

Saturday Servants
January 28, February 4, 11, 18 & 25
9:30 am - 11:15 am

This is a great ministry project for Sunday School classes and individuals.

Please contact Glenn Bolt at 224-1622 to sign up.

Youth

Bible Study—Sunday Nights—late January
Radical - by David Platt.
Books—\$5.00 (get yours early and read ahead)

First Baptist Church,
A special thank you for the delicious meal. It came at a time that meant so much to us.
We were so blessed to have had Bob for so many years,
Peggy White & Family

Thank each of you for every act of kindness during Sam's illness and hospitalization. Your caring concern and prayers have seen us through this difficult time. You'll never know how much it means to us to have such wonderful friends. Please keep us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ, Sam and Alene Sullivan

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Pastor

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Call: 224-1622, Press 6, leave name, number and a brief message and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, January 8
8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record Radio Broadcast)
9:30 AM Worship
9:50 AM Replay Baraca Service on WRIX-FM 103.1
10:30 AM Bible Study
11:30 AM Church Council Meeting
4:00 PM Middle School Bible Study
Handbell Techniques and Ensemble - Handbell Room
5:00 PM Youth Shared Meal
CDC Committee Meeting - Deacon Conf. Rm.
6:00 PM High School Bible Study

Monday, January 9
7:00 PM Men's Ministry Meeting

Tuesday, January 10
7:07 AM MS & HS Breakfast Club - Chick-Fil-A Hwy. 81 Transportation to McCants
9:00 AM Cruisin' Christians Trip to The Bleckley Inn
10:00 AM Margaret Wms. Bible Study

Wednesday, January 11
12:00 Noon Bible Study / Luncheon
3:30 PM Bus Pick-Up for Middle School
5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
5:30 PM MS & HS Discipleship
5:45 PM Children's Music & Missions
6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Conversation Café - Room 212
6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 13
10:30 AM Golden Age

Sunday, January 15
Regular Schedule
11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, January 16
No School
8:00 AM MLK Breakfast - Royal Baptist Church
10:00 AM Burris Hill Group
6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, January 17
7:07 AM MS & HS Breakfast Club - Chick-Fil-A Hwy. 81 Transportation to McCants

Wednesday, January 18
Regular Schedule

Thursday, January 19
Beacon Mailed



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Michaela Elise Beaufort
November 8, 2011

Proud Parents: Jonathan & Christa Beaufort
Brothers: Joshua, Joel, & Micah
Grandparents: Jim & Ginger Smith

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Join Us In January for the New Sermon Series *What Kind of Life in 2012?*

January 8: *A Life that LEADS* - Ruth 1:16-17
January 15: *A Life that SERVES* - II Timothy 1
January 22: *A Life that DISCERNs* - Mark 7:24-30
January 29: *A Life that LISTENS* - Luke 7:24-35

CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON JANUARY 22, 2012



Fellowship Hall - 11:30am

(12:15pm if attending the conference only)

Elect Church Council and 2011 Stewardship in Review

Menu: TBA

Adults: \$5.00 Children: \$2.50

Please make reservations for lunch by calling 224-1622



Family Promise Host Week:

Sunday, January 22 - Sunday, January 29



Please email Shelby Clardy at: skbone@hotmail.com or call: 376-8698 for volunteer opportunities.



From One Minister to Another...

What Kind of Life in 2012? As the old year gives way to the new, most of us do a bit of reflecting on the past and try to assess where we were good stewards of our time, along with the other resources and opportunities the Lord provided, and where we were perhaps not so good. This often leads to resolutions for the year ahead.

Resolutions often focus on things like our physical condition (i.e., weight loss and exercise) and our financial condition (e.g., saving money, getting out of debt). Both are important; and although you and I do not have total control over either of these areas—bad things can happen even in spite of our best efforts to prevent them—still, we do have major responsibilities for managing well these areas of our lives.

During worship in January, our focus will be on the kind of life God calls us to live in relation to one another. We are ministers to one another and to our community. Our church understands this. We demonstrated it on New Year's Day with our Community Thanksgiving Meal and Warm Clothes Giveaway—what a blessing to see so many lives being touched by this act of compassion and Christian witness.

Of course, the work to make this happen began long before New Year's Day. There are so many examples, but one that touched me was when a group of our children came up to me and with great excitement and joy told me about going to the farm with their parents and harvesting the truck loads of collards that would soon become part of the Community Meal.

This had obviously been such a good experience for the children on several levels: quality family time resulting in lots of stories and good memories; but also the seeds this experience planted for growing the awareness in their young lives that life becomes much fuller when its focus extends beyond oneself to others. As they say, "PRICELESS!"

To everyone who worked so hard and served so selflessly to make this happen again this year, thank you! Efforts like these are the heart of this congregation—and FBC, your heart is good! I count it a privilege and special joy to serve along with you.

This Sunday in worship, we celebrate a service of a different kind. Margaret Hicks and Haskell Bolt will be ordained as new deacons in our church. This is a very significant moment in their lives and for our church as well. Our theme will be "A Life that LEADS." Deacons are important leaders in our church; and as with all good leaders in the Body of Christ, their leadership is seen most clearly in the service they render.

Give some prayerful thought to *What Kind of life in 2012?* as it relates to your own relationship with the Lord and the gifts for ministry He has given you. Then join us this Sunday as we worship the Lord together and celebrate the privilege we all have to be of service...for Christ's sake.

In a Spirit of Partnership...
James R. Thomason, Pastor

Our Members in Action

January 8

Worship Childcare:

Donna McClellion, Dawn Fleischman,
Beverly & Danny Stone

Deacons of the Week:

Eddie Wentzky, Offertory Prayer
Margaret Hicks, Visitor Outreach

January 15

Worship Childcare:

Paula & Charlie Ballentine, Robin & Paige Gardner

Deacons of the Week:

Charlie Campbell, Offertory Prayer
Dewey Boyd, Visitor Outreach

January Collection Committee

Arlis Hinson, Charlie Ballentine, Jeff Neal,
Joe Drennon, Ray Gillespie, Alicia Darby

Wednesday Lunch / Supper

January 11

Lunch/Supper

Baked Chicken, Steamed Broccoli,
Hash Brown Casserole, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

January 18

Lunch/Supper

Country Fried Steak, Creamed Potatoes, Gravy,
Green Bean Casserole, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lottie Moon/Global Missions

Christmas Offering

First Baptist Church Goal: \$10,000

Given to date: \$10,455

Average Bible Study Attendance

for December: 300

Spotlight on Stewardship

through December

Monthly budget Requirements..... 83,692

Monthly budget Receipts...150,180

Y - T - D Receipts Under budget... ..102,643

**Church Council meeting
January 8 - 11:30am**

**Men's Ministry Meeting
January 9 - 7:00pm**

**Deacons' Meeting
January 15 - 11:30 AM**

Family Ministers: The availability of 2012 packets has been delayed until **Sunday, January 15**. The number of requested changes was larger than anticipated and necessitates a one week delay. Packets can be picked up in the sanctuary foyer before worship and in the hallway near the Deacon Conference Room before and after Sunday School. During week days packets can be picked up in the church office.



**The Martin Luther King, Jr.
Prayer Breakfast - January 16th
8:00am - Royal Baptist Church**

Tickets are available in the church office.
\$10.00 donation requested.

**Housing Ministry Update
By Sam Drew**

I think you'll enjoy hearing about all the updates that were made this past year.

Improvements: this year we replaced the metal exterior panels on the ground floor, a new roof on the center 10th floor, and installed a new security camera system that records five areas of the building.

We passed inspections for: our emergency back-up generator, our building wide smoke alarm system that is connected to the Fire Department and the state mandated elevator inspection. We took a large step toward the building becoming smoke free.

We have had no rent increase since January 2007 plus we continually update and remodel every apartment as it becomes vacant.

Winter Wonderland Toy Tree

The First Baptist Preschoolers would greatly appreciate your donations to help replenish some of their indoor learning space materials. If you would like to help, please choose something from the Toy Tree in the Sanctuary & turn it into the church office by **January 27th**.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT.....

Dear FBC Congregation,

Now that the whirlwind of the holidays has ceased, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support of our music ministry. It is my hope that throughout this holiday season, our music was able to speak to you in a personal way.



Thank you for being present for our Children's Choirs Christmas Program. These young singers are the adult choir of our future and your support and encouragement is vital! I would also like to express my appreciation once again to the children's choir directors who work so enthusiastically and diligently to teach these children each week: **JJ Orr, Holly Carithers, Sharon Frye, Leslie Walker, Bea Glover, Ralph Little**. Without them, there would be no children's choirs and we are so blessed to have them serve in this capacity!

As we begin the new year, our Adult Choir will be gearing up for the Lenten/Easter season! During Christmas, we welcomed 6 "Christmas Choir Members" to our loft! The Adult Choir enjoys fun and fellowship each week in rehearsals and we would love nothing more than to have more voices added to our group! That being said, perhaps you are reading this and thinking that you might like to join us! Consider this your invitation to try us out for a few weeks! Come see what goes on "behind the loft" as we rehearse and prepare for service each week as well as the High Holy Days of Lent and Easter. Childcare is available during choir time and we rehearse from 7:00-8:15ish on Wednesdays! If you would like to talk with me personally, please feel free to contact me at **716-0448 or 940-7073!**

Our choir is a wonderful group of people who use their talents and time to glorify our God. We are blessed to have a thriving choir and praise team who serve joyfully each week in worship. Again, my deep and sincere thanks to you, the congregation, for your encouraging words, your love and your ongoing support of our music ministry here at FBC!

"SING"-cerely,
Cara Brown, Music Director

