



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FAITH IS ALIVE MINISTRIES PRESENT **THE GOOD NEWS**



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## PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Williams

My Dear FBC Family,

Sitting here in my study thanking God for all He has done, I am overwhelmed on how the blessings just keep on flowing through our youth as they participate in the Kids Café Summer Program. Right now, we must focus on our children in so many ways. During the summer some children are left alone while their parents are employed. Because of this, we need multiple literacy initiatives in every community for these respective ages. First Baptist Church is empowered to take the "each-one teach-one" action and embrace it as a mandate for the community. We need a substantive educational engagement with all cultures.

I am so proud of Kids Café summer camp because the staff is focusing on the welfare of the children. We want our children to grow up to be healthy, productive, critical-thinking citizens. Kids Café summer camp is only six weeks, and during those weeks we will create an environment to nurture the development of our youth.

Let us consider the single parents for a moment. They are trying their best to make ends meet, they are preoccupied with trying to keep food on the table and a roof over their families heads. Our desire is to let the youth know that we care about them, and we encourage the positive dreams they are trying to fulfill through Christ Jesus.

Annually I will stay committed to this ministry because it is our future as well as the present help that God has given to us as a gift.

Your Humble Servant In Christ. ◇

C. E. Williams

## EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

Brother Terrence L Hearn Sr

Faith Is Alive Ministries



We are still trying to grow this newsletter. It has been a long a tedious journey but with the Lord's help we will accomplish his will. ◇

*"Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of standing still."*



- Communion Sunday always starts off each newsletter. It is a solemn but holy ceremony that we must do for reflection about Christ. We were blessed by our **1st Lady, Linda Williams**, preaching on March 8th. She taught about "The Next Generations." Sorry that it was not recorded but that is something the Media ministry is working about being I two places at the same time. While that was happening the Pastor was preaching in Winchester at Mt Salem Baptist church for their 87th Usher's Anniversary. Two of our Ushers traveled with the Pastor. A Taste of Spirit provided the morning music. Pastor preached "If wasn't for the Lord, Where would I Be?" The Spirit was high as he taught and preached.
- On March 14th **Brackett Morrell** held an Executive Board Meeting at FBC.

- On March 15th Pastor preached at Men's Day at Bethel AME at 3PM.
- On March 28th we had a joyous time with the "**After Six Marriage Seminar**" by **New Heart, New Spirit Ministries with Rev. Owen Johnson** and Team. They taught us about how we should act and react with our spouses or significant others by the way of God's Holy word. We had exercises and games. You may see anyone that attended the seminar about the information we were given. Pastor's plan is to have them come back and do a Seminar for the community. Be on the lookout for that time.
- The next morning was a big surprise for Pastor. He was not feeling the best but the Lord came and showed out so he would not have to do anything but enjoy the service. The starting surprise was that **Michael Williams** was the worship leader for **the Day. He had three sons of the ministry visiting. Rev. Owen Johnson, Rev. Al Brandon, Rev. Alonzo Bowler** were there that morning. **Sudan Ellington** had returned from Florida. The **New Heart New Spirit** team was there (Minister Dawn Smith, Minister Joe Smith and Minister Ieshia Bradley). **Rev. Tim Duncan** with children's Bible Study visited to let us know that they would be having a group meeting at Simms weekly. **Rev. Chris Johnson** also visited. He is like our new son on the block. **Deacons LO Burns & Bobby Gunter** were out that morning. Pastor did not have to worry about the keyboards because the musician from DuRaG was there. All ministers in the house did mini sermonettes. The intriguing thing was that **1st Lady Linda Williams** got up at the end of the sermonettes and spoke. She talked about how good it was to see all of them. She was the one that mentioned that Pastor was not feeling well that morning. She could see how the Lord put this all together. Several people joined or rededicated themselves, Pastor did not preach because all ministries spoke what was on their hearts and that was his message theme "Jesus Is Coming By". **Deacon Bailey** announced during the worship services that **Sis. Erma Reeves** 'sister died. So please keep her in your prayers.
- The next night Pastor preached at a revival at New Hope Baptist Church in McGayhesville, VA.
- The church meeting was cancelled for April 4th. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- The Pastor preached at Bethel AME for the Good Friday evening program. There were several other ministers involved. **Pastor, Rev. Ghant, Rev. Marin, Minister Nikita, Dr. Sloop, Rev. Rice, and Pastor Figueroa** all spoke on this

Good Friday night service program. It was very uplifting as each spoke on "The 7 Last Words of Jesus."

- Our **Easter Egg Hunt** 12PM-2PM was cancelled due to rain on April 11th. Instead they gave the children and kids the gifts of candies after Easter worship service.
- On April 12th, Easter was a joyous day because we had **Easter Sunrise service @ 6AM** with breakfast served after service by the men. Pastor preached about "When Jesus Got Up." The breakfast was delicious. Worship service begun @ 10 AM because Pastor wanted everyone to be able to spend more time with their family on Easter. He finished the day with the sermon of "An Eye Witness." He taught about not if Jesus got up but when he did are you being a witness of his resurrection.
- 1st Lady had the **hotdog booth at Red Front** for Week of April 13th – April 17th. It was a very eventful week. Sales were outstanding. Monies were split between missionaries and Kids Café.
- The Pastor went to a minister's conference in Northern VA during the weekend of April 17th - 18th.
- On April 19th for youth Sunday, **Rev. Walter Ghant** visited & brought some of his students. **Rev. Harold Brown Sr** of Guildfield Baptist Church in Millwood, VA & **Rev. Chris Johnson** of DURAG Ministries also visited.
- The Pastor preached at Shiloh Baptist Church for a Building Fund Program. He spoke on "God is an Unchanging God."
- On April 26th two people were baptized. Son of the ministry, **Rev. Al Brandon** preached on "The Peace of God". A New Theme is emerging "Your Request is Granted."
- To close the month out, we celebrated the annual "**100 Men in Black**" program at FBC. It is all about the men of the church coming back to take their rightful laces in the church and community. **Rev. Dr. Fred Jones** preached about "He Ain't Heavy, He's Your brother." It was a high time in the Lord. ◇

## DEACONS CORNER

### Deacon Anthony Bailey

- Deacon and Deaconess Day was held on March 22nd. The **Rev. Charles Dekle** of St. Luke Baptist Church of Berryville, VA was the speaker of the hour. He spoke about "A Dedicated



Servant of God." A meal was served along with the fellowship. One highlight was **Mother Deaconess Catherine Dunn** was able to come to the service. **Mother Deaconess Betty Sampson** sent well wishes for the celebration. There were six Deacons and seven Deaconess who came with Rev. Dekle. Their male chorus provided music.

- **Bible Study** attendance has been steady but not yet where the Pastor and Deacons would like it to be. Please come out to Bible Study to get your questions answered in more detail and to fellowship with one another.
- **Deaconess Rogers** had eye surgery in Winchester, VA on April 1st. She is recovering well. Please remember her in your prayers. Deaconess Sampson was back in hospital on March 30th. Remember her in your prayers.
- On April 19th during the morning worship service, **Ginette Washington Brown** was consecrated a Deaconess. Her sister Debbie sang. Her brother **Deacon in Training CJ Washington** prayed & Mother Washington pinned her hat and pin. She got emotional because her father, **Deacon Washington** was not here to see it. His spirit was in the place and felt by all there.
- **Mother Deaconess Betty Sampson** was not doing well in hospital. Pastor visited her at the hospital. The next day April 20th Mother Sampson went to Glory. Mother Sampson's Homegoing Service was April 23rd at the church. Her sons did tributes in scripture reading and song. It was an uplifting service remembering Mother Sampson. First Baptist Church will always love YOU. ◇

## CHOIR LOFT

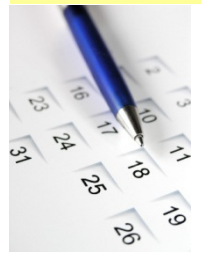
### Brother John Butler

- A Taste of Spirit sang along with St. Luke Mens Choir for Deacons & Deaconess Day on March 22nd.
- FBC Voices of Praise once again
- sung at John Wesley UMC for the New Town Cemetery program on March 28th.
- A Taste of Spirit was musical selection for Dr. Imani at New Hope Baptist Church revival on March 31st.
- Bro. Matt Mosby returned with choir for rehearsal and service on April 4th & April 5th to give Pastor a break as musician.



- Something special happen in that a Radio Broadcast @ WSVG was started from 10:30-11:00 AM every Sunday morning starting April 5th. It is to promote A Taste of Spirit & the Voices of Praise.
- Pastor & A Taste of Spirit sang Shiloh Baptist Church in Winchester, VA for building fund program on April 19th. ◇

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



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- PLACE **ST. LUKE BAPT. CHURCH**
- TIME **MAY 16 2009 AT 11 AM**
- Brackett Morrell Meeting

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **MAY 17-20 2009 AT 3 PM/ 7 PM**
- Spring Revival staring Sunday afternoon then each night afterwards

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- PLACE **MOUNT ZION UMC – STRASBURG, VA**
- TIME **MAY 24 2009 AT 3 PM**
- Pastor preaching

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- PLACE **ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH – BERRYVILLE, VA**
- TIME **MARCH 30 2009 AT 5 PM**
- A Taste of Spirit for Men's Day

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- PLACE **MT. CARMEL BAPTIST CHURCH – BLAINESVILLE, VA**
- TIME **MARCH 31 2009 AT 3 PM**
- Brackett Morrell Service with Pastor & VoP

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- PLACE **ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH – BERRYVILLE, VA**
- TIME **JUNE 14 2009 AT 3 PM**
- Missionary & Trustee Day

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **JUNE 15-18 2009 FROM 9 AM – 4 PM**
- Kids Café Registration

# Let Us Never Forget Our Sick and Shut-in with Prayer.

If someone is left off our sick and shut-in list please let the Deacons and Pastor know as soon as possible.

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# Bible Wordsearch

## Prodigal Son #2

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Puzzle #165

Luke 15:21-31

E	L	E	D	E	K	S	A	T	S	R	F	L	A	C
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| ALWAYS     | GAVE       |
| ANGRY      | GLAD       |
| ASKED      | GOAT       |
| BACK       | HOUSE      |
| BEST       | KILLED     |
| BRING      | MUSIC      |
| BROTHER    | NEVER      |
| CALF       | OLDER      |
| CALLED     | ORDERS     |
| CELEBRATE  | PLEADED    |
| DANCING    | PROPERTY   |
| DEAD       | REFUSED    |
| DISOBEYED  | REPLIED    |
| EVEN       | RING       |
| EVERYTHING | ROBE       |
| FATHER     | SAFE       |
| FATTENED   | SANDALS    |
| FEAST      | SERVANTS   |
| FEET       | SLAVING    |
| FIELD      | SON        |
| FINGER     | SOUND      |
| FOUND      | SQUANDERED |
| FRIENDS    | YEARS      |
| YOUNG      |            |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Psalm 31

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