



First Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Messenger

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March 11, 2010



First Thoughts

David Hull, Pastor

First Baptist Church has a wonderful means of allowing gifts to keep on giving. It is called the First Baptist Church Foundation. Donations that are placed in the Foundation are invested so that the original gift is never spent, but the interest earnings can be used each year. This is literally a gift that continues to give forever. I am grateful for the presence of the Foundation that allows us to consider stewardship

which will go far beyond our own lifetimes. Let me share some news related to the Foundation.

On Wednesday night, March 17, officers of the Foundation are going to recognize Charles Rollins for a recent gift of \$50,000 to the Foundation. These funds are being invested in the Capital Needs section of the Foundation. In future years the earnings from this gift will be used for the upkeep and improvement of our facilities. We are very grateful to Charles Rollins for this most generous gift to the Foundation and will express our gratitude on Wednesday night. I hope that you can join us for the event.

Direct gifts such as made by Charles are not the only way to give to the Foundation. Another approach is to specify in your Will that a portion of your estate be left to the Foundation of First Baptist Church. Just as your faithful stewardship while you are living supports the missions and ministry of the church, so a bequest will provide funds that can continue to give in perpetuity after your death. I encourage you to take the time to specify your stewardship wishes in your Will that continues to support the ministry of the church.

Finally, you will notice the announcement below from the Foundation about memorial gifts. This is another excellent way to remember the work of the Foundation and to let expressions of love at the time of a death be an opportunity to continue giving.

The First Baptist Church Foundation is a purposeful way for our stewardship to continue to support the missions and ministries of the church that we love. I encourage you to think of ways that you can help us to grow the Foundation so that future generations in this church will be blessed by the commitments that we have made today.

Bentley family and friends benefit FBC Foundation

Family and friends of Doris Bentley have contributed more than \$1800 to the First Baptist Church Foundation. These contributions resulted from the love and respect held for Mrs. Bentley and from the family's suggestion of the Foundation as a perpetual memorial. The funds were placed in the Scholarship and Mission Funds of the Foundation and will remain there in perpetuity, providing earnings for use in the scholarship and mission activities of First Baptist Church.

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Sermon:

"More than Conquerors" - Romans 8:1-39

First Fellowship - 8:15 a.m.

Music from A20

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary Choir anthem—

"Cross of Love" (or Eternal Life)

Foundations for Life Classes - 5:00 p.m.

Detailed information in last week's Messenger



**Daylight Savings Time starts
Sunday morning at 2:00 am.
Don't forget to turn your clocks
forward one hour Saturday
night.**

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, March 14

First Fellowship/FH/Baptism	8:15 AM
Library Open	9:00—9:15 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Library Open	10:10-10:45 AM
Sanctuary Worship	10:30 AM
Library Open	11:40 AM-12:00 PM
Boy Scout Trp. 70/343	4:00 PM
Financial Peace/Parlor	4:00 PM
Bible Drill Reh/Chapel	5:00 PM
Women's Bible Study/107	5:00 PM
Visionary Parenting/108	5:00 PM
Love Dare/114	5:00 PM
Foundations/FH	5:00 PM

Monday, March 8

Hallelujah Choir/CR	10:30 AM
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Tuesday, March 9

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
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, March 10

Library Open	10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Library Open	4:00—5:00 PM
Supper/FH	4:45 PM
Canada Missions/140	4:45 PM
Beth Moore Bible Study/112	5:30 PM
YA Group/107	5:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/FH	5:45 PM
Orch. Reh./141, Sanct	6:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir/CR	7:00 PM

Thursday, March 11

Men's Fraternity	6:00 AM
Forum/107	6:00 PM
Daybreak Reh./FH	6:30 PM

Friday, March 12

Saturday, March 13

Korean School/3rd Floor	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
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Student Spring Camp: Mar. 13-17

Music Ministry

Billy Orton, Minister of Music

The Sanctuary Choir has now begun its preparations for the music of Easter and for the special Bluegrass and Stained Glass presentation in May. NOW would be the perfect time to join our growing choir! Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm and are filled with music of inspiration and a warm, loving fellowship. Child Care is provided, as well. Come and sing this Spring!

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 1 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Music from the FBC Orchestra, First Fellowship musicians and soloists
Observance of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Worship, April 2 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Music from the Youth Choir and the Sanctuary Choir
Scriptures and Pastoral Words surrounding the Crucifixion

Easter Sunday, April 4, 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

MUSIC MINISTRY DATES TO NOTE:

March 13, noon

Huntsville Chamber Music Guild & Greater Huntsville AGO Organ Competition
Followed by a masterclass with Paul Jacobs

April 18, Singing in 10:30 a.m. worship at FBC

Alvy Powell, Bass, Premiere soloist from the United States Army Chorus

May 16, 5:00 p.m., Bluegrass and Stained Glass

Featuring Sanctuary Choir and Bluegrass Band

Music for Children and Youth Choirs

Youth Choir ministry presentations Spring and Summer
Music and Missions Recognition Service on May 2
Summer Music Camp July 12-16

FBC Hymn Festival

September 26, 5:00 p.m.

Led by Al Travis (Organist, Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, TX)

FBC Orchestra Veteran's Day Concert

Sunday, November 14, 5:00 p.m.

The 2010 Living Christmas Tree

Kickoff on the Wednesday after Labor Day

Presentations on December 16-19

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

FBC is privileged to host the first Huntsville American Guild of Organists Scholarship Competition on Saturday, March 13. This event is open to the public and is free. The competition will begin at noon and has three finalists (two from Michigan and one from Louisiana). The winner will be decided by three judges as well as the audience which will have a vote. Following the competition, Paul Jacobs, concert organist and Juilliard professor of organ, will give an organ masterclass. The competition begins at noon. The masterclass will begin as soon as the competition is over and will last until approximately 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to hear our wonderful Casavant organ played by up-coming young artists and taught by one of America's best-known organists. Jacobs will also present an organ recital Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. at Trinity Methodist. Tickets for that event are available through the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild, 824-6540 or www.fcmg.uah.edu

FELLOWSHIP CLUB FRIDAY, March 12, 2010 10:00 a.m.

Jim Smith will be with us to teach about the Autoharp. Not only will he teach, but he will entertain us with outstanding music. Come and be amazed.

MENU

Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Roll,
Dessert

Preschool Ministries

Joy Moore, Minister of Preschool

MOPS

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers – a program specially designed for mothers with children under school age. MOPS is different than a play group or social club in that moms meet separately from their children. Preschool children attend their own specially designed group called MOPPETS. While their moms relax and celebrate motherhood with other moms, the children are learning about God's love and being cared for in a loving and safe environment in their own age groups by caring and responsible workers.



Our MOPS group has grown steadily since we started it about a year ago. We knew when we started that we would only have to limit our enrollment because of space and leadership in our MOPPETS. We have now reached the point where we have had to start a waiting list for visitors and new members. **Won't you consider helping us reach these young moms by providing care for their MOPPETS?** We meet twice a month on Mondays, if you could help one time per month it would be such a valuable gift! Please contact Joy (428-9411), Staff liaison; Toni Cassidy (828-9992), MOPS coordinator; or Joan Whetzel (837-8961), MOPPETS Leader to be a part of this great outreach ministry.

MOPS SERVICE PROJECTS



Some of our service projects have been to provide diapering supplies for Tate Farms in their bathrooms during the pumpkin season, providing diapering supplies for FBC bathrooms, and putting together KidsLink Downrange card packets for children whose parent is serving in the Armed Forces overseas.

Our next service project is to stamp pink or blue teddy bears on the front of white onesies for the neonatal unit at Huntsville Hospital. ***We need your help in buying the onesies. Please provide white, newborn or preemie only. Bring them to the Childhood Ministries office. This project is to be done in early April.***

EASTER CARE

It has been our tradition to ask for volunteers specifically for our Easter Worship Care. There are many who look forward to this chance to provide a special touch to those who may visit in our church on Easter Sunday. We now provide care for two worship services so we need more volunteers. Why not provide care for First Fellowship Worship, go to your Sunday School class and then join your family and others in Sanctuary Worship? Or, you could Worship with your family during First Fellowship, go to Sunday School and then provide care during Sanctuary Worship? If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Cindy Thompson in the Childhood Ministries office at 428-9411. Remember, you must have completed the Safekeeping training and background check in order to provide this care.



Serving the City as ONE is April 17. Sign up soon as some locations/positions are limited. Signup brochures are located throughout the church or you can sign up on-line www.servingthecityonline.com. Our FBC goal is 700 volunteers and \$4,000 in contributions.

If you are a part of First Baptist Church, childcare for preschoolers is provided by

our church staff and volunteers for those who have reservations. Parents can make a reservation by calling 428-9411 before March 30.

Here is additional info to note:

- The church will care for babies through kindergarten (2's & up will be doing service projects in childcare)
- Childcare is 8 am-12 pm; no meals but a snack will be provided
- Provide the office with the names and ages of children
- Childcare is for the FBC participants only

FYI

Menu

Wednesday, March 17

Adults

Baked Spaghetti
Green Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Salad

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

No Childrens Meal –Spring Break

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week # 23—March 7, 2010

Year-to-Date Goal: \$1,969,071.25

Offering:

This Week \$77,614.31
YTD \$2,017,856.62

Debt Retirement:

This Week \$1,595.00
YTD \$37,917.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School

Preschool	72
Children	121
Students	114
Adults	683
Brookdale—Regular Attenders	23
New Members	3
Visitors	21
TOTAL	1037

Worship Services

First Fellowship	408
Sanctuary Worship	685
TOTAL	1093

Thanks

Thank you notes have been received from **Ceil & Roger Nichols** and from **Cary Rutland**. These have been placed on the bulletin board across from the Church Office.

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Early Adulthood Ministries

Pam McDaniel, Minister to Young & Median Adults

Early Adulthood Women Beach Retreat

April 18-24 (Sunday-Friday nights)

Beach House: Gulf Shores, AL

\$35/night (up to a maximum of \$175)

You choose the number of nights you stay.

To sign up, or for more information, contact the Adult Ministry Office
428-9403; adultministries@fbchsv.org



Be still....Know He is God.

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Student Ministries

Jamie Mackey, Minister to Students



Spring Camp is HERE!

Departure: Saturday, March 13

6:59 AM—arrive with luggage

7:30 AM—buses depart

Return: Wednesday, March 17

6:00 PM—approximate arrival

FBC's East Entrance for both departure & return.

SPRING CAMP 2010

Highlights
from the
February
FUN Night
at The
Station



Family Matters

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Andrew Goodwin
132 Intracoastal Dr
Madison AL 35758-9424

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sharon Hooper in the loss of her mother, and **Tommy Hooper, Molly Steele**, and Will Hooper in the loss of their grandmother, **Janelle Jones**

Arnold & Sara Stokes in the loss of his brother, **Harold Stokes**

New Prayer Initiative

For a number of years, FBC and FMBC / Blue Springs have gathered together twice a year for worship and fellowship. While these are wonderful and refreshing times for everyone involved, several members of both churches would like to see us do more together. To that end, we're launching a new prayer initiative between the two congregations. In April, we'll start a monthly prayer group, meeting the first Monday of each month.

We'll be praying for our churches and seeking God's will to know how we can best minister together in Huntsville and beyond.

Please join us Monday, April 5 from 8am to 9am, in our church parlor to pray. If you have questions, please contact Diane Singer at (461-7955) or dsinger850@yahoo.com. See you there!

CANADA MISSION MEETING

Wednesday, Mar. 17, 2010
4:45-5:30 pm (Meet & Eat), Rm. 140
Destination: Discovery Baptist Church
Regina, Saskatchewan

Aug. 16-27 Work days (Choose your dates)

Topics: Tasks, Travel, Accommodations, Cost, Other Ministries, etc.
Contact Don Newman, 881-6572 for more info

MeetFBC!

Spring Class Schedule

March 14-Building Tour
March 21-Billy Orton
March 28-Joy Moore
April 4-Pam McDaniel (Easter)
April 11-Cindy Russell
April 18-Amanda Allen
April 25-Jud Reasons
May 2-Breakfast