

From the Pastor's Heart

The book of James reminds us that it is easier to "talk the talk" than it is to "walk the walk." I doubt if any one wants to argue against this point. We agree: "talk is cheap." It's easier to talk about the scriptures than it is to obey them. So we accept James' admonition to be "doers of the word and not hearers only!" We know that we must act on our convictions.

Having said this we would quickly remind one another that though service is invaluable, we also know that good works will not save us. Nevertheless, we affirm that good works will characterize the life of a genuine Christian.

I am encouraged because I see ample evidence of good works on the part of God's people here. Many of those good works are performed through your involvement in the programs and ministries that take place on our campus. Fortunately, I also see ample evidence of your good works beyond the doors of the church. Your involvement in our community and beyond honors your Savior and serves as a living witness to the truth of the gospel.

This Sunday I want us to continue our study of James, by considering what he says about controlling our tongue. James considered this to be the biggest challenge we face. In his letter, James shares insightful irony found in discussing our tongues. Upon hearing what James has to say about the tongue, we will, no doubt, want to qualify exactly what we meant when we said, "talk is cheap!" Talk can be very costly! Prepare to listen to the sermon on Sunday by reading James 1:26-27 and 3:1-12.

About 20 years ago, I preached a sermon based on what the book of James has to say concerning the tongue. Afterwards, a wonderful, kind Christian lady, Sue Chandler, gave me a poem that she had been taught as a child. She had memorized it. I am still grateful she shared it with me, and I want to share it with you as God prepares our hearts for worship together Sunday.

*Boys flying their kites
Haul in their white-winged birds.
But you can't do that when
You're flying words.*

*Thoughts unexpressed
may fall back dead.
But God, Himself, can't kill them
Once they are said.*

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Our First Baptist Church Family expresses deepest sympathy to the family of **Mrs. Nan Jones**, Al's mother.

Servants this Sunday
(if you are unable to attend, please ask someone to serve in your place.)

Children's Moment: Christa Knowles
Deacons: Terry Moore ~ Betty West
Ushers: Greg Mixon ~ Bucky Davis
Greeters: Susan Bennett ~ Olene Slade
Nursery AM: Bart and Stephanie Milner
Toddlers: Jeff and Tonya Hair
Pre-K: Lonny and Candace Totty
Nursery PM: Raina Smith

Congratulations!

Joshua and Ashley Wilcox are proud to announce the birth of their son **Luke Edward Wilcox**.

Luke was born December 29, 2011. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs and was 18 inches long.

Proud grandparents are

Eddie and Dianne Wilcox and Eddie and Paula Parker.

Very proud great "Grammy" is Evelyn Qualls.

(Once again, thanks for all your prayers for Luke and the family while he was in the NICU at Macon Medical Center. He is at home now, growing every day and breathing normally. We have a very healthy baby to love and nurture ... to God be the glory!)



The Informer

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Our First Baptist Church Family welcomes **Dusty and Misty Salter** by letter and rededication, requesting baptism (Deacon is Terry Moore) and **Neal Clark** by statement of faith. (Deacon is Bill Slade).

Ordinance of Baptism

this Sunday, February 5 ~ 11:00 AM
Dusty and Misty Salter will be baptised.



Leading in worship!

"Second Chance!" Praise Band

from Christian Fellowship Center, Soperton, GA
Saturday, February 11 ~ 6:30 PM
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Please note!



The pastor would like to have a parent/child dedication service on February 19. If you have a child (or children) you would like to have included in this dedication service, please contact the pastor or church office as soon as possible at 892-9076.

(If this date is not convenient for your family, please contact the pastor to discuss an alternate date.)

SUNDAY
Library 9:30-10:00 AM
Sunday School 10:00-10:30 AM
9-45 AM AM Worship
10:55 AM AM Library
5:30-6:00 PM PM Worship
6:00 PM

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

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Financial Report January 29, 2012

Budget Receipts

Budget Needs for 1 week	\$ 7,212.34
Budget Received 01-29-12	\$ 3,267.00
Beginning Bal 01-01-11	\$ 13,763.04
Budget Receipts Y-T-D	\$ 21,416.45
Budget Expenditures YTD	\$ 28,893.54
General Fund Balance as of 01-30-2012	\$ 6,285.95

Designated Receipts

Building Fund	\$ 1,375.00
Food Service	\$ 23.00
Youth	\$ 595.00
Adult III SS Class	\$ 207.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,200.00

Building Fund Update

At the end of January 2012, a payment of \$8,717.23 was made. Of this figure \$4,983.13 was applied to the principal and \$3,734.10 was paid in interest, leaving a balance of **\$662,790.70**.

Menu for February 8, 2012

Sponsored by the Social Committee

Hamburger Steak ~ Baked Potatoes
Green Beans ~ Salad
Special Valentine Strawberry Dessert
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water ~ Coffee



THANK YOU!
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Dear First Baptist Church Members,

Thank you so very much for your contribution to the special fund at Taylor Regional Hospital which was used to offset the expenses of my recent surgery.

I also want to thank you for your prayers and concern during the time of my illness. I am at home now and recuperating nicely.

Again, thank you so much for reaching out to me and my family during this time of need. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

God bless you all!

Joanne Willeby



"When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride."

-- Isaac Watts

News from Carson

Disciple Now 2012 has come and gone. Thanks to all who helped make the event possible and for all of your prayers. Thanks especially to Danny and Lisa Grimsley, Marla Garnto, Kathy Powell, Ridge Grinstead, and Jennifer Britt for the help and support that you provided over the weekend. I also would like to thank Cheryl Howard who spent the weekend preparing the meals for all 75 of us. I believe that God did a mighty work in the lives of our students throughout the weekend. I hope that you all will continue to lift them up in prayer as they strive to apply what they learned this past weekend to their daily lives.

Students: Next Wednesday, February 8th we will begin a 6-week bible study entitled VIVID. The study is on the book of James. I hope that you all will make plans to attend bible study each week as we learn how to apply the scriptures to our lives.



It's also time for us to make our reservations for M-Fuge. This year we will be going to Charleston, SC the week of June 25-29. I have made 20 reservations and they are first come first serve. There is a good chance I will be able to add more to the reservation if need be but I cannot guarantee that. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due on Wednesday February 15. However, if you have participated in either our chicken plate sale or our bake auction that deposit may be reduced. Please let me know asap if your child would like to attend. Feel free to talk to me if you would like to see if your deposit could be reduced. Thanks so much for your support!

See you on Sunday!

Carson

The Guide

Picture a man stumbling along in a heavy fog, completely disoriented. Then, off in the distance, he sees the light of one small lamp. Its glow is sufficient neither to burn off the fog nor to illuminate the obstacles that might be on the ground between the man and that lamp. Still, it is a steadily burning lamp. Something within the man prompts him to believe that if he heads toward it, he will be going in the right direction. That "something" we can call "faith."

While heading toward the lamp, he finds another lost man whose eyesight is so poor he can't see the lamp. The first man takes the second by the hand and helps him toward the lamp also. The act of reaching out to another we can call "love."

And the lamp that draws him? It's called "hope."

-- The Wired Word

