

The Columns

First Baptist Church
February, 2012

From an Interim Pastor's Perspective...

Thanks for the many ways you display your love. As we do that, we are showing that we are really disciples of the Lord Jesus. The Lord said that this is one way the world would know we identify with Him.

First Baptist Church is a unique group of people that encompass different economic and educational levels, different cultural and racial backgrounds, but all one in Jesus Christ. Thanks for the way you demonstrate your love for each other and help those in special need.

Thanks for the way you reach out to the needy community through the Feeding Program, and the Clothes Closet. You provide space for community groups to meet. And what a blessing it is to provide space for the Karen Baptist Church to be using the facility.

Continue the demonstration of your love for the Lord Jesus and for each other! May we 'let our light shine so that others may see our good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.'

Continue to be in prayer for our Pastoral Search Committee. They are busy at the task of seeking a new pastor for First Baptist. They covet your prayer support.



Prayer Concerns

- **Our Homebound Members:** Beverly Tompkins, Vincent and Linda Buxton, Jim and Vida Crosby, Nancy Clatterbuck, Joan Kolle, Pat Buie, Pauline Borromeo, Velta Henson, Willi Treu, Ruth Saklar, Bob Snyder and Joyce Guthals.
- Those with other medical concerns: Jim Crosby
- Pray for the men and women in the military who are serving at home and abroad. Pray for their safety.
- Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee as they continue the process of finding the right pastor God has in mind for First Baptist Church.



We (Jan and family) want to thank everyone for the love and support you have given us during this time of loss. We thank you for all the cards and memorials you have given. We want to thank the Hospitality, Care and Nurture Committee for the wonderful luncheon after Rick's memorial service. I feel blessed to have such a loving "church family". We want to thank Rev. Bender and Mary for everything they did for us during Rick's illness. Thank you also for the very special services you lead. Thank you all so much for everything.
Rick's family

2012 CABINET AND MINISTRY LEADERS

(voted on and approved at the annual meeting, January 15, 2012)

Moderator
Vice Moderator
Clerk
Treasurer
Financial Secretaries

Dr. Joe Anderson
Kenneth Sciford
Judy Cunningham
Alvadine Gilliland
Fred & Jeanne Shelor

Ministry of Children
Ministry of Discipleship & Adult Education
Ministry of Evangelism & Community Outreach
Ministry of Finance & Stewardship
Ministry of Hospitality, Care & Nurture
Ministry of Local & World Missions
Ministry of Membership Development
Ministry of Technology
Ministry of Worship & Celebration
Ministry of Youth & Young Adults

Michelle Wing
Christine Hillebran
OPEN
Kathy Brown
Doris Clark
Joan Stewart
Lindsay McCoy
Randy Shelton
Colleen Sariscsany
Stacy Friis

Remember our church leaders in your prayers!!



A pizza and movie night is scheduled for the women of FBC on February 17 at 6:30 pm in the church parlor. We will be showing the movie

“Courageous”

Plan now to attend. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table near the women’s lounge. A donation toward the cost of the pizza is appreciated, but not necessary.

Bring snacks to munch on during the movie.

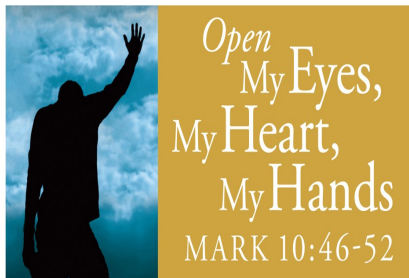


A multitude of thanks to outgoing ministry leaders who did an outstanding job over the past several years. FBC is a much better place because of your many labors of love.

Be sure you tell these leaders how you appreciate their work the next time you see them.

America for Christ Offering 2012

ENGAGING DISCIPLESHIP



AFC'12

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The America for Christ (AFC) Offering 2012 theme is a call to be more Christlike. It is not enough to read the Word, hear the Word and meditate on the Word. We must obey and be doers of the Word (Luke 6:46). We must be ready and willing to give testimony about the reason for the hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15). “Engaging discipleship” denotes putting Jesus first in all things. In our materialistic and consumer-minded society, this goes against the grain. But the Word of our Lord encourages us to put off self-centeredness for Christ-centeredness instead.

- To have open eyes is to see the suffering, the injustice and the need around us. We cannot walk by and hope someone else will respond (James 2:14-17).
- To have an open heart is to feel and identify with the suffering of others—in short, to care and give our best in the name of Jesus (Matthew 25:37-40).
- To have open hands is to be ready and willing to come alongside a person in need and get involved in her or his life (Luke 10:27-37).

What is the distribution of the total AFC Offering 2012?

The offering is distributed in three parts:

- 29% supports regional ministries:
- 59% supports the ministries of ABHMS;
- 12% underwrites the offering’s promotional and deputation costs

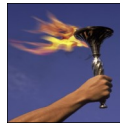
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Directors of Music
Phyllis Porter
Office Manager
Ben Martinez
Building Superintendent

*Forward in Faith
Empowered by the Spirit*



Schedule of Events

Sunday

9:45am—Sunday School for all ages
11:00am—Worship service

Third Wednesday of Each Month

1:00pm-Rebecca-Ruth ABW Circle

Wednesday (Sept.-May)

6:15pm—Dinner (\$1.00per person/\$3.00 per family)
6:30pm—Bell choir rehearsal
6:45pm—Electric Wednesdays activities for kids K-12
7:00pm—Adult Bible study
7:45pm—Adult choir rehearsal

Saturday

Men's Prayer Breakfast—8:30am
(1st Saturday of the month)
Neighbors United Meal—11:30am

Women's Ministry Group

Meeting times vary

February, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Anniversaries

12—Larry and Holly Graves

Birthdays

1—Tina Shelton
1—Christina Atkins
2—Ryan Todalen
5—Sally Schoening
13—Cheryl Lillie
16—Jackson Wing
18—Christine Hillebran
19—Hannah Kubiak
26—John Thies
28—Kirsten Cleveland



Upcoming Events for February

2—Cabinet meets, 7:00pm
4—Men's Prayer breakfast, 8:30am
10—Valentine Dinner, 7:00pm
15—Rebecca-Ruth Circle, 1:00pm
17—Women's Ministry Pizza and Movie Night, 6:30pm



"I'm following pastor on Twitter."