	22 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	23 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	24 <b>Family Night</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	25 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>	26 <b>Vacation Bible School</b>
27 AM Lord's Supper    <b>Deacon's Meeting 4:45</b>	28	29	30			