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First Baptist Church

The Focus

October 22, 2009

Special points of interest:

- **Sunday, November 1, High Attendance Day with a Covered Dish Luncheon after 11:00 Service**

For the Covered Dish Luncheon please bring a casserole, salad, or dessert (or all three if you choose) to share in fellowship.

Don't forget to fall back 1 hour next weekend for Daylight Saving Time!

THE GIVING TREE

The CCDC has a Giving Tree next to the James Ellis Sunday School classroom. The purpose of the tree is to offset cost of materials for the childcare center. We ask you to take a leaf off the tree and purchase the item. There is a container for the items. Thanks for your donations.

Noteworthy News of the Week

500! 500! 500!

Sunday, November 1

500 in Sunday School

500 in 11:00 Worship Service

One Worship Service

Covered Dish Luncheon to follow

OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2009

Sunday - 25

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. "Fireproof Your Marriage"
- 10:45 a.m. Deacon-Led Prayer Time
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. "The Inheritance" Bible Study (#208)
- 5:00 p.m. "Praise in Motion" Bell Choir (#246)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth in Chapel

Monday - 26

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Deacon's Meeting**

Tuesday - 27

- 6:00/7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Groups
- 7:00 p.m. "The Inheritance" Bible Study at Mitchell's home

Wednesday - 28

- 9:30 a.m. "Esther" Bible Study (#208)
- 10:00 a.m. "Times of Chimes" Choir

5:00 p.m. Crock Pot Supper

- 6:00-7:45 p.m. Library Open
- 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends (#130)
- 6:00 p.m. "Esther" 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. Trunk or Treat

- 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study (Chapel)
- 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (#135)

Thursday - 29

- 6:00 p.m. ALPHA Course in Ellis Hall

A Word From Our Pastor

Jennifer and Matthew

*Mr. and Mrs. Michael R. Woody
The Reverend and Mrs. Robert E.
Thompson
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children*

*Jennifer Elizabeth
to
Matthew Blair*

*Saturday, the fifth of December
Two thousand and nine
at one o'clock in the afternoon
First Baptist Church
800 Thompson Street
Ashland, Virginia*

Reception to follow at the church

12.05.09

You see the **wedding invitation to Matthew and Jennifer's wedding** on December 5. We **want you to share that day with us**. There will be a **reception** following the ceremony in our fellowship halls and we also **want you to be a part** of that celebration. To be able to plan adequately we need for you to call the church office and let us know that you will be here. We are so excited about this day and we want to share that excitement with some of the **most important people** in our lives, **our church family**.

Another exciting celebration is this coming **Sunday, November 1! Our Sunday school classes** are contacting class members and **some are inviting** other folks who are not church members.

Others have told me that they are made special invitations to those outside the church. We are having a **covered dish dinner** where we are to bring a **casserole, salad or dessert** (or all three if you choose). This will be a grand day because God's people called First Baptist Church, Ashland are together. Don't forget that your **clocks "fall back"** an hour so you have an extra hour of sleep. It is also **All Saints Day** and we will remember those in our church family who have gone to be with the Lord this past year. **I cannot wait to share the day with you!**

Have a good week and know I love you.

God bless,

Robert

youHeadlines

CHOSEN:

Creatively Helping Others by Serving Every Neighbor.

John 15:15 - 17

TODAY: Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contest. Please bring a pumpkin to carve and a costume of the pumpkin kind. Starts at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night: 6:30 PM Bible Study in Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

October:

- 28 Trunk or Treat

PASSPORT sign-up NOW! Registration opens Nov. 2, so if you plan on going, I need a head count! (June 27 - July 02 Macon, GA)

The Chosen Award this week: Carla Darby, Susan Glisson and Mr. Marsh for filling in for me. Thank you for your willing hearts!

Thought for the Day: "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." - **C. S. Lewis**

College/Young Adults Events

Every Wednesday night Fellowship and Bible Study at First Baptist Church, 7:30 PM in the Chapel. Serendipity Bible Study

WED-NITE SUPPER

Menu for October 28

Family Life Crock Pot Luck Dinner

Come with your favorite Crock Pot dish and share Potluck dinner, then share candy in the parking lot from the trunk of your vehicle for the "Trunk or Treat".

Outside (Weather Permitting)

Trunk or Treat

Family Life will provide volunteers for October 28.

Upcoming Programs:

Nov. 04: Moody Science DVD

Nov. 11: Veteran's Day Program

Nov. 18: Thanksgiving with Robert

Parish Nurse

October is National Fire prevention month. Everyone's home should have at least one smoke detector. Here are some safety tips provided by the National Fire Protection Association.

Smoke Alarm Safety

Smoke alarms save lives. Almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast and you need smoke alarms to give you time to get out.

Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan.

Congratulations

Congratulations to:

**Dr. James Townsend
for his
8th Year
Anniversary
as Associate Pastor
at First Baptist on
October 29, 2009.**

Grief Share

Surviving the Holidays

No matter how long it's been since the loss of your loved one, grief can make the holidays a painful time. But there's hope. Join us for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. Come on **Sunday, November 8, at 2:00 PM in Thompson Hall.** Call the church office to sign-up!

Grace Sightings . . .

"There is more mercy in God than there is sin in us" - William Sloan Coffin

CCDC News

The CCDC had a "Down on the Farm Fall Festival" on Thursday night. The children came dressed as farmers, scarecrows and animals. There were lots of games and prizes. Every one loved being down on the farm.

Linda Ficklin, Director

Senior Adult News

Wednesday, October 28

Riverside Theatre:

"Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"

Cost: \$50.00;

Will leave church at 10:30 AM.

Thursday, November 19 Noon

Educational Financial Seminar led by Paul Mangano with Banker Life & Casualty

No selling will occur at the seminar.

Other topics will be covered later.

Brunswick Stew Sale

The delicious stew make from an old family recipe by Susan Davis will be available again on **November 14, 2009.** The cost is **\$7 per quart.** Place an order on the sign up sheets that will be distributed in Sunday School classes or call the church office. **The proceeds will help send our youth on a worship and Bible study retreat over the Christmas break.** Thank you for supporting our youth!

STATISTICS - Financial - Attendance - Budget Requirements

Weekly Data:

Budget Requirements	\$ 15,907.00
Budget Receipts (10/18/09)	\$ 13,949.00
Building Fund (10/18/09)	\$ 2,375.00
(In memory of Web Buchanan	\$200.00)
Cost of New Sanctuary	\$4,675,000
Current Loan Balance	\$ 615,000
Less Building Fund Balance	<u>25,131</u>
Additional Gifts Needed	\$ 589,869
Endowment Fund (9/30)	\$ 63,053

BUS FUND (TD)	\$5,709.50
Memorial Garden	\$50.00
State Missions (TD)	\$743.00
World Hunger	\$401.00

2009 Budget Requirements

Needs to Date:	\$ 665,093
Gifts to Date:	\$ 659,030

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday, October 18, 2009

Worship:

8:30	132
11:00	253

Sunday School:

Members	299
Visitors	10
Total	309

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX MINISTRY

It's time to make up the shoeboxes for disadvantaged children this Christmas. Please pickup a brochure and fill a box or two. Our goal is **300** shoeboxes this year. The collection dates are **November 16 - 22, by Sunday at Noon**. Great places to shop are Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Roses or Wal-Mart. Thank you for helping out! Leave your filled and wrapped boxes (with lids wrapped separately) on the table in the sanctuary hallway. No bows or ribbons, please.

If you missed out on the opportunity to purchase a personalized pan from "That's My Pan", IT IS BACK and just in time for Christmas. Please stop by the table in the commons area and place your order beginning October 11 to November 1. Pan samples will be displayed, as well as other personalized gifts. Funds raised will go in the missions fund on behalf of the Italy Mission Team.

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** plans are coming together nicely. We have had a great response from some local businesses and a few local churches have responded to help as well. So how can you help:

- * **Pray** for the event, those attending and those serving
- * If you are interested in **volunteering**, please call Tammy Van Gils at 798-7802. We need volunteers Wednesday afternoon and Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) starting at 7:00 AM.
- * If you are interested in **joining us** to eat or know someone who may like to come to eat, pick up a flyer in the lobby area and RSVP today.

Thanks, Tammy Van Gils and Buddy Gilbert

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS: Brenda Stone - St. Mary's; Wayne Hardy, Jack Brunton; Dale Waller, Barbara Cochran, Jim McLean, Margaret J. Caudle, Charles Baltz, Nancy Melton, Doris Yowell.

FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: Tommy Smith (George Smith); Frank Harris (Walter Harris); Kin Melton (Jane Wait); Larry Horner (Mark Horner); Libby Taylor-Curl (Kit Taylor); Betty Rusk (Robert Tribble); 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); French Maggard and Wilma Horn (Fred Horn); Cathy Waldrop (Gay Blankenship); Ben Hutcheson (Phillip Hutcheson); Barker twins (Joe & Carrie); Kenny Allanson (Roy Saettel); Lizzie Powell (Peggie Haley); 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); Nancy Miffleton (Marti Glave); 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); ; Frankie Sutton and Rick Ivey (Dick and Lois Ivey); Barry Craig, Sharon, Delvin & Lily Roberts, Thurston & Fairchild families, Shirley Starner, Carrie Harper and Dorothy Bynum (Nancy Melton); Jori Heckman (Tom Ficklin); Wanda Anderson (Bernie Marsh); Adriel Edwards (Bill Chisholm); Charlotte Reynolds (Horn's & Wendy Farmer); Julie Chapman & family (Travis Edwards); Don Lahy (Steve Owen); 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); George Glenn (Roy & Peggie Haley); 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.**