

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

8:30 A.M. Orchestra Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 8:45 A.M. Preschool & Children's Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
 9:00-9:15 A.M. Library Open
 9:00-9:30 A.M. TV Sunday School Lesson, Ch. 44
 9:15 A.M. Grades 1-6 Praise & Worship/Old Nursery
 9:15-10:15 A.M. Sunday School/Youth Sunday
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship/Nominate Members for the Nominating Committee
 11:45 A.M. S.S. Growth Team Lunch/Fellowship Hall, Youth & Parents Lunch/FLC
 1:00-3:00 P.M. WMU Tea & Open House/Association Office
 4:30 P.M. Missions Committee Meeting/Conference Room
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
 5:30 P.M. Discipleship Training, Youth Choir, Preschool & Children's Study
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 8

8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC
 9:30-11:00 A.M. Ladies Bible Study/Children's Suite

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

7:00 A.M. GAP for YOUth Prayer Breakfast/FLC
 11:00 A.M. 55+ Group/FLC
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Grades 5 & Over)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC
 10:00 A.M. Senior Adults/Union County Health & Rehab
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Grades 5 & Over)
 4:00 P.M. Young Musicians Handbells/Handbell Room
 5:30 P.M. Acteens, Family Night Supper, Children's Bible Drill
 6:00 P.M. Preschool Choir, Children's Choir
 6:00-6:30 P.M. Library Open
 6:15 P.M. Adult Handbells/Handbell Room
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Youth Refuge
 6:45 P.M. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir, Youth Bible Drill

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

9:30-11:00 A.M. Ladies Explorers Bible Study/Old Children's Suite
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Grades 1-4)

SUNDAY, MARCH 7-SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

FIRST NEWS

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rick Blythe - Pastor
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 Harold Smith - Minister of Music & Sr. Adults
 Jeremiah Ross - Student Ministry Intern

DEACON GREETERS FOR MARCH

Mike Staten
 Kenny Rakestraw
 Larry Fair
 Randy Dunnam

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 7-13
 Mike Staten
 534-5371

TEACHER FOR THE TV S.S. LESSON MARCH

Bro. Rick Blythe

BUS MINISTRY VISITATION

March 7-13
 Hazel Foster & Mel Foster

EXTENDED SESSION - MARCH 7 (Morning Worship)

Bed Babies
 Kim Thomas

1 & 2 Yr. Olds
 Lynn Still

Creepers
 Ginger Henry

3 & 4 Yr. Olds
 staff

(Evening Worship)
1 & 2 Yr. Olds
 Brian & Cindy Childs

First Baptist Church
 200 East Bankhead St.
 New Albany, MS 38652

WMU TEA & OPEN HOUSE

This Sunday, March 7

1:00-3:00 P.M.

Union County Baptist Association Office
 All Ladies are invited to attend!

LADIES CONFERENCE

"Generations of Faith"

"Living by Faith"

"Growing in Faith"

"Legacies of Faith"

Kay DeKalb Smith

March 26-27

Hillcrest Baptist Church

March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$10 through March 24th, \$15 at the door

You may purchase tickets at the
 Union County Baptist Association Office
 723 Coulter Dr.
 534-3940

NO Nursery provided.

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EXPERIENCE GOD
 REACH FOR
 SOMETHING MORE



**First Baptist Church
 WOMEN'S
 CONFERENCE**

"Beyond Bethel"

**Revelation, Renewal, and Revival
 Through Relationship with Christ**

This Friday & Saturday, March 5 & 6

Friday Evening Session

(Education Bldg 3rd floor)

6:30 p.m. Light Supper

7:00 p.m. Sara Berry

Saturday Session (Education Bldg 3rd floor)

8:00-8:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30-9:00 a.m. Praise Band

9:00-9:45 a.m. Sara Berry

Break with light snacks

10:00-10:30 a.m. Praise Band

10:30-11:30 a.m. Sara Berry



This Sunday, March 7

The Youth will teach during
 the Sunday School hour
 9:15 A.M.

Youth and Parents will have lunch at the FLC
 after the morning worship service. We will
 provide the meat, bread and drinks and we are
 asking that you bring side dishes
 (veggies, salads, desserts, etc.).

and lead in the
 Evening Service
 6:30 P.M.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
 WEEK OF PRAYER**

March 7-14

Sunday is "Youth Sunday" at First Baptist. Our youth will be teaching Sunday School classes and will be in charge of the service Sunday night. Support our youth and show them you care about them by being present for Sunday School and for the evening service. I don't know what they have planned for us but I know it will be a blessing.



Paul said to the young man Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (1 Tim. 4:12)

The reason the Apostle Paul wrote these lines to Timothy, was that Timothy was being criticized for his leadership. There wasn't anything wrong with Timothy's leadership per se, with the things the young man was doing as a leader. Rather, Timothy was being criticized for being too young to be a leader, - too young to hold the level of responsibility that a leader in the church finds himself in. Now, that wasn't the only root of the problem. Timothy's teachings were at odds with his critics'. But here, Timothy was taking flak for being too young to have the kinds of responsibilities he held in life.

What was Timothy suppose to do about that? How was he supposed to handle this criticism? Well, we learn to handle criticism in different ways. Sometimes we leave. Sometimes we go quietly. Sometimes we lash back in anger. But the Apostle Paul's advice to Timothy as to how he should handle criticism was, 'Don't give those people any grounds for criticism'.

Set an example! Paul told him, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers!" What comes to mind when you think of: Richard Nixon, or Monica Lewinsky, Pete Rose, Jimmy Swaggart? What kind of example did those people set for us with their lives? What sort of example did they leave us? Paul tells young Timothy to set an example. Set an example in speech, in behavior, in love, in faith, and in purity. Adults, if we want our young people to be an example then let us set the example before them.

When I was a boy I used to play "Follow The Leader" with my friends. The leader would seek to outdo the other boys in the stunts that he was able to perform. The leader might climb a tree and act like a monkey, swinging from one limb to another. Those who were playing the game with him would follow until they "chickened out." It was an exciting and dangerous game. Sometimes the leader would act in a very foolish manner, and others, recognizing his foolishness, would refuse to follow.

In a sense, our young people are playing "Follow The Leader," but the consequences are far higher than the game we played as kids. They are following the generation of leaders at First Baptist who serve as staff members, Sunday School teachers, and Deacons. We would never deliberately lead our youth astray, but if we aren't careful we can give them the wrong impression of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Because HE Lives,
Bro. Rick

EASTER "FLOWERS OF HOPE" CROSS

Sunday, April 4

Bring your live, cut flowers, before
Sunday School, to put on the cross.

We are looking forward to Youth Sunday this Sunday. Pray for our youth as they continue to prepare for their big day of leadership. God has blessed us over the years with wonderful Youth Sundays and we hope this year will be just as great!



From the
MINISTER TO
STUDENTS

Youth and parents, we hope you will make plans to join us for lunch this Sunday after morning worship at the FLC. We will provide the meat, bread and drinks and we are asking that you bring side dishes (veggies, salads, desserts, etc...). After we eat we will be talking about plans for the spring and summer, and how you can be involved in things that are coming up. We would like to see everyone there. Bring your whole family!

Also, this Sunday we will have breakfast for the Preschoolers and Children in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 8:45.

Have a great week!

Bro. Paul

ELECTION NOTICE

An election for Nominating Committee members will be held by secret ballot during the morning worship service this Sunday, March 7, 2010. Voting church members may nominate two (2) men and two (2) women.

March 7, 2010
BALLOT FOR THE
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominate two (2) men:

1. sample
2. sample

Nominate two (2) women:

1. sample
2. sample

Those rotating off and not eligible are: Lugie Brown, Andy Davis, Lori Goode and Melissa Scott. Those remaining on are: Bobby Moore and Susan Feather.

During the morning worship service on Sunday, March 21, 2010, a ballot consisting of four (4) men and four (4) women receiving the highest number of nominations and agreeing to serve, if elected, will be presented to the church. The church will elect, by secret ballot, from the slate of nominees two (2) men and two (2) women to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee.

Youth Choir will sing at least two songs during the youth-led worship service this Sunday night for Youth Sunday. I hope that all of you will make it a point to turn out in full force for Youth Choir as we share our gifts of praise and worship in leading the people of God in worship this week and every week!



Church orchestra will meet this Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to rehearse and play in worship at 10:30.

55+ meets this Tuesday, March 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Senior Adult Choir will go to Union County Health and Rehab. this Wednesday, March 10th at 10:00 a.m.

55+ GROUP

This Tuesday, March 9

11:00 A.M.

Family Life Center

Dear Church Family,



Words cannot express how wonderful our church family has been to us since my fall in January. The food brought to us was the best.

There have been so many cards and visits that have really blessed my life.

Thanks to everyone that has prayed for my healing.

God is so good and has blessed our church with wonderful people.

Love in Christ,

Elaine & Bill Pannell

Senior Adult Choir

This Wednesday, March 10

To Union Co. Health &
Rehab

10:00 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

February 28, 2010

		YTD AVG.
On-Site	361	344
Nursing Home	34	26
Homebound	12	10
Jail	8	11
Total	415	391

New Members - 0

Visitors - 11

FINANCIAL REPORT

February 28, 2010

Weekly Requirement	\$17,397.25
Budget Offering	\$15,592.78
Designated Offering	\$4,608.72
Total Offering	\$20,201.50

GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

February 28, 2010

Given This Week	\$3,698.00
Year-To-Date	\$37,201.40
Outstanding Debt	\$2,061,170.64

ACTS 1:8 FUND

February 28, 2010

Given This Week	\$810.72
Year-To-Date	\$11,517.82
Yearly Goal	\$78,000.00

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT

February 28, 2010

Attendance - 119	Average Attendance - 126
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SANCTUARY

FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday, March 7, are placed in honor of

Mr. and Mrs.

Andrew Bradford Hardy.



MISSIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

This Sunday, March 7

4:30 P.M.

Conference Room

Reminder

Drew Hardy and Mary Beth Raines will unite in marriage this Saturday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, New Albany, MS. A reception will follow at Oaks Country Club.



Family Night

Supper

Wednesday, March 10

(Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.!)

Adults - \$5.00

lemon-pepper chicken green beans
potato casserole slaw
rolls dessert

Children - \$2.50

chicken nuggets tator tots
dessert

PLEASE, REMEMBER THE DEADLINE: call the church office by 4:00

p.m. Monday afternoon to make or change your reservation!!! Also,

what you sign up for (Adult's or Children's meal) is what you'll be served.

IF YOU MISS TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITHOUT CANCELLING, YOUR NAME WILL BE

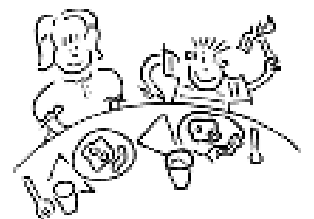
TAKEN OFF THE STANDING LIST! Thanks

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

This Sunday, March 7

8:30 A.M.

Sanctuary



PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S BREAKFAST

This Sunday, March 7

8:45 A.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

MARCH USHERS

WEST

Michael Brown
Charles Kitchens
Steve Robbins
Gene Taylor



EAST

Mike Conway
Chuck Cooper
David Grisham
Ren Nelson