

The Courier

a newsletter from your friends at
First Baptist Church
in Hamilton, Ohio



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

January, 2006

New Year's Alphabet

Although things are not perfect
Because of trial or pain
Continue in thanksgiving
Do not begin to blame.
Even when the times are hard
Fierce winds are bound to blow.
God is forever able,
Hold on to what you know!
Imagine life without His love—
Joy would cease to be.
Keep thanking Him for all the things
Love imparts to thee.
Move out of "Camp Complaining"!
No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone.
Quit looking at the future;
Redeem the time at hand;
Start every day with worship—
To "thank" is a command.
Until we see Him coming,
Victorious in the sky
We'll run the race with gratitude
Xalting God most high.
Yes, there'll be good times and, yes, some will be bad,
but . . .
Zion waits in glory . . . where none are ever sad!

Resolutions For Children

Mary Hood Heart, from New England, made these valuable and insightful resolutions regarding her children:

1. I resolve to lecture less and listen more. My children have gently pointed out to me my tendency to give long-winded, elaborate answers to simple questions.
2. I resolve to pick my battles carefully. The older my children, the more I recognize in my

nature a stubbornness to prove I'm right, even if that means falling into ridiculous, petty arguments.

3. I resolve to keep faith central to our family life, while at the same time realizing that each child will develop his or her own relationship with God . . . in his or her own time.
 4. I resolve to forgive. I will forgive those times when my children betray my trust, hurt my feelings, and act irresponsibly and inconsiderately. And I will forgive myself for the many times I will fail my children.
 5. I resolve to allow my children to dislike me and my decisions. As hurtful as their anger toward me can be, I realize not everything I say and do will be agreeable to them, not every decision I make popular.
 6. Finally, I resolve to recognize the need to call upon God's grace to accomplish these goals. Only when I surrender my prideful control and my own selfish desires can I discover the follow God's will.
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I am too blessed to be stressed!

The distance between a problem and a solution is
the distance between your knees and the floor.

Love and peace be with you forever, amen.





Missionary for the Month of January:

Dwight & Kari Davidson
Japan

Dwight and Keri serve at Kanto Gakuin University in Yokohama, where the vast majority of students and many of the faculty members are non-Christians. Dwight teaches Bible and English at the junior high and high school levels, and Kari is involved in the community and in the Japanese kindergarten their son, Adam, attends.

Bible Book of the Month Mark

"Thou art my beloved Son; with thee I am well pleased."

Mark 1:11 (RSV)

Mark presents the story of Jesus emphasizing Jesus' actions rather than His teachings. He portrays Jesus as the Servant of God. That Jesus is the Son of God he proves, not by declaring how He came to earth, but by showing what He accomplished during His brief career and how His coming changed the world.

Mark concentrates on Christians who live under stress and shows how Jesus conquers the demonic forces that oppress people.

PRAY

For the continuation of effective leadership training and spiritual growth of women through American Baptist Women.

—Madge Walters

Upcoming Dates: Blanket Sundays—February 5 & 12

AB Girls Of Faith

The AB Girls of Faith celebrated the holiday season by lighting the second candle in advent followed by a Christmas lunch from Milillo's Pizza on December 4th. A total of seven girls and four advisors attended the lunch. Karen Schumm provided a chocolate fountain which was a great big hit with the girls. Lunch was served by Al Schumm who also cleaned up afterward. Thanks, Al! You were wonderful.

Each of the AB Girls was given a beautiful pillow embroidered by Karen Schumm. The word Faith was

embroidered by Karen on each pillow in each girl's favorite color. Marilyn gave each girl a holiday purse with a silver AB Girl's charm inside each purse. Nancy Whipple gave each girl a lovely ceramic angel.

Over \$175 was collected for a love gift. Way to go, girls! Scarves, hats, and gloves were brought in for the Mitten Tree. Christmas cards were signed for all the college students, Kathy Reynolds, Thelma Ditmyer, and the Niles

We collected money for gifts certificates for a member of the CREW for Christmas. We played games, even decorated Marilyn as a Christmas Tree. We also had gift exchange and a great time was had by all!

Serving the Lord,
Marilyn Bowling

KeenAger Outings

Our January and February meetings will be at the church. Watch the weekly bulletin for details.

—KeenAger Activity Committee
Lil Senior, Betty Powell, & Bertha Campbell



We will be making our monthly trip down to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, January 12th. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to WORK and bring a sack lunch and a beverage. Remember - this is NOT just for the KeenAgers. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

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“Our First Lines...”

Once upon a time, not long ago and not far away, there was a boy, no longer a child and not yet a man, who lived in the Enchanted City.” (David and Karen Mains, *Tales of the Kingdom*)

“In a hole in the ground there lived a hobbit” (J. R. R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*)

“Discrimination against Christians and the suppression of Christian religious expression pervade our society, and its perpetrators are legion.” (David Limbaugh, *Persecution*)

“Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy.” (C. S. Lewis, *The Chronicles of Narnia*)

“In the waning hours of a Presidency that was destined to arouse less interest from historians than any since perhaps that of William Henry Harrison (thirty-one days from inauguration to death), Arthur Morgan huddled in the Oval Office with his last remaining friend and pondered his final decisions.” (John Grisham, *The Broker*)

“In the cold, nearly colorless light of a New England winter, two men on horseback traveled the coast road below Boston, heading north.” (David McCullough, *John Adams*).

These are the lines that opened the first chapter of the books penned by these well-read authors. Sometimes, in choosing a book in which we are going to invest a little of our time, we find ourselves reading the first few paragraphs to see if they will give us a hint at what is to follow. That is a pretty tough challenge, especially with an author like Tom Clancy, who takes 400 pages just to warm up. But you know that about Clancy going in, or you quickly find yourself looking for another late-night read.

In just a few days, we will be hanging a new calendar. Twelve months; fifty-two weeks, 365 days—all standing ready for each of us to write the lines of *our stories*. Some will read those lines and place us back on the shelves, looking for another friend, perhaps more interesting and challenging. Others will enjoy our stories as a welcome companion for a long while. Our stories will include the main characters of our lives; the joyful experiences and the tragedies; expected

routines, and serendipitous adventures; times of intentional growth and moments of quiet rest; and changes in lifestyle, both chosen and forced upon us. But through all of these things, we have the privilege of writing our own stories—word by word; line upon line.

Some might object, saying that there is another Author who is crafting the experiences of their lives. That fate or predestination is arranging the times and circumstances of our lives, and that the last chapter is already written. Our goal, they believe, is just to sit back and see what happens. But that has never been the expression of God’s heart in the Scriptures.

There is little question that God has an interest in what happens to His people. The prophet Jeremiah was clear about that: “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jer. 29:11). But it is also quite clear that we have many choices to make along the way: to accept Christ as

(From The Pastor's Heart, continued)

Savior or not; to follow the Lord every moment of our lives, or follow a different path; to conform our lives to the character of Jesus, or to find another template for our development; to trust in the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, or to discover our own way to purpose and meaning.

The same is true of the church. We also have many choices to make if we are going to continue to be a presence in our community. That is what our "Vision Conference" is all about on Friday and Saturday, January 13-14, right here on the church campus. Mark Vincent, from Design for Ministry, will lead us in conversation together as we develop what we believe are God's plans for the future for our ministry. **Everyone who has an interest in our future is welcome to be a part of this Vision Conference.** Details will be printed in the bulletins for the next several weeks. Plan now to join us.

Life is full of choices. And there are many lines to pen in the story of our lives for 2006. May it be said of us on the last page of the record we shall write together, "*And they lived happily ever after in the care and providence of the Lord.*"

Loving you for another year,
Pastor

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV



Awana Club

Awana January Calendar Update

- 4th - Double Awana Bucks Night
- 11th - Sparks Store Night
- 18th - T&T Store Night
- 25th - Missions Night with Evon Laubenstein
(Sparks & T&T)

Double Awana Bucks

January 4 is Double Awana Bucks Night. Sparks and T&T clubs earn Awana Bucks for: Attendance, wearing the Awana uniform, bringing your handbook/entrance booklet, bringing your Bible, handbook section completion, and bringing a friend (a new visitor to our Awana Club).

Leaders...wear your Awana uniform!

In the month of January, each and every night that *all* Sparks Leaders are in uniform, each Sparks clubber will receive 10 Awana Bucks! Each and every night that *all* T&T Leaders are in uniform, each T&T clubber will receive 10 Awana Bucks! These Awana Bucks will be awarded to clubbers by the Awana Commander, Emily Metzger. So kids, remind your Leaders to come in uniform!

-In His Work,
Emily Metzger
Awana Commander



Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Day



From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

E-Mail From God

Read Your Mail

“Whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

–Romans 15:4 NASB

Dear Child,

Don't you love to see those three little words on your computer screen: “You've Got Mail”? If you think an e-mail is special, think about how special it was to get a letter during Bible times. A letter was often written with the most primitive of tools and delivered by boat or on horseback or even on foot.

The Bible is a letter written long ago and sent through time and space from My heart to yours. My Holy spirit inspired the writers of each book to write down My messages to you. Those messages contain words of instruction to encourage you and help you hold on through all the junk that comes against you. They contain words of hope that say, “Don't give up. I love you and I always will.” So read your “mail.”

The Writer of the Book,
God

Christmas Breakfast

Sixteen of our college students had a “Welcome Home” Christmas breakfast on December 18th in the Family Center. All of the kids enjoyed catching up with each other and partaking in good food.

Each boy was given a \$10.00 gift certificate to Applebee's and each girl a gift certificate to Bath and Body. In addition, the Parenting Class presented each student with a goody bag. The bag included candy and assorted goodies. Dale Braun and Andrea Moorehead put the gift bags together. Thank you to the Parenting Class for their gift.

It will be fun to have the college students home for a couple of weeks. Please try to get to know them. They are great kids. Give them a hug and tell them

that you are praying for them. I am very proud of each one. Congratulations to Justin Baker for graduating from Xavier University this semester.

Thanks to Dale Braun, Sandy Morris, Nancy Whipple, Evelyn Maddox, Loretta Hampton, and Jewell Bowling for providing food. The casseroles and baked goods were wonderful! Without their help this event would not happen.

I am completing my eleventh year of ministry with the college students. What a blessing to me these students have been. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve these young people. Please keep them in your prayers. Email or a written note would be welcomed.

–Serving In His name,
Marilyn Bowling
College Coordinator

Congratulations!

Benji Stanger received a \$500 scholarship at the Butler County Sports Hall of Fame in memory of Russ Kaefer. Benji is a 2005 graduate of Hamilton High where he played football four years, ran track, and was a member of the Junior Police Academy. He is presently attending Eastern Kentucky University majoring in criminal justice.

Don Gingrich will be inducted into the New Miami Athletic Hall of Fame January 7th. Don coached varsity baseball and track during his years at New Miami. He was a caring mentor and member of the New Miami community.

Mara Krall, a senior at Talawanda High School was inducted into the National Honor Society in the Spring of 05. She is a varsity cheerleader, a class officer and was recently nominated to the Homecoming Court. Mara was also listed in Who's Who of High School Students!

Noah Krall, a freshman at Talawanda High School was selected for the All American Scholar At Large Award. He made Honor Roll for the 1st quarter and played linebacker in varsity football.

Michael Krall, a 7th grade student at Talawanda Middle School, played running back in football and recently made the basketball team. He participated in the Straight A breakfast for the 1st quarter!

Congratulations—we are so proud of all of you!



Free Noon Jazz Concert In Oxford



The Jose Bowen Quartet will perform a free program of jazz at 12:10 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25th, at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main Street. Jose Bowen is the dean of the School of Fine Arts at Miami University. For information call Jack Daugherty - 523-6969.



Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 5th, is Souper Bowl Sunday. Please bring to church with you a can of soup or any other food item and \$1. Members of CREW and JV CREW will be collecting these items at the doors. Our food pantry needs to be replenished and what we have on hand and the surplus will be donated to the New Life Baptist Mission. Thanks for your participation!

—Deaconess Relief Committee



ANNUAL REPORT

All annual reports are due in the office **on disk** (Word Perfect, Word, or generic text file, if possible) by Wednesday, January 4th. Preparation time is needed to compile and print this valuable report.



We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

Congratulations to those who had perfect Sunday School attendance for October, November, and December, 2005.

Toddlers

Marsha Helton

Kindergarten

Eugenia Sexton

Primary

Nellie Wardlow

Middler/Junior

Daniel Moorehead

7th/8th Grade

Linda Davis

Emily Cain

Katie Ford

Andrew Geyer

Sr. High

Jeremy Spence

College & Career

Scott McRoberts

TNT

Marilyn Bowling

Homebuilders

Jerry Wallace

Parenting

Stan Brown

FOCUS

Ruth Gaskins

Jean Grimes

Dolly Houser

Janet Lewis

Steve Lewis

Bill Roberts

Barb Hendricks

Ken Hendricks

Keystone

Ron Gerth

Bert Brantingham

Bill Brantingham

Bettie Carmack

LaVerne Gerth

Isabell Johnson

Fred Schilling

J.K. Walker

Mary Walker

Carpenter's Hands

Robert Williams

Mary Ella Hudson

Office

Barb Arnold

Linda Gibbs

Dennis Metzger

Sunday School Perfect Attendance - 2005

Genie Sexton

Ruth Gaskins

Bettie Carmack

Robert Williams

—Linda Gibbs



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

January 1 - Nancy Follmer & Lori Hamblin
January 8 - Wayne, Debbie, & Megan Miller
January 15 - Judy & Amy Wallace
January 22 - Rob & Jenny VanMeter
January 29 - Michelle & Rachel Harris

One & Two Year Olds

January 1 - Chris & Claire Metzger
January 8 - Marilyn Bowling & teen helper
January 15 - Brian & Barb Begley
January 22 - Teri Collier, Aly & Catherine
January 29 - Rob & Anne Ruwe

Kinderchurch

January 1 - Nick & Brandi Emenaker
January 8 - Nick & Brandi Emenaker
January 15 - Nick & Brandi Emenaker
January 22 - Nick & Brandi Emenaker
January 29 - Nick & Brandi Emenaker



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the following Child Care Coordinators:

Kim Schuermann - (674-7321)
Brandi Emenaker - (738-2439)

Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!

—Brandi Emenaker
Interim Director of Children's Ministries



Wednesday Family Dinners

January 4

Menu: Chicken Stir-Fry, Fried Rice, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Deaconesses

January 11

Menu: Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone II

January 18

Menu: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: TNT

January 25

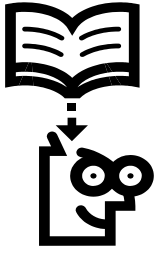
Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: FOCUS

Reminder Increase In Cost: The cost of the Wednesday Family dinner is \$4.00 for an individual; \$12.00 for a family. Children's meal of a hot dog and chips will remain the same: \$1.25. If they chose to eat from the main table, the cost is \$2.00. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now **required** to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

January Greeters

January 1 - Mary Petry, Janet Day, & John Wallace
January 8 - Brian Begley, Evelyn Maddox, & Bob Braun
January 15 - Jan Smith, Craig Keller, & Teri Horsley
January 22 - Wayne Miller, Ken & Barb Hendricks
January 29 - Linda Davis, J.K. Walker, & Carolyn Dudley



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Vacation

As I sit down at my computer thinking about what to write for this month's Courier article there is only one thing on my mind: vacation. You see I am only 6 days away, and, yes, I have been counting down the days for what seems like months. Part of the reason for my excitement is the realization that I really could use a good time away from life here in Hamilton to allow God to refresh my mind, emotions, spirit, and maybe the most important thing my physical body. This past year has been one that has taken a toll on me more than any other year in recent memory and I know will make this vacation of mine even more sweeter.

This time that I am in is also bringing to life a verse in the Bible that I have read more times than not I believe and never truly understood what God was saying to me. It is Matthew 11:28, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." What a great word of comfort, encouragement and a promise that our Savior speaks to us here. The question is to we allow Him to fulfill it? I must admit that for me the answer seems to be "Nope, not at all." I don't rest very well and in doing that I am not allowing the full workings of Christ to benefit me.

I have gone almost an entire year without taking an extended time away from "life" to be refreshed and to rest. It seems like this past year there has been so many things happen to cause me less rest than things to cause me to get more rest.

My question to you is: What is the case in your life? Do you allow yourself to go to Christ and get the rest He has promised in Matthew 11? Is your life so busy that you don't allow God to work out His promises to you? I really hope that I am the only one that has this problem but reality teaches me that there are probably many others out there just like me. It can be comforting to know I am not alone but also a stark reality that we don't allow God the opportunity to show us how faithful He is in keeping His word and promises.

I hope that this new year you will join me in regularly "resting" in the arms of God and allowing Him to fulfill all the promises He said He would. Let's get out of God's way and work, I truly believe we will be better off when that happens. Love you dearly.

Be God's,
Pastor Jeremy

Upcoming Events

January 1st: There is no Sunday school on this day but you will want to be here for church.

January 7th: Starting at about 12:30 p.m. we will leave the church for a broomball outing to Miami University's Goggin Ice Arena and return to the church around 3:30 p.m. Cost for this wonderful event is only \$5 per person. Sign ups will be available on January 1st and money would be great that day if possible. Please plan on attending this great day with us.

January 8th: The evening service for all people, CREW, Cherubs, Adults will be moved to the Family Life Center as we start out the New Year with a time of getting to know each other, food, and a brief devotional. Supper will begin at 5:00 p.m. and we will be finished at normal time 7:00 p.m. I am sure that everyone will be blessed to come to this time of sharing and getting to know others in our church.

January 15th: You won't want to miss this event as we celebrate the fact you don't have school the next day (due to Martin Luther King Jr day) as head down to Newport for an outing to Gameworks. You will need to pick up a permission slip to attend but the cost will only be \$15 per person. This includes, pizza, pop, brownies, an hour of unlimited video play and a \$10 access card to use for the remainder of the time we are there. I must have money by January 8th to know if you are going. We will leave the church promptly at 4:30 p.m. and not a minute later, returning at 9:30 p.m. If you have questions please see Jeremy and more details will be on the permission slip (including a dress code set up by Gameworks themselves).

January 22nd: Linda Davis is planning a CIA Project for this evening as we go outside of First Baptist and share the love with God to whoever we may run into. Please plan on being here for this time of using your gifts for the Lord.

January 29th: We will have a movie night here at the church starting at 5 p.m. and ending at 7 p.m. or thereabouts. Movie is still being decided by the Student Leadership Team but you won't want to miss it that is for sure.

February 5th: We will have a Superbowl Party at the Moorehead's that evening. More details as to what to bring will be available in a couple weeks but you will want to be there for a time of hanging out with your friends as we watch the game. Will the Bengals be in it this year?





MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Wednesday Bible Study

A men's small group Bible Study will begin on January 11, 2006, at 6:45 p.m. at the church. The study will be led by Larry Wallace and Mike Moorehead. We will be taking a fresh look at the life and teachings of Jesus using a study guide with no prior preparation necessary. We are hoping to encourage and challenge one another "toward love and good works" (Heb. 10:24, 25). Please consider whether you or someone you know may want to be part of this group. Pray that God would use this in our lives to sharpen us "as iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs. 27:17). Contact Larry or Mike to let them know if you are interested or for more information call (513) 226-4465 (Mike) or (513) 678-4627 (Larry).



Family Life Committee Family Night

**Chili and Soup Night
with
Games and Devotional**

Sunday
January 8, 2005
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

You don't want to miss this special evening of fun and fellowship with people of all ages in our church family.

Bring your favorite soup and we will supply your drinks and dessert.

Come prepared to receive a blessing.



*Opportunities For Christian Growth
Ladies' Bible Studies*

You are invited to join us this winter
for Beth Moore's newest study

The Patriarchs

Encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

For 10 weeks we will plunge into the heart of Genesis and into a study of God's remarkable pursuit of relationship. We will explore concepts such as blessing, covenant and promise, and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today.

Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study

Begins January 19th at 10:00 a.m.

For information contact Dale Braun, 726-4000

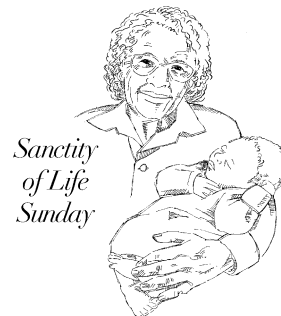
Ladies Thursday Evening Bible Study

Begins January 26th at 6:30 p.m.

For information contact Lois Anderson, 894-1216

Both groups will meet in room 113-114

January 15th, 2005



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

January 2006

1 Have a happy
blessed New Year!

10:30 Worship*

*No Sunday School or
Evening Service

8 9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Mission Board
5:00 Family Life Dinner
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Cherub Choir
6:00 Devotional

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 CREW to
Gameworks
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Cherub Choir
6:00 Evening Celebration

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Diaconate
5:00 Advisory Bd. Mtg.
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Cherub Choir
6:00 Evening Celebration
6:00 CREW CIA Project

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9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:00 CE Board
5:00 CREW Movie Night
6:00 KingsKids
6:00 Cherub Choir
6:00 Evening Celebration

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10:00 KeenAgers

23

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9:30 MOPS Steering

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10:00 Holloway Circle
(canceled)
7:00 Abell Circle
7:00 Smith Circle

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9:30 MOPS

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6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana Club
6:30 Lifeline
6:30 Celebration Ringers
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
6:45 Carpenter's Hands
8:00 Chancel Choir

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6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana Club
6:30 Lifeline
6:30 Celebration Ringers
6:45 Men's Bible Study
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
6:45 Carpenter's Hands
8:00 Chancel Choir

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6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana Club
6:30 Lifeline
6:30 Celebration Ringers
6:45 Men's Bible Study
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer
6:45 Carpenter's Hands
8:00 Chancel Choir

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6:00 Family Dinner
6:30 Awana Club-Missions
6:30 Lifeline
6:30 Celebration Ringers
6:45 Men's Bible Study
6:45 Annual Business Mtg.
6:45 Carpenter's Hands
8:00 Chancel Choir

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6:00 Music & Worship

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8:30 Matthew 25
5:30 Board of Trustees

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10:00 Ladies Bible Study

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10:00 Ladies Bible Study
6:30 Ladies Bible Study

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Vision Conference

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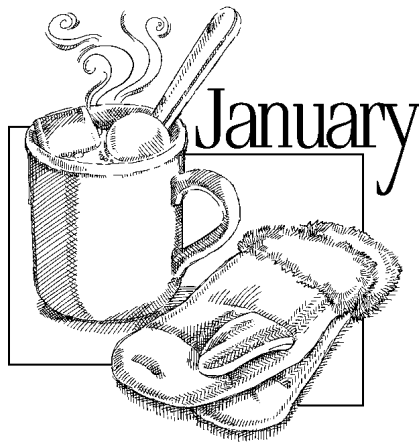
8:00 Men's Prayer
Gathering
12:30 CREW Broomball

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Vision Conference

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2 - Pat Brown
Charlotte Day
Tina Reed

3 - Fuz Buchanan

4 - Felicity Hines

5 - Alex Wallace

6 - Brian Begley
David Dawson

7 - Brenda Roddy

8 - Florence Jones
Thelma Stanger

9 - Robert Abney

10 - Dee Ayers
Mark Schumm
Susan Thomas

11 - Ed Emerick
Carolyn Hamilton
Hannah Paige Ruwe

14 - Jesse Brown
Nicole Campbell
Elyse Hendrickson

15 - Aubrey Jordon
Karl Metzler
Pat Griesinger

16 - Jan Wade Griffin
Sheryl Morrow

18 - Fred Isaacs
Logan Andrew Sapp
Margie VonStein

19 - Ed Dawson
Sandra Williams

20 - Bob Tragesser
George Wade

21 - Adam Metzger
Ted Soderholm

22 - Jeffrey D. Miller

24 - Zeke Bowling
Larry Wallace

25 - Scott Dawson
Evelyn Maddox

26 - Ralph Lenehan
Bonnie Titus

27 - Brittany Nesbitt
Candace Yates

28 - Adrian Benzing
Toni Grubbs

Lisa Rankey
Amy Wallace
Jewell Whitson

29 - Verna Pickett
Charles Walters
Nancy Hoskins

30 - Maggie Baker
Teri Guynes

31 - Robert F. Williams

Note: Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us.



Personal Notes

From Dr. Pauline Johnson-Crampton

On behalf of the C. Phillip Campton family, we extend our thanks to the First Baptist Church. We so appreciate the opportunity to have a wonderful memorial in the sanctuary. A special thanks to Jewell Bowling and committee for providing an excellent meal for the family and friends following the memorial service. We so appreciated the hospitality, kindness, and friendliness. We felt the support of this congregation and we so appreciate it.

From Bob Groeting's children (Dave, Tim, Gail, & Betsy)

Thank you so much for all of the love poured out on our family after the loss of our father, Bob Groeting. The food, cards, and flowers received showed the love that you had for him. Thanks again.

From the Hamilton family

Thank you for your love and support during Summer's adoption. It is wonderful knowing our children have a church family that express care and love. You are very special to us.

From Gail Jacoboski (daughter of Bob Groeting)

Thank you for all your love and support you showed our family in dad's passing. From the pastors' messages, to those who came to the funeral, and all of the wonderful food that was prepared, we could tell that dad was loved by many.

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

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Advisory Board Meeting

The Advisory Board is made up of all elected officers of our church. The first meeting of this board will be on Sunday, January 22nd, at 5:00. We will hear from boards and committees regarding their ministries and take care of any business items which should be presented to the church membership in the annual business meeting.

Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the church will be on Wednesday, January 25th, at 6:45 p.m. Your hearts will be encouraged as you hear how the Lord has worked among us in 2005 and the vision of the boards and committees for 2006.

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