

*THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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"Ye are the LIGHT of the world." Matthew 5:14

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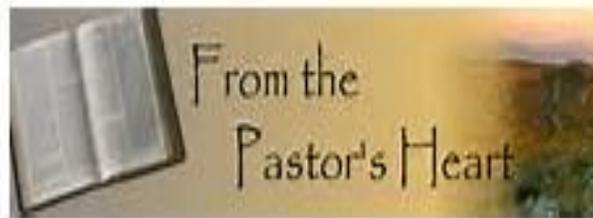
## ***BAPTIST MEN'S DAY*** ***SUNDAY, JANUARY 28***

- 9:00 A.M.            Breakfast – Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 A.M.            Sunday School
- 11:00 A.M.          MORNING WORSHIP  
                         Testimonies, Men's Choir, Special Music
- 6:00 P.M.            EVENING WORSHIP  
                         Testimonies, Special Music

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**OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 11:00 A.M.**



**WANTED:** Men who are not perfect, but who rest in the grace and mercy of Jesus, who get back up when they fall down, who are forgiven. Men who desire to be the spiritual leaders to their families. Men who love God. Men who want to be a Godly example others can follow. Men who are willing to serve.

Men's Day is this Sunday when our men lead worship. What would we do if we did not have a pastor? We are blessed to have so many men who can step up and minister. Men's Day is an opportunity for these men to sharpen their spiritual gifts and let God use them to be our spiritual leaders. All men, youth, young boys – come on out at **9:00 A.M. for breakfast and fellowship.** Then join us in the choir room after Sunday School to be a part of the men's choir.

"God gets all over me," stated one man when asked about the cross he wrote around his neck. "I wear it all the time, even when I go to bed." He then drew attention to the white prayer cloth pinned to his shirt. "Look here!" he directed, touching his forehead. "This is where I was anointed with oil."

"That's not all," he boasted, turning to face the opposite direction, showing the picture of an eagle with wings spread on the back of his T-shirt. A Bible verse about "mounting up with wings as eagles" was printed in large blue letters across the shoulders. "And one more thing," he said, pulling up his sleeve. "Check out this tattoo." He revealed a drawing of the face of Jesus with a crown of thorns on his head. "See. I told you I have God all over me."

His friend was impressed. "Those things are good witnesses, but I still miss seeing you in church and Bible study."

"Yeah. I miss you guys too," replied the man. "But you got to be able to tell how much I love Jesus. Have you seen all the Bible verses I post on my Facebook page? See. I got God all over me."

His friend touched his should and gently squeezed. "But do you have Him in your heart?"

Being a man of God is not just outward. It reflects a heart that loves God, obeys Him, and serves Him faithfully...men who know they are not perfect, but do not quiet when things get tough...men who have a desire to be the Godliest man they can be. MEN...is God just all over you or does He live inside you?

**Bro. Tony**

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In the life of a believer, how important is it to identify and make use of the gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit? 1 Peter 4:10 tells us, "*Just as each one has received a gift, use it to serve others, as good stewards of the varied grace of God.*" I firmly believe that God expects us to make good use of the gifts that He has given us, but sometimes we need a little help identifying those gifts, learning what they are about, and understanding how to use them. Our *Serving to Grow Ministry* will be addressing this topic through connecting interested individuals with a mentor in order to identify their gifts and help connect them with opportunities to put those gifts into use. I am convinced that being good stewards of these gifts will result in personal and congregational growth as we reach out to share the love of Christ with community, nation, and around the world.

I am so thankful for the individuals who have agreed to serve as mentors in this ministry; they have been vital in the development of this ministry and will continue to be vitals as this ministry seeks to serve our congregation. The *Serving to Grow* mentors are: Viva Anderson, Carol Ison, Phillip Little, and myself. Here is what you can expect if you decide to make use of this ministry: 1) You will visit our website in order to take a spiritual gifts assessment (or request a printed copy from the church office); 2) Upon receiving your assessment results, one of the mentors will contact you via phone or email to see if you would like to meet to discuss your results and begin the mentoring process; 3) The mentor will work to educate you on spiritual gifts and opportunities to use those gifts, and they will also seek to connect you with a Sunday school teacher (if you are not already in a class) as small groups are vital in the Christian life; and, 4) if/when ministry opportunities are identified that you would like to try out, the mentor will connect you with the ministry leader for that opportunity.

Once a person's spiritual gifts are identified, it is vital that those gifts are developed through education and involvement in ministry. *Serving to Grow* will begin on February 4<sup>th</sup>, with the purpose of helping to identify spiritual gifts, educate on those gifts, and connect persons with opportunities to be good stewards of those gifts. Beginning February 4<sup>th</sup> visit our website ([www.whitesburgfbc.org](http://www.whitesburgfbc.org)) and look for the "*Serving to Grow*" option on the top menu. Please feel free to contact me with any questions that you have about this ministry.

In Christ,  
**JEREMY**  
2 Timothy 1:6-7



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**



Our Easter Cantata, ***Road to Calvary—A Journey of Grace and Resurrection***, is in and I am excited to get started practicing. If you would like to sing with us this Easter, we would love to have you! We practice every Sunday evening at 7:00 P.M. it is a wonderful time to get “plugged in” at church and meet some awesome loving folks.

Saranell & Tessa have chosen a play with speaking parts for Easter as well. They would love to have folks come out and be a part of this growing ministry. Please prayerfully consider taking on a speaking part in our Easter play – *“It Is Finished”*. If you are interested, please let the ladies know, as Uncle Sam says, “We need You!”

Don’t forget to come out for Children’s Choir every Sunday evening at 6:00 P.M. *“Game On”* is the theme for Vacation Bible School this summer and it is the name of the musical they will be learning. They will be performing *“Game On”* during our evening worship service on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. Mark this date on your calendar.

If you would like to be a part of a church praise band, Tagan Cox is looking for you! If enough people are interested, Tagan would like to rotate members of the praise band each week so that you may only have to play/sing once monthly. If you are interested, please contact Tagan. The church praise band will practice on Sunday evenings at 4:00 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 28, 5:00 P.M. -- Music Ministry Team Meeting** - Conference Room

**March 25, 6:00 P.M. -- *“It Is Finished”*** – Easter Play

**March 30, 6:00 P.M. -- *“Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection”***  
Fellowship immediately following

**April 1, 7:00 A.M. -- SUNRISE SERVICE** -- Breakfast Brunch afterwards

**April 1, 11:00 A.M. -- *“Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection”***

**May 6, 6:00 P.M. -- *“Game On”*** – Children’s Musical

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## ATTENTION ALL VAN DRIVERS

We need to update our records. Even if you have provided a copy previously, we need a new copy. Please submit a copy to the church office as soon as possible.



We are going to start offering some "How to" type classes for our youth this year. So far we have the following:

**Fishing** – Phillip Little

**Car Care** – Albert Ison

**Cake Decorating** – Tagan Cox

**Hunting** – Jerry Ingram

**Hair Care & Make-up** – Donna & Victoria Watts

**Woodworking** – Curtis Cox

Please consider sharing a talent you have with our youth. We would love to have you! Let me know if you are interested. We would love to have a basic sewing class, cooking class, exercise class, beginning guitar class, etc. This is a great opportunity to develop deep relationships with our youth. Please pray about leading or even attending one of our classes.

We will be attending SEESALT Youth Camp this summer. The cost of the camp is about \$300 per person which includes most meals. The youth from Highlands Baptist in Ocala, FL will be joining us at camp this year so it will be a great opportunity to fellowship with our Ocala family.

We will also be returning to Ocala for a week of mission activities this summer. The cost for this trip is minimal as we stay at Highlands. Attendees usually split the cost of any motel stay while traveling, and then pay for meals while traveling back and forth from Florida.

Please mark these dates on your calendar so that your son or daughter will be able to attend camp and go on mission trip.

We will be discussing ways to raise funds to assist in attending camp and mission trip. Our goal is to help those attending be able to go and to place a minimal strain on those families that have students attending. We will be conducting a painting class and some dinners after morning worship and other fund-raising activities to assist with the cost of both events. If your son or daughter would like to have the cost minimized, or if they need a scholarship, working these fund-raising activities will be required. We will have a parent meeting on Wednesday evening, January 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 P.M. in the youth room to discuss camp, mission trip and fund-raising participation requirements.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

**January 28**

*Regina Brown, Tracie Day*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 31:     | Youth Leaders Planning Meeting – 5:00 P.M.<br>Conference Room |
| January 31:     | Youth Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M. – Youth Room                 |
| February 4:     | "Souper Bowl" Sunday – Food Bank Collection                   |
| February 4:     | Super Bowl Party – home of Philip & Julie Bentley             |
| June 17-22:     | SEESALT Youth Camp – Myrtle Beach                             |
| June 30-July 6: | Ocala Mission Trip  |



# MUSIC SEARCH TEAM

The following are being recommended to serve on the Music Search Team for the purpose of filling the position of full-time Minister of Music.

- Jan. 28: Elijah Adams, Nikkia Lucas
- 29: Dalton Honeycutt
- 30: Rich Craft, Joseph Newell  
Billy Sperger
- 31: Amy Bates, Braylen & Clayton Hall, Rhuelena Ison
- Feb. 1: Cheryl Combs
- 2: Cheryl Campbell, Candy Cook, Peyton Reynolds, Clint Webb, Brooke Wiseman
- 3: Stephen Kincer, Merrill Holbrook

- Hunter Craft
- Albert Ison
- Bill Wilson
- Tessa Caudill
- Angie Horn
- Wendy Little

- Alternates:
- Jerry Ingram
  - Amy Craft

## KINDNESS COUNTS

Need some creative ideas for performing acts of kindness? Here are a few from [randomactsofkindness.org](http://randomactsofkindness.org):

- Make blankets or scarves for homeless people.
- Send a care package to someone who's in college or the military.
- When you can't attend an event, give the tickets to strangers.
- Offer to baby-sit or pet-sit for free.
- Send a note of appreciation to someone who's made a difference in your life.
- Share your gifts of music, reading or conversation at a nursing home.
- Collect coins for a charity or cause.
- Provide tutoring or mentoring in your field of expertise.
- Give someone the benefit of the doubt – maybe even a family member or yourself.

At one time or another we all regret something. You may regret something you said, or that you didn't say something. You may regret that you stayed too late, or that you went too early. You may regret that you won something, or that you lost. But in all of your life, you'll never regret being kind.



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 6:00 P.M.  
CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

A psychologist has determined that the Monday in the last full week of January is the most depressing day of the year. This year, "Blue Monday" falls on January 29.

It was based on a combination of bad weather, Christmas debts, broken New Year's resolutions and the end of the holiday break.

But no matter how bleak thing seem – regardless of the time of year – Christians always have reason for hope. Thankfully, we can look beyond our earthly circumstances to the promise of new life with God forever.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope."



## **UNIFIED BUDGET**

GARY & LEE ANNA MULLINS  
In Memory Of  
HERB CAUDILL

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The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to DONNA WATTS and family in the death of her aunt, VIRGINIA BROWN; to JAMES HUBBARD and family in the death of his mother, EDITH HUBBARD; and to RITA BROOME and family in the death of her mother, VIOLA WILLIAMS.

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## **ENCOURAGING WORDS**

I am made in God's image, and He doesn't make any junk. God loves me and wants me to live a fulfilled life.

Communing with God constantly brings light, direction and blessings from Him.

Life is astonishingly wonderful. Even the rough spots often turn out to be pluses. Hard lessons make me wiser, kinder, and more fruitful.

When I feel boxed-in or blocked, I can know that in God's good time, He will help me be victorious.

## **EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**

**Jan. 28**  
Rita Broome

**Feb. 4**  
Diane Lewis, Amy Bates

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## **PRESCHOOL WORSHIP**

**Jan. 28**

**Feb. 4**  
Elisa Cook

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## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS**

**Jan. 28**  
Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher

**Feb. 4**  
Donna & Mike Watts, Eleanor Caudill

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When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, "And all girls."

One night her father asked her why she always ended her prayer that way. "Because," she replied, "everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All men.'"

## LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School ----- 145  
Adults -- 82  
Youth -- 22  
Children -- 31  
Preschool -- 10  
Morning Worship ----- 173

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----  
Letcher Manor -----  
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----  
Children:                      Adults:

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism ----- 3  
By Letter ----- 0  
By Statement ----- 1  
**TOTAL ADDITIONS ----- 4**

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 6,788.00  
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,255.00  
Family Life Center ----- \$ 185.00  
Designated ----- \$ 175.00  
Love Offering ----- \$ 300.00  
Budget Required to Date ----- \$ 21,765.00  
Budget to Date ----- \$ 20,392.00

## IN THE HOSPITAL

JIMMY BATES, Local ARH  
GUS TOLLIVER, Local ARH

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

### GIVEN TO DATE

\$434,897.00

### NEEDED

\$65,103.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 28 – February 3

**ALBERT ISON, JR.**