



The Encourager

First Baptist Church, DeFuniak Springs, FL

From Your Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Yesterday was a great day of corporate worship for God's people. The marvel of Biblical worship is that it affords us an opportunity to remove the focus from ourselves and reflect on the grandeur of God's glory and majesty. Having the view that our God is really great, means that when we sing "How Great Thou Art" as we did yesterday, it can change everything: how I see myself, how I see others, and most importantly, how I see God. Thank you Cordell and choir for leading us so well.

Here are some things to participate in and pray for in the following weeks:

- Pray for several men who will be traveling to FBC Woodstock for their annual Men's Conference this Friday and Saturday.
- **Terry Williams** will be preaching in both the morning and evening worship services this Sunday! Terry is the Director of the Worship and Music Ministry Department for the Florida Baptist Convention. His passion for Christ is contagious and his desire to lead others to pursue that passion will be apparent when you hear Terry speak.
- **February 19** is a special day for our church as we honor Mrs. Carrol Shaw for 10 years of service as our Church Secretary. This will be an opportunity for our entire church to say "thank you" to Carrol for her dedicated and diligent service here at FBC. **You can express your gratitude** in written form in the next couple of weeks. There will be a basket available in the mall where you can drop off your cards or notes.
- Early Worship Service begins **March 18 at 8:00**. New format, different music, and the same life-changing truths from God's Word.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Bobby

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FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC



We experienced another great day of worship in the house of the Lord this past Sunday. I appreciate the enthusiastic congregational singing and the inspiring messages by our Pastor.

Have you been back to see the new Music Office? It is located within the choir rehearsal suite and is most practical and beautiful. My thanks to Mr. Jack Huggins, Chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee and especially Lou Nelson, who did the work in his off time.

Now is an excellent time to join our Adult Choir as we begin our work on the Easter Musical presentation, *Because We Believe*. It will be presented on the night of April 1st, Palm Sunday. Our rehearsals are each Wednesday at 6:50 PM.

The Adult Choir will sing twice this coming Sunday, February 12th. We will sing in the Morning Worship and the Evening Worship. We are expecting good things with our special guest Terry Williams, from the Florida Baptist Convention.

In Addition, the Children's Choir will sing at the beginning of the Evening Worship this Sunday. These boys and girls earned themselves a special "ice cream treat" by reaching their attendance goal this past Sunday. Thanks, Johnnie Kay and helpers. The ice cream will be at rehearsal this Sunday at 5:00 P.M.

"Sing, make a joyful sound. Sing, life in Christ is found"

**"Have you been back to see
the new Music Office?"**

Cordell



We just returned from our D-Now at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. We had a very good time. The weather was very mild and sunny which allowed us to enjoy the beach.

The youth who attended went through a study on the book of Ephesians and we had some great interaction with the students.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Harman, Keith Smith, Nick Anderson, Greg and Deana Majors, Ryan Ealum, and Joseph Wheeler for assisting with the logistics of the retreat. Without their service it could not have been done. We had a total of 41 attendees including helpers, and students who also attended from First Baptist Church of Bascom, Florida.

If you see some students around, ask them if they went, and then drill them on Ephesians! You'd be surprised at how well they answer.

Thank you and please continue to pray for the students who attended.

Joshua Manning
Student Pastor



First Christian Academy Crusader Connection



FEBRUARY:

- 14 — Service; Valentines Day Celebration & Service;
Kiwanis Student of the Month
- 15 — Early Release Day (11:00 AM)
- 17 — Exploratory Event 11; MAD Day #6
- 20 — President's Day (no school)
- 21 — Service; Special Sanctuary Service; Field Trip NWFSC Play and Park (K)
- 22 — Student Burger Lunch
- 27 — PTF Donuts with Dad (7:30 AM)

MARCH:

- 2 — Student Pizza Lunch; Exploratory Event 12
- 5 — Service; Sanctuary Service
- 8 — World Day of Prayer; End of Third Nine Weeks (45 days); Early Release Day (11:00 AM)
- 9 & 12 — No School (planning)
- 13 — Kiwanis Student of the Month
- 14 — Report Cards

Pregnancy Support Center

Girls in Action Continue to Serve PSC

What a great group of GAs we have at FBC. Once again this year, these young ladies have been a big help to the PSC by placing inserts into all of the baby bottles that were distributed during the 2012 Baby Bottle Boomerang.

Thank you, GAs, for your support and help - your service has been a **BLESSING!**



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Donations Given To These Funds In Honor & In Memory

- ***BUILDING FUND***

In memory of Betty Evans

by Jack & Diane Huggins

In memory of Lee Roy Holden

by Maurice Roberts

In memory of Vera Holden

by Maurice Roberts

- ***FIRST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY***

In honor of Orene Coffield's 90th Birthday

by Gladys Holley

In memory of Betty Evans

by Danny & Jane Cox

by Wesley & Jennifer Wilkerson

In memory of Daniel Johnson

by Debbie McBroom

- ***FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES***

In memory of Betty Evans

by Terry & Melissa Pilcher

- ***PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER***

In memory of Richard Elkin

by Jean Paulk

In memory of Betty Evans

by Jean Paulk

In memory of Paul Tindell

by Jean Paulk

Pregnancy Support Center Baby Bottle Boomerang



Thank you to all of you who are taking part in the Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser! As the bottles are returned, we will publish the names of those who have made donations in honor or in memory of a loved one or friend. Thank you again for your support.

IN HONOR OF:

All babies born to G A girls' families this year
by G A s;

Our children & grandchildren
by Jerry & Gwen Stafford;

Our grandchildren & children
by Robert & Becky Kroll;

Adam & Will Hall, and Caleb Watts
by Ben & Gardis Watts;

Rev. Bob Jaye by Ruth Gray;

The PSC Staff & Committee

IN MEMORY OF:

Faye Alford by Ann Laird;

Faye Alford by Dean & Pat Penzo;

Jack Butts by Larry & Glenda Geoghagan;

Betty Evans, mother of Jill Stevenson
by Nina Lane;

Betty Evans & Callie Hunt
by the Donnie Richardson Family;

Catherine Fulgham by John Courtney;

Jessie Mae Johnson by Tracy Campbell;

Greg Malloy by Roy Cornman;

Kay Powers by Bob & Carleita Levy;

Vicky Marie Turner, our niece,
and Mrs. Jessie Montgomery
by Jerry & Gwen Stafford



FEBRUARY:

- 12 — Brad Bosenberg, Anthony Pitts,
Tyler Griggs
- 13 — *None*
- 14 — Janis Burke
- 15 — Wesley Evans, Carla Sconiers, Sam Williams
- 16 — Joe Pitts
- 17 — Jerri Manning, Beverly Smith
- 18 — Nikki Lydle, Faye Kinsey, Cody Miller
- 19 — Libby Burgess, Marilee Manning,
Tristan Merchant
- 20 — *None*
- 21 — Deanna Harrison
- 22 — Ken Baker, Joseph Cogswell, Robby Kroll,
Lorene Rhodes, Kirby Rushing,
Matthew Shannon
- 23 — Jennifer Churchwell, Carol Thomas
- 24 — Jo Ann Bierbaum, Paula Currid, Will Currid,
Elbie Hardy, Greg Majors
- 25 — Charles Majors, Terry Pilcher
- 26 — Spence Carroll, Misty Lindsey, Drew Porter
- 27 — Julie Edwards, Harriett Hurley, Levi Burke
- 28 — Bill Bierbaum, Johnathan Daniel,
Carl Friend, Reba Glidewell, Shea Stallings,
Chuck Williams

Thank You Note



*Dear Church Family:
Thank you for the kind expressions of love you have shown us. God is love and you, my church family, have demonstrated His love to my family. Because of your love, He has strengthened us and encouraged us daily and for that, my friends, we thank you. Your prayers have uplifted us throughout and continue to lift us up now. We feel His presence everyday as we move forward. My Mom always said she felt so blessed to have so many praying for her and her family. Indeed, my family has been blessed. Again, thank you for the floral arrangement, cards, and most importantly, the prayers.*

*In God's Love,
Jill & Chuck Stevenson,
Joe Evans,
Joey & Suane Evans*

**Sunday School Attendance Report
for January:**



- January 1 — 203
- January 8 — 249
- January 15 — 216
- January 22 — 246
- January 29 — 246

Report of Offerings for the month of January:

Budget Offering	\$ 57,405.76
Designated Offering	\$ 16,383.60
Total Offerings	\$ 73,789.36
Total Budget Received To Date (2012)	\$ 57,415.76
Building Fund Offering Received	\$ 1,220.97
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 60,557.11

**We will receive the
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
throughout the month of March!
OUR GOAL: \$5,000**



Read the Bible Through in 2012!

FEBRUARY:

- 11 — Numbers 1-2
- 12 — Numbers 3-4
- 13 — Number 5-6
- 14 — Numbers 7
- 15 — Numbers 8-10
- 16 — Numbers 11-13
- 17 — Numbers 14-15
- 18 — Numbers 16-17
- 19 — Numbers 18-20
- 20 — Numbers 21-22
- 21 — Numbers 23-25
- 22 — Numbers 26-27
- 23 — Numbers 28-30
- 24 — Numbers 31-32
- 25 — Numbers 33-34
- 26 — Numbers 35-36
- 27 — Deuteronomy 1-2
- 28 — Deuteronomy 3-4
- 29 — Deuteronomy 5-6



DEACONS

OF THE WEEK:

- 5 - *Larry Geoghagan (859-2471)
Ken Jackson (892-5999)
- 12 - *Greg Majors (892-0730)
Jerome Lockett (951-4813)
- 19 - *Richard Pannell (892-3033)
Joel Paul (836-4084)
- 26 - *Dean Penzo (892-9755)
Jason Price (834-2860)

*Morning Offertory Prayer

NURSERY WORKERS:

February 5:

Morning —

Nancy Bosenberg,
Glenda Geoghagan, Pat Owen



Evening — Carleita Levy

February 12:

Morning —

Scott & Heather Marshall,
Elaine Schofield,
Ashleigh Skipper,
Michele Sweeney

Evening — Beth Anderson

February 19:

Morning —

Nevin & Sharla Durden,
Marie Hurley,
Eddie & Melissa Thomason

Evening — Nina Lane

February 26:

Morning —

Ryan & Karen Douglass,
Lesa Harrison, Debbie Richards

Evening — Cricket Feitsma

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS:

February 5:

Nick & Beth Anderson

February 12:

Jeff & Joy Geoghagan

February 19:

Mark & Chelle Weeks

February 26:

Austin & Alison Shoaf

Study to shew thyself
approved unto God, a
workman that needeth
not to be ashamed,
rightly dividing the
word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

- ***Bible Drills*** (grades 1-3) meets each **Wednesday** (5:30-6:00 PM in upstairs education area).
- ***Bible Drills*** (grades 4-6) meets each **Sunday** (6:00 PM in the fellowship hall).
- ***ENCORE***, small groups Bible study, meets each **Sunday** (5:00 PM in the sanctuary).
- ***Living Free*** (men's study) ***The Most Excellent Way***, meets each **Wednesday** (6:00 PM in the library).
- ***Living Free*** (women's study) ***Lies Women Believe, and the Truth that Sets Them Free***, meets each **Wednesday** (6:00 PM in Adult 4).
- ***RELATIONSHIP 101*** meets each **Sunday** (5 PM in Adult 4).

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Cordell Harrison, Interim Minister of Music

Richard Murray Jr., Associate Pastor

Josh Manning, Student Pastor

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Wednesday Evenings Fellowship Buffet Menu:



Join us at 5:00 PM for the
all-you-care-to-eat
Wednesday Fellowship Buffet catered by
McLain's Family Steakhouse Restaurant.

Every week the menu features:
fried chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, salad, dessert.

Additional menu items as featured weekly are as follows:

Feb.1: chicken & dumplings, greens, yellow squash

Feb. 8: BBQ chicken, green beans, corn

Feb. 15: smothered pork loin, greens, cabbage

Feb. 22: meatloaf, yams, black-eyed peas

Feb. 29: ham, cabbage, greens

**Cost: \$5.00 youth/adults; \$3.00 children (ages 4-10);
children ages 3 and under dine free.**

Other Ministries of FBC:

***FIRST CHRISTIAN
PRESCHOOL (892-9533):***

Mon. — Fri.
7 AM - 3:30 PM

***FIRST CHRISTIAN
ACADEMY (892-2722):***

Mon. — Fri.
8 AM - 2:30 PM

***PREGNANCY SUPPORT
CENTER (892-7400):***

Mon. 8 AM - 2 PM
Tues. 12 Noon - 7 PM
Wed. 8 AM - 2 PM
Thurs. 8 AM - 2 PM

WAKJ RADIO (892-2107):
24 hours/7 days a week

OFFICE HOURS:
Mon. - Fri. — 8 AM - 4 PM