



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 strengtheneth 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

In trying to produce this newsletter it has been a trying time. With so many things happening at FBC we sometime forget about our sick and elderly. Let's make

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GoodNews

First Baptist Body



This is General Information about Our Church body. ❖

Rev. Brandon did a Revival at New Hope Baptist Church in McGayhesville, VA on October 1st. He had support from the church body during that revival. A picture was given by Harold and Jeanette Brown on October 7th during morning service about our trip to Beauty Missionary Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC in September. Placement of a new Trash receptacle began on Sept. 9th. The men of the church gave monies to pay for the concrete pad to be built for the new receptacle behind the church during morning service on Sept. 14th. When our men stand together things can begin to happen in our church body. The church's 136th Anniversary was recognized on Oct. 21st. Also on that day 5 souls were baptized in the Holy Spirit by water. Our 4 Deaconess' were Consecrated.

"Let us work while it's day"

On Oct. 28th we were once again blessed by DURAG Ministries (Minister Chris Johnson) on Student Appreciation Sunday. Brother Troy Burnett (DURAG) was Master of Ceremonies. Sister Melanie Bullock did an arousing poem. Our own Soul Sistahs dance team performed for us. The contemporary Gospel Singers of JMU and Tru Worship also perform and sung praises for us that day.

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an effort to check on our elderly in the coming year. Things have started to slow down with the end of the year coming but we are still doing God's work at First Baptist Church. ◇

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

Deacons Corner

Deacon Anthony Bailey

Our Deacons have been steadily keeping the spiritual upkeep of the body in front of them. They have been visiting the sick and elderly. The Deacons had a coat drive until Christmas. Thanks for the coats donated for this drive. ❖

Deaconess Bench

Deaconess Doris Washington

Our new Deaconess in training are no more. They were consecrated October 21st and assumed their positions on 1st Sunday of November. ❖

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.

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.

The 1st Lady had an idea for a Harvest scene to be placed in front of the church during the week of Oct 7th. After going to several places in town the scene was put together by Mike Williams, Terrence Hearn Sr & Jr. on the 9th. One of the biggest surprises 1st Lady had in the year was the presentation of Robes for her and Pastor on Oct 14th during the morning services. Pastor dedicated the robes that Sunday. The Robes were done by Majestic Robes of Fredericksburg, VA. The 1st Lady had a preaching engagement in Winchester on Oct. 20th. 1st Lady planned a Thanksgiving Drive with the church and Simms Center from Oct. 21st thru Nov. 21st. this drive was done in conjunction with Boys & Girls Club, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho and JMU Athletic Department. Over 100 Blessing Boxes

were given out in the local community on Nov. 20th and Nov. 21st. Many people helped in delivering the Boxes. Deacon Rogers was able to get a number of turkeys from the Salvation Army for delivery. There were some Blessing Boxes delivered during the Christmas season. Also, let's remember the local needy around the Holiday's and try to give a helping hand when possible. ❖

Choir Loft

Sis Luvenda Sanchez

Our Men in the choir decide to start a singing group within the choir. They named themselves FBC Voices of Praise. The men's Group First Debut on Oct 14th. Pastor Williams introduced the men after hearing them the day before practicing. The Choir has started having Bible Study Sections as a part of practice. The choir discussed having a name change. The men let the choir be known as FBC Voices of Praise. The new name for the men's group is A Taste of Spirit. The choir is trying to split up Sunday for the different groups to sing. The voices of Praise will sing on 1st and 2nd Sunday. The youth will stay on 3rd Sunday and A Taste of Spirit will sing on 4th Sundays. A Taste of Spirit sung on the 4th Sunday in November and had a high time during the morning service. Taste of Spirit members are Pastor, Trent Farris, Mike Williams, John Butler, William Parker, Marcus Hearn & Terrence Hearn Sr. Sis. Beverly Harrell had been sick and the choir sent her a love token. Please pray for all choir members as it is a hard job staying focus in help leading the worship services in praise. ❖

Trustee Minute

Sis Elaine Blakey

The Satin Glass Windows are an added beautification to our church. The trustees headed the fund raiser and did an outstanding job of getting people involve purchasing windows. As you see around the church the windows have dedications to many people present and past of First Baptist Church History. Just look at some of the names that are in the windows and remember our present and past. There was a dedication during a morning service after the windows were installed and a formal Dedication service was held on Oct. 14th with the Dr. John Sloop of 1st Presbyterian (Harrisonburg, VA) as guest Speaker. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JAN 12 2008** **10 AM**
 Quarterly Church Meeting.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JAN 21 2008** **7-10 PM**
 NAACP Martin Luther King Program.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JAN 26 2008** **11 AM**
 A Taste of Spirit in Morning Service.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **FEB 17 2008** **11 AM**
 Black History Trivia for the Month during morning worship service.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **FEB 17 2008** **3 PM**
 Black history Program for the Youth of the Community.
 Minister Edwin Moses Taylor guest speaker.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 9 2008** **3 PM**
 Gospel Extravaganza featuring "CHOSEN" Harrisburg, PA.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST CHUCRH AMBAR**
 TIME **MAR 16 2008** **3 PM**
 Church Anniversary in King George VA featuring A Taste of Spirit.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 23 2008** **6 AM**
 Easter Sunrise Service. Breakfast served by the Men.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 23 2008** **11 AM**
 Easter service for Resurrection Sunday.

We had our Calendar Meeting in November to get ready for events next year. The Community Thanksgiving Service was held at Harrisonburg Baptist on November 21st.

Our deacons are doing bible study in the months of November and December. The Rev. Derrick Parsons (Harrisonburg Baptist Church) gave the message during morning service on December 16th.

We celebrated our Pastor's 1st Anniversary on December 16th at 3 PM. "CHOSEN" (Harrisburg, PA) our musical guest could not come due to Winter Storm in Northeast. The FBC Voices of Praise provided the music. Brother John Butler was the worship leader. The Rev. David P. Wedlock (Beauty Spot MBC Fayetteville, NC) gave the message for the Pastor's Anniversary. December 30th was the last morning service of the year. On New Year Eve's Night (Dec. 31st) we had a WatchCare Service and Communion. 10 people were baptized.

Advent was observed by the following families during morning worship service (Browns-Dec.2nd, Butlers-Dec 9th, Burns-Dec 16th, Williams Dec-23rd).

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WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"

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!

Media Ministry

Bro Marcus Hearn

The Media Ministry did 16 by 20 picture of the trip to Beauty Spot on October 2nd. We also started taking pictures for the new church directory in October. The Pastor did a commercial for WAZT telethon. The Alpha-Omega foundation raises monies to help keep cost down for programming at WAZT. We have also started working on the new website in the background. We are still recording services for DVD, CD and television rebroadcast. If you would like any services please contact us. ❖

Youth Ministry

Sis Pamela Bailey

The kids had a Hallelujah Harvest festival again this year on October 27th. The Youth performed their Christmas Program on December 23rd during morning worship services.
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Youth Highlight

Editor's Choice

The youth Highlight is Bianca Joiner. She is the daughter of Deaconess Pam Hearn and Bro. Terrence Hearn Sr. She attends Harrisonburg High School as a 9th Grader. She has participated in Junior High Track and Junior Varsity Softball. She is currently on the Junior Varsity Volleyball team where she plays a major role for her squad. Please stop and say Hello when you see her. Remember we must encourage our children at all times with kindness and love. ❖

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Hospitality Hostess

Sis Jeanette Jones

Our Hospitality Ministry has done great jobs after the Student Appreciation Sunday on Oct 21st, Usher's Day Program on Nov. 11th and the Pastor's Anniversary on Dec. 17th. This ministry has made people feel at home with the food and kindness shown during serving the people. Please thank these tireless persons in help serving when needed. ❖

Missionary Minute

Sis Pamela Bailey

This Ministry still works behind the scenes for our sick and shut in. please contact them with anybody that is sick or special needs. ❖

Usher's Fold

Sis Pat Blakey

Congratulations on your 62nd Anniversary. We were all inspired by Rev. Anthony Jones (St Stephens BC King George VA) on Nov. 11th. Many more anniversaries for the job you do as our door keepers. We love you. ❖



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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.
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