



Faith Is Alive

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Pastors Desk

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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

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I have decided to try a different approach with the Newsletter. They will appear more frequent and online a lot more. You will notice the new devotion added. I am also looking into doing more Christian Stories also. ◇

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

GOODNEWS

Information about the church body. ❖

The First Sunday Communion was held Jan. 6th. This was a joyous occasion after the Watchcare Service that was held earlier that week. Bible study started off well for beginning of Year on Jan 8th. The Church Quarterly Meeting was held Jan. 12th @ 10 AM. This was the year ending 2007 and year beginning 2008 combination meeting. We had an attendance of about 40 people. We must get better about our Father's business. This is the time to ask questions and bring suggestions for the church body. The Next Church Meeting will be in April. On Jan. 13th our 1st Lady preached. Also we had 10 people baptized that day. Old and young were brought to Christ that day. On Youth Sunday our youth did a skit celebrating the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The youth recited part of the "I Have a Dream" Speech. Deaconess Hearn made shirts for the youth and organizers to wear that day. The shirts were beautiful. Latasha Trayham played her Violin that morning. On Jan 20th a former musician of Pastor's visited the church. Sister Valerie Meeks substituted for Pastor that day. She and her husband were visiting from Maryland. The Men's Group (A Taste of Spirit) did the service for the Jan. 27th. We really enjoyed these young men. It is always good to see men doing things for Christ without precondition. Beginning of February 1st Lady was sick. New members joined the choir. 1st Lady recovered and was back with us Feb 10th services. Our Youth Department held Black History Trivia for the Month of February celebrating Black History Month. Our Pastor & 1st Lady worked a polling Station in Fredericksburg due to the Primaries held in VA. We also had other members working polling

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stations throughout the city of Harrisonburg on the the 12th of Feb. That night Deaconess Bailey & Deacon LO Burns led Bible study. Feb 16th a Valentine's Fellowship was hosted by Deacon & Deaconess Bailey. Youth Sunday they had a Program featuring Minister Edwin Moses Taylor who is 15 Years old. We were all blessed by his message. The Taylor Family also did the music for the program. There were other things that happen during this time also. This is just a few of the highlights. We are truly a bless congregation. ❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 15** **3 PM**
 Everybody's Birthday featuring the women from AZUSA

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 16** **3 PM**
 Church Anniversary @ FBC Ambar King George, VA. Pastor preaching.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 29 & APR 26** **11 AM – 1 PM**
 Virtuous Women's Seminar.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **APR 6** **4 PM**
 Usher's Day Program Macedonia Flint Hill near Front Royal, VA.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**
 TIME **MAR 27- 30** **3 PM & 7 PM**
 Our First Tent Revival. Held at Lucy Simms Center.



Daily Devotions

by Corallie Thornton

Proverbs 20:21

An inheritance quickly gained at the beginning will not be blessed at the end.

What an amazing statement! Quite often when we are waiting for a breakthrough, we want it **now!** We don't want to wait... we want it **yesterday.**

Are you frustrated that your desire to minister is going nowhere? God gives you a promise, and you get so excited that you want to do it right away. But God doesn't work that way. He must first establish things in you you'll need for your ministry. If you started without these things, you wouldn't make it.

God uses this waiting period as an establishing period in our lives. If you had your breakthrough or your ministry right away, it might not last until the end. God needs to firmly establish in you some principals, which will enable you to cope with what He has prepared for your life.

So don't get frustrated if you seem to be going nowhere. Remember that God might be testing your endurance.

"Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting."

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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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