

# Hayden Highlights

To Know Him and to Make Him Known



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First Baptist Church  
of Hayden

## School Supply Drive . . .



relationship with people before you can talk to them about Jesus. One family that I was blessed to be able to walk with seemed like they enjoyed my

Many churches participated in the School Supply Drive held at Hayden High School. Our church and many others helped collect school supply lists from each grade, and also donated money to help buy the supplies. We all arrived early on a Saturday morning and walked with parents, and kids, through the lines to help them get everything they would need for the upcoming year. While at the school supply drive, we were able to interact with families, speak with them about their lives, and become intentionally personal with them. Becoming intentionally personal with people is one of the main focuses of our church. We believe that you must first build a

company. We talked about their children, and how the school supply drive was such a great thing because many people did not have money to buy all the supplies their children needed. They spoke with me about how they had just moved here, and how their daughters were just starting Hayden. They told me one of their daughters was in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and the other was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and I told them that we had a wonderful youth group, and that I would love to pick their 9<sup>th</sup> grader up any time she wanted to come. I then pointed at Jeremy Powell, our pastor, and said "That little guy over there is our pastor." They laughed. I invited them to our church

and told them what time service started. They said thank you, and I went on about my day not really knowing I had made any impact. That very next Sunday morning, and night, I saw them at church. I talked with them, and they said "We found our home!" They then joined the church. It was a blessing knowing that we have these opportunities here in our very community everyday to make such a wonderful impact. Many people don't come to church, but maybe it's because all they need is an invitation. I believe that the school supply drive is not only helpful to all those who can not afford school supplies, but it's also a great outreach. It makes our community wonder, "Why are these people so nice, and what do they have that I don't?" If we want to reach the world and tell them the story of Jesus, we must first start with our community.

- Ashley Payton  
High School Student

## J. O. Y.

**Just Older Youth** are going to Rickwood Caverns on September 17. Bring \$1.00 to get into the park and a picnic lunch for your family. Chester Thomas will have the program for the renovation of Rickwood. The bus will leave the church at 9:45 a.m.

## It's not too late to be included in the **New Pictorial Directory**

If you missed the sitting dates in August, you can still make an appointment for **September 16**. call 1-800-866-2263. Participating families will receive a **FREE** pictorial directory and a **FREE** 8 x 10 color portrait.

## Hayden First Baptist Church

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### Staff:

Jeremy Powell, Pastor

Jason Durant, Student Pastor

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## WOM

**Women on Mission will meet  
Tuesday, September 15 at  
7 p.m. at the home of Betty  
Lewis. Remember to bring the  
pure water/pure love bottle  
donation for the missionary  
water filters.**

### August Attendance at FBCH

|      | Sunday School | Worship |
|------|---------------|---------|
| 8/2  | 204           | 357     |
| 8/9  | 188           | 318     |
| 8/16 | 230           | 345     |
| 8/23 | 203           | 352     |
| 8/30 | 170           | 295     |

### Our Worship Schedule:

*Sunday Morning Bible Study*  
9:15 a.m.

*Sunday Morning Worship*  
10:30 a.m.

*Sunday Evening Worship*  
6:00 p.m.

*Wed. Evening Prayer Service*  
6:30 p.m.

## Youth News

We are in the process of upgrading our website,

[www.connectstudents.org](http://www.connectstudents.org). Visit the page now for new features such as:

- sign up for parent newsletter

- sign up for parent text message list

- sign up for student text message list

**::::UPCOMING EVENTS::::**

### Overtime

after the football game on

September 4 — 9:30pm — 11pm

Free food and games

### STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Jamie Durant, Sept. 10

Richard Metts, Sept. 18

Suzy Metts, Sept. 19

Jeremy Powell, Sept. 24



## From our student pastor . . .

On numerous occasions I have been asked about the meaning behind the miniature samurai warrior statue that sits on my desk. I confess, it looks a bit out of place. It was given to me by my supervisor in a previous job. It continues to occupy my desk not because it is necessarily nice to look at, nor because I have any particular interest in Chinese room décor. The value of the gift to me is in the personal message of encouragement from

my supervisor that it conveys about my work ethic, attitude, and dedication. She called me the "warrior of the office."

I realize that my samurai would likely find no residence if I were to offer it to you. It would most likely end up trashed as soon as you felt safe that I would not remember to ask of its whereabouts. To you it would be just a rough statue, but to me it is a unique gift.

When asked about the most important commandment to keep in Matthew chapter 22, Jesus responded that God's primary value is our love for him. My love is the most unique gift that I can give God.

I love to teach the Bible, but others can do that. Singing songs of worship is often times a moving experience for me, but regardless of how well I sing, others can lift their voices to God. While serving other people inside and outside of the church is so vitally important, most people have the physical ability to feed the homeless, tutor a child, or go on a mission trip. However, the one thing that has the power to transform these acts from random efforts into unique gifts is my love. My love is the one thing that no other person will ever be able to offer to God.

As we continue to strive to make Him known in our community, there will be much more work, time, and talent required. As we offer him these efforts, may we always remember that without genuine love they will be little more than symbols of devotion that hold no unique value in the heart of God.

Ü Jason Durant

### First Baptist Church

#### Office Hours:

Monday — Friday

8:00 am—12 noon

1:00 p.m.—5 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **Sunday, September 6:** Deacon's meeting; No evening service
- **Monday, September 7:** Labor Day
- **Wednesday, September 9:** Business Meeting, 6:30pm
- **Tuesday, September 15:** WOM 7pm at the home of Betty Lewis.
- **Wednesday, September 16:** Picture make-up day. Appointment required. Call 1-800-866-2263.
- **Thursday, September 17:** JOY Group, will leave the church at 9:45am to go to Rickwood Caverns. Program given by Chester Thomas regarding the renovation of Rickwood.
- **Friday, September 18:** YWOM will meet at Chico's at 6:30pm
- **Saturday, September 19:** God's Storehouse, 8:30-9:30am; Scrapbooking 10am to 10pm
- **Saturday, September 26:** Gill/Phillips wedding