

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The church is referred to in the New Testament as “The Bride of Christ” and “The Body of Christ”. Church membership is not to be taken lightly. Being a church member is making a serious commitment. I recently read this description of the church and would like to share it with you.

WHAT THE CHURCH IS TO ME

A door:

Into an opportunity for service.
Into the most useful life.
Into the best of life’s experiences.
Into the most hopeful future.

An armory:

To get power to fight evil.
To get an uplifting influence.
To learn how to use spiritual weapons.

An anchor:

To steady me in the storm.
To keep me from the breakers.
To guide me in the strenuous life.
To hold me lest I drift from God.
To save me in the hour of temptation.

First Baptist Church has been a door, an armory and an anchor to many people through the years. With God’s help and our faithfulness to Him, we will continue to be all of these and more as we strive to be a people who please God.

Your Pastor and Friend,
T. Dale Lynch

In darkness there is no choice. It is light that enables us to see the differences between things; and it is Christ who gives us light.

~ Augustus Hare

FINANCIAL NEWS

Sunday Receipts (01-17-10)	\$ 6,445.00
Year To Date Requirements	\$ 34,349.07
Year To Date Receipts	\$ 38,606.00
Found Faithful Commitment Cards	\$ 522,425.30
Found Faithful Weekly Receipts	\$ 873.00
Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts	\$ 3,454.00
Found Faithful Total Receipts	\$ 479,395.21

WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE

It’s time to start thinking about the Women of Joy conference in Charleston! We all had a great time last year and look forward to going again. For those of you who didn’t attend last year, the great thing about this conference is that you have lots of free time to shop and enjoy Charleston. The featured speaker is Priscilla Shirer and there will also be a concert by Michael W. Smith & Steven Curtis Chapman! The dates are May 14-16. Please check your calendars and let Amy Wurst or Meleah Thomas know if you would like to attend. We are going to try and book early enough to make our reservations through the conference this year, which requires us to move quickly! Costs are detailed below. We will need to get a \$25 deposit by Sunday January 24 to reserve your space. Cost is \$149 per person (includes conference and hotel) for 4 person rooms, or \$209 per person for 2 person rooms. Balance will be due by March 1. Check out www.womenofjoy.org for more info.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

What: New Bible study for all ages and fitness levels!
The study is “Give God a Year, Change Your Life Forever” by author Carole Lewis – National Director of First Place
By participating in the class you will take a journey through spiritual growth, improve physical fitness, and enhance your outlook on life.

Where: FLC (to start), then Track for workout

When: Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:15 – Wednesday, April 21

Cost: Book is \$12.25

Please sign up by calling or emailing Tonya Lusk
338-7837 or tmlusk@charter.net

**Do not dress for working out the first week!

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, January 24

9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Live WEPC 88.5
4:00 p.m.	The Master’s Ringers
5:00 p.m.	Vespers/Youth Group
5:30 p.m.	Basic Life Fellowship
6:00 p.m.	Basic Life Worship
6:30 p.m.	Youth Ensemble

Monday, January 25

8:30 a.m.	WEE School
9:30 a.m.	Jubilee Ringers
10:30 a.m.	Live Wire Choir
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Upward Practice

Tuesday, January 26

5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
8:45 a.m.	Group Fitness
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Upward Practice
3:45 p.m.	Group Fitness
7:00 p.m.	Deacon’s Meeting

Wednesday, January 27

8:30 a.m.	WEE School
5:00 p.m.	Children’s Handchimes & Handbells
5:15 p.m.	Supper line opens
Menu: pork roast, potatoes & gravy, black-eyed peas, cherry cobbler	
6:15 p.m.	Children’s Choirs/Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Youth “Primetime”
7:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 28

5:30 a.m.	Group Fitness
8:30 a.m.	WEE School
8:45 a.m.	Group Fitness
9:00 a.m.	Fit for Life
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School @ Maples/Maxine Hawkins
4:00 p.m.	AM Service Broadcast/Channel 15
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Upward Practice

Friday, January 29

8:30 a.m.	WEE School
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<u>Saturday, January 30</u>	9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Upward Games
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010

AM Service "What's Ahead" T. Dale Lynch
Offertory Prayer Greg Tysl
Counting Committee Wyndell Byrd & Norman Philips
Ushers Jeremy Stone, Brent Thomas & Travis Thomas
Audio Visual Dan Harvell & Greg Tysl

Deacon Greeters for January:

Lib Nation John Hawkins
Dodd Wilson Greg Tysl
Mitchell Cole

Extended Session For Sunday, January 24, 2010

Birth to 24 mths: Jan, Katherine & Sarah Clinkscales
2's & 3's Jan & Mary Kathryn Holliday
4's & 5's Matt & Tonya Lusk

Children's Message: Laurie Ashley

PRAYER CONCERNS

AAMC
Melvin Ivester – 727 (Greg Tysl, deacon)
Aubrey Williamson – 414 (brother of Leland Williamson
& Elaine Dempsey)

Duke
Evelyn Stamer – (Randy Hedrick's mother)

SYMPATHY

First Baptist Church expresses Christian love and sympathy to Doug Pruitt in the loss of his uncle, Ravel Scott.

REMEMBER AIM...

We have two more weeks left in January. These are designated weeks to help replenish AIM's food pantry. Please remember to buy some non-perishable food items when you do your grocery shopping this week. What we give makes a difference in the lives of our friends and neighbors in Anderson County.

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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- Jan. 26 – Guy's Breakfast at Hardees from 7:15 - 7:45 a.m.
- Jan. 27 – MFuge \$50.00 deposit is due
- Jan. 31 – Ice Skating in Greenville

A special thank you goes out to all of the youth parents who attended our dinner meeting last Sunday.



BARBECUE PLATES FOR SALE

Matt Lusk will be preparing and selling barbecue plates this Saturday to support the Upward Ministry. The plates include chopped pork, two sides, bread and tea for \$8 a plate. The location will be in the Family Life Center from 10:30 am until. This will be on the opening game day for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. Plan to join us on January 23 for sports, fellowship and good food!! All proceeds go to the Upward Ministry.



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**UPWARD BASKETBALL AND
CHEERLEADING BEGINS
SATURDAY, JAN. 23**

9:00 AM – 6:00 PM