



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



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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**

## 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.

## EDITOR'S THOUGHTS

**Brother Terrence L Hearn Sr**  
Faith Is Alive Ministries



We are steadily moving forward with the newsletters. Please contact us to pass on information about programs, services and other good news so we can continue spread the word about the work that God is doing through the people of First Baptist. ◇

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



- On Communion Sunday in May, Pastor started with "God is about to DO a New THING." Little did we know what was about to transpire over the next week. **Valerie Williams** (Pastor's Daughter) got sick and needed surgery. She had poison in her system from a hair follicle. They left a hole in the back of her head for drainage. The Lord stepped in and showed out. She was able to start her recovery process. And, as proof that the Lord is still in the healing business, Valerie was back at church by May 17<sup>th</sup>!
- **Minister Donnie Robinson & Evangelist Janice Robinson** officially joined First Baptist also on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- We started revival off with testimonies and **Bro. John Butler & Bro. Mike Williams** prayers for employment were answered.

- Revival started on the afternoon of May 17<sup>th</sup> with a fellowship meal followed by
  - **Rev. Collin Figueroa** of Bethel AME preaching "Which Person Are You?"
  - On Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> **Min. Chris Johnson** of DuRaG Ministries preached about "What Am I Supposed to Do?"
  - On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> **Dr. Nikita Imani** of Bethel AME preached about "What God has Planned for You."
  - On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> **Rev. Owen Johnson of New Heart, New Spirit Ministries** closed with "God is with You, You Can Take the Hill."
- Pastor preached at Mt. Union UMC in Strasburg, VA on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lady gave away items for families with small children in need during the morning service on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Founder's Day for Brackett Morrell was cancelled at Mt. Caramel Baptist Church due to a deacons death. It was moved to Wainwright BC in Charlestown, WV @ 3 PM on May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- The month of June was a little busy. **Kid's CAFÉ'** Registration was scheduled from 9 AM – 4 PM on June 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 50 Kids registered during this week of registration.
- An Ice Cream Social was held at Bethel AME on June 21<sup>st</sup> for registration for **Vacation Bible School** and VBS was held at Simms from June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **DuRaG Ministry** was in charge of the worship service on June 21<sup>st</sup> with Bro. Troy Burnett serving as Worship Leader that morning. We were especially blessed by the praise dance that was rendered. This was also Father's Day. Minister Johnson preached about "I am Looking for YOU." It was from the parable in Luke 5:11-24.
- Before morning service started on June 28, we found out that **Sis. Pat Blakey** had fallen and broken her hip early that morning. Sis. Blakey is recovering well and we praise God for her healing.
- Later on that morning the Spirit was high during the morning worship service. Pastor spoke about "Lord, Give Me the Strength to Climb." Also that morning, **Rev. Donald Smith** of Antioch Baptist Church in Chandler, Texas & **Rev. Lamont Smith** of Trinity Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas visited FBC with their families. They were vacationing at Massanutten. Pastor asked them to give reflections that morning. If you were not there, as our 1<sup>st</sup> Lady says, "I took your blessing". **Minister**

& **Evagelist Robinson** were also there. During the invitation Rev. Donald Smith told us that we are in a location where people watch and like what they see from us. He stated we must go out from beyond these walls and bring the lost to Christ and that he feels the people right around the neighborhood are just waiting for us to bring them to Christ. The Lord also touched his heart regarding the Media Ministry and led him to call for a special offering which raised about \$600 for the TV Ministry. ◇

## DEACONS CORNER

### Deacon Anthony Bailey

The Deacons continue to visit with the sick and shut in. Also our Deacons have been doing Good Samaritan deeds behind the scenes to needy families of First Baptist and the local Community. The Pastors Lamont & Donald Smith, the visiting Pastors from Texas, led Bible Study. It turned into a mini service with praise & worship and mini sermonettes that picked back up from worship service on that Sunday. ◇



## TRUSTEE MINUTE

### Sister Elaine T. Blakey

The Missionary & Trustee Day featuring Dr. Rev. Vernon E. Ross, Jr. of Bethel AME of Pottstown, PA on June 14<sup>th</sup> was a high time in the lord. He spoke about "When the Battle Comes, Keep Singing his Praises." They brought two buses in support of this program. ◇

## CHOIR LOFT

### Brother John Butler

- We started a 2<sup>nd</sup> month on radio.
- A Taste of Spirit visited Winchester Semi-Annual Meeting with pastor as he preached.
- On May 17<sup>th</sup> A Taste of Spirit took pictures in the New Suits that were purchased. Bro. Jeff Butler did this for us.
- During revival A Taste of Spirit provided music on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>. The Voices of Praise provided music on the 19<sup>th</sup>. DuRaG Ministries brought their



own music for the 18<sup>th</sup>. All the music was uplifting and touching to the souls, mind and spirit.

- A Taste of Spirit sung at the Men's Program @ St. Luke BC Berryville, VA on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- A Taste of Spirit were to attend a men's breakfast in Staunton, VA. The program was cancelled on June 20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Voices of Praise sung at African American Festival at Simms for opening ceremonies on June 27<sup>th</sup>. ◇

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **JULY 11 2009 AT 9 AM**
- Spiritual Leadership Workshop

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- PLACE **STRASBURG VA**
- TIME **JULY 12 2009 AT 3 PM**
- Pastor speaking Shenandoah Sunday Convention Strasburg, VA. ATOS providing music

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- PLACE **FRONT ROYAL, VA**
- TIME **JULY 19 2009 AT 3:30 PM**
- Pastor speaking at Homecoming at Williams Chapel CME.

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **JULY 25 2009 AT 2 PM**
- Baileys 25th Wedding Vows Renewal.

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- PLACE **BERRYVILLE, VA**
- TIME **JULY 26 2009 AT 3 PM**
- Pastor speaking at Homecoming at St. Luke BC.

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- PLACE **SOUTH HILL, VA**
- TIME **AUGUST 3-7 2009 AT 6 PM**
- PASTOR IN REVIVAL ALL WEEK LONG WITH A TASTE OF SPIRIT PROVIDING MUSIC ON CLOSING NIGHT.

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **AUGUST 16 2009 AT 3 PM**
- 1ST ANNUAL MEDIA MINISTRY PROGRAM.

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- PLACE **WIRTZ, VA**
- TIME **AUGUST 21-23 2009**
- BRACKETT MORRELL CONFERENCE AT LOVELY VALLEY BC. PASTOR SPEAKS ON AUG 23 FOR SERVICE.

## Today's Prayer

*Dear Lord, Many are the wonderful works You have done. You have put a new song in my mouth and praise in my heart. You gave new life to my steps and peace in my soul. You have lifted me up and placed me upon solid ground. Thank you. May my life bless You and my Words exalt You, O Lord. In Jesus' name, AMEN.*

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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