

An edition of Witness

THE ENCOURAGER

FROM YOUR PASTOR ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a fantastic weekend at FBC. The Men's Conference was spectacular. The guys in the band were fantastic and the messages from Danny Singleton were inspiring and challenging. And, 21 area churches were represented by their attendance. I can't thank Richard Murray and Josh Manning enough for their leadership and planning. Keith Smith, our Men's Ministry Director, led the way in coordinating so much of the necessary manpower. Mike Richards and the Hospitality Committee came through as they always do with a superb meal and great service. David Feitsma and Greg Majors beautifully managed all the AV/Sound needs. Finally, ladies from our Women's Ministry served and welcomed dozens of men to our church campus. Thank you all so much!

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

- 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 the **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**. New format, different music, and the same life-changing truths from God's Word.

See you Sunday!
Pastor Bobby

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



- January 29** — Ean Bruce, Donna Lapinski, Tommy Pickard, Don Wennerberg
January 30 — Glenda Griner, Brad Stafford
January 31 — Jean Yarbrough
February 1 — Georgianna Churchwell
February 2 — Richard Murray Jr, Pat Owen, Scott Merrifield
February 3 — Barbara Capps, Billie Friend, Jeff Geoghagan
February 4 — Charles Burney

ATTENTION!

This is the FINAL ISSUE of our church newsletter combined with the Florida Baptist 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. Each person on our group subscriber list will receive the two February issues (9th & 23rd) of the *FBW* with an invoice and an opportunity to continue your 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.

FBC encourages each of you to subscribe to the *FBW* and stay informed of events at the FL Baptist Convention and other Florida churches, missions news, legal issues affecting Christians, and much, much more.

We will continue to send out our "in-house" *Encourager*, however, it will now be mailed out monthly.

All the usual announcements will also continue to be placed in the GAP on Wednesdays, in the Bulletin on Sundays, and on our monitors in the mall area. You may also visit www.fbcdfs.org to read the monthly newsletter, enjoy many photos and learn details about the ministries and opportunities available at FBC. Please bear with us as we strive to keep you well informed while making this transition as smoothly as possible.

Carrol Shaw
Secretary

FLOWER CALENDAR — 2012



The calendar for the new year is open and waiting for your reservations! Consider placing flowers in memory of a loved one, or in honor of special occasions like birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Call the church office to reserve that special date!

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 2012!

- January 29** — Exodus 33-35
January 30 — Exodus 36-38
January 31 — Exodus 39-40
February 1 — Leviticus 1-4
February 2 — Leviticus 5-7
February 3 — Leviticus 8-10
February 4 — Leviticus 11-13

SUNDAY SCHOOL Attendance Report January 22, 2012

Nursery & Preschool — 24
 Elementary — 27
 Youth — 25
 Adult 1 — 15
 Adult 2 — 19
 Adult 3 — 53
 Adult 4 — 72
 New Members — 8
 General Officers — 3
TOTAL — 246

SCHEDULE FOR ...

NURSERY WORKERS:

Sunday morning, January 29:
Donna Ealum,
Tess Lowery, Darlene Paul

Sunday evening, January 29:
Cricket Feitsma

CHILDREN'S CHURCH:

Sunday morning, January 29:
Scott & Heather Marshall

First Christian Preschool
Dana Kay Evans, Director
892-9533

First Christian Academy
Jennifer Wilkerson, Director
892-2722

Pregnancy Support Center
Pat Freeland, Director
892-7400

WAKJ Radio 91.3 FM
Jesse Knapp, Manager
892-2107

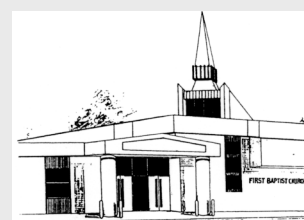
Dr. Bobby Tucker, Pastor Cordell Harrison, Interim Minister of Music
 Richard Murray Jr., Associate Pastor Josh Manning, Student Pastor

FBC - DFS

January 26, 2012

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"A Fellowship of Encouragement"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

Tuesday, February 7:
Grace Group (9:00 AM)
Beth Moore study begins!

Wednesday, February 8:
WOM Noon Group (12:00 Noon)

No Church Council this month.

Stewardship Committee Meeting (7:00 PM)

Thursday, February 9:
Sonshine Group
(6:30 PM at Harriett Hurley's home)

Friday-Saturday, February 10-11:
Men's annual trip to
FBC Woodstock Men's Conference

Tuesday, February 14:
WOM Murray Burke Group (9:30 AM)

Wednesday, February 15:
Business Meeting (6:00 PM)

Thursday, February 16:
Pioneer Luncheon (12:00 Noon)

FROM CORDELL HARRISON ...

I rejoice in many good things which have happened this past week at FBC-DFS. Thank you so much for your tremendous support of "The Voices" from the University of Mobile Sunday evening. There was a very large crowd and your financial support of these young people was overwhelming. Their talent and love for their Lord was most evident in this fine group.

I am so happy our Men's Conference was a resounding success and most of all for the 5 men who made professions of Faith.

Now is an excellent time to considering joining the Adult Choir as we begin our preparations for the Easter Season. We meet after Prayer Meeting each Wednesday.

After many delays, our Children's Choir will resume rehearsal this Sunday, January 29, at 5:00 PM. Bring your children and join Mrs. Johnny Kay for a happy time of singing.

"Sing, Make a Joyful Sound, Sing, Life in Christ Is Found."

--Cordell

The LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Our Goal: \$19,000

FINAL TOTAL: \$11,167

REPORT of OFFERING January 22, 2012

Budget Offering	\$9,130.46
Designated Offering	1,156.00
Total Offering	10,286.46
Total Budget Received To Date	54,632.36

Building Fund

Given on January 22, 2012	100.00
Balance in Building Fund:	\$60,193.17

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 & dumplings, mashed potatoes/gravy, greens, yellow squash, rolls, salad, and dessert.* \$5.00 youth/adults; \$3.00 children (4-10); ages 3 and under dine free.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

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

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

Men's Study, **The Most Excellent Way**
meets each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Women's Study, **Lies Women Believe,
and the Truth that Sets Them Free**
meets each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.

Women of All Ages:

Grace Group, a small group Bible Study
under the Women's Ministry of FBC,
will begin a new Bible Study
on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012.
It is an adaptation of *So Long Insecurity* by
Beth Moore. **Any woman of any age is
invited to join this study with the Grace
Group which meets each month on the first
Tuesday at 9:00 AM in the fellowship hall.**

Whoever you are, this study is for you,
because you have it in you to be secure
in every area of your life as we continue
a deepening of our personal relationship
with our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*You are invited to a Surprise Birthday
"Drop-In" honoring Maurice Roberts'
90th Birthday on Saturday, February 4th,
from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, in the fellowship hall.
Mr. Roberts has been a member of FBC for
61 years. He was involved in the establishment
of the Santa Rosa Beach Mission and also
served in the Prison Ministry for many years.*

Pregnancy Support Center



**The 2012 Baby Bottle Boomerang
Fund-raiser got underway last Sunday,
January 22nd.** There is still a good supply of
baby bottles available in the mall, so if you
have not already done so, be sure to pick one up
and start filling with change, dollars, and
checks! Please return your filled bottles to the
church office on or before Sunday, February 19.
Thank you for your generous support!

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest love and Christian
sympathy to:

- Sarah Mosley and family in the loss of her
uncle, Richard Elkin.
- Jill Stevenson and family in the loss of her
mother, Betty Evans.

Note of Thanks:

Dear Friends:
*My family and I thank you for the cards, phone
calls, visits, and most of all your prayers at the
death of my brother, Paul Tindell. The green
plant you sent added a bright spot to our home.
God Bless you all.*

Betty Brock

MEMORIALS

FIRST CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

In memory of Betty Evans
Leonard & Sue Thorn

In memory of Virginia Umphlett
Jan Adams

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Jan. 29
8:30-9:15 AM
9:00 AM
9:15 AM
10:30 AM
4:00 PM
5:00 PM

6:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 30
10:00 AM

Wed., Feb. 1

9:00 AM

5:00-6:00 PM

5:00 PM

6:00 PM

6:50 PM

Friday, Feb. 3

10:00 AM

4:00 PM

Sat., Feb. 4

2:00-3:00 PM

5th Sunday

Church Library open

Baptist Men's Prayer Time

Sunday School

Morning Worship Service

Children's S. S. Teachers Meeting

Children's Choir Rehearsal

ENCORE

*Evening Worship Service

Seniorcise

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Church Library open

Fellowship Buffet

Bible Drills

Prayer Meeting

Gas, RAs, and Mission Friends

Youth Group

Adult Choir Rehearsal

Seniorcise

Students depart for D-Now Retreat

No JustForMiddleSchoolers

Surprise Birthday Drop-In honoring

Maurice Roberts' 90th Birthday

in the fellowship hall

**5th Sunday Associated Charities
Offering will be received.*

Deacons of the Week:

David Drake, 892-5283

David Feitsma, 892-6804

YOUTH NOTES

Several of the youth were able to attend our Men's Conference last weekend. It was good for them to be there. The Youth Ministry does not need to be a boys and girls club tucked away in the "Old Sanctuary," left out of sight and out of mind. These young men and young women need to be involved in the life of our congregation, serving and feeding next to the rest of the members. We have been going over opportunities for them to serve along with the rest of the church body. Many of them have been leading Children's Church. They run the soundboard for Wednesday night during the Youth Midweek Service. I hope you will see them in all kinds of places, serving and helping, during this upcoming year.

Please be in prayer for our Disciple Now retreat on the weekend of February 3rd-5th at Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center. Pray that their lives are changed forever by hearing from the Bible during this event. We are trying to invite several JFMS students who are not regular attendees at FBC. Please pray that we will see fruit from that ministry.

Thank you for the prayers,
Josh Manning, Student Pastor



INTERCESSORY PRAYER ROOM MINISTRY

If God is leading you to participate in this
ministry or if you have any questions,
please call the church office (892-2722).

Current available times:

Monday - 2:00, 2:30, 3:00, 3:30, 4:00, 4:30 PM;
Tuesday - 2:00, 3:30, 5:30 PM;
Wednesday - 3:30 PM;
Thursday - 2:30, 3:30 PM;
Friday - 2:30, 5:00, 5:30 PM.