



# Faith Is Alive

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## Pastors Desk

*Dr Clarence E Williams*

My Dear Church 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 or 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 initiative 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. ◇

## Editors Thoughts

**Terrence L Hearn Sr**

*Faith Is Alive Ministries*

We were a busy congregation. You may be surprised of the things that happen during this time. ◇

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

## Good News

Communion Sunday started this new cycle off as always the spirit was high and we enjoyed ourselves as pastor preached. There was a problem with the video. It did not record properly. First Lady also reminded everyone to vote Tuesday. She hopes you vote for Barack Obama. This was an exciting week. The nation voted for President on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The newly elected person is Barack Obama. This is the country's first African American president. Many people cried that night because of the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Many people cried for their pasted family members that help fight to gain the right to vote and have equal rights. I must say for myself I cried because my mother was a history

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teacher. This is something she never thought would ever happen in her lifetime. Well it did not but it did in many people lives and the children and their children's children. The pastor finished that week with a Revival at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Staunton Virginia. The time was high and the spirit was alive because of the things that happen that week. On the November the 8<sup>th</sup> a Calendar meeting was held to prepare for 2009 events and functions. The youth experience a Hallelujah Harvest on the Blakey's farm on highway 33. This was the first Sunday since the election and pastor taught us about "Turn on the Light." George from Front Royal visited us and blessed us with his saxophone playing during service. That afternoon was our Usher's 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary. Dr Floyd Miles from Staunton, Virginia taught on "Position to Serve." What our Usher's do is to serve us. November the 16<sup>th</sup> the First lady taught us about "Sacrifice." The biggest blessing was the baptisms that day. 3 children showed their outward side of being saved. Thanksgiving Community Service was held at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian on Court Square at 7 PM on the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. We hoped everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving Day. Many pray went out for the families that traveled to visit family members. Because of the time of year we celebrate Advent leading into Christmas. As last year different families lighted candles for each week leading up to the end of Advent. The Brown/ Washington Family started advent off on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The Blakey Family was the second family on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Also that same Sunday Rev. Al Brandon served as the worship leader. With Rev. Brandon in charge the spirit always is high. The Community Candlelight service was held December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. Several churches attended this event. Charles Washington family was in charge of advent on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Al Brandon gave the morning message. Rev Alonzo Bowler visited us once again. It is always good to see him. That afternoon was a joyous occasion in that we celebrated the pastor's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Rev. Kelvin Hawkin from St. John Baptist church of Cobham, VA gave us uplifting words on the subject of "Footnotes from a Godly Woman." We tried something a little different this year by having a Happy Birthday Jesus Party. It was fun for the people who attended on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. It was held from 3-5 PM. Pastor and his family closed Advent out on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We hoped everyone had a very merry Christmas. Safe travels to those who visited family during this time of the year. To end 2008 watch night was held. This joyous event yielded 7 people getting baptized. The first communion for the New Year was done. Washing of the feet was done by Rev. Basil Marin and his wife. We were kneeling in pray as the

New Year came in. HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE 2009. May God bless you and help you achieve all things that you may ask fro during this New Year.

## **Deacons Corner**

*Deacon Anthony Bailey*

Our Deacon has been busy doing communion with sick and shut-in during the end of the year into the New Year. Deacon Bailey has been holding Baptism classes fro those that will be baptized. The class is not only for them but for anyone that wants to understand about the plan of salvation. The Joyous event for our Deacons was the Catechism on December 27<sup>th</sup> for Bro. Langdon O. Burns. He triumphed through that to be recommended for ordination the next day. On December 28<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM the Deacons Ordination for Bro. L. O. Burns was conducted. Deacon Burns's brother Elder Brown was in attendance for this occasion. Deaconess Louise Winston and Deaconess Betty Sampson were in attendance for the Ordination. ❖

## **1st Lady**

*Rev. Linda V Williams*

The First Lady was in charge of the Thanksgiving Boxes. The given out by given out by FBC, Boys and Girls Club, JMU Coaches, and others. The central location was Simms Educational Center. These boxes were given out from 11 AM – 4 PM the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. We had local radio, TV and newspaper reporters viewing what was happening. The whole premise was to do help 150 families in the local community. Food was raised by members, local community people. After the Christmas Program during morning service, gifts were given out after church. One of First Lady main causes are the children in the local community. All ages were able to receive a gift from the giving tree.❖

## Trustee Ministry

The trustees are always busy handling the business of FBC. Occasionally they have time for other things. In November 21<sup>st</sup> they held a Family night at the church. They had a movie and food. The movie the youth really enjoyed was Kung Fu Panda. They also served pizza and popcorn. The event was a fun filled night. ❖

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **JAN 18 2009** **11 AM**  
MLK Jr. Program during Worship Service.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **JAN 19 2009** **11 AM**  
NAACP Sponsors MLK Jr. Program.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **JAN 24 2009** **11AM**  
Women's Ministry.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **FEB 14 2009** **8 AM**  
Men's Fellowship Breakfast.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **FEB 14 2009** **6 PM**  
Deacon's Valentine Fellowship.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **FEB 15 2009** **3 PM**  
Gospel Extravaganza featuring The New Stars of Central Virginia

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **FEB 22 2009** **3 PM**  
A Taste of Spirit in Concert.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **FEB 28 2009** **11 AM**  
Women's Ministry Fellowship.

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## FIAM Prayer of the Day

Dear Father in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

You are all-knowing and all-seeing, and all-powerful. I praise you for your magnificence. I also bring a request to you, to help me and every adult and even teenagers be the witnesses that we should be. Little children are watching us. They look up to us. They imitate us. They learn from us. I pray that all we do and say is honorable, good, true, and pure. I pray that our hearts, minds, eyes, hands, mouths, feet all do things that are pleasing to you and good examples for the children. Thank you for your inspiration and guidance. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.



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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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