

First Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Messenger

600 Governors Drive SW • Huntsville, AL 35801 • 256-428-9400 • www.fbchsv.org
Weekend Minister on Call: 256-428-9457 • 24-Hour Prayer Line: 256-428-9460

January 28, 2010



First Thoughts

David Hull, Pastor

We are currently searching for a Contemporary Worship Leader in our church. Last February we voted to establish this position and formed a Search Committee to seek God's person for the job. This group has been working hard for months. As it should be, the work of the Search Committee is mostly behind the scenes. They have been studying

resumes, talking to prospects, hosting visits for prospects that come to town, checking references, and praying for God's leadership through the process. Most of this is not seen by members of the congregation. Let me take a moment to shed some light on their work by answering some questions that you may have.

"What will this person do?" Four main areas comprise the job assignment for the Contemporary Worship Leader. First, the person will lead and direct the music portion of our contemporary worship experience at church. This means the person will prepare the bands in rehearsals, help in the recruitment and development of musicians, select the music, and lead members of the congregation during worship. Second, the minister will give leadership to the visual media presentations that are used during worship. Contemporary worship is filled with visual expressions on the screen and in the room. Creative leadership in the production of this visual material is needed. Third, the Worship Leader will give leadership to the growth, development, and outreach dimensions of the worship service. I will continue to preach in First Fellowship on a regular basis, but it will be helpful to have someone who is charged with working on the growth and development of the service. We can always improve – we can always reach out to new people. That will be a part of the ministry of the Worship Leader. Finally, the person will give assistance to other age-level ministries in the church. In particular there will be a regular working relationship with the Student Ministry as the Contemporary Worship Leader gives leadership to the Youth Band and is a part of the Student Ministry worship on Wednesday nights and at other special times during the year. The Contemporary Worship Leader will be a full-time member of our staff ministry team.

"Is now a good time to add a new staff member?" Actually, we are not adding a new staff member. Instead, we have taken the Ministry Intern position and expanded it into this new position at a minimal increase in cost.

"When will we have this new person?" Our Search Committee has been hard at work and is very hopeful that it will not be very long before someone can be presented to the church.

"What are we doing in the meantime for worship leadership?" We are very fortunate to have wonderful people who have stepped up to help during the interim. Amanda Allen is giving temporary leadership to Daybreak and Mike Kirk is doing the same with A20. I am grateful for the extra work of these folks during these interim days.

Keep the Search Committee in your prayers. We are excited about our future and pray for wisdom and guidance as we make decisions. Thanks for your prayerful support.

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Sermon: "You are There"

Psalm 139:1-24

First Fellowship - 8:15 a.m.

Music by A20

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra—

"Come, Let Us Anew"

(arr. Wilberg)

Solo by Alicia Pettis

Time Capsule Ceremony

Immediately following Sanctuary Worship

Sunday Evening - 5:00 p.m.

Family Foundations Classes

TIME CAPSULE CEREMONY

This Sunday morning, January 31, 2010, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, a time capsule is to be buried at the southeast corner of our Sanctuary.

Members of our Bicentennial Celebration Committee have been gathering various items to place in the capsule that describe the life of First Baptist Church. The capsule is to be opened in 50 years.

Do plan to attend this ceremony as we give this gift across the ages - from our church of today to the church of the future.

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 31

First Fellowship	8:15 AM
Library Open	9:00—9:15 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Library Open	10:10-10:45 AM
Sanctuary Worship/Baptism	10:30 AM
Centri-Kid Promotion Party/FH	11:30 AM
Library Open	11:40 AM-12:00 PM
Sandlin Party/Parlor	1:00 - 3:00 PM
Financial Peace/Parlor	4:00 PM
"Stretch Out Your Hand"/141	4:00 PM
Parenting by the Book/108	5:00 PM
Teen Proofing/309-310	5:00 PM
Foundations/FH	5:00 PM
"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"/111	5:00 PM
Women's Bible Study/107	5:00 PM
Men's Bible Study/115	5:00 PM
Youth Choir/CR,140,343	5:00 PM
Youth Choir Snacks/241	6:00 PM

Monday, February 1

Women's BSF Leaders/FH	4:45 AM
Hallelujah Choir/CR	10:30 AM
BSF/Chapel,Parlor,3rd Floor,Chapel	5:00 PM

Tuesday, February 2

Spiritual Formations Grp./Parlor	7:00 AM
Tues. Morn. Intercess./242	7:00 AM
Ministers' Mtg./Parlor	9:00 AM
Beth Moore Bible Study/342	9:00 AM
WEE Ministry/Chapel	9:30 AM
Staff Mtg./Parlor	10:30 AM
Music Staff/Parlor	1:00 PM
A20 Rehearsal/FH	5:00 PM
Boy Scouts, Trp. 70/312	7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 3

Precept Bible Study/342	9:00 AM
WEE/Chapel	9:30 AM
Library Open	10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Library Open	4:00—5:00 PM
Young Musicians Handbells	4:00 PM
Supper/FH	4:45 PM
M&M/2nd & 3rd Floors	5:20 PM
Beth Moore Bible Study/112	5:30 PM
YA Small Group/107	5:30 PM
Stewardship Comm/115	5:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/FH	5:45 PM
Lift-Off/309-310	6:00 PM
Orch. Reh./141, Sanct	6:30 PM
Youth Snacks/312	6:30 PM
Sanctuary Choir/CR	7:00 PM
Finance Comm/Parlor	7:00 PM

Thursday, February 4

Men's Fraternity	6:00 AM
Moms in Touch/Parlor	8:00 AM
ESL/1st Floor & FH	9:00 AM
Forum/107	6:00 PM
Daybreak/FH	6:30 PM

Friday, February 5

Men's BSF Leaders/Parlor	4:45 AM
Parents' Night Out/2nd Fl	6:00 PM
6th Grade Parents' Night Out/118	6:00 PM

Saturday, February 6

Korean School/3rd Floor	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
-------------------------	------------------

Music and Worship

Billy Orton, Minister of Music and Worship

Elizabeth Hostetter, Associate Minister of Music and Organist

Amanda Allen, Minister of Children's Music and Missions

Sanctuary Choir Mid-Winter Retreat

January 29-30 - On site at FBC

Friday Night—7:00 pm

Introduction of Easter music and Selections for "Bluegrass and Stained Glass"

Saturday Morning—8:30 am

Breakfast goodies

Rehearsals, with breaks

Singing Fundamentals with guest clinician Dr. Suzanne Galer

Perhaps a surprise or two!

Done by lunchtime!

No costs involved

Tremendous opportunities for fellowship

You will be strengthened as a vocalist

Our choir will be more effective in ministry as a result of this retreat.

New members welcome!!

The Youth Choir

...is off to a great start in 2010. Our rehearsals continue this Sunday, January 31, at 5:00 pm, followed by a snack supper. This particular rehearsal is very important since we will sing for worship February 7 (at both services).

*One of the keys to our ministry with you in choir is the team of Youth Choir Sponsors. These adults help to cover the many details of youth choir activities, including assistance at rehearsals. Their contribution of time and energy help to make the YC ministry effective to the lives of our students. Thank you to **Greg & Kelli Ellison, Darrell & Christy Eldridge, Stuart & LeAnne Fowler, Suzanne Hefner, Amy McKenzie, Suzanne Norris, Wayne & Janice Owen, Anne Reasons, Phillip & Laura Roberts, Randy & Kristi Taylor.***

Blue Spring

...is the shorthand phrase for our annual connections with a very special sister church, the First Missionary Baptist Church on Blue Spring Road. On the Sunday evening of February 14 our choir and orchestra will join our pastor in helping lead the annual combined worship service there of our two congregations. This is always a delightful gathering, full of inspiration and fellowship.

Thank you, choir and orchestra, for your extra efforts in making this event so meaningful. The pre-service rehearsals at Blue Spring will be:

5:30 pm - Orchestra in the Sanctuary

6:00 pm - Choir in the Choir Room

Young Musicians (4th through 6th Grade choir)...

on Saturday, February 20th our Young Musicians will attend the 2010 Atlanta Choristers Guild Children's Choir Festival at Alpharetta Methodist Church. While in Atlanta, they will also join the worship service and sing at Parkway Baptist Church (Rebecca Kearney Orton's church) on Sunday, February 21st.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT

Sunday, February 28, 5:00 PM

**Combined orchestras of First Baptist, Huntsville,
and Dawson Memorial Baptist Church,
Birmingham**

Preschool Ministries

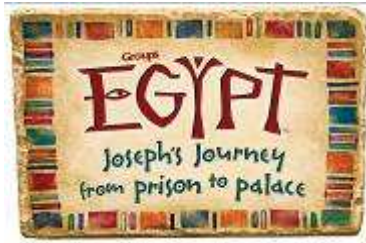
Joy Moore, Minister of Preschool

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dates: June 14 – 18

Time: 9:00 a.m. – Noon

Ages: Upcoming Kindergarten through completed 6th Grade



We will be transforming our halls so that we can imagine what it was like to live and work in a dusty, bustling, noisy city along the Nile in ancient Egypt. We will hear the hubbub about what was happening in Pharaoh's palace. You might work with people who followed countless gods – and hear about someone who follows only **one God**. Perhaps you'd wonder about the new guy Pharaoh has put in charge of storing and distributing food. Some say this former prisoner has the gift of interpreting dreams!

We had so much fun visiting Paul and the Underground Church in Rome last summer; won't you plan on a visit to Egypt with us this year? Call the Childhood Ministries Office to volunteer, 428-9411.



WORSHIP AND FAMILIES

Worship should be a place for families. The religious training that children need to help guide them throughout their lives should start in the home with support from their church.

Build comfort in sanctuary. We should prepare our children for the inevitable difficulties they'll face in life. Every child will have a loved one die or face a major trauma at some point. Imagine a child who has never been in a sanctuary facing that massive space for the first time at a grandparent's funeral. This can be disconcerting if the first time that place of refuge is introduced is

when needed most. We need our children to be comfortable in the house of the Lord and to help them find peace and comfort in quiet prayers. This takes practice, time, and effort on all our parts.

Build family unity. There's an amazing amount of chaos going on in the lives of families. Families today need a haven, and we hope that is found in our church.

Our families need time together in peace. Children need calm and security, and they don't always get that at home. Sitting in worship, holding hands, and speaking community prayers together can give our families a respite. Once families are comfortable with these practices, they'll be able to use them away from the church when a crisis or difficult situation emerges and they need family spirituality.

Build child-friendly worship. Church is a time of holiness, an opportunity to grow in our understanding of God's love for us and his desires for our lives. Children can experience and appreciate this if given the opportunity. Children of all ages are able to enjoy music and prayers and begin to learn valuable lessons, even from sermons aimed at adults.

Build into parents' lives. Children's Sermons during worship are a wonderful way to integrate the family into worship time. We attempt to link our children's sermons with the Pastor's sermon. If the sermon is on tithing, have kids write or draw nice things they did during the week that they can put in the offering plate. Their kindness is their offering. The family can then do this at home together each week.

Build an expectation for worship. Sitting in church can be difficult for young ones who've never experienced it before, but when prepared, children can meet high expectations. Let them know, lovingly, that you expect them to sit still, stay quiet, and pay attention during the service. Practice this. Take children into the sanctuary when it's empty. Sit in the pews and experience the silence. Show them the quiet voice to use when speaking in church so if they have a question, they can ask it appropriately. Tell them what'll happen during the service, where the choir comes in, and how children get to the front for the children's moment. If available, take a tour of your church. Let children see how the choir enters through the special doors. They'll love knowing these secrets. The more they know about the church, the more they'll respect it.

Always remember children are children. Remember that Jesus said to **let the children come**.

...Based on an article by Jessica Nelson, a children's minister in Plano, Texas.

FYI

Menu

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Adults

Chicken Cordon Bleu
Broccoli/Rice/Cheese Casserole
Cranberry Sauce
Roll

Salad

Fried Chicken Salad
(Reservations for salad must be turned in by noon on Wednesday.)

Kid's Meal

Pizza, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week #16 - January 17, 2010

Year-to-Date Goal: \$1,449,263.00

Offering:

This Week \$51,540.43
YTD \$1,563,866.28

Debt Retirement:

This Week \$1,470.00
YTD \$24,579.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week #17 - January 24, 2010

Year-to-Date Goal: \$1,503,379.00

Offering:

This Week \$45,323.39
YTD \$1,609,189.67

Debt Retirement:

This Week \$225.00
YTD \$24,804.00

ATTENDANCE

January 24, 2010

Sunday School

Preschool	84
Children	108
Students	106
Adults	645
Brookdale—Regular Attenders	23
New Members	1
Visitors	46
TOTAL	1013

Worship Services

First Fellowship	278
Sanctuary Worship	551
TOTAL	829

Student Ministries

Jamie Mackey, Minister to Students



Sunday, February 7

Students will collect a hunger offering after the morning worship services. The offering will be divided equally to aid hunger ministries in Huntsville (Downtown Rescue Mission and HAP) and Haiti (CBF & SBC ministries).

You Said It...

In the Teen-Proofing discipleship class, parents were asked what they do to help take away stress within the home. We got several good responses. Here are five that I wrote down:

- Movie nights with blankets on the floor and popcorn for everybody
- Game nights – board games galore!
- Wrestle-mania – works best for a house full of boys
- Date night with a child – mom with child and then dad with child – once a month
- Family dinners during the week at the table in your house to talk about the events of the day and week

Do you have others? I would love to hear what they are.

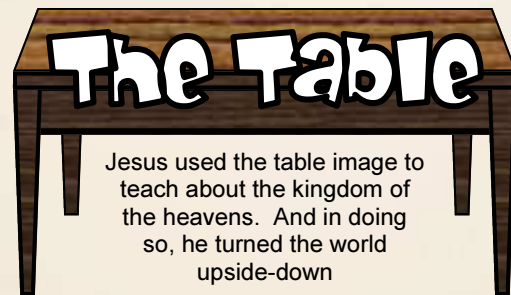
Super Bowl & Moonbounce Party



**Sunday - February 7
5:00 PM in the CLC**

11th & 12th Grade Sunday School News: beginning February 14 through March 7, we will have seniors and juniors going through the Dave Ramsey's *Generation Change* study. GC is "an entertaining, informative youth Bible study that shows today's students how money really works, how God views money, and how to grow into responsible young adults who are ready to embrace all of God's blessings." For more information on Generation Change, go to <http://www.daveramsey.com/gc/home/>.

Spring Camp 2010



Jesus used the table image to teach about the kingdom of the heavens. And in doing so, he turned the world upside-down

March 13-17
Registration is now open.

Wedding Directors Needed

We are in need of additional ladies to serve as directors for weddings held in our church. These duties involve planning and directing both the rehearsal and the wedding. Directors are paid for their services.



Please call Syble Noblin at 428-9428 or email syble@fbchsv.org if you are interested in doing this.



STROKE & HEART DISEASE PREVENTION EVENT

Our Christian Life Center is hosting
WELLNESS SCREENINGS OF AMERICA, INC.
CLC Patio Room

Monday, February 15, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm
and Saturday, February 27, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Cost: \$100 for entire package.

Screening for: Stroke (Carotid), Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery, Diabetes & High Blood Pressure
Includes complimentary blood pressure and pre-diabetic screenings. Tests are non invasive, painless and completed in 15 minutes.

Contact Wes Robinson to schedule appointments,
256-760-4390, or toll free: 877-616-4244, or e-mail
wes.robinson2005@gmail.com

Faith Community Nursing Ministry

February - Women & Heart Disease

Newsletter

“Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.”

Proverbs 4:23 NLT

There is a misconception that cancer is the greatest health risk for women, especially breast cancer. In reality, heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer put together. Minority women have the highest death rate from heart disease while the entire gender has a higher death rate from stroke than men. Part of the problem is that heart disease is displayed differently in women than in men so it becomes difficult to recognize in women if the observer doesn't know the difference in symptoms.

The classic symptoms for heart attack are severe chest pain, a squeezing sensation in the chest lasting 5-10 minutes, pain radiating down the left arm or profuse sweating. Up to 50% of women who suffer heart attacks have symptoms that are considered atypical. These include shortness of breath, indigestion, pain in the jaw, shoulder, or back, sudden nausea or vomiting, unexplained fatigue, fainting, or even dizziness. Anytime a female experiences these symptoms, she should seek medical attention by calling 911. Even a slight hesitation could lead to severe consequences if she is having a cardiac episode.

Plaque buildup can be different in women also. In men it tends to be clumpy and irregular which responds well to angioplasty and stents that flatten out the plaque. In some women, plaque forms an even layer on the vessel lining which means drug therapy works better than angioplasty. Women also respond to aspirin differently. In women, it seems more effective in preventing stroke while in men it is more effective for heart attack prevention.

For a woman, the most important thing to do is talk to her physician. She should discuss her health history and determine potential risks for heart disease. The next step would be to create a plan to change or impact those risks and follow the doctor's instructions. Women are the same but different. It is important to find out individual needs and then address them.

Source: www.mayoclinic.com)

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
600 GOVERNORS DRIVE
HUNTSVILLE, AL 35801

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED PERIODICAL

The MESSENGER (USPS 591-280) is published weekly except the week of Christmas by First Baptist Church, 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. Periodical postage paid at Huntsville, Alabama 31801-5178. POSTMASTER send change of address to THE MESSENGER, 600 Governors Drive, Huntsville, AL 35801. Volume 62, Week Number 4, January 28, 2010

Early Adulthood Ministry

Pam McDaniel, Minister to Young and Median Adults

Marriage Retreat!

WHEN: March 5-6 2010

WHERE: Space Center Marriott, Huntsville

TOPIC: **FIREPROOF YOUR MARRIAGE**—We will watch the movie, share in group conversation and fun, and introduce the “Love Dare.”

COST: \$120/couple...includes retreat, one night’s lodging, dinner Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning, snacks, Love Dare book.

SIGN-UP: **Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 17.**
To sign up, contact the FBC Adult Ministry Office, adultministries@fbchsv.org; 428-9403.
Payment is required when reserving your spot.
Refunds after February 17 are possible only if your spot is filled by another couple.

You are invited!

MEET FBC! CLASS

What others have said about the Meet FBC! class ---

“It was a good class to introduce us to the different ministries of FBC and the ministry leaders. The tour of the church building was good – except we didn’t get to go up to the bell tower!”

“You are on the right track having this vision of a class to help new folks transition tin the church. Thanks for your care, prayer, and concern for us new folks.”

“What a wonderful idea! This class is an excellent opportunity to meet the different staff members and other members of FBC, and to find out what service opportunities are available. Thanks so much!”

The next session begins on February 14. If you are interested, we would love to have you! Please contact Pam McDaniel at 428-9400 or Pam@fbchsv.org

Family Matters

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Lisa & Gary Boddie in the loss of her father and **James and Garrett Boddie** in the loss of their grandfather, **James Blackburn**

Sheila & Ron Hulsey in the loss of her mother and **Cecilia and Meredith Hulsey and Rodney Bone** in the loss of their grandmother, **Dorothy Dorsett**

Brenda & James Miller in the loss of her uncle, **Jess Mack Smith**

OUR NEWEST

Porter Dale Jobs, son of **Dale and Kristen Jobs**, 131 Autumn Lane, Madison, AL 35758-9208, born January 19, 2010. Proud grandparents are **Joel and Terry Lonergan** and great-grandparents **Paul and Barbara Smith**.

Thanks

A thank you note has been received from **Sylvia Bailey**. This has been placed on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.