

Meetings & Events

First Baptist Church Office and Martha Best Children's Center will be closed December 24, 25 & 26 and January 1 for the Holidays.

Wednesday, January 2

Health & Wellness Council

10:00 a.m. Conference Room

Monday, January 7

Wall Bible Study Group

10:00 a.m. Conference Room

Frady Johnson Mission Group

1:45 p.m. Conference Room

Bernice Cross Mission Group

2:00 p.m. Conference Room

Tuesday, January 8

Stella Nichols Mission Group

7:00 p.m. Home of Mary King

Wednesday, January 9

Prayer Shawl Committee

7:20 p.m. Parlor

Thursday, January 10

Prayer Shawl Committee

10:30 a.m. Parlor

Senior Adult Luncheon

Thursday, January 31, 2008

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

Our own Jennyfer Fredette will be the guest speaker. She will be sharing stories of her foreign travels.

Cable 13 Sunday A.M. Broadcast

The Sunday morning worship service broadcast on cable channel 13 will no longer be aired due to increased governmental scrutiny. **The broadcast will continue to be on WLXN radio, 1440 a.m.** There is a possibility that we will be able to broadcast on another LEXCOM channel in the future.

Extended Session

December 23: BedBabies - Alice Pearson & Anna Raye Tate **Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - Kathy Philpott & Aldon Holton **3 & 4 Year Olds** - M/M Randy Leonard

December 30: BedBabies - M/M Greg Briggs **Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - M/M Bryan Lingerfelt **3 & 4 Year Olds**— M/M William Fulbright

January 6: BedBabies - M/M Dave Thornhill **Toddlers/2 Year Olds** - Laura Owen & Blair Trexler **3 & 4 Year Olds** - Debbie Auman & Wendy Walker

Business Meeting Update

The 2008 Missions Budget as presented by the Budget Planning Committee was approved at the quarterly business meeting on December 5. There was no other business to vote on but several reports were shared for information.

Academy 2008

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

The month of April will be our next Academy. As in the past we hope to offer several options of learning and growth for the congregation. If you have a topic or wish to lead an upcoming Academy please contact Tommy. We are grateful for those who have led us in the past.

Global Mission Offering

This is the time of year that we give a special offering to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for missions. You have a Missions envelope in your packet or just mark your check for CBF Global Mission offering. May we give so others can serve.

Attic Antics

There will be no youth meetings Dec. 20 - Jan. 4 since Jenn will be away, however, the youth will resume their normal schedule Sunday, January 6.

Family Night

Family Night activities will resume Wednesday, January 9. All choir and missions groups and Adult Bible Study/Fellowship will meet at normal schedule. Menu: Hamburger Steak/Onions, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Salad Bar, Fruit Cobbler

Thank You

To a Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers as I recover from the bite in Belize. I hope to be able to wear shoes by Christmas. Your cards and letters have been a most visible form of your concern and the wonderful meals have been especially helpful to Jane Earl and me. We have enjoyed a delicious assortment of foods. Graham Hall

Honorariums

HVAC: Sally Davis, Connie Klump, Sharon Palmer, Phyllis Stump by The Good News SS Class; Sally Davis, Helen Linder, Doris Helvey, Ann Corn, Jeanne Hamrick, Germaine Wagner by The Faithful Workers SS Class; Jackie Inman's Birthday & Jack & Louise Michael by Dot Walser; Ruth Corn's Birthday, Ann Corn's Birthday, Louise Michael's Birthday, Hazel Frady by Faith Kirkman; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Evelyn Bingham by Sue Brown; Ralph & Jean Ashley by Bob & Ann Cole; **Endowment Fund:** Rod, Phyllis, Jane & John Penry by Bob & Ann Cole; **Christmas Food Boxes** Ray & Joyce Howell, Tommy & Sandra Wilson, Phil & Melonie Rector, Jenn Fredette by David & Julia Dunn; Sarah Snell by Billie Doris Fowler; **Furman:** Jeanne Davis by Robert & Martha Adams

Memorials

HVAC Fund: Bob McGinn by Richard & Becky Reese, Thomas & Betsy Riggs, Dot Craver, Zeb & Peggy Barnhardt, Martha Kinney, Don & Ann Bishop, Evelyn Smith, Louise Tate; *Jean Bowen* by Faith Kirkman, Jim & Doris Helvey, Walter & Helen Brinkley, Wade & Opal Johnson, Dot Walser, Martha, Kinney; *Dozier Linder* by Martha Kinney, Wade & Opal Johnson, Jim & Doris Helvey, Faith Kirkman, Evelyn Smith, Dot Walser, Good News SS Class; *Janet Greer Conner* by Bob & Suzy Applegate, Dot Walser; *Dale Leonard* by Dot Walser, Faith Kirkman; *Eupherzine Cherry* by Dot Walser; *Ted Baker* by Dot Walser; *Jack Sink* by Faith Kirkman; *Eddie Smith* by Faith Kirkman; *Mabel Pickett* by Faith Kirkman; *Jack & Landa Varner* by Faith Kirkman; *Virginia Sink* by Good News SS Class; *Fletcher Wall, Jr. & Lyndee Wall Harrell* by Jeanne Wall; **Building & Grounds Fund:** Bob McGinn by Hal & Donna Routh; **MBCC Scholarship Fund:** Hoke Coon by Sue Brown; **Small Jobs Ministry** Bob McGinn by Polly Rollins; **C. Andrews Organ Fund:** Earl & Catherine Andrews, Jo Alice Davison, Bob McGinn by Buddy & Taylor Andrews; **Global Missions Fund:** Roy Snell & Lonnie Davis by Brenda Hipp; **Novella Tyler Fund:** Novella McLendon Tyler by Terry & Martha Hutchens; **General Fund:** Bob McGinn by Robert & Martha Adams, Ardell & Edna Lanier, The Bunce-Bates Family, Bob & Sybil Dinwiddle, Donald & Judy McBride; *Dozier Linder* by The Bunce-Bates Family, Donald & Judy McBride, Robert & Martha Adams, Brenda Hipp; *Jean Bowen* by The Bunce-Bates Family, Robert & Martha Adams, Percy & Becky Bloxam; *Bob Philpott* by Robert & Martha Adams; *Hoke Coon, Bobby Kirkendall, George Fuller* by Brenda Hipp; *Ronald Walton* by Robert & Martha Adams

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STEWARDSHIP 2008:

“The Grace of Giving, A Celebration of Commitment”

Our Commitment Committee focus will be to our commitment to Christ with a study of scripture that gives us insight how our financial commitments can be met. We invite you to join us as we examine “Grace-Giving” January 6 - February 3, 2008.

2007 Stewardship Update

Through November we had received \$757,567 towards the Budget amount of \$925,000. To fully fund this years Budget we would need \$167,433 by the end of year. All monies that you would like to apply to this year need to be in the church office or postmarked no later than Monday, December 31.

The HVAC gifts continue to come in as well. The total cost of the HVAC project was \$775,508 and after some gifts we borrowed \$481,625 towards the total cost of the project. To date the loan balance is \$365,310. Monthly payments are made for interest only at \$2,002.00. Once we receive additional funds we apply them to the loan balance.

As we come to the close of the year may we give generously.

2008 Birthday Banquet

Wednesday, January 23 5:45 p.m.

Entertainment

The Healing Force

Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings and in the church office until Sunday, January 13. Adults (\$6.00) Children under 12 (\$3.00) Family Limit (\$20.00) Menu: Roast Beef, Oriental Vegetables, New Potatoes, Spinach Salad, Cake & Ice Cream



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Sunday, December 23
Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Sunday School
Worship Service

Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24 5:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Arrive early for this tradition of candlelight and communion. We will close the Advent season with the singing of “Silent Night” while the Sanctuary is illuminated by candles and filled with the anticipation of Christmas Day.

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