

From the Pastor's Heart

How are we changing lives through the ministries of First Baptist Church? How are we making a difference for the sake of the kingdom of God? Isn't this the crux of the matter? Does the existence of First Baptist make a difference for people? With all my heart I believe we are making a significant difference in the lives of many people.

Perhaps this Sunday will be like no other! I will not be preaching on Sunday, though I will have a moment or two to speak about what God has laid on my heart. I have asked various church leaders to share concerning the ministry of which they are involved at First Baptist. I want them to share how people are being touched—lives being changed—encouragement spread—hope enlivened!

God is working in our midst and I am certain you will be blessed as you hear the testimonies of some folks who sit in the pews next to you. God has begun a good work and God is growing people to maturity in Christ in and through the ministries of First Baptist.

However, do not misunderstand. Sunday will not be a time for self-congratulations! Rather Sunday will be a time of praising God for what God is doing in and through his children who gather in the buildings located at Broad Street & McCormick Avenue. We need to celebrate, so come Sunday ready to praise the Lord!

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Our First Baptist Church Family expresses deepest sympathy

to the family of
Mr. Mac Fowler

Bernice Neal Southerland's brother
and to the family of

Mr. Warren Southerland,
Berta Mae Wright's nephew.

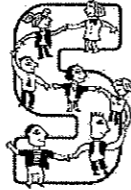


Congratulations!

Kudos to Patsy Head, Al Jones and Berta Mae Wright who read the entire New Testament during 2011. Perhaps there are others who completed the reading that we do not know about. If this is the case, please call the church office to let us know because we want to recognize and congratulate all of you! For all others who started off enthusiastically, stayed on track for several months, then got sidetracked and lagged behind, such as was the case with at least one (Evelyn), let's make a fresh start again this year!

Again our congratulations to Patsy, Al and Berta Mae!

Alzheimers Support Group Meeting



Next Thursday
January 19
6:00 PM
FBC Conference Room

Servants 01-15-2012

(If you are unable to attend, please ask someone to serve in your place.)

- Children's Moment:** Lynn Smith
Deacons: Melva Stevens ~ Ann Davis
Ushers: Craig Smith ~ Jon Powell
Greeters: Melva Stevens ~ Susan Dawson
Nursery AM: Julie Moore, Taylor Grimsley, Lindsey Parham
Toddlers: Blake and Sherry Milner
Pre-K: Todd and Hilary Barker
Nursery PM: Kathy Powell

SUNDAY
9:30-10:00 AM
Sunday School
9:45 AM
AM Worship
10:35 AM
Library
5:30-6:00 PM
PRAISE
6:00 PM

First Baptist Church Staff
 Donald L. McClung, DMin, Pastor
 Carson Britt, Music and Youth Minister
 Raina Smith, Director Children's Weekly Ministries
 Cheryl Howard, Organist
 Maria Garrio, Pianist
 Evelyn Qualls, Administrative Assistant
 Joe Carter, Custodian
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WEDNESDAY
LIBRARY
10:00AM-12:00
4:00-6:00 PM
Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study
GAS
Bible "WOW"
6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal
7:30 PM

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"Young-at-Heart"

This Friday, January 13
Trip to "Old Time Buffet" in Warner Robins
Bus will leave the church at 10:30 AM
(Call Cheryl for details)



Quarterly Church Conference This Sunday

Reminder ~ Youth and Parents

Winter Jam Concert

This Sunday, January 15
Phillips Arena in Atlanta ~ Cost: \$20.00
(Cost covers gasoline and admission)
The bus will leave the church parking lot
Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM.
If you have questions,
please call Carson at 892-9076.



Volunteers Needed!

"Meals on Wheels" is in desperate need of volunteers from our church who are willing to serve three hours once a month (preferably on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) to help deliver meals to shut-ins in our community. If you are willing to contribute to this ministry, please contact Charlene Douglas at 892-2801, or call the church office at 892-9076 to let us know.

Deacon Body Officers for 2012

During the deacon body organizational meeting this week the following were elected to serve as officers:
Chair, Dale Garnto ~ Vice Chair, Jimmy Howard ~ Secretary, Ann Davis.
Please remember to pray for all those who will be ministering to our church families this year by serving on the body of deacons.

01-08-2012



Mr. Hap Jones
Lynn, Lissi and Levi Carr
Bill and Susan Conner
Nell Davis
Kay Watson
John and Alice Turner
Kay Woods
Bobby and Bobbie McAnally
Nell Jones
Melva Stevens
Terry and Julie Moore
Pete and Bonnie Dortch
Mr. & Mrs. Gary Dawson
Bonny and Faye Dixon
Donna Raschke
Joyce Patton
Sandra and Frank Marchant
Brian and Janna Simmons
Jeff and Malachi Brown
Amos and Peggy Barker
Faye Simpson
Jeannie Curry
Sam and Dot Way
Mr. Mac Fowler
John and Alice Turner
Kay Woods
Nell Jones
Jeannie Curry
Mr. Billy Curry
Bobby and Bobbie McAnally
Mrs. June Hortman
Donna Raschke
Mr. C.W. Newberry
Amos and Peggy Barker

Mrs. Corinne Dykes
Nell Davis
Kay Watson
Kay Woods
Bobby and Bobbie McAnally
Nell Jones
Terry and Julie Moore
Debbie Brown and Family
Pete and Bonnie Dortch
Bonny and Faye Dixon
Donna Raschke
Jacque Wilson
Amos and Peggy Barker
Faye Simpson
Sam and Dot Way
Mr. Morgan Skipper
Lynn, Lissi and Levi Carr
Staff at Cochran Insurance
And Realty, Inc.
John and Alice Turner
Kay Woods
Bobby and Bobbie McAnally
Bonny and Faye Dixon
Sam and Dot Way
Amos and Peggy Barker
Jeannie Curry
Mr. Jim Payne
Jacque Wilson
Mrs. Sarah Janelle
Jeannie Curry
Evelyn Qualls
Amos and Peggy Barker
Mrs. Miriam H. Curth
Jeannie Curry

Bernice Southerland
Jeannie Curry

Betty West
Ramsey Way



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*"O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."
Amen.*

Financial Report January 8, 2012

Budget Receipts

Budget Needs for 1 week	\$ 7,212.34
Budget Received 02-08-12	\$ 4,891.44
Beginning Bal 01-01-11	\$ 13,763.04
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 10,115.94
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$ 7,817.85
General Fund Balance as of 01-09-2012	\$16,061.13

Designated Receipts

Building Fund	\$ 3,118.00
Food Service	\$ 10.40
	\$ 93.60
TOTAL	\$ 3,222.00

Building Fund Update

At the end of December 2011, a payment of \$8,717.23 was made. Of this figure \$4,948.21 was applied to the principal and \$3,769.02 was paid in interest, leaving a balance of **\$667,773.83.**



We remember with fondness those of our church family whose earthly life ended during the year 2011.

- Mrs. Mildred Newman : January 21, 2011
- Mrs. Virginia Lowery: January 30, 2011
- Mrs. Kathryn Fussell: January 30, 2011
- Miss Coretta Bembry: April 16, 2011
- Mrs. Nolie Hurst: May 17, 2011
- Mrs. Brandice Dawson Dupree: July 12, 2011
- Mr. Thomas E. Woods: July 18, 2011
- Mrs. Lola Hill: September 21, 2011
- Mrs. June Hortman: November 4, 2011
- Mrs. Corinne Dykes: December 18, 2011
- Mr. Morgan Skipper: December 29, 2011

*"I am the Resurrection and the Life."
John 11:25*



Visit Our CHURCH LIBRARY

Wednesdays
10:00 AM ~ 12:00 NOON and 4:00 PM ~ 5:30 PM

News from Carson

We are just a few weeks away from our annual Disciple Now weekend. For those of you who don't know what this event is about let me take a minute to inform you. During this weekend students will spend a great deal of time in bible study and worship. Throughout the weekend there will be a total of four different bible studies and worship services. Our theme this year is called *the Pause*. I would imagine that most of us would love to have time to hit the pause button and just sit down quietly daily. The reality is that we are so busy that we can't find the time. When we do have a break from school, work, sports, church, band, and all sorts of other activities we spend it watching television, playing video games, texting, or on social media websites. (aka facebook) It is a constant struggle trying to find time for God. Please pray for our students, bible study leaders, and chaperones as we all prepare for this event. My prayer is that lives will be changed and God will be given all the glory during this event.

As I have been looking over this year's Dnow material it has caused me to think about the importance of discipleship. What does it mean to disciple someone, or to be discipled? The great commission found in Matthew chapter 28 says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." To carry out this commandment we have to first allow ourselves to be discipled. We must spend time daily in the Word and in prayer. Having someone in our lives that we can share our struggles and successes with is so important. We must be willing to be held accountable by others. In the book *Radical* by David Platt, (I highly recommend you read this book if you haven't,) David recalls a conversation he had with a fellow believer as he was on a mission trip in Africa. In the conversation David asked the man how he intended to make a difference in the world. The man responded by saying "I'm going to make disciples of all nations." David then said "So you are going to impact the world by making disciples of all nations?" To which the man replied "Why not?"

As I read this passage I couldn't help but wonder how great an impact we as Christians could make in our world if we had that attitude. Although we have all been given different gifts, talents, and passions, I believe that our ultimate goal as Christ followers should be to make disciples. Perhaps you're wondering where to start. Why not Hawkinsville? Then to all nations! I hope that we can keep our focus on the cross and allow our attitudes to reflect that of Christ Jesus.

I look forward to worshipping with you all on Sunday!

Carson