



GONE FISHING!

Preschool/Children Fishing Winners
(Most Contacts) For Winter Quarter

February

March

Preschool 1B

Preschool 2B

Fourth Grade

Fourth Grade

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Vacation Bible School
June 2-6, 2008

Enrollment for
Vacation Bible School

Enrollment for Vacation Bible School at the Wet
N' Wild Carnival Sunday, June 1, 2:00 - 4:00
p.m. in front of the Chapel.


108 North Main St.
Statesboro GA 30458

RESERVED PARKING SPACES

FOR FBC GUESTS

On any given Sunday we have many guests who come to our church. As a courtesy to these guests, we have reserved a number of parking spaces around our buildings. These parking spaces are clearly marked with signs which state, "Parking For Our FBC Guests." One of the responsibilities of our Courtesy Team members is to watch these spaces and greet guests as they exit their cars. Please help us welcome our guests by not parking in these reserved spaces on Sundays and Wednesdays. Your gracious cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Sunday School Report

First Baptist Church - Statesboro, Georgia

REV. Ricky Allen
Minister of Education/Outreach

Dr. John Waters, Pastor

REV. Stewart Moody
Minister to College

MRS. Susan Allen
Minister to Children

REV. Tony Pagliarullo
Minister to Students

REV. Bill Coen
Minister of Music

REV. Barnabas Choi
Pastor, Korean Mission

REV. Hubert Tankersley
Minister of Senior Adults



In obedience to Christ's commission, our vision is to be a premier full-service, seven-days-per week, family focused congregation in Bulloch County, serving our Lord throughout the world.

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April, 2008

FirstConnection

A Four-Session Class for
New Members and Anyone Considering
Membership at FBC
Begins Sunday, June 1
9:45 a.m., Averitt Room

Sessions For The Class Are:

What is a Baptist?

Do You Know Your SHAPE?

The Mission & Purpose of
FBC Statesboro

FBC 101





You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less

I have been reading Josh Hunt's book, *You Can Double Your Class in Two Years or Less*, in which he gives basic principles for growing the Sunday School. His ideas are not "magic," but are basic and proven. He covers 5 basic principles:

- Teach a halfway decent lesson each and every week...nothing less will do.
- Invite every member and every prospect to every fellowship every month.
- Give Friday nights to Jesus...invite prospects to your home for the evening.
- Encourage the group to ministry...make disciples... get people involved in the work of the church according to their spiritual gifts.
- Reproduce new groups...train members of your class to start a new class.

Several classes in our Sunday School have outgrown their space and we do not have larger spaces in which to move them. It is actually a great problem to have and is a great opportunity to practice these basic principles. If you are a teacher in one of our adult Sunday School classes, are you interested? I highly recommend this book for you to read and ponder.

Ricky Allen



A Sunday School Goal for 2008 (part 2)

Start at least four new classes by December 31!

What do the numbers 912, 911, 905, 903, 929 have in common? These are the average Sunday School attendance figures for the first 13 weeks of the years 2004-2008. What does this tell us? Basically, that we have reached a plateau in our attendance for the number of Sunday School classes we now have. What is the solution for this opportunity? Start new classes!

As we look further at our attendance, we see a definite need for new classes in the following adult age groups:

- Young Adult Couples (25 - 35)
- Adult Couples (35 - 45)
- Senior Adult Couples (55 - 65)
- Senior Adult Couples (65 +)

In the coming weeks, I will be visiting Sunday School classes in these age groups asking for volunteers to help us start new classes. We are asking for a 6 month commitment from 2 or 3 couples in each group to make contacts to prospects and start these classes. At the end of the 6 months you will return to your class and the members of the new class will assume leadership. We will also be asking for volunteers to serve as teachers for the new classes.

Please begin now to pray about these needs, and if God is leading you, answer His call.

Sunday School Thoughts For The Day*

- Steve Parr: "I trust that God did not call you to South America or Asia or else you would be there. But think about this: If God cannot get you to move from room #102 to #109, He will never get you to South America! Going to help establish a new class as a teacher or a member may be a portion of God's way of using you to fulfill the Great Commission."
- Rick Warren: "A church's health is measured by its sending capacity, not its seating capacity." The same thing can be said of a healthy Sunday School class.
- A recent study of Georgia's fastest growing Sunday Schools revealed that 83% are intentional in creating new classes. The survey was conducted in May. These churches knew exactly how many classes they would be starting three to four months later when the new Sunday School year began.
- Every teacher should aspire to start at least one new class during their tenure as a Sunday School leader. This accomplishment is a credit to their leadership. You know that God has used you greatly when you have given birth to classes that have in turn given birth to other new classes.
- Starting new classes is not a theme or a program. It is a proven strategy and principle that encourages the growth of the Sunday School and the church. What is the aim of the growth? It is to see more people come to know Christ and to know the joy of salvation that we know through Jesus Christ.

*Copied from *Quick Tips and Quips on Creating New Sunday School Classes*. Written and Compiled by Steve Parr. 2003.