



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

Terrence L Hearn Sr

Faith Is Alive Ministries

We have been busy the last two months. I hope and pray that everyone got a chance to attend as many programs as possible. ◇

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

General Info

First Baptist Church

The next 2 months had exciting times. Ms. Tia Johnson has attempted to play for the choir at the beginning of March. The biggest change to date is that Bible study was officially moved to Wednesday Night @ 7 PM starting March 5th. One of Pastor's sons did the morning service on March 16th. Rev Owen Johnson left us with a great holy word for our lives. That afternoon, Pastor preached at FBC Ambar King George, VA for a church anniversary. A Taste of Spirit provided the music at this program. As always we had a Community Easter Egg Hunt at the church on March 22nd. Food was provided by the Boys and Girls Club after the Egg hunt at the church. March 23rd on Easter, we had 2 worship services. Sunrise Service was conducted by Pastor & A Taste of Spirit. Breakfast was served by the men after the early morning service. Easter Regular Service was conducted by Pastor & A Taste of Spirit. Rev. Al

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Brandon returned back home since his accident New Years Early Morning. We celebrated Friends and Family Day on March 30th. We had several different visitors to come and visit to make this a special occasion. The NAACP had a Soul Food Dinner in Elkton, VA on April 5th. The men's group A Taste of Spirit provided the entertainment for this event. There was good food, fellowship and singing. Try to make it to next year's dinner. The pastor and choir travelled to Macedonia Flint Hill outside of Front Royal, VA for an Usher's Day Program on April 6th. We had our 2nd annual Church Meeting on April 12th. We would like to see more members for the meetings as we conduct vital information that can't be given out during regular service. The church has to be about its business at all times. We discuss things hear in order to do things in our local community and to serve others. Our regular Bible study was cancelled due to Revival being held for the week. ❖

Choir Loft

Our choir "the Voices of Praise" sponsored a Gospel Explosion which featured "CHOSEN" of Harrisburg, PA. We were truly bless by these men of god as they sang joyfully and spiritually. The spirit was very high during this program. We need more programs like this to keep the spirit high within us.❖

Deacon's Corner

Our biggest feat to come is to have our 1st Tent Revival. A lot of people helped out in putting this together. Bro. Sudan Ellington secured Simms Educational Center Ball Field and Gym for our location. It was very important to Pastor that it stayed in the local community. The Revival was planned for April 27th - April 30th. We held regular services during morning service at the church. To help start the Revival we had a cookout at Simms before the Revival started. The fellowship was a lot of fun while getting ready to raise the roof for God. Rev. Owen Johnson of New Heart New Spirit began our Tent Revival @ 3:30 with a well received message called "An Unshakable Kingdom.". Music was provided by A taste of Spirit and Newtown Singers form West Virginia. The sun was bright and we had a glorious time in the Lord that afternoon. Due to weather problems the Revival moved inside to the Gym on Monday Night. The Revival started @ 7 PM for the rest of the week. Rev. Anthony Jones St. Stephens Baptist Church of King George, VA blessed us with the "A Value in the God Kingdom". Tuesday night Rev. Harold Howard (Community

Baptist Church, Fairfax, VA) bless us with the Wal-Mart song and" Persecution of the Righteous". Closing out the revival was our own son Rev. Al Brandon with "Don't Miss Your Season". This was a very successful revival. We had a high time in the spirit and the testimonies sent us over the top. We can't wait until our next Tent revival to be held. The revival was well attended each night. So if you miss it you may get copies of the revival from our Media Ministry.❖

Media Ministry

The media ministry has been trying to gain more access for the church on the local level. We already are on television and are looking into radio broadcast. The station we are looking at is WSVG in Mount Jackson, VA. We are trying to find ways to highlight the other ministries to the local community and area. The first initial meeting took place on April 25th. We are now trying to send some information to send Oprah Winfrey about our TV Broadcast. This is in an effort to secure more sponsors for the TV Broadcast. We have lost Sam's Warehouse due to closing but gained another one its place (Hope Builders). We are trying to bless people through the TV Broadcast. The pastor has been receiving letters and phone calls about the Broadcast. This is always good to hear that we are help bringing more people to Christ through our ministry. We have had a letter or two read during morning announcements of some of the people watching. Please encourage this ministry as it is not always easy to produce the Broadcast in timely fashion sometimes to WAZT. A side note on this, WAZT has told the media ministry they have received a few calls about our program and how they enjoy the local programming they are providing.❖

Women's Ministry

The very 1st Women's Seminar "A Virtuous Woman" was conducted by 1st Lady Rev. Linda Williams & Friends on March 29th from 11AM- 1PM. This was a very enjoyable program for the local women in the area. They plan to invite different people from all walks of life to talk about different subjects for women concerns. It went so well that they decided to have these seminars monthly. Watch and be available for these seminars as they come forward.❖

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **MAY 11 2008**

Mother's Day

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **MAY 25 2008** **3 PM**

Men's Day. Dr. Pierre German speaking.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 15 2008**

Father's Day.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 17-19 2008** **9 AM - 4 PM**

Kid's Café Registration.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 22 2008** **6 - 8 PM**

Ice Cream Social for Northeast Community VBS Registration.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 23-27 2008** **6 - 8:30 PM**

VBS @ Simms Educational Center.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 27 2008** **7 PM**

Pastor speaking @ Mt. Salem Baptist Church Staunton, VA.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 28 2008**

VIRTUOUS WOMEN'S SEMINAR CANCELLED

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 28 2008** **3:30 PM**

2nd Annual 100 Women in White. Rev. Belle Thomas speaking.

PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**

TIME **JUNE 29 2008** **3 PM**

Deacon's Ordination. Dr. C.E. Williams Officiating.



Daily Devotions

by [Scott Meier](#)

Psalm 23:2

He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,

Life is just tough! Each day you face things that are stressful, challenging, tempting, painful, and trying to your faith. Unless you live in a dark room with no contact with the outside world, there is no way to avoid the challenges of life. But there is a way to deal with them, and that is through your relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you had been alive when David wrote Psalm 23, you would immediately understand what it was he was talking about, for everyone knew shepherds and what they did. One thing a shepherd has to be on the lookout for is fast moving water. Sheep get so excited about a refreshing drink they can easily end up falling in. When this happens, their wool gets soaked and they quickly drown. It is the shepherds job to make sure that the streams their flock drinks from is slow moving and shallow.

David is testifying to God being our shepherd. Even though there are dangers associated with sheep getting a drink, there is no way to avoid the need for water. Just as there are dangers and struggles we will face in everyday life, God, like the shepherd, watches over us, steering us clear of those dangers and preparing to catch us when things go wrong.

Sheep have a great trust in their shepherd. They can tell his voice and they know he can be trusted. In a former church I had a youth whose family raised sheep, and when I would walk in the pen they would run from me. When he walked in, they came right up to him. That trusting relationship was one built over time and through experiences.

Our relationship with God is strengthened when we face struggles in life and when we learn to lean on Him.

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Bible Wordsearch

More Archaic words
from King James Version

Puzzle #140

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.



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| ALDEIT | HAP |
| AMERCE | HOLDEN |
| ANON | HOWBEIT |
| APOSTASY | IMPLEAD |
| ASSAY | INDITE |
| ASSWAGE | JOT |
| BESOM | KERCHIEF |
| BESTEAD | KNOP |
| BLAIN | LUCRE |
| BOTCH | MAUL |
| BULLOCK | METEYARD |
| CANKER | MINISH |
| CHOLER | PALSY |
| COLLOPS | QUICKEN |
| CONCISION | SACKBUT |
| DESCRY | SHEW |
| DESPOIL | SOCCOUR |
| DOTE | SOTTISH |
| DURE | TITTLE |
| ENSAMPLE | UNCTION |
| FAIN | USURY |
| FRAY | VISAGE |

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Psalm 67

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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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