



# Faith Is Alive

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## Pastors Desk

*Dr Clarence E Williams*

Grace and Mercy has brought us safe thus far and this very same blessing will lead us on to victory. Thanks be to God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit for the great things that he has done here at First Baptist. Our strength and help have been overwhelming and the church is spiritually growing. I am so grateful to my wife and family for their support throughout this year and to the many ministries that have worked so hard within church and the community. We have had great success during our annual ministries along with being blessed in joining an association for further structure and guidance. Our children and families are being fed spiritually and physically in the outreach as well as internally. God has just truly smiled on us. Even after a few storms in our Media ministry, God has prevailed and allowed us to continue this ministry to benefit the good of those who listen and view the broadcast as well as the bless time we have in service as well. There is much more to come, as the training and consecration and ordinations for those who have walked faithfully to

show themselves approved as the Lord walks with them. I am so proud of the work that has been done, and as we prepare ourselves for the next task that lies ahead of us, May the Lord be with us. ◇

## Editors Thoughts

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There were very exciting times during the last few months. The Body had a lot going on. Just look at some of the things that happened over a short period of time. May God Bless and keep you and your family safe at all times. ◇

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

## Good News

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after our Spring revival was very spirited. We picked up where we left off in revival. Our favorite visiting Deacon was in town. Deacon Hope blessed us with being our musician for the day on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in May. For Mother's Day, a lot of our leadership was not in attendance due to visit family for this Holiday. But to our joy Mother Sampson attended services. Bro. Michael Williams did some special music for Mother's day on May 5<sup>th</sup>. On May 17<sup>th</sup> our men did a Carwash at AutoZone for Men's Day Program. We raised for donations \$300. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lady worked with VA/ New York Club. They did dinners (Fish, Chicken, and Pig's feet) at John Wesley United Methodist Church for a Scholarship fund in May. The 1<sup>st</sup> Lady started training the Church Body in doing Good News.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Men's Day Program was held May 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. The Dr. Pierre German of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, Glen Burnie, Maryland was the speaker. We had a joyous time in the Lord in "Making the Connection."

Bro. Robert Boyd and Sis. Mirian Boyd joined the flock as Deacon and Deaconess in June.

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This added to our Deacons and Deaconess Ranks. Our Deacons conducted Biblestudy on June 4<sup>th</sup> due to Bad Weather conditions. The Pastor was asked not to tread on the tedious highway. He ahs trained our deacons very well and nothing was lost in biblestudy.

Sometimes we forget our pastor needs rest. So for the Next three weeks the Pastor will be on Vacation. As stated before there is always a ram in the bush. That ram is coming to us by the way of our own Rev. Al Brandon.

We did not have bible study due to Bro. Bobby Gunter catechism on June 25<sup>th</sup>. You missed a treat from our panel checking to see if Bro. Gunter was ready to proceed forward as a Deacon. With God's blessing Bro Booby Gunter was recommended to be Ordain as a Deacon. The Ordination took lace on June 29<sup>th</sup> at First Baptist Church with Pastor giving the Message. Family and Friends were in attendance to witness what the Lord has done in this young man's Life. If you put your trust in the lord he can bring you a mighty long way.

The Pastor preached at Mt Salem Baptist Church in Staunton, VA on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 100 Women in White program was held June 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM. Rev. Belle Thomas taught us that 'Standing on the Promises" will help us to withstand a lot.◇

### Choir Loft

Bro. Michael Williams was in the play "The Storm is Passing Over at FBC Lorreto, VA. I t previewed form may 8<sup>th</sup> thru May 10<sup>th</sup>. Many people were blessed by the play. Also Bro. Michael blessed us with a couple of songs on Mother's Day from the Play.

A Taste of Spirit held it's presence with our services during this time. Bro. Michael Williams was appointed Voices of Praise Choir Director. We are still looking for musician. If you know of one have them to contact Bro. John Butler. A Taste of Spirit sung at a choir day at Mt. Moriah in Grottoes, VA. Also A Taste of Spirit was requested to sing for the 100 Women in White Program.◇

### Media Ministry

This ministry got approval for 15 computers plus possible server from Computer Recycling of VA.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lady

Kid's Café' Registration was at FBC from 8AM - 4 PM from 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>. Orientation was held June 18<sup>th</sup>. Kid's Café' worked in conjunction with the Northeast Community vacation Bible School and had an Ice Cream Social for Vacation Bible School registration June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Northeast Community Vacation Bible School

is held from June 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>. Virtuous Women held Diabetes Part 2. It is cancelled in June due to the 100 Women in White Program the same Day.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **JULY 1-31 2008** **9AM- 4PM**  
 Kid's Café (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)

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PLACE **ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 TIME **JULY 13 2008** **3 PM**  
 Anniversary; Pastor Speaking (Cobham, VA)

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PLACE **NORTH RIVER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 TIME **JULY 20 2008** **3PM**  
 North River Homecoming; Pastor Speaking

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **JULY 27 2008** **3PM**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Missionary Day; Rev. Donnie Robertson Speaking

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **AUGUST 1-7 2008** **9AM - 4 PM**  
 Kid's Café (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)  
 Closing Ceremonies on the 7th

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PLACE **MT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 TIME **AUGUST 1 2008** **TBA**  
 Homecoming – Revival; Pastor speaking, ATOS providing music

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PLACE **NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 TIME **AUGUST 17 2008** **3 PM**  
 Homecoming; Pastor speaking

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **AUGUST 24 2008** **3 PM**  
 Gospel Extravaganza II featuring Recording Artist Angie Pretlow

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **SEPTEMBER 13 2008** **11 AM**  
 Brackett Morrell Association Presentation



God's Love

By Corallie Thornton

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8a**

*Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.*

The Bible says that God is love (1 John 4:8). When looking at this verse, if you replace the word 'love' with God's name, you get the following:

God suffers long and is kind; God does not envy; God does not parade Himself, He is not puffed up; God does not behave rudely, does not seek His own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; God does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; God bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. God never fails.

Isn't that amazing? How awesome is our God? It is because God is love, that we are able to see this verse in a new way.

We don't deserve God to be all of these things to us. We [mess] up, we make mistakes; yet God still wants to be our friend. God is patient with us (v4). He never gives up on us, although we may make the same mistake time and time again. God does not rejoice in our shortcomings. God bears with us, but not only that, He rejoices in our growth! Although we may fail, God will never fail us.

*Our God is a God of love, and He will persist with us; even when no-one else will.  
He will never give up on us!*

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**Two Grocers**

"You must have accurate and honest weights and measures, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you" (Deut 25:15).

A few hundred years ago there were two Christian grocers in London. One of them said to the other, "You know, as Christians, we're supposed to have honest scales. It says so in the Bible. So how should we do that?" "Well, I'll tell you what, I'll come and check your scales on Wednesdays to

make sure they're accurate and you come on Sundays and check mine. We'll make sure they're accurate." The two grocers developed a list of twelve principles that they felt should guide the way they were to do business.

People preferred to buy from them because they knew they would get a good product, at a fair price, with honest scales. Other grocers who were Christians decided to join in and they formed an association of Christian grocers. In those days it wasn't called exactly that, but was actually called the Most Worshipful Company of Livery Merchants. The name is very odd and peculiarly British.

This group led to other industries adopting a similar idealism known as Livery Companies in the City of London. There are now 300 companies in the City of London registered as Livery Companies. The latest one was the Most Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. Everybody that joins one of the companies in the City of London, even today, receives a list of the principles they have to agree to. The list contains 36 biblical principles to guide your life. And they call the book, *Some Rules for the Conduct of Life to Which Are Added A Few Cautions*.

The rulers of the nation in Britain began to see the affect of these companies and said "What we need to do is make it a law for the whole nation. So instead of just these grocers having their honest scales, every scale in Britain needs to weigh accurately." The government Weights and Measures Department, which is in existence today, can trace its history back to the day when these two grocers decided to keep themselves accountable for biblical principles.\*\*

Are you operating based on honest weights and measures?



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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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