



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



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### PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Dr. Clarence E. Williams



We do not have anything this time from the Pastor's Desk. ◇

*C. E. Williams*

### 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. You will notice names under some of the headings. This is not to say we got the information from that person but as recognition of the chairman of that ministry only. ◇

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



#### JULY

- (June 30<sup>th</sup>- July 30<sup>th</sup>) **Kid's CAFÉ' Camp** Tuesday – Thursday from 9am – 4pm
- 4 **Denean Bailey & Bianca Joiner** went on a religious retreat with Young Life leaders to New York area.

- 6 **Deacon Bailey** had knee surgery.
- 10 **Terri Butler** in UVA with Chest pains, turned out to be a nerve along her neck. Praise God!!!  
**Pam Bailey's** mother hit head she went to see her. Please keep her in prayer.
- 11 **Ministry Chairs** attended an all-day **Ministry Leader's Conference** with Minister & Evangelist Robinson, Rev. Brandon, Evangelist Thornton and Pastor Williams presenting.
- 12 **Pastor Williams** preached at Shenandoah Sunday Convention in Strasburg, VA with **A Taste of Spirit** providing the music.
- 13 **Pastor Williams** officiated the Homegoing service for his cousin in Front Royal (Goldie Carliece Myers) that passed.
- 18 Church meeting highlights:
  - **TV Ministry** will now be paid by church with people still donating
  - Church service was decided to continue the weekend of **Brackett Morrell Convention** in August
  - Meeting will be called for **ABCOTS vote** before Brackett Morrell Convention in August
  - **Missions offering** will be discussed more by heads of ministries before it is started
- 19 Pastor preaching at homecoming at **Williams Chapel CME** in Front Royal, VA
- 22 **Deacon Bobby Gunter & Sis Mary Jackson** were married
- 25 **Deacon Bailey & Deaconess Bailey** renewed 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary vows @ FBC
- 26 2<sup>nd</sup> year contract with **WSVG Radio** ended. 3<sup>rd</sup> year began  
**Three visitors** came to FBC and said that they saw the TV program and wanted to visit the body  
**Evangelist Robinson, Minister Robinson** (Worship Leader) & **Minister Chris Johnson** at the service  
1<sup>st</sup> **Lady** absent due to Test for mammogram, please pray for her  
Pastor preaching in Berryville VA @ **Saint Luke Baptist Church** for homecoming w/ATOS-VOP providing the music

#### AUGUST

- 2 Communion Sunday  
63<sup>rd</sup> **NY-VA Homecoming** featuring VOP & ATOS as musical guest
- 3 Pastor preaching at **Jerusalem Temple BC** in South Hill VA for revival each night @ 6PM (through 8/7)
- 9 2 baptisms

- 16 **First Lady** preached on youth Sunday on Are You a Solider of the Lord?  
**Kid's Café** did a praise dance to 'Waging War' – (Coordinators were Linette, Shamika & Camilla)  
**Cameron Washington** joined Media Ministry filming on 8-16 for both services  
**1<sup>st</sup> Media Ministry** program. **Rev Harold Brown** spoke about 'How Long Is It Gonna Take.'
- 21 FBC attended 1<sup>st</sup> **Brackett Morrell Convention @** Lovely Valley in Wirtz, VA (through 8/23)  
**Missionary Ministry** participated that weekend with a presentation  
 Pastor was guest speaker for convention & choir was with him  
**Rev Brandon** carried out services at FBC for those who did not attend the convention
- 30 2 men were baptized ◊

## DEACONS CORNER

Deacon Larry Rogers

- Our deacons are leading Bible Study and teaching Sunday School every week
- Still visiting the sick and shut-in and giving communion ◊



## TRUSTEE MINUTE

Sister Elaine T. Blakey

- The trustees are going about handling all church business and the upkeep of the church for the members. Keep up the good work. ◊

## CHOIR LOFT

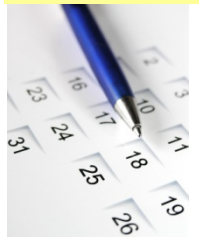
Brother John Butler

- Michael Williams joined A Taste Of Spirit on August 16<sup>th</sup>. This has been a great blessing to the group. ◊



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **SEPTEMBER 10**
- PASTOR'S BIRTHDAY

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- PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
- TIME **SEPTEMBER 13 AT 3 PM**
- Praise & Worship Service featuring Rev. Fred Diggs of Houston, TX

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- PLACE **STAUNTON, VA**
- TIME **SEPTEMBER 20 AT 3:30 PM**
- Choir participating at African American Festival @ Gypsy Park

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- PLACE **BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**
- TIME **SEPTEMBER 27 AT 3 PM**
- Pastor speaking at Usher's Day

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- PLACE **FBC**
- TIME **OCTOBER 18 AT 3 PM**
- 138<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary. Rev Anthony Jones of St. Stephens of King George VA, Guest Speaker.

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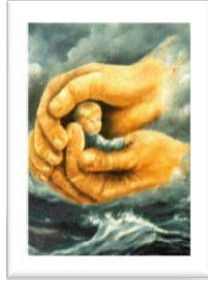
- PLACE **FBC**
- TIME **OCTOBER 24 AT 3 PM**
- SONYA PRICE & JOE CORBETT WEDDING CEREMONY

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- PLACE **CHARLESTOWN, WV**
- TIME **OCTOBER 25 AT 3 PM**
- WAINWRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. PASTOR SPEAKING W/ ATOS PROVIDING THE MUSIC.

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- PLACE **HARRISONBURG, VA**
- TIME **OCTOBER 31 @ 3PM**
- HALLELUJAH HARVEST CELEBRATION WITH JOHN WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.



**Today's Prayer**

**Weathering the Storm**

*Father God, Today I am afraid. I look around me at this world that is changing so fast and I feel lost like*

*a small boat in the midst of a storm. I am not built to weather the battering waves or the howling wind. So I wait now in your presence. You spoke the oceans and the four winds into being. You threw the stars in the sky and separated the sea from dry land. You took the hand of Peter who was sinking into the depths of the water and walked him to safety. I choose now to fix my eyes on you and not on the storm. I settle my heart on your love and not on the current that threatens to pull me under. Thank you that you are my firm anchor even through the darkest night, 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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