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First Baptist Church

The Focus

January 07, 2010

Don't Forget to sign-up again for Wednesday Night Supper standing reservations for January 13!

It is time for another Alpha session to start. We are asking for your help again by putting Alpha signs in your yards. You can pick up a sign today or next Sunday in the hallway outside the sanctuary. If you kept your sign, please put it back up. Thanks!



Please welcome to our church family, Rick and Susan Roberts.

Noteworthy News of the Week

The ALPHA Course at First Baptist Church

All Adult Sunday School classes are invited to come to the Chapel no later than 10:00 AM TODAY, January 10 to see the Alpha introductory video. The Alpha committee and the many folks who have attended the course are confident you will benefit greatly from this presentation. So, give your Sunday School teachers a break and set back and enjoy. Hope to see you there!

Support Groups for Job Seekers

There are several support groups in the area for job seekers. "Career Prospectors" meets on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 AM at the Three Chopt Presbyterian Church. "Equity Concepts" meets on Tuesdays at Noon at the Equity Concept facility located at the corner of Three Chopt and Gaskins Road. You may know people who may benefit from these groups.

Food Pantry Needs

The food pantry has a desperate need for the following:

- Canned meat
- Apple juice (canned or bottle)
- Orange juice (canned or bottle)
- Spaghetti sauce and Spaghetti
- Coffee
- Peas
- Oatmeal
- Cereal

JANUARY 10 - 16, 2010

Sunday - 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Deacon-Led Prayer Time
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:00 p.m. "Praise in Motion" Bell Choir (#246)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth
- 6:30 p.m. **Men's Choir in the Choir Room**

Monday - 11

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 12

- 6:00/7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Groups
- 7:00 p.m. **Beth Moore Revelation study at the Mitchell's home**

Wednesday - 13

- 10:00 a.m. "Chimes of Time" Choir
- 3:45 p.m. **Senior Adult Council Meeting**
- 5:00 p.m. Supper
- 5:00 p.m. "Praise in Motion"
- 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. Library Open
- 6:00 p.m. GA's, RA's (Girls Gr. 1-2: #203; Girls Gr. 3-4: #215; Girls Gr. 5-6: #230; Boys: #217)
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends (#130)
- 6:00 p.m. **"Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study (#208)**
- 6:00 p.m. Banner/Sewing/Knitting (#201)
- 6:00 p.m. GriefShare (#216)
- 6:15 p.m. Prayer & Share (Robert)
- 6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study (#205)
- 6:30 p.m. "Standing in Grace" Women's Choir (#135)
- 6:30 p.m. "OK Chorale" Men's Choir (#241)
- 6:30 p.m. Thompson Hall program
- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:45 p.m. Preschool & Children's Choirs (#130 & #236)
- 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study (Chapel)
- 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (#135)

A Word From Our Pastor

Our first Sunday of the new year got off to a great start! We had good attendance and a good spirit was present as we gathered at the Lord's Table. And what a joy it was to welcome our first new members for this year. **Rick and Susan Roberts** made their decision to unite with our church. Rick and Susan have been visiting with us several months now and I have had the privilege of getting to know them. They bring additional spirit and joy to our church. Two more gifts from God!

During our 11:00 a.m. worship on **January 17** we will **ordain new deacons to our deacon ministry**. This is a meaningful time for our church and for those new deacons. Our deacons are servants in this portion of the

kingdom of God that we call First Baptist Church. Those who are called out to serve are those who are first and foremost, Christian and then they are men and women who have invested themselves in the life of our church. This place we call church makes a difference to them.

Today during worship we will use the passage from **Luke 3** that records one of the accounts of the baptism of Jesus. At the conclusion of the sermon time you are going to be given the opportunity "**remember your baptism**" by touching the water. This is not a re-baptism, it is a remembering of the faith journey.

I trust that this will be a great week for you and your family. Keep in your prayers the many people you know that need the

strength that comes from being lifted in prayer.

Don't forget Baptist Men's day on January 31. It is going to be a wonderful day.

Blessings,

Robert

Your 2009 Statement of Contributions are available for pickup from the church's Commons Area table.

youHeadlines

CHOSEN:

Creatively Helping Others by Serving Every Neighbor.
- John 15:15 - 17

TODAY: Fun Time Together, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday Night: Youth Bible Study in Chapel

JANUARY:

18 Lunch and a Movie, Hoodwinked 2: Hood Vs. Evil; Times TBA! A teenager Red Riding Hood trains in a distant land with mysterious, covert group called Sisters of the Hood. She is then called upon by Nicky Flippers - head of the Happily Ever After Agency - who teams her with the Wolf to investigate the disappearance of Hansel and Gretel.

Looking Ahead:

February 7 Super Bowl Party

March 5 - 7 Senior High Weekend; SIGN-UP'S BEGIN NOW!

The CHOSEN Award: to **Kayla McCreary** for being such a great friend and helper! To **Maria Howard and Jeff Marsh** for being the awesome people that you are and taking such good care of us at The Edge Conference. What a blessing!

WED-NITE SUPPER

Menu for January 13, 2010

Lasagna
Salad Bar
Texas Toast
Cake

Child's Special

Cheese Pizza

All meal reservations, cancellations and changes to standing reservations *must be made by Monday at Noon*, unless an emergency occurs after that deadline.

Thompson Hall

"Thou Shalt Laugh"
(Christian comedians on DVD)

The Billy Flowers Class will provide volunteers for January 13, 2010.

Parish Nurse

The Virginia Blood Service will be at First Baptist on Sunday, January 24 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. I will be in the Commons area this Sunday to sign you up. Start the New Year by donating. Here is one young man's story of how your donations helped him.

Stephen Levine

I received the blood from 11 people when I had a double lung transplant at the UVA Medical Center. I have cystic fibrosis and it did a lot of damage to my lungs. I spent several

years too sick to live normally, while waiting for my new lungs. Today I'm not only feeling good, but I can play tennis and sing in a chorus. Music and sports have always been important parts of my life, and it's great to be involved again. I thank blood donors for helping people like me.

GriefShare

Begins again on Wednesday night January 13 at 6:00 PM in Room #216.

What is Griefshare? It's a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This seminar helps you on your journey from mourning to joy. This is for anyone in church, the community and beyond. Please help us spread the word about GriefShare.

Grace Sightings . . .

"We are each called to reach out to others. . . . Most of the time it happens in simple acts of kindness of one person to another." - Francis Collins

CCDC News

What a wonderful start to the New Year! Everyone is back in the routine. The children are learning about weather this week.

The Heath Department is working with the CCDC to have a H1N1 Clinic at First Baptist Church, Ashland. More information forthcoming.

Linda Ficklin, Director

Senior Adult News

January 13 Senior Adult Council Meeting at 3:45 PM

January 21 Covered Dish "White Elephant Bingo"; Please bring your "white elephants" wrapped for use as prizes. Good time to clean out your clutter and share.

February 18 Dine Out

March 16 Quarterly Luncheon; Singer "Anthony Williams"

Thank You Note

John and Jerry Beck, Marti Glave and family would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, prayers and visits during the death of Nancy Miffleton.

STATISTICS - Financial - Attendance - Budget Requirements

Budget Requirements	\$ 15,892.50	Endowment Fund (10/31)	\$66,075	WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	
Budget Receipts (01/03/10)	\$ 14,350.00	BUS FUND (TD)	\$5,759.50	Sunday, January 03, 2010	
Building Fund (01/03/10)	\$ 2,385.00	Memorial Garden	\$100.00	Worship:	
(In memory of Jay Thompson	\$235.00)	Lottie Moon (TD)	\$5,857.00	8:30	118
(In memory of Nancy Miffleton	\$100.00)	World Hunger (TD)	\$866.00	11:00	282
(In memory of Col. Robert L. Suthard	\$100.00)			Sunday School:	
Cost of New Sanctuary	\$4,675,000	2010 Budget Requirements		Members	301
Current Loan Balance	\$ 395,000	Needs to Date:	\$ 15,892.50	Visitors	07
Less Building Fund Balance	11,690	Gifts to Date:	\$ 14,350.00	Total	308
Additional Gifts Needed	\$ 383,310				

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Women's Bible Studies

The Sunday afternoon and Tuesday night Women's groups will begin the Beth Moore study of Revelation, "Here and Now, There and Then" on Sunday, January 17 at 4:00 PM in Room #208, and on Tuesday, January 12 at 7:00 PM at the Mitchell's home. This study includes 11 DVD messages, a listening guide and light homework (weekly reading assignments). The listening guide costs about \$5.00. NOTE: For the Tuesday night group, please call the church office on the 11th or 12th to confirm that the study was received, otherwise the start date will be delayed a week.

The Tuesday night Women's group will begin the Beth Moore study "The Inheritance" on January 19 at 6:30 PM at Tricia Dalton's home.

How do you know when God is speaking to you? The Wednesday morning Bible Study group will begin "Discerning the Voice of God," a six-week video and workbook series by Priscilla Shirer on Wednesday, January 20 at 9:30 AM. This study is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. For more information or to order a book, please contact Peggy Shelton at 798-2008. Childcare is provided!

The Wednesday night Women's group will start the Beth Moore study, "Living Beyond Yourself: Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit" on Wednesday, January 13 at 6:00 PM. Contact Tammy Van Gils at 798-7802 to join.

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS: Bob Crowder, Caroline Jablonski, Nancy Nordin, Donna Alessi, Barbara Cochran, Jim McLean, Margaret J. Caudle, Charles Baltz, Nancy Melton, Doris Yowell.

FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Mike Apel (Elaine and John Mallory); Dennis Meade (Ann Moore); Harvie Early (Jennie Pegram); Steven Walsh (Elaine Mallory); Christy Detwiler (LeFevre Family); George Glenn (Peggie & Greg Haley); Joe Loehr (Greg Haley); Trudy Hutcheson (Kim Hutcheson); Ellis Powell (Chuck Powell); Ann Kirby (Dorsey Ficklin); Norman Gotthardt (Nancy Barnett); Kirk Williams (Betty & John Irby & Matt Shelton); Leroy Waggett (Betsy Marks); Tommy Smith (George Smith); Frank Harris (Walter Harris); Larry Horner (Mark Horner); Melissa Goode Cattarius & Charles Skinner (Marjorie Goode); Lavelle Sheffield (Roy & Peggie Haley); Xander Waller (Dale & Morgan Waller); Charles Rush (Dot Lee); Miles Coleman (Kit Taylor); Wilma Horn (Fred Horn); Kenny Allanson (Roy Saettel); ; Walter Gibson (Harold Brooks); Linda Platt (Jackie Dougherty); Dick McGrew, Charlene Dillard (Peggy & Bob Dillard); Jerry McGraw, Evelyn Smith and Lee Grant (Pat Ross); Sherri Pollick (Geri Gleeson); Carolyn Powell (Luke Powell); Francis Hurdle (Dot Lee); Deb Williams (Lydia Collins); Victor and Elizabeth Sarna, Cindy Richmond (Kay Rooke); Gail Glave (Brandon & Hunter Glave); Jim Hilton (Sara Hilton); Norma Hopper (Crystal Hopper); Polly Raines (Venetia Redd); Joan Nevel (Delores Tignor & Linwood Garris); Sharon, Delvin & Lily Roberts (Nancy Melton); Jori Heckman (Tom Ficklin); Wanda Anderson (Bernie Marsh); Adriel Edwards (Bill Chisholm); Julie Chapman & family (Travis Edwards); Don Lahy (Steve Owens); Sandra Anderson (Jane McAlexander); Scott Towne (Randy Howard); Chanel Hobbs (Tricia Dalton); Al Willett (Gilmans); Richard Bagby (Jim & Betty Ellis); Ruth Hall (Watson Hall); Shyanne Shane; William Sumner (Freida Bryant); Vera Lee Leigers (Caroline Jablonski); Scotty and Dottie Scott (Ginger Collison); Angela DeVoe (Kim Hutcheson); Denver Bridwell (Buddy & Myra Weston); Tammy Trapani (Susan Glisson); Rose Parsley (Joyce Parsley); Karen Snyder (Beth Mallory); Zach Fields (Don Fields); Diane Ballard (Kathy Powell); Margaret Oberholtzer (Gail Dail); Ed Walinsky (Mick & Carol Outten); Tommy Clemons (Alison Clemons); Robert Blanchard (Terri Cook); Ryan Southworth (Elsa Gray Thompson). Our military personnel and country.