

BEHIND THE SCENES

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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR GREG SYKES

Life Action “Preview” Sunday, July 23

In three weeks, we will have a special opportunity to host John Myers, a representative of Life Action Ministries.

John, along with a team of Life Action ministers and musicians, will be leading a revival for us September 10-20 this Fall.

But, in the short term, he will be visiting us on July 23 to help us understand what the September revival will include and look like.

This “preview” Sunday is a critical chance for us to begin preparing our hearts for the work the Lord needs to do in our congregation, homes, and lives in September.

And, so that we can adequately get the big picture, we need to do a little shuffling of the regular schedule for Sunday, July 23.

Let me try to break it down for you as simply as I can:

1. John will be preaching in all three services on Sunday, July 23. He will preach the same message at 9:15 AM and 11 AM, and a second message at 6:15 PM.

So, we want everyone to attend either the 9:15 or 11 service, as well as come by for the 6:15 service. Clear enough.

2. There will be some additional Life Action representatives sharing with our Life Groups on Sunday, July 23. They will be set up in the Events Center.



Basically, at the time you normally go to your Sunday AM Life Group, you will not go to your classroom, but you will instead go to the Events Center.

If you attend a 9:30 AM Life Group, you'll go to the Events Center at 9:30 AM. If you go to a 11:00 AM Life Group, you'll go to the Events Center at 11 AM.

The 8:00 AM class, our 5 PM Life Groups, and our groups during the week will not meet — but we encourage them to go to the Events Center at either 9:30 AM or 11 AM.

And that would mean that you need to go to the sanctuary at the other morning time slot so you can hear John Myers' first message.

Have I lost you yet?

Again, it really isn't that complicated. In the big scheme, this is a crucial moment and a crucial special event in the life of our church.

So, we need you fully engaged!

For Sunday, July 23, we're simply asking everyone — regardless of what you typically do on a

Sunday at FBC — to make plans to do three things:

- 1) Attend the testimony time in the Events Center at either 9:15 AM or 11 AM.
- 2) Listen to John Myers preach message #1 at either 9:15 AM or 11 AM.
- 3) Listen to John Myers preach message #2 at 6:15 PM.

Obviously, if you serve in child-care, etc., we'll still need you there — but, otherwise, Sunday, July 23 should involve the three things I just listed. Our children's classes will meet as usual, but our youth (8th-12th) will meet in the Events Center at 9:30 AM.

And, you've probably already heard that we are looking for a few host homes for these ministers, as well as “loaner” vehicles for them to use while they are in Russellville.

Please consider helping there and more than anything, please pray for hearts to be changed!

This Sunday:

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Sunday, July 16

Special Guest: Brad Palmer
Boys' & Girls' Christian Home

Sunday, July 23

Special Guest: John Myers
Life Action Ministries

Sunday, July 30

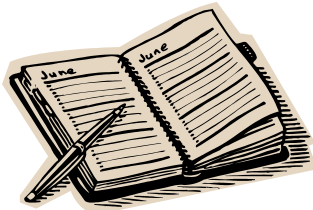
"The First Reassurance," Acts 5:12-26
Week Six, *"The Church's Growth," sermon series*

Sunday, August 6

"The First Stripes," Acts 5:27-42
Week Seven, *"The Church's Growth," sermon series*

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This Sunday, we will have a very special opportunity to hear from Brad Palmer, President of Boys & Girls Christian Home Ministries.

Many of you are probably aware of the work the BGCH does in India with impoverished and orphaned children, but if you are not, you won't want to miss Brad this Sunday.

If you do not know, Brad and his wife, Sarah, and his family have been a part of FBC for a long time. He is a member of our deacon body and instrumental in various ministries within FBC.

We recently added the BGCH to our Missions Fund because we are so impressed by the home in India, Brad's leadership, and the ministry in general.

It is a simple and strategic way for our church to participate in ministry to hurting children all the way around the globe.

So, of course, you can give to the BGCH by giving to and through our Missions Fund. A portion of every gift to the Missions Fund will be routed to the BGCH.

But you can also give directly to the BGCH, and I would strongly encourage you to do so. For several years, our family has supported several children on a monthly basis.

If you are interested in giving to the BGCH directly, please visit their website at www.bgchm.org. There is a tab for "Making A Donation."

Also, if you have any questions about the ministry or possible participation, perhaps those will be answered this Sunday as Brad shares.

Or, since the Palmers are local, you can give Brad a call and he'd love to visit with you about how you can personally be involved in what God is doing.