

Hey everyone,

I hope this note finds you all doing well! Here's an update on what's been going on with First Baptist of Lake Lanier and the Jones family:

1. **Easter Outreach** - On Easter Sunday 2010, we had a great day with 79 in attendance (including 21 first time visitors), after averaging 30-35 in Feb. and March! Several of those families have started attending more faithfully, and our ave. attendance jumped to 50 from Easter through the first of May...Praise the Lord! Every Sunday since Easter, except for 1, we've had at least 1 first time guest...again...Praise God for the positive movement forward! Now with the summer months upon us, our focus is on how to keep momentum moving forward, and getting our new families involved in serving.
2. **Decisions** - We've had 2 baptisms in the last 2 month...we're so thankful for that!! 2 more are ready to be baptized and join the church...pray for more salvations & baptisms this summer!!
3. **Music Interns** – God has recently blessed us with a summer music ministry intern, Ben Brown. Ben's a rising junior at Baptist Bible College in Missouri & his parents are missionaries to Austria. He'll be a huge blessing to our church this summer!
4. **Meeting Location** – At the end of January, due to economic reasons and in need of a fresh start, we moved out of Chestatee Elementary School & into an 3,000sf office space, located in Cumming, GA. This has been very beneficial to re-energize our leadership team, as well as put us in a new area of sorts for outreach (unplowed ground, if you will). At the end of June, we will have been there for 6 months, and will be on the move again. The owners of the space have leased it out to another business, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, who will be paying them more than we can at this time. Therefore we are praying and seeking God's will for another meeting location. It needs to be a step up (of sorts) in order to keep momentum moving forward, so will you pray with us that God will bring us to the location He has for us? We are planning a one day sports camp this summer to go along with this new place, so pray that God reveals it clearly.

5. [Alternate Jobs & Support](#) – Due to the economy, Jeff has taken a couple of part time jobs, one at Chick-fil-a & another as a travel agent. Those 2 jobs combined have been bringing about \$1,200/month to our family. This past week, in partnership with the travel agency, Jeff has begun working from home...making no base salary and makes a commission off of travel sold. So if you know someone who has need of booking travel, he'd love to assist! Regarding our church, we have had several families that have either moved away, or have had to take reductions in pay. Praise God that He has supplied the needs though, and always right on time!! We are thankful for those of you that are still supporting our family here in North Georgia (and for those of you who, in the past, have participated at various support levels). It would be a huge blessing, should God lead some of you to jump back on board with us in the short term, or to support us for the first time...and we'd be very grateful for your partnership (prayers as well)!

6. [Misc Family Items](#) – The twins just turned 6 years old...hard to believe! Jessica just finished 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Jill has been busy as ever with their schooling and overseeing music ministry and kids ministry at FBC Lake Lanier. Jeff has been staying busy with the various job responsibilities above. His health has been an issue of late...since January he's been having gall bladder attacks about 1x a month...now, this Wed., May 19<sup>th</sup>, he will have his gall bladder removed and the prognosis is good for a healthy recovery. Please be praying about this and the medical bills to follow...our deductible is just over \$2,500 and is 70/30 afterwards, so we are most likely looking at a total expense of \$5-8,000. Should the Lord lead you to give, we would much appreciate your sacrifice on our behalf, for the good of the ministry here in North Georgia.

God bless you as you continue to serve Him and thanks for making it possible for us to carry on the Lord's work here in the peach state!

Blessings,  
Jeff, Jill, & girls