

How to Keep Kids from Getting “Off Track”



Quite often parents come to me and share concerns about their kids and regretfully sometimes it is about how they have gotten “off-track.” I have been a Children’s Pastor for over 11 years now and many of

my “children” are now finishing college. These are always difficult times. However, I want to encourage our young parents to do everything you possibly can to keep the kids from getting “off-track” in the first place. Although our kids are not perfect, it is the parent’s responsibility to do everything possible to steer them in the right direction. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of keeping your kids in church every Sunday.

Again, I am a Dad. I know that soccer games, family trips and other things occasionally come up. However, the kids must know that church is a priority for you and that going to church is no more optional than going to school. Every Sunday, church is what we do – period! We are very serious about teaching your kids the Bible and also teaching application every week.

In Children’s Church, we have a Bible Story, a

Memory Verse, and a Main Point. We teach this and then demonstrate it through a skit specifically designed for kids through the 5th grade. Then we have a Bible time where the kids practice using their Bibles and have some type of practical scenario in which they can put their knowledge to the test. Every week we also give them a Bulletin so the family can discuss what was taught in Children’s Church. Also included in the Bulletin is a Family Devotion designed to open the door to discussion in the family. THIS IS SO IMPORTANT!

It is difficult to talk to the kids when they are older about loving Christ and even about going to church. It is so much easier if you make this a priority now. Our devotions are not difficult to do at all. Please, for the sake of the kids – take time to do these together. I won’t dare promise no problems if you do what I have mentioned above. We know it does not work that way. What I will promise is that dealing with real issues today and talking openly about the love of Christ now will make dealing with tomorrow’s problems much easier. I pray for your kids daily and I promise to pray for you as well. Pastor Dave



Staff Anniversaries

Dave Menser joined us in August, 2010 as the Pastor of Children and Family Life. Before coming to Shelbyville, he served as a Children’s Pastor for 10 years in Woodford County. He has also served as a Senior Pastor and as a Youth Pastor. Dave is a graduate of Western Kentucky University (B.A.), and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (M. Div.).

Jenny Witham is the administrative assistant to Pastor Steve and Pastor Gene. She has been serving in the office since August of 2005.

Jenny is the wife of Reverend Alan Witham who is employed by KBC. Their daughter, Kelsie, has just returned from a mission trip to China and Thailand. Their son, Ryan, served in Philadelphia and Charleston on his mission trip.

Taking Risks

“So we all agreed to choose some men and send them to you with our dear friends Barnabas and Paul-- men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 15:25-26

What do these three men have in common: the auto racer who set the world speed record at Daytona in 1914, the pilot who recorded the highest number of victories in aerial combat against the Germans in World War II, and the secretary of war's special adviser who survived a plane crash and twenty-two days on a raft in the Pacific during World War II? They all lived through dangerous circumstances. They all displayed courage and steely nerves under duress. And they all happen to be the same person -- Eddie Rickenbacker.

Rickenbacker's prowess in the air caused the press to dub him the "American Ace of Aces." When asked about his courage in combat, he admitted that he had been afraid. "Courage," he said, "is doing what you're afraid to do. There can be no courage unless you're scared." When Rickenbacker died his son, William, wrote, "If he had a motto, it must have been the phrase I've heard a thousand times: 'I'll fight like a wildcat!'"

When we look at the life of someone like Eddie Rickenbacker, we see great courage. It's easy to see in war heroes, but it must be present in every great leader in business, government, and the church.

Larry Osborne offers this observation: "The most striking thing about highly effective leaders is how little they have in common. What one swears by, another warns against. But one trait stands out: **the willingness to risk.**" As a pastor, I sense that churches will never see what God can do until they are more willing to take biblical risks! We must all remember that we serve an awesome God who requires and honors faith.

At Shelbyville First Baptist Church, we CANNOT simply keep doing what we have always done. Not only will we not maintain our current level of effectiveness, we will decline and die on the vine! We MUST and we WILL venture out and try new things. Sometimes you have to go out on a limb because that's where the fruit is.

Question: What are you willing to risk for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ?

Ongoing Ministry Projects & Emphasis

- ◆ Bible Fellowships Serving
- ◆ Backyard Bible Club Team
- ◆ Backpacks Ministry
- ◆ Hispanic Mission
- ◆ Jewish Hospital Shelbyville
- ◆ Colonial Hall
- ◆ Jail Ministry
- ◆ Monday Meals
- ◆ Benevolence Ministry
- ◆ Food Pantry Collections

Andy McDonald

Discipleship, Outreach & Student Pastor

next level

Preview Night is
September 7
for Fall **Next Level**

Look for the Next Level Brochure soon!

DISCIPLESHIP

Thank you to those who hosted or led a summer **J-TERM** group! Your warm hospitality made for sweet fellowship and spiritual growth.

To the Congregation at Shelbyville First Baptist Church,

*Thank you so much for the hospitality you showed at your July 3rd service. My family and I attended with our daughter, Sara Bradley, who is one of the **Acts 1:8** students. The service was wonderful and so heart warming. It was touching to see so many veterans stand for their service alma mater.*

*Also, a tremendous Thank You to all those who have been so kind and hospitable to the **Acts 1:8** students. You have made a home away from home for Sara and her teammates. As her mother, it gives me peace and comfort to know she is cared for by such thoughtful people. My husband and I truly appreciate all that you are doing. It was great to spend the day with Sara in your lovely town.*

Thanks again and may God richly bless you all.

Love,

Tammy Bradley

Drive Carefully

Shelby County Schools Open

Wednesday, August 17

Sunday's Worship

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Student Bible Fellowship

9:45 a.m.

Topic: If Necessary, Use Words—Influence

8/7 "May I Help You"

8/14 "Ready To Serve"

8/21 "What Can I Do"

8/28 "Make A Difference"

Special Meetings

8/14 5:00 p.m. Leadership Team

6:00 p.m. Parent/Student Meeting

Wednesdays

The **exchange**

Student Worship in RBC

Back to regular time
6:00—7:30 p.m.

Series: *Picture This*

So what does Grace look like.

8/3 Shorty (Luke 19)

8/10 That Kind of Girl (John 4)

8/17 SLOPPY OLYMPICS

8/24 Then There Was One (Luke 17)

8/31 What a Let Down! (Mark 2)

Special Events

August 5—6

Overnight Camping Retreat

August 17—6:00 till 7:30 p.m.

Sloppy Olympics

Geoffrey McGillen

Senior Adult Pastor

Young At Heart

All Meetings on Thursdays
(unless otherwise noted)

The **Young at Heart** ministry encompasses many aspects: devotionals at all of our local nursing/assisted care centers, outreach to the KY Baptist Children's Homes, hospital visits, birthdays, anniversaries, and get-well cards to our seniors, and much more.

We have also assisted a couple of other sister Baptist congregations including Simpsonville and Ballardsville with their senior outreach. These next calendar months offer many ministry enrichment opportunities. With **YAH**, our "gatherings" are usually on Thursdays, but our ministry is done through **His** week.

August 4... The Café (in Louisville)
Depart at 10:30 a.m.
Crescent Place devotional
at 2:00 p.m.

August 11... Huber Farm
(with Simpsonville Baptist)
Depart at 10:00 a.m.
Return about 4:00 p.m.

August 18... Potluck at FBC at 11:30 a.m.
Guest speaker is Kentucky Derby
Jockey and Christian speaker,
Pat Day.
Crestview devotional at 2:00 p.m.

Thank You Church

Dear Church Family,

The family of Imogene Robinson acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

May God bless each of you for the flowers, cards, visits and especially your prayers.

*Don and Lillie Carey and girls,
Missy, Janice, Patty, and Teresa*

With Deepest Sympathy

The church offers condolences to the following members and their families:

- † Don Carey in the loss of his mother, Imogene Robin. The Careys reside at 106 Geoghegan Road.
- † Laura Rice in the loss of her maternal grandfather, Thomas Faulkner. The Rices reside at 493 Warrior's Way.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Emily Doyle and Kirk Esarey who were married on June 25 in Louisville. Emily is the daughter of Max and Deanna Doyle.

New Arrival

Congratulations to the new grandparents, Jene and Pam Hedden. Their daughter, Rachel Hedden King, gave birth to a baby girl, Lillie Grace. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 inches long. Congratulations to Rachel and her husband, Chris.

Ham Radio Operation

First Baptist Church is a Red Cross shelter. If you are a licensed ham radio operator or interested in becoming an operator, contact John Hurt at 502/529-6054 for information.

Welcome New Member

Joined by Letter

Allen Meredith
Brandy Meredith
Doris Woodcock

Joined by Statement

Jonathan Cook
Terri Cook
Samantha Griffiths
Dudley Bottom
Teresa Bottom

“Online Giving”

“But just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”
2 Corinthians 8:7

There are multiple ways for you to give in a spirit that is pleasing to the Lord. Effective July 25, your offering can be directly deposited from your checking or savings accounts.

First you will need to sign an Authorization Agreement for Direct Payments Form (ACH Debit). Niki Nelson, finance administrative assistant, will have that form and will take care of that transfer for you. There is also “Online Giving” through www.Shelbyvillebaptist.com where you can give by Debit card to make a general, mission, debt offerings, etc. The church strongly discourages the use of credit cards. Any questions, call Niki at 502-633-1317 or lnelson@shelbyvillebaptist.com.

Sunday Attendance Update

June	6/5	6/12	6/19	6/26		Avg
Worship	612	547	608	602		592
Bible Fellowship	371	396	334	392		373
July	7/3	7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	Avg
Worship	555	510	518	533		529
Bible Fellowship	350	373	381	394		375

Complete the Journey

July 18, 2011

Offerings—\$341,320.58

Pledges Remaining—\$387,938.77

Complete the Journey Total—\$729,259.35

Loan Balance—\$1,600,000

Chimes Newsletter

Published Monthly

Would you like to share your testimony with the members of our church? Mail it to the church or send it by email to

Chimes@shelbyvillebaptist.com

Deadline for September articles is Thursday, **September 15th.**

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program to help people overcome their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. The format of the weekly meetings is fellowship, praise and worship, a lesson or testimony on one of the “**8 Recovery Principles**” and small groups.

The “8 Recovery Principles” are rooted in the teachings of Christ and make biblical comparisons to the 12-step program used by AA. By working and applying these Scriptural principles, we begin to grow spiritually and become free from our addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviors.

The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to fellowship and celebrate God’s healing power in our lives. We open the door by sharing our experiences, strengths and hopes with one another. In addition, we become willing to accept God’s grace in solving the problems we all face.

The meetings are held each Thursday evening from 6-9 p.m. at the Shelbyville First Baptist Church located at 1516 Midland Trail. For more information, please contact **[Rev. John Flannigan](mailto:1flanner@msn.com)** at 253/653-8349 or 1flanner@msn.com.

Dave Menser

Children and Family Life Pastor



Wow! We have left the zoo and gone to my favorite destination of the summer. We are at the beach! Our latest adventure of **Elevate** is something called **Shipwrecked!** Aaron and Jamie are a brother and sister who went sailing one day and found themselves in the middle of a thunderstorm. They ended up shipwrecked on an island alone together. Aaron and Jamie are having to learn how to be nice to each other as they learn what the **Bible** teaches them. We are studying the life of Paul and are using his teachings for the basis of our lessons.

Please make sure your kids don't miss a single Sunday. Every week, we study the **Bible** together and learn what **God** is saying to us. Our worship program is specifically designed for your children. This is not an hour of babysitting; we really want to help you lead your children into a lifetime relationship with **Christ**. Join us every Sunday from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. or from 11:00 to noon. Our Sunday School classes are located on the second floor and run from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.



Kid's Boot Camp is Here!



First Baptist Church is introducing our first ever **Kid's Boot Camp!** No, we aren't going to yell and scream and beat your kids into shape. But we do have a professional fitness instructor ready to help the kids get fit and learn about fitness.

Our Kid's Boot Camp will be held from Monday, August 8th through Friday, August 12th. The camp is for kids entering 1st through 6th grades. Those who are entering 1st through 3rd grades will meet from 10 hundred to 12 hundred (that's 10:00 a.m. till noon) and our kids entering 4th through 6th grades will meet from 13 hundred to 15 hundred (that's 1:00 p.m. till 3:00 p.m.).

There will be some cool prizes for the kids as well as a **Bible** study taught every day. We want to help your kids get into top physical and spiritual condition, so sign up for camp today!

The cost of the camp is \$35 and the deadline for registration is Friday, August 5th.



Hurry! Space is limited!

Under The Big Top



"Ladies and Gentlemen, get ready for the Greatest . . . Coolest . . . well . . . Strangest, Show on earth!"

August 27th

At Shelbyville First Baptist Church

Doors open at Noon for games and the show begins at 2 p.m.

All Ages – (especially K – 6th)

Admission: **FREE!**

Warning!

It will be crazy and messy!

Gene Wright

Music Pastor

Celebrate With Music

The sanctuary choir would like to invite anyone who enjoys singing to join us. Please contact Gene Wright at gwright@shelbyvillebaptist.com

Joanna Wright will be leading our children's music ministry this fall. The children learn biblical songs by singing, playing musical instruments and performing in plays. Contact Gene Wright or Joanna Wright at the church office for details and enrollment.

The hand bell ministry will be jump starting their practice session in September. Join us in celebrating great music by ringing bells for holidays like Christmas and Easter, and for other musical performances. Contact Gene Wright or Pat Cole at the church office for details.

Sunday, August 28, our choir has been invited again to participate in a men's choir festival at Scott County High School. See Gene for more details.



New Schedule August 23 to October 22

Classes will be available at various dates and times in the following areas:

- Challenge Boot Camp
- Cardio/Sculp
- Core Classes
- Yogalates

***Free Adult
Boot Camp on
August 8th,
9th and 11th at
6:30 p.m.***

It is time to get fit FBC! Maybe you have heard about our very popular fitness classes here at Shelbyville First Baptist. Now is a perfect time to join in! Check out our new schedule!

For information, contact **Cathy Wilhoit** at 502/321-8576.

SFBC Weekday Preschool



We aren't even into the dog days of summer and yet it's time to think about the beginning of school. We are "gearing up" once again for the delight of sharing our days with preschoolers. What a precious lot they are!

We won't actually begin until after Labor Day so we still have some time for sunny day pursuits. We are so grateful for a time to refresh and refocus to prepare to serve with new energy and enthusiasm.

There are still a few openings for three and four year olds. Anyone interested can call the preschool office at 633-4595. Enjoy each remaining day of your summer. We only get to live them once.

Love extravagantly, Jan Wonderlich

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Our Mission

"Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples."

2011 Theme – "GO TELL"

In 2011 we are increasing our focus on evangelism. As always, we will strive to have a balanced approach to all the purposes of the church, but we will bring evangelism to the forefront.

Pray and ask the Lord how He would want you to be involved.