



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

Hello and God bless to everyone. Well, rather late than never, this newsletter edition has been an on going effort. The items previewed here are a lot of the

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GoodNews

First Baptist Body



This is General Information about Our Church body. ❖

Pastor's Thoughts Quote

We still have people joining the church body. The biblestudy group did a community walk April 3rd passing out DVD's, CD's & flyers. You must go out to the people when they will not come to you. The Easter Sunrise Service was an awesome service. The meal was prepared by Orlando Jones, Robert Blakey and others. During Resurrection Day Services, we were treated by Bro. Dewayne Burke on Keyboards with the choir and Sis. Shamika Parker performed a praise dance. The next Saturday, FBC hosted the Men's Fellowship breakfast. Pastor gave encouraging words. About 30 men attended the breakfast. College Appreciation Sunday (April 22nd), DuRag Ministries Minister Chris Johnson gave very inspiring words on the heel of the tragic shooting at Va Tech early in the week. Also in April, biblestudy had a Potluck dinner while watching a second movie "**Love's Enduring Promise**". Rev Bowler's Family joined 1st Baptist April 29th. On April 29th, the Men's Community Program was held at FBC at 3:00 PM. On May 8th, the church joined a Community Walk @ 530PM. On Mother's Day, both Deacon Bailey and Rogers were absent due to Family Business. Bro. Gunter carried on as though they were there. FBC held a Community Meeting on May 14th talking about Community Issues w/ Police Department. On May 15th the Bible study dealt with the Church Vision. Home going services of Sis Jacqueline Smith

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accomplishments that has happen with First Baptist since April. The church has been very busy. I pray that we did not leave any important items out.◊

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

Deacons Corner

Deacon Anthony Bailey

The Deacons have continued making sure our spiritual needs are met to the best of their ability. Before we go any further, Deacon and Deaconess in Training Rogers opened their home up and hosted a Deaconess Dinner. It was a great dinner and time. Pictures were taken of this great fellowship. The deacons have been carrying on Bible study until the Pastor arrives. There are times when our own deacons have led the bible study. We have been blessed in so many ways. They are continuing with baptism classes and counseling the church body. They are always visiting our sick and shut-in. At least one deacon gets around visiting. Bro Gunter is still doing his training. Please give encouraging words to these men for the work they are doing. Bro Gunter has been helping with Sunday school duties and regular service duties when the other Deacons are not present.❖

Deaconess Bench

Deaconess Doris Washington

The Deaconesses are continuing with their ministry of love for the uplifting of God's Kingdom, with visiting, telephone calls, sending cards of love to the sick and shut-in. We will have a Deaconess that will visit and leave a fruit basket and have prayer; another will call with concerns and one will inform the others that former members have gotten in touch with them and they send their regards.

The Deaconess' had a wonderful time at the Dinner hosted by Deacon and Deaconess in Training Rogers home. We really enjoyed the fellowship and time with the Pastor and First Lady.

Special Note {Deaconess Mary Hayes} "By the way Deacon Rogers the rolls were delicious; I don't want the recipe but I will be back for more rolls (smile).

Let's support these ladies as the Lord leads them in ministering to God's people.❖

First Lady Thoughts

Rev. Linda V. Williams

In June, volunteers helped with the playground cleanup. The Food Bank Inspection was on May 4th. The 1st Lady had a Birthday Bash for Michael at Ralph

Sampson Park on May 20th. Kid's Café had announcements made in English & Spanish. We had advertisement place in the local City Span and flyers passed out. 1st Lady had discussions with Council Chennault for Kid's Café fieldtrips. Bus transportation was provided by the city. Kid's Café Registration was held June 12th -14th. 70 Children registered for the camp. The Staff consisted of the following people: Coordinator - Rev. Linda Williams, Director - Sis. Joyce Sanchez, Secretary - Sis. Lois Fisher, Advisor/ Psychologist - Dr. Ramona Rogers, Art & Craft – Sis. Pat Blakey, Nutritionist – Sis. Theresa Franklin, Nurse – Sis. Mary Hayes, Advisor – Sis. Doris Washington, Receptionist – Sis. Pauline Brown, Staff & Volunteers: Sis. Palmala Hearn, Sis. Donna Vincent, Mrs. Marin, and Mrs. Ashanti. We also had kid staff members that worked. The Kid's Café met on Tuesday - Thursday from 8 AM -4PM. Food was picked up on June 12th & 13th from Blue Ridge Food Bank for Kid's Café'. The Children were served a breakfast food and hot lunch each day. The 1st week 48 children attended (June 19th - 21st). We started our Computer lab. 4 CPU's, 1 Monitor, 4 Mouse's, 3Keyboards and 2 Printers were donated by Steve Stein & Valley Microcomputers. People have brought in Monitors, keyboards and mouse's. Thank you for your gifts. Bro Marcus Hearn has been working on getting all computers running. We are looking into taking a Community Needs Assessment. Your Participation would be appreciated. In the near future there will be a Questionnaire passed out. 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.

Choir Loft

Sis Joyce Sanchez

The choir has been doing alot of traveling during the last few month's. Here is a list of places the choir has been ministering to: Beulah Baptist Church, Markham VA, Missionary Day Program; Mt Salem Baptist, Ruther Glenn VA, Men's Day; Beverly Manor Baptist Church Staunton VA, Revival and Winchester, VA, a Revival. The choir also sung for the 100 women in white Program in June. One member has return to the choir, Sis Beverly Harrell. Sis Hearn has returned as the choir's secretary. Pray for the members that have left and pray that the lord will send more committed willing souls to sing for Christ. Special Note

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JULY 7 2007** **4-6 PM**
 Phebe Fellowship presented by Deaconess in Training

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JULY 15 2007** **3 PM**
 Homecoming @ Williams Chapel CME, Front Royal, VA.
 Pastor is Guest Speaker

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **JULY 22 2007** **3 PM**
 Annual Choir Day. Rev. Ronnie Morton of Beulah Baptist Church, Markham, VA Guest Speaker. Special Guest Choir is Mt Zion Baptist Church Choir of Elkton, VA

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **AUGUST 19 2007** **3 PM**
 Homecoming @ New Hope Baptist Church, McGaheyville, VA. Pastor is Guest Speaker

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **AUGUST 19 2007** **5 PM**
 Homecoming @ Mt Carmel Baptist Church, Blainesville, VA.
 Pastor is Guest Speaker

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **AUGUST 25 2007** **4-6 PM**
 Back to School Social for Area Youth.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **SEPT 9 2007** **11 AM**
 DEACON'S & DEACONESS DAY. ELDER JEROME BRANDON, RICHMOND, VA IS GUEST SPEAKER.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **SEPT 23 2007** **11 AM**
 Homecoming Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville NC. Pastor is Guest Speaker.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **SEPT 29 2007** **12 PM**
 Quarterly Church Meeting.

(Mother Sampson Sister) was May 17th. Rev Alonzo Bowler gave us the word in May. Mother Catherine Dunn was in Camelot after a broken Pelvis. Also in May, Pastor went to speak with the Geimeinschaft Home about the new Women facility in Harrisonburg and any services we could render. Pastor also had his first wedding at FBC. Tamika Hunnam (Maude Hunnam's daughter) & Tadoa Perez Camacho were married on Saturday May 26th. Sis Carol Jackson has been through a lot this past year. The trial is over but remember to keep her in your prayers. Sis. Ramona Rogers was baptized at Wildwood Park (Bridgewater) during the NAACP Picnic in June. Rev. Al Brandon preached the word in May and June. Congratulation to Sis Joyce Sanchez and Sis Pam Hearn on graduating their 1st year Religious Studies. Vacation Bible School Registration was held at FBC June 24 w/ice cream social. VBS was @ Sims 6pm – 8pm on June 25-June 29. There was no Bible study Classes due to VBS @ Simms the last week of June. To end the quarter the church meeting was held June 30, 2007. It was very informative.

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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"

Media Ministry

Bro Terrence Hearn Sr

This ministry has grown by leaps and bounds. The ministry is still making DVD's available for the sick and shut-in. Please let us know who needs copies of the services so they don't feel left out of what is happening at First Baptist. The 2nd Newsletter came out in late April. We hope you enjoyed what was offered. The church's website was officially released at the end of April (<http://firstbaptisthbg.org>). It has a lot of information on it. Please look at some of the pictures and videos on it. Pass the word that First Baptist is trying to reach all people. The biggest thing that has happen is the TV Broadcast. Bro. Mike Williams and Bro. Terrence Hearn Sr had a discussion about getting on TV after watching a program on the same night. Bro. Hearn contacted WAZT and met with

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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!

Ron Croom (WAZT General Manager). After discussions we ordered an audio piece for better sound. The contract was sent back to start on August 5th. Please help support this ministry because it will let the world know what we are doing trying to help

build the Kingdom one Brick (soul) at a time. We are recording as many services and programs we have. If you would like any services recorded please contact the Media Ministry. ❖

Youth Ministry

Sis Pamela Bailey

The Children's church has been growing. At one time during the summer they were serving 40-50 children. We are trying to dismiss the children for children's church immediately after the offering. Please help us with this. We are in need of more teachers for Children's church. Sis. Luvenda Sanchez continues to do a wonderful job with the Youth choir. They look real nice in their purple and gold robes. The youth have been having functions. The Youth were treated to a Game night in Mid April. The children had a great time. The movie night in late April was cancelled. There was a Family game night in May that was successful. About 15 people attended. The 2nd movie "**A Second Chance**" was a hit. There were about 45 people that were served hotdogs and drinks. Deacon Bailey always ties the theme of the movie with scripture. Functions for the summer will cease due to summer vacation for the youth. Programs will begin again in the fall as school starts again. Please support our youth because they are our present day not only the future. Our youth learn what they see from us and let's show them how God can work in us all. ❖

Youth Highlight

Editor's Choice

She is the daughter of Bro. Ray and Sis. Joyce Sanchez. She is a junior at Broadway High School. As you see she sings in the Adult choir and works with our youth in children's church. Please say hi and give her some encouraging words. She is now in a big transition in her life and she will need our prayers. ❖

Bro. Matt Mosby has come back home and rejoined the choir as our musician. Practice is Saturday at 10 AM. ❖

Trustee Minute

Sis Elaine Blakey

This ministry has been very busy behind the scenes. The biggest task was scheduling the buses for the North Carolina trip. The church is furnishing the buses for the trip. Members only have to pay for their rooms. Oh how the Lord has blessed us. New purchases for the church were a Freezer and Refrigerator that would help with the Kid's Café and Food Pantry. Computer desk were bought for the computer lab. New tables and chairs were purchased for downstairs and the old tables were sold. New door locks were added. Repairs were made downstairs and the Baptism Pool Lid. Mold removal & Pool cleanout was done by the Gemeinshaft. The Trustee's leadership had a "100 Women in White" Program featuring the Minister Gloria Graham from the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Herndon, VA. It was the first time in a long time this program was held at FBC. Sis Elaine Blakey did a wonderful job with this program. The trustees also spear headed the Stain Glass Window project. The windows were installed in late May. The windows are beautiful and make the church feel more spiritual. Thank you for all you do behind the scenes.❖

Hospitality Hostess

Sis Jennette Jones

The Hospitality Ministry held its first official meeting in June to get completely reorganized. The following officers were elected. Sis Jeanette Jones – President, Sis Joyce Sanchez – Vice President and Sis Joyce Hunnam – Secretary. The Hospitality did a wonderful job with the college appreciation day in April. They have also been hostess to other functions that have happen. They adopted 1 Peter 4:9-10 as their Motto. Sis. Ramona Rogers made aprons and uniforms for this ministry. They have set in place rules and guidelines on how to host the different functions held at the church. If you have any questions please contact Sis. Jones or Sis. Sanchez for more information. If you would like to become a part of this ministry please see these same persons. They meet every 2nd Sunday after church. Watch how our Hospitality serve the people.

Special Note {Deaconess Doris Washington}: Would like to thank Jeanette Jones for her donation of a 12 cup coffee maker, iron and a punch bowl set.❖

Missionary Minute

Sis Pamela Bailey

The missionaries reorganized in April. Deaconess Graves had been serving as the acting Chairperson after the departure of Sis. Whitelow. The new Chairperson is Sis. Pam Bailey. They have put things in place so the communication of the sick and shut-in, and specials needs can be met. Sis. Sandra Hall has joined the ministry. They will be planning a Missionary Day in the near future. Stay tune for more information coming forth. ❖

Usher's Fold

Sis Pat Blakey

The Usher's are preparing for the Trip to North Carolina. They are in the process of trying to look uniformed when we arrive. Sis. Robin Morton's family has moved away and she is no longer an usher. The door keepers have been trying to keep everything in order. Please help them achieve this goal by listening to directions. The ushers are traveling with the pastor as he minister to different churches. It is always good to know that OUR doorkeepers are willing to help at other churches. ❖



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Let's Never Forget Our Sick and Shut-in with Prayer.

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Winter Alphabet

Christian McEwen

(with thanks to Janice Gould)

A is the tent

I have learned to set up in the wilderness.

B is the memory of your breasts, your stalwart arms.

C is a broken plate.

D is the grey moon flattened against the sky.

E is your rake lying rusty in the garden.

F is a thin girl trying to peer into the future.

G sends its root down into frosty ground.

H stands tall: two posts, & then a simple gate,
which I throw all my weight against, without success.

J skates across an icy pond wearing a little cap.

K is a quick kiss on your sunburnt neck.

L (was that once love?) has been lost for a long time.

M makes the first of many jagged mountains.

N is the door you bolted in my startled face: “*No, & no, & again no.*”

O is the hollow sound of my astonishment.

P is a bubble of pain on the surface of the river.

Q is my sad monkey sitting on his tail, then

Resting his skinny weight upon one foot.

S is the white ribbon of the road ahead.

T is a small shelter with a flattened roof where

U & your new lover duck in & out of the rain.

V is simply vicious. Do not grant it your attention.

W is the reiterated question, “*Why?*” Windshield-wipers slashing back & forth.

X marks the exception to everything I’ve said.

Y shows the place where the road divides: north & south, highland & lowland.

Z is some crone who’s watching all of this, hope propped up upon a bony elbow,
kindly wrinkled face & cloudy eyes.

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