



# 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. ❖

*"I Thank god for the vision of Kingdom Building"*

The church body attended a Homecoming Service at Williams Chapel CME @ Front Royal, VA @ 3 pm on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a good time and were also fed by the word and food. The Pastor had an out patient procedure done July 19<sup>th</sup>. All was well. Rev. Alonzo Bowler brought the message so the Pastor could recover. The Washington Family had a Family reunion and invited the church members to participate on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Pastor had another procedure done on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Deacon Bailey did Bible study that night and we had a special Prayer for Pastor. Sis. April son was killed in Denver in August. Let's keep her in prayer. **PASTOR IS ON VACATION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.** Rev. Al Brandon subs for Pastor during this time. On August 5, 2007 FBC is visiting Luray for Homecoming. The program was 3 PM and Rev. Kenneth Nichols of St John-Salem Baptist Church was the speaker. FBC Choir was the musical guest. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Lady preached on "Time & Relationships" during our morning service on August 12th. It was very inspiring and uplifting to our congregation. The Adult choir sung August 19th instead of our children due to time and rehearsal constraints. Rev Brandon ministered to us on August 19th & August 26th. In between those Sundays

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accomplishments that has happen with First Baptist since July. 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 to carry on the spiritual business of the church body. Look at how the lord can work wonders in the midst. On September 2, 2007 Bro. Orlando Jones and Bro. Langley Burns started walking as deacon in our body. We now have three Deacons in training. On September 9, 2007 the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Deacons & Deaconess Day was held at FBC. Elder Jerome Brandon with King Life Ministries of Richmond VA was the Guest Speaker. Special Musical Guest was the Elkton Male Chorus.❖

## **Deaconess Bench**

*Deaconess Doris Washington*

Our own Deaconess in Training did a Phebe Presentation on July 7th concerning Women in the Bible. The Deaconess in Training led Biblestudy on September 11<sup>th</sup> and did a wonderful job. The Young ladies have really been doing a lot of studying in Deaconess Training. The Deaconess' have been visiting the sick and shut-in with and with out the Deacons. The only downside was Deaconess Washington hospitalized after NC Trip for kidney stones. But she is doing okay now. ❖

## **First Lady Thoughts**

*Rev. Linda V. Williams*

I will let her talk about the programs being started here at First Baptist through the VISTA program.

We would like to take a Community Needs Assessment. Please help by participating. There will be a Questionnaire passed out in the near future.

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.

Kid's Café restarted in July after Vacation Bible School at Simms. The Computer lab which is a project for the First Lady are getting more items for. We received 6 CPU's from Coors. During Kid's Café, the group went to Pump it Up, Westover Pool and First Tee @ Heritage Oaks. The kid's were given a picnic at Purcell Park. Deacon Rogers did the cooking for the Picnic. The closing ceremonies for Kid's Café were July 27, 2007. There were notables in attendance. Mayor Rodney Eagle of Harrisonburg, Mr. Darrell Jones from the Blue Ridge Food Bank. Certificates were given out to all participants and staff. On August 22nd a group of volunteers went to Volunteer Farm in Woodstock VA and pick potatoes. The group picked 445lbs in about 2.5 hours. Bro. Bobby Gunter set the record for the summer for one bucket of potatoes that weighed 43 lbs. On August 26<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lady gave school supplies to area students that were at church to help with their supplies needed for school. The supplies were furnished by many people that care about our area youth. Thank you for your blessing. Special thanks for prayers during Pastor's surgeries.❖

**May God richly bless you.**

## **Choir Loft**

*Sis Joyce Sanchez*

The Choir has been steadily growing. On July 8<sup>th</sup> Bro. Matthew Mosby has come back in the fold and is the Musician again. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Choir Day Program was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3 P.M. We are not sure how many were held before but this program but we tried to incorporate all past choir annual days in it. Rev. Ronnie Morton of Markham, VA was the Guest Speaker. Special Musical Guest was the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Choir of Elkton, VA. Bro. William Parker & Bro. Marcus Hearn officially joined the choir in late August. We now have 5 men in our Choir. See how God can work when you trust in him. On the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of August (29<sup>th</sup>) we had Adult & Youth Choirs Combined. That dress code was Blue Jeans & T-shirts. On a very sad note, Sis. Joyce Sanchez stepped down from the choir on August 27<sup>th</sup>. You may still see her sing

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Oct 6 2007** **4 PM**  
 Dinner for Area Seniors Postponed.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Oct 13 2007** **6 PM**  
 EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY POSTPONED

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Oct 14 2007** **3 PM**  
 Stain Glass window dedication. Dr. John Sloop, First Presbyterian Church guest speaker.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Oct 27 2007** **4-6:30 PM**  
 Hallelujah Harvest. Fun and Games for area Youth.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Nov 11 2007** **3 PM**  
 62ns Annual Usher's Day. Rev. Anthony Jones, St Stephens Baptist Church, King George, VA is guest speaker.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Nov 17 2007** **10 AM**  
 Quarterly Church Meeting.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
 TIME **Dec 16 2007** **3 PM**  
 Pastor's Anniversary. Rev. David P. Wedlock, Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC is guest speaker. Musical Guest is "CHOSEN" of Harrisburg, PA.

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Pastor Williams had recovered enough to preach at New Hope Baptist in Mageyhesville, VA at 3 PM on August 19th. The FBC Voices of Praise was the musical guest. Pastor Williams also preached at Mt. Carmel Baptist in Blaineville, VA at 4:30 PM on August 19th. Our Pastor, Dr. C. E. Williams was back in the fold preaching and teaching us again. The Lord watched over him while he was out recovering. Our 1<sup>st</sup> lady has been hampered with a leg injury in early September. Pastor was back to lead Biblestudy September 4th. Pastor's had a small birthday celebration during morning services on September 9, 2007. His birthday is September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Pastor had surgery on September 12th. Everything was okay. A Special prayer was held at Biblestudy for the Pastor and his family. Pastor wasted no time in praising the lord. Dr. C. E. Williams Preached September 16th after surgery. He stated during the service that he was getting an overhaul and is ready to take the church to a new height. Biblestudy was cancelled on September 18for the choice of Home Biblestudy. FBC cancelled morning services on September 23rd because of the trip to North Carolina. We traveled to Fayetteville, North Carolina Sept. 22 – Sept. 23 to Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist Church for Homecoming. This was a high time in the Lord. This trip brought the church family closer together. Showing us from how far we have come to where we are going in the Lord. **To end the Quarter we had a very good church meeting on Sept 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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(See Matthew 7:24-27)

WISE MAN LEADS FOOLISH MAN BY OVER 100,000 AS WE HEAD INTO FINAL JEOPARDY, WHERE THE TOPIC WILL BE ... "SOLID FOUNDATIONS"

## *The Christian Alphabet*

**A**lthough things are not perfect  
**B**ecause of trial or pain  
**C**ontinue in thanksgiving  
**D**o not begin to blame  
**E**ven when the times are hard  
**F**ierce winds are bound to blow  
**G**od is forever able  
**H**old on to what you know  
**I**magine life without His love  
**J**oy would cease to be  
**K**eep thanking Him for all the things  
**L**ove imparts to thee  
**M**ove out of "Camp complaining"  
**N**o weapon that is known  
**O**n earth can yield the power  
**P**raise can do alone  
**Q**uit looking in the future  
**R**edeem the time at hand  
**S**tart everyday with worship  
**T**o "thank" is a command  
**U**ntil we see him coming  
**V**ictorious in the sky  
**W**e'll run the race with gratitude  
**X**alting God most high  
**Y**es, there will be good times and yes some  
     will be bad, but.....  
**Z**ion waits in glory, where none are ever  
 sad!

## **Media Ministry**

*Bro Marcus Hearn*

The Media Ministry has been assisting the First lady in getting the Computer Lab up. Operating Systems had to be installed on some donated computers during Kid's Café' in July. Also in July, the ministry registered for a virtual conference July 17-19. This conference dealt with the issues with media ministries world wide and how to become better integrated with your worship service. A lot was learned during this conference with Church Media dot Net. After meeting with Ron Croom of WAZT (Woodstock, VA) an Audio Adapter was order for the camcorder to prepare for the upcoming rebroadcast of our Services. This piece was ordered from B&H Photo in New York. Replacement of mics for better sound was worked on during this time. The fun really began with doing Voice over's for TV Rebroadcast. Everything was done to give the people watching us on TV a feel of what we get every week live. We hope and pray that this touches someone's life in order to turn their life around back to god. The first Video arrived at WAZT on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Bro. Terrence Hearn Sr has been working hard to get the video ready for the station. Well it finally happened. August 5, 2007 First Baptist 1<sup>st</sup> Rebroadcast of our Services began at 930AM on WAZT. It is Channel 14 on Cable and 24 on Antenna. We have also started looking into getting a copyright for all materials produced by the ministries. We are constantly working on Business Cards, Post Cards, DVD/CD Covers and a future website. ❖

## **Youth Ministry**

*Sis Pamela Bailey*

This Ministry took a break for the summer. The Kid's participated in Kid's Café and Vacation Bible School that was held over the summer. ❖

## **Youth Highlight**

*Editor's Choice*

with the choir from time to time. Joyce we love you and Miss Your Leadership.❖

### Trustee Minute

*Sis Elaine Blakey*

In July we ordered table rack from Lowe's for new purchased tables. We also replaced a refrigerator that was on the blinks. Sis. Elaine Blakey headed the planning committee for the NC trip. We also helped with the closing ceremonies of Kid's Café'. She did a wonderful job in planning of the buses and rooms. Everything went smoothly for the trip. ❖

### Hospitality Hostess

*Sis Jeannette Jones*

The Hospitality Ministry meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Church services to review the upcoming months to be prepared. If anyone is interested in joining this ministry attend their monthly meeting. ❖

### Missionary Minute

*Sis Dorothy Dickerson*

The missionaries have been going about the business of checking on our elderly and sick. Cards and flowers are being sent and taken out to the needy. If you are in any need please contact this ministry for help. They also would like information about the members as they get sick, deaths hard times. This ministry can only do what the others members notify them of. So don't complain if someone is missed from this ministry let them know so all members will feel their loving touch ❖

### Usher's Fold

*Sis Pat Blakey*

The usher's have been preparing for North Carolina. Our Usher's will be in charge at Beauty Spot when we travel to North Carolina. Let's support this ministry. The Usher's are also preparing for their 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary in November. Rev. Anthony Jones of St. Stephens Baptist Church of King George, VA will give the message. Please support this ministry because of all they do in help keep order in our church services.❖



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