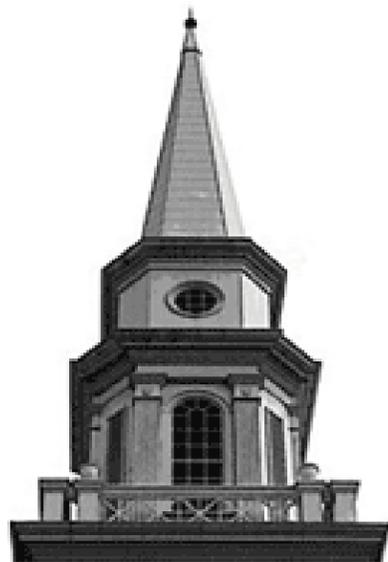


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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
 Morning Worship.....10:55 a.m.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Family Night Supper.....4:45 p.m.  
 Handbells.....5:00 p.m.  
 Mission Organizations.....5:15 p.m.  
 Children's Choirs.....6:00 p.m.  
 Youth Crossroads.....6:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.  
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 p.m.



**Dr. Bryant Barnes**  
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**Rev. Tom Thurman**  
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**Jennifer Baker**  
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**Rev. O.J. Seals**  
 Education/Activities

**Rev. Hugh Plunkett**  
 Music

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**A FOLLOWER'S FRAGMENTS**

**THE OPENING OF A NEW YEAR** can sometimes go a bit slowly. The two week layoff from school, and the holiday interruptions make it difficult to “find a routine.” Spiritually, we can struggle getting off the mark. The special services of the Christmas season, the absence now of family and guests, and the return to solitude can all contribute to our lethargy.

Added to the usual struggle, we had a storm brush by during the holiday season that changed the landscape of our area. As my sister said upon returning to New Orleans after Katrina, “You wake up to the same scene every day, the same needs, and the same challenges. It never seems to change.” It is crushing to see the fallen trees and the damaged homes in the immediate aftermath, but now, the scenes of damage are common and ongoing.

What can we do to move forward and to find peace and resilience? Jeremiah, writing in a book entitled *Lamentations*, said, “This I recall to mind, Therefore, I have hope. The Lord’s lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. ‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘Therefore, I have hope in Him.’” (**Lamentations 3:21-24**) This is the key to recovery in every way: God’s faithfulness. We can rely on Him.

**IN OUR QUEST** to meet our **Lottie Moon** goal we have received a bit over **\$31,000. Our goal is \$50,000.** If you have given, then bless you, and if you have not given, then consider your portion in reaching others for Him around the world.

**BROTHERHOOD/MEN’S EMPHASIS IS SCHEDULED** for Sunday evening, **January 18.** We have a returning guest, **Jason Palmisano**, who visited us for an Upward Awards Night after the first year in 2007. He is a gifted chalk artist, and it is our hope that you will join us for this time of challenge and encouragement. Chili of all kinds will be served for the meal, and we are counting on you.

**THEY CAME TOGETHER** after surviving the tornado, and **Jerry and Regina Ford** wanted to make a clean start with more than their property. They came forward to commit their way to the Lord and to desire baptism in our church. Pray for them as they make this “clean start” in their lives.



It's the New Year and everything starts back! **Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Adult Handbells, Orchestra...everything!** This would be a great time to join one of these fine music groups!

**Sanctuary Choir**, I don't think you missed a beat during the Christmas Season. We will start our spring music this Wednesday night. We will sing this Sunday morning.

We are planning to present "**The Living Last Supper**" on Sunday, **March 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6 pm.** Disciples!!! We will have our first rehearsal soon so start "running your lines"! Yes, we will need to grow our beards for this service. I will be contacting you individually during the next 2 weeks.



January 12

Landon Magee Lauren Magee  
Conner Gay

January 13

Mike Williamson

January 14

Beverly Applewhite Belinda Ratcliff  
Ian Barber

January 15

Kristian Bansbach

January 17

Royce Goar

January 18

Scott Davis Nathan Burkett  
Hannah Turnage Cody King  
Penny Hill

announcements

**Sunday, January 11**  
*Deacons Meeting at 8:00 a.m.*  
*Stewardship Committee Meeting at 5:00 p.m.*

**Monday, January 12**  
*Men's Prayer Time at 6:30 p.m.*

**Wednesday, January 14**  
*WOM Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Mrs. Gloria's Sunday School room*  
*Business Meeting at 6:00 p.m.*

**Thursday, January 15**  
*Yarn Buddies from 9:00 until noon*



As we start a new year Bible study should be an important matter in your life. The Bible should shape our everyday lives and help us to grow in our faith. At First Baptist we have some of the best teachers for helping you understand God's Word. Some of the people who helped shape my life and ministry were my Sunday School teachers. Bible study is a place that we can learn God's will for our life. I hope as you seek Him, you will be a part of Sunday School.  
Bro. OJ

*Menu*

**Family Night Supper**  
January 14  
Chicken/Gravy over Rice,  
Hashbrown Casserole, Sweet Peas,  
Salad Bar, Roll, Dessert and Tea

**Brotherhood Emphasis & Fellowship**  
**Sunday, January 18**

Service at 5:00 p.m. with Chili Supper at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will need some of our men to bring their favorite chili for us to sample. The church will provide the drinks, cheese and sour cream. Our speaker will be Jason Palmisano, a chalk artist. He is with Trinity Fitness. If you have any questions, contact Bruce Ratcliff.



**WOM Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 14  
9:30 a.m.  
We will be meeting in Mrs. Gloria Thurman's Sunday School room.

**Winter Bible Study**  
**January 25 thru 28**  
**Sunday** at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall then at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary  
**Monday & Tuesday**  
Meal at 5:15 p.m. with study from 6:00 until 7:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
Regular Schedule for Family Night Supper with the Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESS ON!**

Continue to pray for the victims of the recent tornado. We have had so many of our church members affected. Our community as a whole has pulled together to help in the clean-up from dragging limbs, to feeding the crews and victims. To all who have helped, with any aspect of the recovery effort, we say thank you.

**Winter Bible Study** is January 25 thru 28. Make plans to attend every session. Studying God's Word should always be a priority for us.

**Yarn Buddies** will meet on Thursday, January 15, from 9:00 until noon. Come join us!!

**Second Mile** is back in session on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room.

*Be sure and find your place of service in the New Year!*

*Bro. Tom Thurman & Mary Herrington*

**January 4 Report**



Preschool.....	<b>25</b>
Children.....	<b>22</b>
Youth.....	<b>38</b>
Adults.....	<b>184</b>
Visitors.....	<b>3</b>
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>272</b>

**Tithes & Offerings**



**Last Week:**

Budget Required.....	27,161.15
Budget Receipts.....	21,617.55
Total Receipts.....	22,399.55

**Year to Date:**

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Lottie Moon Offering.....	31,184.00

*Mark your summer calendar with these dates!*

VBS...June 1-5

All State Youth Choir Tour...June 8-15

M-Fuge...June 18-26

X-CHANGE...July 6-10

Older Children's Camp...July 20-24

New 7th Grade Retreat...August 2-4

Back to School Retreat...August 7-8

**2015 Offering Envelopes** are ready to be picked up. They are located in the piano side hallway. If your envelopes are not on the table, contact the church office.