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First Baptist Church

The Focus

November 12, 2009

Special points of interest:

- **TODAY, Fred's Anniversary Celebration, Refreshments in Thompson Hall following 11:00 Service**
- **Sunday, November 22, "Hanging of the Greens" Worship Service at 6:30 PM**

Noteworthy News of the Week

"HAPPY 10th ANIVERSARY FRED"

Celebrate TODAY following the 11:00 Worship

Any cards please place in the basket!

PLEDGE SUNDAY TODAY

CARITAS for the Holidays

We will be hosting the **CARITAS** single men the week of **December 12 - 20**. There is a place for you in this important mission project. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the kitchen or call Dan or June Lynch at 752-6137.

NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2009

Sunday - 15

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
 9:30 p.m. Blood Pressure Screening
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Deacon-Led Prayer Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship
Noonish Fred's 10th Anniversary Celebration
 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 - 16

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 17

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

Wednesday - 18

- 9:30 a.m. "Esther" Bible Study (#208)
 10:00 a.m. "Chimes of Time" Choir
 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. "Esther" Bible Study (#208)
 6:00 p.m. Banner/Sewing/Knitting (#201)
 6:00 p.m. GriefShare (#216)
 6:15 p.m. "Parental Guidance Required" (#105)
 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)
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee
 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir (#135)
Thursday - 19
 6:00 p.m. ALPHA Course in Ellis Hall

ATTENTION

Help FBC reach our goal of 300 Shoeboxes. You can have your shoeboxes dedicated at the 11:00 Service on November 22.

All Sunday School class members - Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are due November 22 at Noon. If you are unable to shop for your box the Alde Reamy Class will shop for you. The cost per box is \$7.00 for shipping and approximately \$10.00 for gifts. We want 300 shoeboxes this year!

Jackie Dougherty, Chair

A Word From Our Pastor

We have a **great opportunity today** and that is for all of us to work together and make sure the Good News continues to be shared at home and around the world. We have the opportunity to return to God some of what He has given to us. We have the opportunity to make commitments of our financial resources to the work of the church. And when we do it together, the difference is huge! I am going to trust that you have given some prayer to what your commitment will be. May God bless you.

Is your shoebox ready yet? They need to be brought in this week. Our family has two more to do. I want to believe we are going to meet the goal that has been set for us.

Have you found your place in CARITAS yet? The board is filling up fast. Find the spot where you can best minister.

IT is celebration day. Today we

are observing the tenth anniversary of Fred Horn as our Minister of Music and Family Enrichment. Stay for (or return for) the fellowship following our 11:00AM worship today. Use this opportunity to tell Fred what his ministry means to you. Say it out loud, write it down, email it, text or twitter it! Ten years is an investment of time and talent. My thanks to him, Lisa and Abby for their years with us.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week some of us will be attending the **Baptist General Association annual meeting** in Fredericksburg. Remember that meeting in your prayers. This is one of those meetings that remind us that we do better work together than separately.

AND next week, **November 22 at 6:30 PM is our "Hanging of the Greens"** worship. That worship gets

us ready for Advent. Make sure you are present! It is a great time of worship and fellowship.

Have a good week and know I love you.

God bless,

Robert

GREAT NEWS!

You can now view First Baptist Church's member directory on our website at firstbaptistashland.org.

Click on "Who We Are" then "Member Directory".

Call the church office for the password into this secure area.

youHeadlines

CHOSEN:

Creatively Helping Others by Serving Every Neighbor.

John 15:15 - 17

TODAY: Turkey Bowl, FBC 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Wednesday Night: 6:30 PM Bible Study in Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

PASSPORT Missions Camp sign-up NOW!

Registered for 40 spaces, ONLY 15 spaces open

*Can register more **IF** space is available*

(June 27 - July 02 Macon, GA)

The Edge Student & Leaders Conference in Caswell, NC

December 30 - January 1, 2010

Cost: \$120.00; Must sign up by November 29

Registered for 15 spaces, only 4 spaces open

Please pick up info sheet on Youth Bulletin Board

Chosen Award this week: Cassady Olson, who knows what it means to be good example! Thanks Cassady!

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 November 18

**Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Vegetable Medley
Rolls and Pudding**

Child's Special

Chicken Nuggets

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

Thanksgiving with Robert

The James Ellis Class will provide volunteers for November 18.

Upcoming Programs:

Dec. 02: Missions Speaker

Dec. 09: CCDC Christmas Program

Holiday Scrip

Holiday Scrip is Back! Please pickup order forms in the commons area starting TODAY. First order is due by Sunday, November 22 at Noon. Scrip is a fundraising gift card program. Proceeds will benefit benevolence.

From the Library

Tigers, Sails & ABC Tales and *My First Animal Encyclopedia* have been given to the church library by Judy and Ashley Pierce in honor of their grandchildren, Hayden, Mason, Madilyn and Landon.

Church Ornaments

The Pearl Luck WOM group is still selling a new Church Keepsake Ornament. Orders are taken in front of the Parlor Room on Sundays, and in the hall outside the kitchen on Wednesday nights. All proceeds to benefit WMU Ministries.

Grace Sightings . . .

"May God control our passion: may He discipline our thoughts and our wills and lead us to the peace of Jesus Christ . . ." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

CCDC News

The CCDC will be presenting their annual Thanksgiving program on Wednesday, November 25 at 9:30 AM.

There will be Pilgrims, Indians and turkeys. Come and enjoy the Thanksgiving songs with us.

The CCDC Childcare Center would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving!

Linda Ficklin, Director

Senior Adult News

Thursday, November 19 Noon
Educational Financial Seminar led by Paul Mangano with Banker Life & Casualty

No selling will occur at the seminar.

Topics covered:

Home Care Vs, Nursing Home
Beyond Funeral Costs
Probate - Avoiding the 25% Tax
Retirement Income
Protection Against Loss
Inflation Impact; How Do I Stay Ahead?
Minimize Taxation - Maximize Income

Bring Soup, Salad or Dessert.



Our deepest sympathy and love goes to Kit Taylor in the death of her sister-in-law, Libby Taylor-Curl; and to Alex Durham in the death of his sister-in-law, Willene Durham.

STATISTICS - Financial - Attendance - Budget Requirements

Weekly Data:

Budget Requirements	\$ 15,907.00
Budget Receipts (11/08/09)	\$ 14,473.01
Building Fund (11/08/09)	\$ 2,172.50
(In memory of Doris Averbach	\$25.00)
Cost of New Sanctuary	\$4,675,000
Current Loan Balance	\$ 585,000
Less Building Fund Balance	<u>9,318</u>
Additional Gifts Needed	\$ 575,682
Endowment Fund (9/30)	\$ 63,053

BUS FUND (TD)	\$5,729.50
Memorial Garden	\$50.00
State Missions (TD)	\$763.00
World Hunger (TD)	\$666.00

2009 Budget Requirements

Needs to Date:	\$ 712,814
Gifts to Date:	\$ 721,699

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday, November 08, 2009

Worship:

8:30	128
11:00	268

Sunday School:

Members	342
Visitors	11
Total	353

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PLEASE DO NOT PLACE ORDERS IN OFFERING PLATES

My order is for _____ **POINSETTIAS.**

Our/My dedication should read:

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Name: _____

Cost for each poinsettia is \$10.00. Absolute Deadline is Monday, December 6 by Noon.

Caps, Scarves and Mittens - Oh My!

***We have patterns, baskets of yarn and we need you!
Help us fill our Christmas tree for the Christmas
Mother. See Jane McAlexander or Ruth Bruce.***

The **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** plans are coming together nicely. We have had a great response from some local businesses and churches. Here's how can you help:

- **Pray** for the event, those attending and those serving
- If you are interested in **volunteering**, please call Tammy VanGils 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.

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS: **Brenda Stone** - *Drs. Forest*, **Don Morgan** - *St. Mary's*, **Tricia Dalton**, **Nancy Nordin**, **Donna Alessi**, **Jack Brunton**, **Dale Waller**, **Barbara Cochran**, **Jim McLean**, **Margaret J. Caudle**, **Charles Baltz**, **Nancy Melton**, **Doris Yowell**.

FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: **Pauline Sweet** (Janice Miller); **Kirk Williams** (Matt Shelton); **Leroy Waggett** (Betsy Marks); **Vincent Crute** (Ashleigh Hutcheson); **Tommy Smith** (George Smith); **Frank Harris** (Walter Harris); **Kin Melton** (Jane Wait); **Larry Horner** (Mark Horner); **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 & John Beck); **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); **Sharon, Delvin & Lily Roberts** (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 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); **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.**