

# THE FORESTBROOK LIGHTHOUSE

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## From The Pastor's pen

Pastor Jim

Dear Forestbrook Family,

It is hard to believe that it's time, once again, to say "Summer is over." Even though the heat is still around and the potential for hurricanes still exists, the kids are back in school and vacation time has passed.

In addition to all this, a new church year and calendar gets under way as new or returning officers and teachers begin serving for the new year. One of the major things we are going to work on this year is to become more mission minded in everything we do. We are going to redirect our focus so that everything from Sunday School to our Senior Adults focuses outward toward the lost rather than inward toward us. We are going to purposely be mission minded in our ministry.

What that means in a nut shell is that we are going to make our focus over the next twelve months, one of reaching the lost in our area. As someone so wisely put it, "we are to be fishers of men, not keepers of aquariums." That does not mean we will stop doing what we have been doing but will do it in such a way that we move from being members ministering to ourselves, to missionaries reaching the lost.

I hope you will catch the vision and get on board as we move to the next level of ministry the Lord has for us here at FBC. Come and worship with us each week and grow with us as we become the People of God that He desires us to be. I Peter 2:9-10 says, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." <>

In Christian Love,  
Pastor Jim

*Let your light so shine before men,  
that they may see your good works,  
and glorify your Father  
which is in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:16*



## from Rev. Dale

*By Rev. Dale Clark, Minister of Music*

Dear Forestbrook Family and Friends,

Can you believe that school is now in session? Where did the summer go? I cannot say that my summer went uneventful. It has been one more odyssey with my feet and digestive system. Oh, did I fail to mention my three stays in the hospital? (Doctors, Nurses, and Meds, OH MY!) I have to say, however, even though it has been quite a ride, I've been able to spend so much time with the Lord and how great is that?!

He reminded me that we may not understand all the "Whys", but to remember where our strength "Lies." Jesus wants to be our everything. He is certainly my reason for living. Here is a poem by George Matheson. May it touch you as it has me!

### "Finding All In Jesus"

*O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul on Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depth its flow  
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O joy the seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O cross the liftest up my head I do not ask to fly from Thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.*

I want to express to you my love and appreciation for all the prayers, cards, letters and gifts you have given during my recent illness. Your love is so over-whelming. Thank you and may God bless you as you have blessed this servant. I love you. <>  
Dale

## September Anniversaries and Birthdays

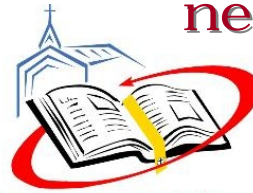
03	Kenny and June Collins	12	Karen Murphy	18	Jim Hughes	23	Rachel Cannon	26	Avery Smith
05	Janet Bean	12	Bill St Clair	19	Logan Hensley	23	Savannah Futrell	27	Traci Mims
06	Howard and Edna Johnson	16	Brandon Kuhn	20	Gail Childers	25	Billy Fletcher	27	Gail Shelley
08	Shelton and Gail Shelley	16	Regina Willis	20	Dee Pollana	25	Walter West		
11	Megan Clark	17	Pam Wix	21	Betty Baker	26	Ike Ammons		

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*FBC Mission Statement: "To reach the unbelieving and to equip believers to impact our world with the Gospel of Christ."*



# Sunday school news & views



*The Bible Comes To Life  
In Sunday School!*

## The "A Team"

Hey everyone,

Well, now that that first week of school is behind us, we can all take a deep breath and relax. No more back to school anxiety! No more back to school shopping! Okay, so maybe the girls aren't too excited about that. I want to challenge each one of you to make this school year one to remember. I challenge you to do three things this school year:

1. Honor God by getting in His Word
2. Live out your Christian faith by living a life of commitment
3. Trust God with the results

Students, I challenge you to do these three things this school year. I promise you will not regret it. Commitment is something that the majority of people in this world lack. I pray that you as a part of ABLAZE Student Ministries will not follow the crowd. BE DIFFERENT! Live a life of commitment. Whether it has to do with the youth or school or home, be committed to your tasks! <>

I Love You!  
Thomas

Many of you remember the TV series the "A Team". The team was made up of an elite group of soldiers once belonging to the US Army Special Forces. Though innocent, the team was accused of wrong doing. While eluding the authorities they went to extreme measures to help those in need; risking their own safety. The official motto of the Special Forces is *De Oppresso Liber* which in Latin means *to liberate the Oppressed*. In English the word liberate means to set free and the word oppressed means downtrodden or a slave to.

During the next 12 months we will explore a different word each month all beginning with the letter "A". Our first word is ASSESSMENT which means to estimate the value of something. During the month stop and make an assessment of the things you value most. They may include your life, your family, your church, and if you are a Christian, your salvation and your Savior.

As born again believers the members of our "A Team" are God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. Jesus went to extreme measures and gave His life to set us free from being a slave to sin. He made his assessment of us long ago already knowing the cost. God does not need us on His "A Team" however He will allow us to get the blessings of letting others know the liberator has come to set them free. <>

See you in Sunday School,  
Sandy West, Director

## September Calendar of Events 2009

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
		1 7:00 pm Financial Peace Class	2	3	4 7:00 pm Family Gym Night	5
6	7	8 7:00 pm Financial Peace Class	9 10:00 am Chaplain Training	10 6:30 pm Street Reach Meal	11	12 5:00 pm Young Adult Class Fellowship
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>STATE MISSIONS WEEK: FBC GOAL IS \$1,125.00</b>						
	7:30 pm Deacon Meeting 7:30 pm B&G Meeting	7:00 pm Financial Peace Class				10:00 am Youth Outreach
20 5:15 pm Youth Kick-off	21	22 7:00 pm Financial Peace Class	23	24	25	26 9:00 am CPR Class 5:00 pm Ground Zero
27 6:00 pm Family Film Night	28 7:00 pm Evangelism Conference	29 7:00 pm Financial Peace Class 7:00 pm Evangelism Conference	30			