



Faith Is Alive

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Pastors Desk

Dr Clarence E Williams

As We Approach the "Dawning of a New Day," God had found favor in First Baptist Church. The Purpose that God has in store for us is awesome as we hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I thank God for the vision of Kingdom Building for I know he will bless us in the Soul Saving of many lives. Paul states, "I can do all things through Christ which strenghteneth me." Let us work while it's day for when night cometh no man can work. ◇

Editors Thoughts

Terrence L Hearn Sr
Faith Is Alive Ministries

I would like to thank you for the support of this Newsletter. I hope that you find things in it enjoyable

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GoodNews

First Baptist Body



Well, well, well. Let's s visit what is happening in our church body. First Baptist started the year off with a bang because Pastor Williams was officially installed in December. He took off running trying to get things in place for the church to run smoothly. The biggest change was in Bible Study which was moved to Tuesday nights. If you have not been coming to Bible study you have been missing a treat! The pastor has started teaching from Ephesians about the church. We have received study questions to answer and turn in. It has been amazing, seeing bible study members contacting one another for answers they don't quite understand. It has been a learning experience for us all. Bible study members watched a movie as part of "Learning of LOVE series" (something new the pastor has introduced). The group is starting to discuss the movie, as it relates to "**loving thy neighbor**". The name of the movie was "**LOVE COMES SOFTLY**". The First Lady introduced a new segment in worship service called "**Good News**". She presents "Good News" about people and things happening in and around the church body. Also, in January the Media ministry was approved by the body. This is an outreach ministry we are bringing to the church body. Also in January, the pastor installed our church officers. We have a few walking in their positions. Please pray for them. On January 27, 2007 we were honored by having Rev AL Brandon's Ordination Service here at the church. The Rev J Kevin Mangram was the speaker. One of our biggest blessings to date is that we have four young ladies in Deaconess Training.

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and refreshing. I found out that the church use to do something like this for Church anniversaries years ago. My prayer is that we give the church body the information about the body as a whole. We should rejoice together when someone has something good happen to them. I hope you enjoy the Faith Is Alive Newsletter. If there are any suggestions you have, please contact Bro Terrence Hearn Sr or Deacon Anthony Bailey. May God Bless and keep you in all you do. ◇

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

Deacons Corner

Spiritual upkeep is the most important thing as FBC moves forward with "Kingdom Building." The Deacons (and Deaconesses) have been actively visiting our sick and shut-in members for communion and prayer. DVD players were provided for a few shut-in members so they could be blessed by the media ministry in being able to see recorded church services. Bro Bobby Gunter has formally begun his training for deaconship. The Deacons have been busy giving baptism classes, spiritual counseling, and keeping the pastor abreast of the needs of the body. Deacons Bailey and Rogers have also been active in the Bible study on Tuesday nights. Deacon Bailey taught Bible Study one night when the Pastor was ill. We were very blessed by the word he brought forth that night. Sunday school attendance has grown so much, that the youth now have their own class headed by Deacon Rogers and Bro John Butler. They are considering a mentor relationship at the Gemeinshaft Facility. The Deacons have been a blessing and continue to make sure that FBC member's needs are being met.

Choir Corner

Sis Joyce Sanchez

There has been a blessing happening in our choir ministry. The choir has grown to about 12-15 people. The LORD has seen fit to grant the willingness of people to sing for the LORD. The choir was reorganized in January. We now have men in the choir. That was something missing for a while here at First Baptist. We are also looking for a musician for the choir. The choir's Annual Day will be July 22, 2007 at 3PM. We are in the stages of preparing for our day. Please come and support us when the day comes. The Music Ministry has been blessed with some new

items. We have been working on the sound system to have a better sound for the congregation to enjoy the services. We still have our hit and miss on Sundays but it seems to be okay overall. As you all have noticed we have a Bass Player added to the music ministry. Let's keep Bro Robert Bentley in our prayers. We have been blessed with a new drum Set from the Pastor's family and a New Keyboard from Bro Orlando's Jones family. We will continue to raise the LORD'S name in song. The choir participated in John Wesley's Program for the Newtown Cemetery in March. The last event the choir participated in was a Gospel Fest over on JMU campus. The choir had a great time. The music ministry would like to thank all who keep us in their thoughts and prayers. May God add a Blessing to your life always. The choir has had two members parents go on to be with Jesus. Sis Joyce Sanchez father in January and Sis Sonya Price Mother in March. Please keep them in much prayer after their losses.

First Lady Thoughts

Rev. Linda V. Williams

I will let her talk about the programs being started here at First Baptist through the VISTA program. ❖

On 4 April 4, 2007, 10:00am, volunteers will meet at the Verona Blue Ridge Food Bank.

On April 10, 2007, 2:30pm, Mr. Darryl Jones, Blue Ridge Food Bank Network, will perform a site visit to inspect the Kitchen and Storage operations.

We are moving into the next phase of planning for the SHARE Program. SHARE is a program that will allow members of our community to obtain food that will last them throughout the month. More information is coming soon.

SPICE – Self Preparedness in Confidence Education is coming soon. It will specialize in the reintegration process of people returning from incarceration or just in transitioning from life's circumstances. Classes such as self-esteem, parenting, spiritual counseling, job-preparedness camp, resume training and dress for success.

We would like to take a Community Needs Assessment. Please help by participating. There will be a Questionnaire passed out in the near future.

If you have a blessing or a talent you would like to share, please contact the First Lady here at the church @ (540) 434-3969 or by cell phone (804) 366-3206.

May God richly bless you!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

COLLEGE APPRECIATION SUNDAY

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **APRIL 22, 2007 11 AM**

Area college students become involved in our worship service.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **APRIL 27, 2007 7-10 PM**

A Spiritual movie for the Youth of the Community.

MEN'S PROGRAM

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **APRIL 29, 2007 3 PM**

Community Program sponsored by the Area Men.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **MAY 11, 2007 7-10 PM**

Fun and Games for the Youth.

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **MAY 25, 2007 7-10 PM**

A Spiritual Movie for the Youth of the Community.

YOUTH/ TEEN END OF SCHOOL SOCIAL

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 9, 2007 4-6 PM**

Function for Youth for the Summer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PLACE **SIMMS SCHOOL**

TIME **JUNE 25- JUNE 29, 2007 5-7 PM**

Registration will be held at FBC with an ice cream social @ 4-6 PM.

CHURCH PICNIC

PLACE **TBA**

TIME **JULY 11-6 PM**

Annual Event for the Church Body

Don't forget to sign-up for the church trip to North Carolina in September.

Deaconesses in Training are Sis Pamela Bailey, Sis Ramona Rogers, Sis Palmala Hearn and Sis Joyce Sanchez. Let's support these ladies as they travel a journey few have done and accomplished. Our first Newsletter came out on Feb 18, 2007. It was the beginning of things to come and share with each other. Church services were canceled February 25, 2007 due to snow. Through our Deacons and Trustees the word got out about the Service being cancelled. Not to overlook what our beliefs are about, we had five young men baptized on March 11, 2007. It was a blessed service and the spirit was high. Let's continue to support our members in all ways possible through prayer and comfort. We have been having people join the church through Christian experience as well as some coming forth to be baptized. Dr Williams is reaching people's hearts to where they understand how much they need Jesus. To end this Quarter on a good note, we had a quarterly church meeting which finalized the calendar and church budget. The church calendar is available so the body knows about events and services coming up. Special thanks to the people that supported Sis Dorothy Dickerson in her Shoe Donation Drive. Also, the Stain Glass Window project has been moving well. The first Payment has been made and they are working toward the final payments now. Our Hospitality Committee has done a great job in the organization of serving after certain services at the church. These women have done a wonderful job. We have a **WEBSITE** for the church. Many people have done many things not highlighted here. We are not over looking anyone on purpose because **"Everyone is Someone"**. Special thanks to Bro Robert Blakey for the things he does for our church behind the scenes. May God bless and keep you all. ❖

"He will bless us in the Soul Saving of many lives"

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YAY, NO SCHOOL ... PLAGUE DAY!

The Christian Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow
God is forever able
Hold on to what you know
Imagine life without His love
Joy would cease to be
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee
Move out of "Camp complaining"
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone
Quit looking in the future
Redeem the time at hand
Start everyday with worship
To "thank" is a command
Until we see him coming
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high
Yes, there will be good times and yes some
will be bad, but.....
Zion waits in glory, where none are ever
sad!

Youth Ministry

Sis Pamela Bailey

The Youth Ministry has been growing a lot this year. The Youth and Teen ministry, which is co headed by Deacon and Sis Bailey, have been a blessing for our young people. The Big hit seems to be the youth night activities at the church! Each activity begins with a bible lesson and prayer. The youth department is trying to make sure everything is done with a focus on God's word. The youth department began the year with a Black History Trivia Contest in February where about 20 kids participated. The second activity, youth Movie Night, was an even greater success. Approximately 58 people turned out to watch the movie "FACING THE GIANTS" which has a powerful message! It was attended by many parents, members of other churches, and community groups. The kid's were served hot dogs, pizza, and popcorn. The next youth activity was a fun night at Captain Tee's Amusements. Once again the youth enjoyed themselves. The blessing in the activities is that they invite youth and families in the community to come and fellowship with them. Please come out support the youth in all they do. ■

YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS (Editor's Choice)

I decided that the first highlight would be on three young men that you see just about every Sunday in some capacity. These young men don't get any recognition for the work they do. They attend all youth functions and are very active in Sunday school and functions the youth have. Let's remember these three young men and say HELLO and thank them for what you do.

Fran Sanchez is the son of Ray and Joyce Sanchez. Fran has been a Junior Usher for about 2 years now. He is a 9th Grader.

Taylor Bailey is the son of Deacon Anthony and Pam Bailey. He has been a Junior Usher about 6 months. He is a 7th Grader.

Terrence Hearn Jr is the son of Terrence Sr and Palmala Hearn. He has been a Junior Usher about 6 months and also is a video recorder for our Media Ministry. He is a 8th Grader.



Fran



Taylor



Terrence



Bible Wordsearch

Solution to Puzzle No.138

(Over, Down, Direction)

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3	L	E	C	K	G	C	M	T	U	T	A	U	I	H	V
4	O	N	K	N	W	O	R	C	P	R	E	A	L	I	I
5	A	D	B	I	L	N	L	M	P	E	V	P	I	D	O
6	D	E	V	O	L	E	B	I	L	N	O	A	H	D	R
7	I	E	S	I	A	R	P	B	A	G	D	Y	P	E	R
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11	A	S	E	A	E	A	H	A	B	T	E	E	E	T	U
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Letters in **BOLD** above are the hidden verse

reading left to right starting at the top left hand corner and going down through the letters the hidden verse is:

my Rock and my Redeemer

Psalm 19:14 niv

More Puzzles at:
<http://biblewordgames.com>



- AHAB(6,11,E)
- ANDREW(9,7,SW)
- BELOVED(7,6,W)
- BOAZ(3,5,SE)
- CROWN(8,4,W)
- DAVID(9,14,E)
- DEDICATED(1,6,SE)
- DEMANDED(2,14,E)
- DESTROYER(7,14,NE)
- DOVE(11,7,N)
- ELI(11,1,SE)
- ENOCH(6,6,N)
- GAD(1,9,E)
- GIDEON(14,1,W)
- GOLIATH(5,3,SE)
- HIDDEN(14,3,S)
- HOT(8,1,S)
- INCREASE(3,10,E)
- JACOB(9,15,W)
- JESUS(15,14,N)
- JOHN(6,1,E)
- JONAH(9,15,E)
- JOSEPH(12,8,S)
- JUDAH(2,2,E)
- JUST(4,15,W)
- LOADING(1,3,S)
- LOT(5,12,E)
- MERCY(13,12,N)
- NOAH(10,6,E)
- OFFERING(11,13,W)
- PASSAGE(2,13,N)
- PAUL(12,5,N)
- PEACEABLE(2,13,NE)
- PHILIP(13,7,N)
- PRAISE(7,7,W)
- REST(11,12,W)
- SAVIOR(15,1,S)
- SMALL(5,9,N)
- SOLOMON(3,7,NE)
- STEPHEN(9,2,SE)
- STRENGTH(10,2,S)
- STRONG(15,12,NW)
- SUPPLANTS(9,2,S)
- THOMAS(1,15,N)
- TROOP(14,11,S)
- TWIN(14,11,N)
- UNCLE(1,1,E)
- WARLIKE(8,9,NW)

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Let's 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.

VISION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, this fellowship is a "Kingdom Building" Church that Preaches, Teaches, and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Mark 16:15 says, "And He said unto them, go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Without prayer it is impossible to please God, therefore we must be a body that prays for the needs of one another, the community, the State, and the Nation. Philippians 4:19 says, "But God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." The ultimate task is to study the word of God. We must be a church that will foster a true relationship with Him by the nurture and guidance of the Holy Spirit, enhancing faithfulness, knowledge, growth, discipleship, and commitment. II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." We must be a church with a living testimony unto to God and the saints. A church that lifts the name of Jesus so that all might be drawn by Him: a Church who praises God with a joyful noise that the world might know in whom we believe: an alive Church who worships Him in spirit and in truth. Isaiah 2:3 says, "And many people shall go and say, come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of God of Jacob and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in his paths, for out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." The Bible teaches us to stand up and be a witness and be a church that the Gospel will go out from one generation to the next until the whole world is evangelized. Romans 10:13 says, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Holistically we must seek to minister to the needs of the whole man, physically and spiritually. A body who fellowships firmly, economically, and socially to build a true community. Matthew 25:35-36 says: "For I was hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in." "Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." "And the King shall answer and say unto them. Verily I say unto you inasmuch as ye have done it unto one the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Spiritually we must be a church who gives of its means through its tithes and offerings so that the purpose of God might be served. II Corinthians 9:7 says "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." In the final preparation of the "Kingdom Building," First Baptist Vision is to train the youth of the church and community. To train them to become responsible men and women carrying the torch that remains a lighthouse, shining bright day and night, guiding safely over the storms of life; developing spiritual giants in the army of the Lord. Proverbs 3:1-2 says, "My son, forget not My Law but let thine heart keep My Commandments, for length of days and long life and peace shall they add to thee." Now let us put our foot to the plow and be about our father's business.

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