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Sunday Services

Worship
8:30am & 11:00am
Bible Study for All Ages
9:45am

Wednesday Activities

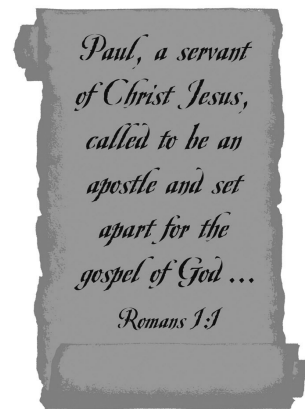
5:30 Family Meal
6:00 Children Choirs
6:45 -Children's Missions
6:30 -XTreme Truth
6:30-Discipleship University

OUR VISION

We live to be disciples of Christ who exalt God, prepare people, and share Christ.



Deacon Ordination—Sunday January 3rd



Faye Ballou (11am), Cordelia Dean (8:30am), Judy Monroe (11am) and Annie Swain (8:30am) will be ordained to serve a 3 year term as new deacons. In addition to these, Glenda Chagaris, Mark Knight, , and Demus Thompson will also begin serving a 3 year term.

The other deacons are: Glenda Baker, Joe Beam, Warren Benton, Beverly Clapsadl, Wanda Eastep, Preston Garner, Linda Johnston, Milton Laughton, Anne Murdoch, Fletcher Noe, Jimmy Parker, Carole Pelletier, Anne Marie Robinson, Mike Salter, Tom Taylor, William Taylor, Pam Tunby, Betty West, & Jeff Williams

Over the next few months members may be contacted by a newly ordained deacon, one returning to active service, or one that is currently serving that has received your families name just this year. We trust that you will invite these ministers into your life and seek to support and encourage them as they seek to support and encourage you.

Committee Orientation—Wednesday, January 6 @ 6:30pm

In January, we will have new people taking on new leadership roles and serving in various ministries and committees. In Luke 12:48 the Word says: "...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded." As leaders there is a lot that is expected and required of all of us. The Committee Orientation is a great opportunity to help you prepare for your works of service. We will have our regular Wednesday Family Meal at 5:30pm followed by preliminaries/explanation at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. At approximately 7:00pm we will begin with our committee break out sessions. There will be children activities during the Committee Orientation.

Deacon Retreat—January 22,23

Our Deacon Retreat this year will be at Carteret Community College and will begin at 5pm on Friday, January 22 and will conclude after lunch on Saturday. The theme this year will be discipleship.



Just Thinking....

The New Year approaches and you would think it would be easy to write this article. I must have writers block. It seems like there is so much to write about but I just don't know where to start.

For example, we have the deacon ordination with four new deacons to ordain. Each has their own story how God has impacted their lives and lead them to this moment. They will tell their stories on January 3rd. There will be two in the 8:30 service and two in the 11:00 service. I will get to hear them all. We will also be considering our church covenant as we recommit to live it out in our lives.

Then there is the committee orientation on January 6th. There will be great discussion and charge for 2010. Plans for 2010 are shaping up and it could be designated the year of discipleship. New initiatives are already being introduced, but there is more to come as we live in to our vision statement, "We live to be disciples of Christ..."

I need to also tell you that Operation Inasmuch (April 24) and Mission Carteret (July 12-15) are on the calendar. We are planning a training event for area churches and their organizers for January 21st. Several new churches will be joining the Mission Carteret effort in 2010. This will be a great time to continue to unify our community of churches to bless the people of our county and glorify our Lord. Since the Fall Festival and ringing the Salvation Army bells, lots of area congregations are looking forward to serving together again.

Darrell and I will be leading the deacons on January 22 & 23 as they retreat for an intensive look at discipleship for First Baptist. This is the culmination of several months of work by a team gathered to discuss discipleship. Our deacons will give valuable insight as they experience some of the processes we anticipate to encourage our members to be and make disciples.

There is just so much more. I am glad Darrell has started the new E-Newsletter. Now if I could just think. Oh well. Maybe next month I will have something.

Pastor Charles

Journey Through the Bible in One Year

We are asking everyone to read through the Bible in 2010. Following a systematic plan along with an accountability partner will help you stay on track with your spiritual journey. As a way to help you on this journey we have adapted a reading plan from www.lifejournal.cc that you may pick up at church or go online to www.fbcmhc.org and download your copy. Remember the key is to be intentional about spending time with God each day and allowing His Word to transform your life.



2010 The Year of Discipleship

We believe at First Baptist Church that we exist to help people become fully devoted followers of Christ. The Discipleship Team which I have been meeting with over the past months have identified six key areas of spiritual health to help you know what that looks like. We feel that a fully devoted follower of Christ will:

1. Exalt God by worshipping Him both personally and corporately.
2. Grow in spiritual maturity with regular Bible study, reading, and prayer.
3. Connect with a Church family through various Christian groups and fellowship.
4. Love and serve others unselfishly.
5. Share Christ with other people.
6. Prepare other people to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Sometimes it is difficult to know how we are doing in these areas. So we have developed a **Spiritual Growth Assessment** with questions that is aimed at each of these six areas. The questions will help you to evaluate your spiritual journey and focus on areas that need strengthening. These will be available in late January or early February.

We will be asking everyone to complete a Spiritual Growth Assessment in 2010 along with a Personal Growth Plan (PGP) that will help you formulate an intentional plan for spiritual growth.

In addition to completing a Spiritual Growth Assessment we will also be encouraging everyone to move into some type of accountability relationship to help you stay on track. These relationships could be in the form of a Life Group that consist of 6 - 8 people, or a one-on-one mentoring/coaching relationship.

These accountability relationships can be very risky and messy. They are messy because life can be messy. It is when we let our guard down and become transparent with other Christians that discipleship begins to happen. It is in these accountability relationships where we can begin to ask the hard questions such as:

- Have you done anything this week that would dishonor God?
- How are you applying God's Word to your life this week?
- Are you enjoying your prayer life?
- What is your game plan for spiritual growth?

So in 2010 I am asking each of us to:

Be **INTENTIONAL** in discipleship

INVEST time with other people

INVITE others to join you on the journey

On the Journey Together,
Darrell

SENIORS



SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as our JOYmakers Choir filled the choir loft on Sunday afternoon, December 6. Beautifully attired in black and red these precious senior adults brought a message of hope and peace as they sang familiar Christmas carols and original songs interspersed with narration during their presentation of "The Splendor of Christmas". There were sweet moments of worship as the congregation joined in singing "Silent Night" and "I Love You, Lord Jesus", moments of praise as the 27 voice choir sang "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" and "O Magnify the Lord with Me". How blessed as I was as their leader to stand before them and be a part of this wonderful time of ministry. If you missed it, there is a DVD available for viewing.

On December 9 our JoyMakers Choir traveled to Snug Harbor to present a portion of our Christmas musical plus some Christmas songs and carols to the residents. At one point as we ministered there, I invited them to join us in singing "Silent Night". We finished singing and prepared to move on to the next song. But one of the ladies who was listening continued to sing! In a clear, sweet soprano voice, the words sometimes inaudible but the melody clear, she sang on. Some joined in, softly humming. When she finished there was a stilled hush – a moment of silent worship, then we all clapped. We were all stirred by her sweet offering, and for me, this was the highlight of our time there.

Yesterday (Dec. 15) twelve of us traveled to Mike's Farm for a wonderful evening of fun and fellowship. We sang Christmas songs on the bus, visited around the table over a delicious country-style meal, then were delighted with the enchantment of the light show as we rode through the fields and woods on the hayride. It was a truly JOYful time together!

Our next JOY Club meeting and luncheon will take place on Tuesday, January 26 at 10:45 in the conference room. Invite a friend and join us!



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

We Welcome Into Our Church Family:

Scott, Gina, and Sabastien Ard
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On behalf of the family of Matti Thompson, I wish to thank all members of First Baptist Church who poured out their love and compassion to us during her lengthy illness, and especially following her death. During times like these we realize how special Christian love and fellowship are, and how such expressions can soothe the pain of losing a loved one. She was guarded and private about her illness, as many of you know and hopefully understand, simply because she didn't want anyone's heart burdened by concerns for her. I can tell you that she faced death with the unflinching knowledge that she was saved by the grace of God, and through her acceptance of Jesus as her personal savior. Considering the uncertainties of life, what more could one ask for, really? We miss her dearly, but eventually good memories will displace bad ones.

Jim Thompson



As Tim and I celebrate two years of being with you here at First Baptist we would like to thank you for the many blessings God has poured into our lives through you. Thank you for the generous Christmas bonus you shared with me, but also for the cakes and other gifts you left upon my desk and the many cards, notes, and words of encouragement you give us throughout the year. Your love, support, and friendship mean so much to us and we are blessed by the opportunity to share our love for Jesus with you all. May God bless you this Christmas and in the coming year.

In His precious love,
Deborah Lockey



Bev and I would like to thank the entire church family for your cards, notes, flowers, food, gifts, and especially the prayers. We certainly feel the love and warmth of this Body in a most special way. Lord willing I will be in our pulpit on January 10th. The message title will be "Proof of Life." As always, lets keep moving forward for Christ.

We love you all,
Mike & Beverly Salter

**Atlantic Baptist Association
Christian Leadership Development Conference
January 25th @ 6:45pm
FBC—Havelock**

- Sessions Include**
Embrace Women's Missions & Ministries
Church Finances
Summer Missions Opportunities
Protecting Family & Friends from Pornography
Operation INASMUCH 101

WEDNESDAY EVENING FAMILY MEALS**January 6**

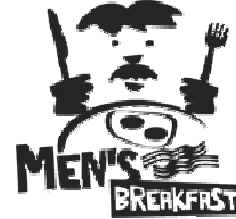
Soup & Salad Bar

January 13Rump Roast, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Squash Casserole,
Yeast Rolls & Dessert
by Captain Bill's Catering**January 20**

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January 27

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Make Reservations on the Communication Card on
Sunday or on line www.fbcmhc.org or by calling
the church office by Tuesday noon.
Adult Meals \$ 4.00 – Children 12 & Under eat free**K F C**
Kids for Christ**I'm a Christian Now Class**This 4 week class is for all children from 1st through 6th grade who have made a decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and have been baptized. It will be held on Sunday Mornings during Sunday School beginning on **January 10** in room # 253 in the youth area. BJ Williams and Debbie Butler will be the teachers.**Children's Music & Missions will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 13.****MEN'S JANUARY FELLOWSHIP
NOTE THE CHANGE**Breakfast
Sunday, January 24th @ 7am
in the Family Life Center
Cost \$4**BRAZIL MISSION TRIP**

We are in the beginning stages of planning a mission trip to Brazil to assist Jon & Jennifer Lewis with Upward Basketball and other ministries with the children. As of this date we do not have all the details but we are looking at a July date and will have the cost determined very soon.

If you are interested in going on this mission trip please contact Darrell Williams at 726-4142 or email at dwilliams@clis.com.**SERVING AT HOPE MISSIONS
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**The Baptist Men will be preparing and serving lunch for Hope Missions on Saturday, Jan. 30. If you would like to participate in this ministry please contact Darrell Williams at 726-4142 or email at dwilliams@clis.com for more information.**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL****“Hero Headquarters...Where Kids Join Forces with God!”****June 21-25, 2010**

It is that time again! It may be cold outside; however, we are already planning for this summer's Vacation Bible School.!

We need approximately 90 adults to fill all of the positions for our VBS this year. We have done this successfully for the last 28 years and I have no doubt that we can do it once again this year! Call me if you are willing to carry out God's great commandment to “Go ye therefore and teach...” The children of Carteret County need to hear the word of God! They need YOU!!! No experience is necessary! Pray earnestly and allow God to lead you as to what He would have you do! **We need 13 department directors along with workers for each department as well as general workers for a multitude of areas.****Our department workers meeting will be on Sunday, March 7 at 3:00pm. I look forward to hearing from you and working along side of you to teach God's word!**Love,
Diane Poag, VBS Director, (h) 726-2515



Personal Growth

If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat

In this book, John Ortberg teaches us how to step out of the "boat" of casual Christianity and to "walk" in faith with God. You will discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. This DVD based study relates the story in Matthew 14 when Peter got out of the boat and walked on water to life today. This group will be led by Anne Murdoch on **Wednesday evening at 6:30pm** beginning on January 13. Will meet in room #200. Cost of the book will be \$15.

Personal Growth—Women's Study

Believing God: Experiencing a Fresh Explosion of Faith

Based on Isaiah 43:10 Beth Moore explores what it means to not only believe in God but to believe Him. Through studying the lives of Abraham, Moses, and others from Hebrews 11 as examples of persons who believed God, Beth encourages women to deepen their own trust in God and receive a fresh word from Him. This will be a women only study led by Deborah Lockey on **Wednesday morning at 11:30am** beginning on January 13. Cost of book will be \$16. Will meet in the Youth Suite.

Evangelism

Evangelism Outside the Box

God is looking for people to work with and through to bring non Christians into His kingdom. But so often we have tried to constrain God in boxes in which our evangelism efforts reside. Rick Richardson teaches us how to think outside the box with different evangelism strategies that are effective in reaching the postmodern world. This study will be led by Darrell Williams on **Wednesday evenings @ 6:30pm** beginning on January 13th. Cost of the book will be \$14. Will meet in room #234A.

Biblical Studies

1 Samuel

The book of 1 Samuel teaches us what it means to be the "LORD's anointed." Anointing of priest, kings, and prophets suggested that they had been consecrated (chosen, blessed, and approved) by God for a special function and endowed by Him with power to carry out that task. The three offices of prophet, priest, and king come together in the Messiah, who embodied the fulfillment of a long succession of anointed prophets, priest, and kings. 1 Samuel is one of the great precursors of Jesus Christ, the One whom God anointed—His promised Messiah. This study will be led by Pastor Charles on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm** in the Conference Room. There is no cost for this study.

Family Enrichment

Love Dare Bible Study

The Love Dare Bible Study Member Book creates a marriage-centered Bible study experience for individuals and couples. These eight small-group sessions are based on movie clips from the motion picture FIREPROOF and connects couples to The Love Dare both during the session and throughout the week. It utilizes activities that creates community, provides opportunities to dialog about real life in real marriage, explores and applies God's Word, and invites participants into a risky but redemptive journey. This study will be led by members of our Marriage Team on **Sunday Mornings @ 9:45 beginning on February 7th** in the Family Life Center. Cost of the book will be \$8.

The movie Fireproof will be shown on **Saturday, February 6th @ 7pm** at the church for those participating in this study and anyone else who would like to see this movie.

Volunteers for January 2010

Nursery Workers

3 - Team 1: Builders Class (Allison Williams)
 10 - Team 2: Seekers Class (Samantha Chapoton)
 17 - Team 3: Encouragers/Singles (Mono Rivers)
 24 - Team 4: Cornerstone (Dana Luettich)
 31 - Team 5: Insights for Living (Becky Smith)

Sound Operators

8:30 am	11:00 am
3 - Larry Vallance	Scott Foley
10 - Jimmy Rivers	Gary Coffey
17 - Lee Dixon	Scott Foley
24 - Larry Vallance	Gary Coffey
31 - Jimmy Rivers	Scott Foley

Hymn Leaders

3 - Janet Lott
 10 - Craig Everett
 17 - Jerry Clonts
 24 - Dee Dee Phillips
 31 - Janet Lott

Front Door Greeter List

8:30 am
 3 - Pat Foster
 10 - Bill & Hunter Munden
 17 - Vivian & Mike Marshall
 24 - Carol Gartman
 31 - Jimmy Rivers

11:00 am

3 - Wanda Davis
 10 - Susie & Mitchell Smith
 17 - George Lott
 24 - Gina & Bubba Sanderson
 31 - Patricia & Roger Latham

Sunday School Greeters

Pre-School Suite	Sanctuary Stairs
3 - Carol Gartman	Pat Foster
10 - Mack Baker	Glenda Baker
17 - Lee Dixon	Glenda Dixon
24 - Lewis Brothers	Charlotte Brothers
31 - Mike Marshall	Vivian Marshall

**Newsletter
DEADLINE**

**The Deadline for the February
Anchor is due January 15.**

OFFERING UPDATE

As of December 13, 2009

Offering Received to Date	\$ 595,088.77
Offering Required to Date	\$ 665,398.59
% Received as of December 13	89%
Total Budget for 2009	\$ 694,329.00

CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

This year it will be necessary to have all 2009 Contributions in the Church office by 2pm, December 31. This will give us time to make our last deposit for 2009.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER GIFTS

JOY Makers Choir

In Memory of Mrs. Florence McElroy
 by: Connie McElroy-Bacon

JOY Club

In Memory of Mrs. Florence McElroy
 by: Connie McElroy-Bacon

Lewis Brazil Mission

In Memory of Mrs. Matti Thompson
 by: Annette Lawrence

White Christmas

In Memory of Bradley Warren
 by: Naomi, Mark, & Woody

Benevolence Ministry

In Memory of Matti Thompson
 by: Bobby & Dare Oglesby

General Budget

In Memory of Daniel L. Willis, Sr
 by: Ann & Charles Hill

In Memory of Clate Carfield
 by: Ann & Charles Hill

In Memory of Alice & Harold Webb
 by: Ann & Charles Hill

Flag Pole Fund

In Memory of Melvin Fritz
 By: The Insight for Living Sunday School Class

Property Endowment Fund

In Memory of Melvin Fritz
 by: Ann & Charles Hill

Homebound Ministry

In Memory of Dot Stevens
 by: Joan & Kenneth Putnam

Sunday Schedule
 8:30am—Worship Service
 9:45am—Bible Study for all Ages
 11:00am—Worship Service

Youth Sunday Schedule
 5:45pm—Fantastic 4

January, 2010

Wednesday Evening Schedule
 5:30—Family Meal
 6:00—Children's Choir (resumes Jan. 13)
 6:45—Children's Missions (resumes Jan. 13)
 6:30—Youth XTreme Truth (resumes Jan. 13)
 6:30— Discipleship University (Begins Jan. 13)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Years Day Office Closed	2
3 Deacon Ordination	4 10am Homebound 4pm Upward Practice	5 4pm Upward Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice	6 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm Committee Orientation	7 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	8	9 8am Upward Games
10	11 10am & 7pm Disci- plemaking Teachers 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Growth & Buildings	12 4pm Upward Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice 7pm Finance Committee	13 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry	14 10:30am Joyce Collins WMU Group 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	15	16 8am Upward Games
17	18 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Church Council	19 4pm Upward Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice	20 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry	21 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7pm Mission Carteret Info Meeting	22 5pm Deacon Retreat	23 8am Deacon Retreat 8am Upward Games
24 7am Men's Fellow- ship Breakfast	25 1pm History Committee 4pm Upward Practice 6:45pm—ABA Leadership Develop- ment Conference	26 10:45am JOY Club 4pm Upward Practice 6:30pm Handbell Practice	27 10am Prayer Shawl Ministry	28 4pm Upward Practice 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	29	30 Serving @ Hope Missions 8am Upward Games
31			Looking Ahead February 6 - Movie Fireproof February 14 - Valentine Dinner Theatre March 5 - Upward Basketball Award Ceremony March 5 & 6 - Baptist Men Disaster Training March 7 - 2010 VBS Workers Meeting March 27 & 28 - Crystal Coast Handbell Festival			



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Office Hours

Monday—Friday: 8:00am—5:00pm

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YOUTH CONNECT

The new year is approaching quickly and it is exciting to anticipate the things God has in store for us in 2010. Fifteen of our youth and their chaperones will begin the new year in celebration with around 600 other youth at The EDGE Youth Conference at Caswell, December 30-January 1.

We're staying in a cottage this year and it's going to be FUN! Then on January 18 we head north to Wintergreen Ski Resort where we will ski, snowboard, tube for a day and a half and just hang out together enjoying wonderful Christian fellowship. We have seventeen youth and five adults taking part in this trip. Please pray for our safety as they take part in both of these events, and also that the Holy Spirit will move in our lives to bring us closer to Him.

Summer camp seems far off but our reservations need to be turned in on January 1 while I am at Caswell. Cost for camp is \$250 and you need to sign up now.

In February we are planning once again to host a Valentine Dinner Theatre. Put it on your calendar on February 14 at 6pm and plan to join us for a delicious, entertaining evening sponsored by our youth and their parents.

We've planned a special trip for spring break, Thursday-Saturday April 8-10 and I hope you'll plan to go. It's an Outdoor Adventure Camping Trip, complete with hiking, rappelling, rock climbing, and Survivor challenges at Pilot Mountain, all with spiritual applications. Cost is \$120.

L.I.F.T. has been a great time together for our high school girls. We've had our last meeting for this year but will begin again in January. We meet at 6:45am at Chick-fil-A on Tuesdays. Join us! Moms are welcome, too!

And don't forget Sunday morning Student Bible Fellowship at 9:45 and F4 on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:30pm. Invite your friends and come! We want you with us!

Church family, thank you for your support of our youth in 2009! God has used you to help them grow! Thanks especially to all of you who have sponsored our youth financially. Your dollars make a difference in lives who are touched by our Lord Jesus Christ!