

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5**  
 8:30 A.M. Orchestra Rehearsal  
 8:45-9:15 A.M. Library Open  
 9:00-9:30 A.M. TV Sunday School Lesson, Ch. 44  
 9:15-10:15 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship-Conner Mathis Baptism  
 1:30-3:00 P.M. Bridal Tea for Mary Catherine McClinton/Home of Rhonda Cooper  
 5:00-6:15 P.M. Children's Bible Drill/6th Grade Room  
 5:30 P.M. Discipleship Training, Youth Super Bowl Party/FLC  
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**  
 8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC  
 6:00-8:00 P.M. ESL Classes/Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 P.M. High School Bible Study/Refuge Room

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**  
 7:00 A.M. GAP for YOUth Prayer Breakfast/FLC  
 9:30 A.M. W.O.M. (Group I)/FLC  
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Grades 5 & Up)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**  
 8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC  
 9:45 A.M. Senior Adults/Union County Health & Rehab  
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Grades 5 & Up)  
 4:00 P.M. Young Musicians Handbells/Handbell Room  
 5:30 P.M. Acteens, Family Night Supper/FLC, Children's Bible Drill/6th Grade Room  
 6:00 P.M. Preschool & Children's Choirs  
 6:00-6:25 P.M. Library Open  
 6:15 P.M. Adult Handbells/Handbell Room  
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, YOUth Refuge/Refuge Room  
 6:45 P.M. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends  
 7:30 P.M. Adult Choir, Youth Bible Drill/Acteen Room

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**  
 9:30-11:00 A.M. Ladies Explorers Bible Study/Rm 101W  
 2:30-5:30 P.M. FLC Open (Pickup Grades 1-4 at School)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**  
 8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**  
 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon New Members Orientation/FLC

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 12**  
 Deacons Meeting/FLC  
 Preschool & Children's Breakfast/Fellowship Hall  
 Baby Shower for Beckyanne Mallette-2:00-3:30 p.m./Home of Lyndie Scott  
 Missions Committee Meeting/Conference Room

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Rick Blythe - Pastor  
 Paul Sizemore - Minister to Students  
 Mark Mathis - Minister of Music/Senior Adults  
 Jeremiah Ross - Student Ministry Intern

<b>DEACON GREETERS FOR FEBRUARY</b> Dave Kitchens Bobby Moore Cliff Pannell Bill Parks	<b>DEACON OF THE WEEK</b> February 5-11 Dave Kitchens 538-1685
<b>TEACHER FOR THE TV S.S. LESSON FEBRUARY</b> Bro. Rick Blythe	

**EXTENDED SESSION - February 5 (Morning Worship)**

<b>Bed Babies</b> Ginger Henry & Katy Anna Richardson	<b>Creepers</b> Helen Brown & Marsha Roberts
<b>2 &amp; 3 Yr. Olds</b> Kim Mull, & Debbie & Matt Cherry	<b>4 Yr. Olds</b> Melinda Cook & Sidney Neal

**(Evening Worship)**

<b>Bed Babies</b> Helen Brown	<b>1-4 Yr. Olds</b> Ginger & Eric Henry
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*Senior Adults*  
 This Wednesday, February 8  
 To: Union County Health & Rehab  
 9:45 A.M.

**“RECLAIMING AMERICA’S GODLY HERITAGE”**  
*Sundays*  
 5:15 P.M.  
 Room 200E

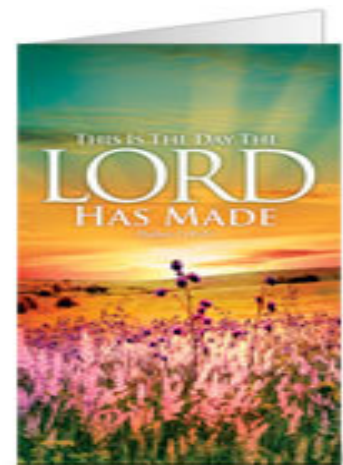
Come and join us to learn truths about our nation’s past and be better equipped to frame its future. The main resource for the class is from WallBuilders, founded by David Barton. Facilitators: Jami Duff, Joey Tarrant, Ed and Linda Grisham

**EXTENDED SESSION**  
 February 8  
**(Wednesday Prayer Meeting)**

<b>Bed Babies</b> Kelly Miller	<b>1-4 Yr. Olds</b> Marsha Roberts
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February 5, 2012

**NEW MEMBERS**

**ORIENTATION**

**If you joined First Baptist since 2010**

*Saturday, February 11*

**10:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**

**Family Life Center**

If you plan to attend, please sign-up, so we’ll have a count.  
 (Lunch & Childcare Provided!)

Romans 10:17, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."



The wise believer looks to God. He knows that God has plans and thoughts that are higher and better than his own, which can only be discerned by the illumination of God's Word through His Spirit. So he goes to God in dependency. He listens. He burns up His Bible. He understands that he cannot bluff his way through the Christian life, making up fancy strategic plans without the Lord's guidance. Moses retreated often. When faced with problems, he prayed prayers that are recorded as evidence of his faith.

Jesus operated in precisely the same manner. "I can of mine own self do nothing; as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me," (John 5:30; 8:28; 12:49; 14:10). He was always listening to the Father, and Jesus always said what He heard the Father say. Jesus always did what He saw the Father do. In this way, God the Father was actually leading through Jesus the man. And we must do the same.

Are you hearing? Are you listening on a daily basis to find God's direction for your life? When faced with a challenge, do you figure it out or cry out? Are you operating out of a God focused perspective? Faith is absolutely indispensable in the Christian life. Faith to a Christian is what a mainspring is to a watch. It is what fuel is to an automobile. If you are to achieve then you must believe. Jesus once said to two blind men "according to your faith, so be it unto you." And He says that to us today when we are blind, when we cannot see what the future holds, when we face uncertain times, when we face difficult situations, God says "according to your faith so be it unto you". It is not according to what you can see but what you can believe that really counts and that moves heaven.

If your faith was given a test as to how strong it truly is, what grade would it make? Would you get an A+ for your faith? Would it be a C- or perhaps some might even have to cram just to make an F.

When the rubber of your faith hits the road of adversity how long will the tire last? Just something to think about!

Calling all church members who have joined since 2010, the staff and I want to invite you to a very important meeting. Saturday morning, February 11<sup>th</sup>, from 10-12 we want you to come to a "New Members Meeting." This is the first time we have tried this, and so we are reaching as far back as 2010. It will be a time of information and motivation as we meet together. Please sign up at church.

Because HE Lives,  
Bro. Rick

Youth, remember the Super Bowl Party this Sunday, beginning at 5:30 at the FLC. We're anticipating a great time (no matter who you pull for!). Coach Don Decker will be with us during half-time. I hope you will make it your business to invite your friends. You might have a friend you could invite that does not know Christ as their Savior, and they could come and hear the gospel and be saved! That would be awesome! There's no charge, and we'll be through when the game is over.



FROM THE  
**MINISTER  
TO  
STUDENTS**



**Family Night  
Supper**

**Wednesday, February 8  
(Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.!)**

**Adults: \$5.00**

lemon-pepper chicken, twice-baked potato casserole, green beans, romaine toss salad, rolls, chocolate delight or chicken salad w/fresh fruit

**Children: \$2.50**

Italian spaghetti, green salad, bread stick, cup cake

Also, youth, remember the Valentine Dinner with Clay and Renee Crosse will be Wednesday night, February 15 at 6 p.m. We will meet at the FLC. You will need to make a reservation and choose what you prefer to eat. The cost is \$8 per person.

Children in grades 4-6, the deadline to sign up for CentriKid is this Sunday. You will need to pay a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. If you have questions, please see me or Jeremiah.

Have a great week!

The Lord truly has been blessing our worship services here at FBC. We give Him all the Honor, Glory, and Praise. The choir is currently working hard on Sunday Morning Worship Music and our 2012 Easter Musical. We would love for you to join the choir, and look forward to seeing you Wednesday night at 7:30.



A few upcoming dates to remember:

- ◆ February 55 + Meeting February 14 FLC
- ◆ Young Ringers Festival: February 24-25 Garaywa Camp and Conference Center, Clinton, MS
- ◆ Handbell Choir Concert March 2 Carillon Handbell Choir, University of Southern MS, FBC, New Albany @ 7:00 p.m. [usm.edu/music/index.php/carillon/](http://usm.edu/music/index.php/carillon/)
- ◆ March 55+ Meeting March 13 FLC
- ◆ Young Musicians Festival March 23-24 Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton, MS
- ◆ Easter Musical\* March 30 -31\* FBC, New Albany @ 7:00 p.m.\*
- ◆ Adult Handbell Festival: April 20-21 North Greenwood Baptist Church, Greenwood, MS

\* = please notice corrected date

Seven of our FBC piano students participated in the MS Baptist Keyboard Festival this past Thursday. All seven received a superior rating. They are: Gray Goode, Sanders Goode, Kelsey Ledbetter, Racheal McCullough, Molly Scott, Carter Smith, and Anna Tarrant. Mrs. Michele Smith is their piano teacher.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

January 29, 2012

		<u>YTD AVG.</u>
On-Site	446	416
Nursing Home	29	30
Homebound	10	10
Jail	<u>0</u>	<u>9</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>465</b>

New Members - 3

Visitors - 30

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 29, 2012

Weekly Requirement	\$17,815.00
Budget Offering	\$17,323.72
Designated Offering	<u>\$8,841.51</u>
Total Offering	\$26,165.23

**GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY**

January 29, 2012

Given This Week	\$7,979.26
Year-To-Date	\$18,075.26
Outstanding Debt	\$1,503,518.35

**ACTS 1:8 FUND**

January 29, 2012

Given This Week	\$862.25
Year-To-Date	\$9,891.75
Yearly Goal	\$86,000.00

**DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT**

January 29, 2012

Attendance - 174 Average Attendance - 159

**FEBRUARY USHERS**

**WEST**

Beau Buse  
Brian Childs  
Brad Clayton  
James Ray Davis



**EAST**

Dave Cherry  
Corky Eidson  
Charles Luna  
Kenny Rakestraw

**TAKE NOTE!**

First Baptist is collecting bags of rice, dried beans or dried peas for the Good Samaritan Center during February. Please bring your donation to room 120W, off the fellowship hall.

**"COURAGEOUS:  
HONOR BEGINS  
AT HOME"**

Sundays

5:30 P.M.

Room 101W (old chapel)

It is recommended that each person purchase the workbook and supplemental book totaling \$15. Facilitator: David Shankle

**SANCTUARY  
FLOWERS**



The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday, February 5, are placed in loving memory of

**David Wiseman**

by Ethelyne, Mike and Brenda, Richard and Kay, John and Judy, Tom and Veronica, Mary and Paul.

**SCHEDULE - LOCKING  
& UNLOCKING  
FIRST BAPTIST**

*This Sunday, February 5 &  
Wednesday, February 8*

**Sonny Goolsby**



All Ladies of the church are invited to a bridal tea honoring Mary Catherine McClinton, bride-elect of Drew Shands, this Sunday, February 5, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the home of Rhonda Cooper, 934 State Highway 30 East, New Albany, MS. Mary Catherine is the daughter of Kelton and Cathy McClinton.

**LESSONS AVAILABLE!**

Anyone interested in string lessons (violin, viola and chello), there will be an important meeting this Monday, February 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room. Lessons are on Mondays, with 30 minute timeslots, from 4:30-7:30 p.m. There are only six spots available. The sign-up list is on the choir room door. The cost is \$12 per lesson. The instructor is Katie Strevel, a student at the University of Mississippi.



First Baptist Church wishes to extend Christian sympathy to the family of:

**Boris Ard**

(brother of Dorothy Nell Goolsby).



**YOUTH  
SUPER BOWL  
PARTY**

*This Sunday, February 5  
5:30 P.M.*

Family Life Center

No Charge!

Invite someone to  
come with you!

There will be plenty of food  
and give-a-ways throughout  
the evening.

Coach Dan Decker  
(former Ole Miss Strength Coach)  
will be our special guest  
during the half-time.