

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thoughts for this week ...

God has always used the humble and broken (Joseph, Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Mary, Peter, and Paul, to name a few). He lavishes His grace upon those who see themselves as needy and dependent upon Him. I pray you will look to Him this week. If you have internet access, an important site to visit is www.flbaptist.org/spiritualawakening. There you will find numerous resources to assist you your life of prayer.

Please remember to pray for the following events and for God's touch upon them:

- *Voices of Mobile* will be here Sunday night! You will be deeply encouraged by this group. They are a marvelous and talented group of college students.
- DNow Student Retreat! February 3-5 at the Laguna Christian Retreat Center in Panama City Beach, FL. Parents, this will be a marvelous time of fun, music, and Bible teaching for your child. Sign up now!
- Our annual trip to FBC Woodstock Men's Conference is coming in one month (Feb. 10-11). You can sign up at the Reception Desk.
- Terry Williams will be preaching in both the morning and evening worship services on February 12. 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.
- Early Worship Service begins March 18 at 8:00 AM. New format, different music, and the same life-changing truths from God's Word.

See you Sunday!

Dr. Bobby

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 22 — Heather Abbott, Daniel Alford, Angie Dickey

January 23 — Preston Abbott, Carter Davis, Ronita Hinote, Jo Thomas, Rebecca Welch

January 24 — Matthew Lancaster

January 25 — None

January 26 — Dorothy Mitchell, Bobby Merrifield, Zachary Spiers

January 27 — Virginia Rushing, Alan Yates, Katelyn Yates

January 28 — None

CONGRATULATIONS ...



to Nevin & Sharla Durden upon
the birth of their son, Rhett Christopher,
on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 2012!!

January 22 — Exodus 13-15

January 23 — Exodus 16-18

January 24 — Exodus 19-21

January 25 — Exodus 22-24

January 26 — Exodus 25-27

January 27 — Exodus 28-29

January 28 — Exodus 30-32

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL: \$19,000
Received to date: \$11,126

REPORT of OFFERING January 15, 2012

Budget Offering	\$11,309.00
Designated Offering	2,195.00
Total Offering	13,504.00
Total Budget Received To Date	37,350.78

Building Fund

Given on January 15, 2012	40.00
Balance in Building Fund	\$60,343.17

Join us at 5:00 PM for the all-you-care-to-eat
Wednesday Fellowship Buffet catered by
McLain's Family Steakhouse Restaurant. This
Wednesday's buffet will feature: *fried chicken,
chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes & gravy,
sliced carrots, limas, rolls, salad, and dessert.*

\$4.50 youth/adults; \$2.50 children (4-10);
ages 3 and under dine free.

**PLEASE NOTE: Effective February 1st,
the cost will increase as follows:
\$5.00 youth/adults; \$3.00 children (4-10).**

Discontinuing the *Witness!*

In an attempt to be wise stewards of our finances, a decision has been made to discontinue our group subscription to the *Florida Baptist Witness*, which has been provided to active members courtesy of FBC. The *Witness* is published 26 weeks of the year and is a great resource for all topics of interest to Florida Baptists.

The *FBW* business office is offering FBC the two February issues at no charge to the church. Each person on the subscriber list will receive the two February issues with an invoice and an opportunity to continue their subscription at a cost of \$17.95 per year... or you may subscribe through the special link: gofbw.com/promo and make your payment by electronic method through PayPal. If you would like to do this, it will reduce your first year subscription to \$15. You must place your current subscriber number at the end of your name (i.e., Jane Doe — 9999999) so that they will be able to convert your current subscription from the group to individual. To make sure that this is done properly, they ask that you complete the online process before Friday, February 10. If they are required to send an invoice, the rate will be \$17.95 and invoices will be mailed around February 15.

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IN MEMORY/IN HONOR

- **FIRST COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

In loving memory of our mother,
Mrs. Jessie Alma Johnson

Frankie Drake & Tommy Johnson

- **PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER**

In memory of Catherine Fulgham

Donnie & Sharon Richardson

In honor of PSC Workers

Gladys Holley

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

<u>Sunday, Jan. 22</u>	Sanctity of Human Life Emphasis
8:30-9:15 AM	Church Library open
9:00 AM	Baptist Men's Prayer Time
9:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM	Morning Worship Service
4:00 PM	Adult S. S. Teachers Meeting
5:00 PM	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	Discipleship Training
6:00 PM	*Evening Worship Service

<u>Mon., Jan. 23</u>	
10:00 AM	Seniorcise

<u>Wed., Jan. 25</u>	
9:00 AM	Seniorcise
5:00-6:00 PM	Church Library open
5:00 PM	Fellowship Buffet
	Bible Drills
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	GA's, RA's and Mission Friends
	Youth Group
	<i>Living Free</i>
6:50 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

<u>Friday, Jan. 27</u>	
10:00 AM	Seniorcise
2:45-4:15 PM	JustForMiddleSchoolers

<u>Sat., Jan. 28</u>	
7:30 AM	WCBA Men's Breakfast
	at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

**Voices of Mobile in concert*

Deacons of the Week:

*Billy Dawkins, 225-7981
Ryan Douglass, 892-7719*

NURSERY WORKERS:

Sunday morning, January 22:

Jeff & Joy Geoghagan,
Babe Moore, Austin & Alison Shoaf

Sunday evening, January 22:

Cricket Feitsma

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS:

Sunday morning, January 22:

Billy & Jessica Dawkins

SYMPATHY

**We extend our deepest love and Christian
sympathy to Betty Brock and family
in the loss of her brother, Paul Tindell.**

Note of Thanks:

*To all of you who placed poinsettias this year:
thanks for your continued support! I am so
grateful to all who had any part in making the
poinsettias a reality at FBC again this year!*

Kay Kirby ♥

Flower Committee



**The FLOWER CALENDAR
for the new year is open and
waiting for your reservations!**

What a beautiful way to honor the House of
Worship... by placing flowers for all to enjoy
while singing hymns and hearing God's
message for our lives. Call the church office
(892-2722) soon and reserve that special date
to honor your friend or loved one!

S	S	Attendance for January 15, 2012
U	C	Nursery & Preschool—22;
N	H	Elementary—21; Youth—31;
D	O	Adult One—18; Adult Two—15;
A	O	Adult Three—41; Adult Four—60;
Y	L	New Members—4; General Officers—4.
		TOTAL — 216

THE ENCOURAGER



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Dr. Bobby Tucker, Pastor Cordell Harrison, Interim Minister of Music
Richard Murray, Associate Pastor Josh Manning, Minister of Students

January 19, 2012

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, January 29:

Children's Sunday School Teachers Meeting
(4:00 PM in the conference room)

**5th Sunday Associated Charities Offering
is received and benefits**
(6:00 PM)

Friday-Saturday, February 3-4
Youth DiscipleNow Student Retreat
at Laguna Beach Retreat near Panama City
SIGN UP NOW!

Sunday, February 5:
Deacons' Meeting (3:30 PM)

Discontinuing the *Witness!* (continued)

First Baptist Church encourages each of you to subscribe to the *FBW* and stay informed of all that goes on in our church world today.

We will continue to send out our "in-house" *Encourager*, however, it will now be mailed out monthly. We do plan to start using larger ledger size paper which will allow for larger print. We will make every effort to continue keeping you informed of upcoming events, as well as recapping the report of offerings, Sunday School Attendance, and all the things you are accustomed to keeping up with. All the usual announcements will also continue to be placed in the GAP on Wednesdays, the Bulletin on Sundays, and on our monitors in the mall area. You may also visit www.fbcdfs.org to read the newsletter, enjoy many photos and learn details about the ministries and opportunities available at FBC. Please bear with us as we strive to make this time of change as smooth as possible.

Carrol Shaw
Secretary

FROM THE INTERIM MINISTER OF MUSIC

Please make an effort to be with us this coming Sunday Evening, January 22, as our worship will be lead by a very special group of young people. *THE VOICES OF MOBILE* will be our guest from the University of Mobile. As many of you know, the University of Mobile is a Christian University owned by the Alabama Baptist Convention. *THE VOICES OF MOBILE* are a special, select group of music students developed and produced by a long-time friend of mine, Roger Breland.

Roger was the founder and director of *TRUTH* for over 25 years. *TRUTH* is still known throughout the world as the leading religious touring group of vocalist. Roger is now with the Music Department of University of Mobile and his efforts with *THE VOICES OF MOBILE* have been nothing less than outstanding. The 17 member group has sung at The White House four times and has toured throughout the world proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Their musical expertise is nothing short of professional and their style includes contemporary, traditional and gospel selections. Above all, their commitment to sharing the Christian faith will be most evident.

Invite a friend, especially a young person to worship with us at 6:00 P.M.

Friends in Christ,

Cordell

Know ye that the Lord he is God:
it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- Psalm 100:3

Our church will recognize Sanctity of Human Life this Sunday, January 22, 2012.

After the morning service, we will also kick off the **2012 Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraiser**. The Pregnancy Support Center will provide an abundant supply of baby bottles so that everyone will have their very own bottle to fill with change, dollars, and checks!

Start saving your change now!

**Here comes
2012 Baby Bottle Boomerang!**

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING:

***Bible Drills* (grades 1-6)
meets each Wednesday, 5:30-6:00 PM
in the upstairs education area.**

***ENCORE*, small groups Bible study,
meets each Sunday
at 5:00 PM in the sanctuary.**

***Living Free* (for men),
The Most Excellent Way, meets each
Wednesday, at 6:00 PM in the Library.**

***Living Free* (for women), *Lies Women
Believe*, and *the Truth that Sets Them Free*,
meets each Wednesday, at 6:00 PM
in the Adult 4 area.**

***Youth Fellowship* meets each Sunday,
at 5:00 PM in the youth building.**