

The Contact

First Baptist Church Newsletter
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Worship Highlights



**Sunday,
February 10,
2013**

Title:
“Witness to His
Glory”

Text:
Luke 9:28-36

**Wednesday
February 13,
2013**

Wednesday
Night Supper

**Ash Wednesday
Service
in the Sanctuary
at 6:30 pm**

Title:
“Raising or Razing the
Foundations?”

Text:
Isaiah 58:1-12

Children Handchimes,
Children’s Choir,
Mission Friends,
Children In Action,
Youth SHARE,
Chancel Choir
Rehearsal

The Pastor’s Voice

By Dr. Ron Hinson

What Is Going On In Your Walk With Jesus?

Do you have one? Do you recognize any progress? Have you committed yourself to actions that are pleasing in God’s sight? What are you working on in terms of your spiritual growth and development...do you have any intention to be a disciple of Jesus, to learn from him?

I pose such questions in light of our present cultural climate that persistently places us in the role of spectators and seldom encourages personal conversation and physical engagement with persons outside a limited circle of relationships. The Facebook generation has now texted and photographed and exchanged information in ways that often reflect less than the best of one’s character and has led to a kind of “lowest common denominator” approval of social activities that include all manner of what the scriptures refer to as licentiousness. In more modern terms it means making a mess out of your life because of ignorance or disregard for moral and ethical behaviors.

As your pastor, it is a concern that as we socially “trend” toward less community, it impacts our ability as the church to share and communicate the gospel of Jesus Christ. We need the kind of caring, loving, teaching and forgiving capacity that Christ-following community enables. A church family, as a body of believers, must engage the world in which we live with the love of Christ. We must eliminate the walls that stand in the way in the name of our Savior. If individuals can less and less know how to relate to others well...then it is the obligation of the church to help in overcoming those limitations. We need to set our minds on the mission of Christ and pursue it. As accountability decreases, so does morality. Yes, it is true that many suggest they would rather self determine their future without any moral expectation, but what happens when your life self destructs as a result? Others opt for strict moral codes of their own design, only to find that any expectation that goes unmet also goes without anyone saying much about it. If only you have “the code” you live by, who else cares?

Back to the “spectator” versus participant role, in our engagements with one another – how does that play out in your sense of relationship to God? Are you waiting for God to reveal himself? God hasn’t hidden himself from any of us. Look around. Every day bears witness to his power and presence. The last breath you inhaled...a gift. The heartbeat you usually take for granted...His mercy. The bursting colors of today’s sunrise...a beauty of his design for our pleasure. All of creation bears witness to the glory of God. So look all you will, but God is not hiding from you and invites you to share a relationship with Him. That’s where Jesus comes in...

The greatest need of our time is for individuals to seriously engage the person of Jesus. To know him is to learn from him. To know him is to follow him. To know him is to obey him. To believe in him is to commit your life to him, acknowledging Him daily as your Savior and Lord.

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Are you depending on someone else to "spoon-feed" that kind of instruction and guidance to you, or do you "wing-it," assuming that what happens happens and you will do anything that comes your way? Jesus did not say that following him required nothing from you. It requires your committed engagement in a relationship with Him. In turn, it requires our relationship with others to share our witness of faith in Jesus and to teach all the things Jesus has taught us.

If you are a parent...are you teaching your children about Jesus?. If you are a friend or neighbor, are you communicating the love of Jesus in your attitudes and actions? If you are a follower of Jesus, are you aiming for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus? If you are a member of the community of faith, sharing the love of Christ with the world demands your attention and involvement. The measure of your spiritual maturity is not determined by your likeness to the people around you, it is the measure of your life alongside Jesus. Follow Jesus and he will show you the way.



Please join us
Wednesday, February 13

Beginning at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary,
following Wednesday Night Supper.



**Family Day at Wonderworks
Myrtle Beach
Saturday, February 23
8:30 am—5:00 pm**

We will meet at First Baptist
Church at 8:30 am

The cost of admission is
\$15 per person

Lunch will be \$10 per person at
Broadway at the Beach

Please see Travis to register by
Wednesday, February 20th.

*HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
to you!*

February

- 6 Josh Small
- 10 Charlotte Collins
Edgar Tison
Linda Strickland
- 11 Pat Hyatt
Louise Underwood
Nicole Land
Aaron Mooney
Bridger Warlick
- 12 Betty Jackson

Baptist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, February 10
8:00 am Fellowship Hall

Music Ministry



The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13. It represents the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert fasting and praying. It is a season of personal and corporate reflection and renewal. It is a time for intense study of God's Word, for meditation, prayer, and self-examination. It begins quietly with ashes and builds in intensity as the observance of Christ's death and resurrection grow closer. Join us on Ash Wednesday as we begin our journey to the cross.

2013 Music Ministry Opportunities

- Feb. 8-9 Children's Choir (grades 2-5) to Children's Choir Festival, High Point, NC
- Feb. 24 & 25 Caroline T. High Mission Conference First United Methodist Church Combined Adult Choirs to sing
- Mar. 8-10 Youth Choir to *Festival by the Sea* Myrtle Beach, SC
- Mar. 15 & 16 CBFNC General Assembly First Baptist Church Lumberton, NC Combined Adult Choir to sing
- June Children's Music Camp (led by community church musicians and music educators for children who will have completed grades 3-5).

Join a Choir Today!

For Children

(Wednesday)

- Children's Handchimes** (grades 3-5) 4:15 p.m.
- The Young Melody Makers** (4 yrs-grade 1) 5:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir** (grades 2-5) 5:00 p.m.

For Youth

(Sunday)

- Youth Ensemble** (grades 6-12) 5:15 p.m.
- Handbells** for Youth and Adults, 4:30 p.m.

For Adults

(Tuesday)

- The Singing Seniors** (55 yrs. & up) 11:00 a.m.

(Wednesday)

- The Chancel Choir** (adults-all ages) 7:15 p.m.

(Sunday)

- Handbells** for Youth and Adults 4:30 p.m.

For 50 and Over Sunshine Group

Due to the Titanic trip on February 19, we are cancelling our Valentine dinner. Instead we will have a St. Patrick's luncheon on Tuesday, March 19. Our guest speaker will be Mary Ellen Bowman (site director of Christian Woman's Job Corps of Wilmington). Everyone is invited to the program at 10:30 am followed by a covered dish lunch at 11:30 pm. We ask that you bring a dish of Salad, Vegetables or Dessert. Meat and Bread will be provided.



If you signed up for the February 19th Titanic Trip and have not paid, please do so as soon as possible. Payments need to be made in the church office. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Thank you!

Sunshine Group Trip June 22, 2013—June 29, 2013

A trip has been planned to areas of Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia for the last week of June.

Highlights of this trip include:

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI;
Temple Theatre in Saginaw, MI;
Cross in the Woods in Indian River, MI;
tour of historic Mackinaw City, MI;
carriage tour of Mackinac Island, MI;
lunch at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI;
tour of historic Sault Ste. Marie, MI;
Soo Locks Boat Tour; Gerald Ford Museum, Grand Rapids, MI;
dinner cruise on the Grand River on the Grand Lady Riverboat;
the Popcorn Museum, Marion, Ohio; and ,
The Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine, Beckley, WV.

The cost per person is \$500. A \$100 deposit is due at sign up. \$400 is due by May 1, 2013. Money can be refunded only by finding someone to take your place. We will be using the church bus.

Sign up for Sunshine Group members is Friday, February 1-Thursday, February 28.

Beginning on March 1, sign up opens to all senior adults who are interested. Sign up will end on Friday, March 29.

A full itinerary will be available in the church office, or you can contact me to email you an itinerary. Call Virginia Greer if you have questions, 642-7000.

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WEEK OF PRAYER
for WMU of North Carolina • February 11-17

*Offering will be taken up
this Sunday, February 10*

Living the Story

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.”

Goal \$3,500

WMU

Literacy Breakfast



Saturday, February 23

8:30 am

FBC Fellowship Hall

Call the Columbus

Baptist Association

Office at 642-2155

to register. The cost is

\$6.00 per person

**The speaker will be
Dr. Dan Strickland.**

Wednesday February 13, 2013



**Baked Chicken,
Rice & Gravy,
Green Beans, Roll
and Dessert**

**Carlton & Mary Jean Prince, Chairmen
David & Sue Jordan,
Ben & Sharon Sauls,
Karen Dawsey, Frances Yow**

Our Financial Stewardship

February 3, 2013

This Week

Budget Rec'd \$10,824.44
Budget Needed \$9,171.66
Over \$1,652.78

This Year

Budget Needs \$165,089.88
Budget Received \$160,955.16
Under Budget \$4,134.72

Sunday School Attendance 113



MEMBERS IN MINISTRY

Sunday, February 10, 2013

Children's Church
Marty Ezzell

Sunday Morning Church Greeters
Genie Carter

Deacons of the Week
Buster Carter and Glenn Waters

Offering Tellers
February Chairs: Donny & Debbie Viets
10th- Joe & Catherine Cook
17th- Phil & Linda Ward
24th- Buster & Genie Carter

Sound
Eric Underwood

Video
Jaech Austin

Sunday School Greeters
Paul Hardee, Jolene Lewis

Tape Distribution
Juanita Stanley, Rose Langston

Ushers
February Chairperson, Howard Jones
Gary Bass, Richard Cox, Travis Harrison,
Paul Hardee, John Sauls, Emory Worley



SHUT INS OF THE WEEK

Leotha Jordan Room 201
and
Marjorie Mercer Room 208A
Shoreland
200 Flowers Pridgen Dr.
Whiteville, NC 28472

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 10

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome Center
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-up
- 11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship**, Children's Worship
- 4:30 p.m. Youth and Adult Handbells
- 5:15 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Connect and LIVE
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee and Council Meeting

Monday, February 11

- 10:00 a.m. Weekly Staff Meeting

Tuesday, February 12

- 11:00 a.m. Singing Seniors
- 3:00 p.m. Sunshine Group to Liberty for their monthly activity

Wednesday, February 13

- 4:15 p.m. Children's Handchimes
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper



CHURCH OFFICE- 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, Rev. Travis Russell
Organist
Ministry Assistant, Paula Thompson
Financial Ministry Assistant, Dinah Reaves



Sunday Morning Worship www.wtxy1540.com

Audio Streaming Live.....at 11:00 am

Click on the live on air button

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