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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| January 3- No Sunday School | |
| January 10..... | 993 |
| January 17..... | 850 |
| January 24..... | 873 |

GIVING

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| BUDGET | |
| Given January 3 - January 24..... | \$125,505.03 |
| Given to Date..... | \$925,967.92 |
| Budget Goal to Date..... | \$958,897.17 |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| GOD'S PURPOSE RIGHT NOW | |
| Given January 3 - January 24..... | \$26,332.77 |
| Given to Date..... | \$537,373.43 |
| Total Commitments..... | \$1,876,102.41 |

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| MISSIONS | |
| Given January 3 - January 24..... | \$81,425.77 |

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| MEMORIALS | HONORARIUMS |
| Margaret Rinehart | Edith Fisher |
| M.J. Campbell | Steve & Monieca Hogg |
| Dr. L.D. Fredrick (2) | |
| Clifford McCants | |

2009 CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were mailed the week of January 21. Please review your statement by February 15 and let us know of any concerns we need to address. Remember that if you itemize deductions, you need a statement from us to report your contributions. Non-cash donation letters will be mailed by January 31.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
 We want to take a moment to say thank you for everything you have done for our family since Ray's accident. The love and support that you have shown has been such a blessing that words cannot express the depth of our gratitude. Your visits to Ray in the hospital, to our family to bring food and gifts as well as the endless hours of prayers are what enabled our family to get through this difficult challenge. God has shown us so many miracles and blessings over the past few months and we have truly been blessed. Thank you again for your prayers and support financially as well as physically. May God use us in the future to help someone else as you have helped us.

Ray & RaLinda Register

The entire Rinehart family has truly been blessed by the outpouring of Christian love we have received from First Baptist. The family meal prepared by more than thirty people was delicious and the prayers, cards, calls and visits from so many who shared their love and stories of mom, surrounded us with God's comfort. We appreciate and thank each of our Pastors and musicians who led us in celebrating our mother's life and her unconditional love for God, her church, her family and her friends.

The family of Margaret Rinehart

SYMPATHY

The Staff and Congregation of First Baptist Church extend deepest sympathy to **Jennifer Straszheim** on the death of her grandmother, Margaret Gwinn.

E. Doyle Chatham, former Minister of Education and Music here at First Baptist from 1958-1960 passed away on January 5, 2010. All condolences may be sent to his daughter:
Dorothy Chatham Hartzog
 211 Chip N Dale Drive
 Clarksville, TN 37043

Welcome to the "Family of Faith"

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|--------------------------|----|
| Additions to date | |
| By Baptism..... | 5 |
| By Letter..... | 21 |
| By Statement..... | 10 |
| Total..... | 36 |



Silver Ring Weekend

Saturday, February 27
 RSVP by February 8

Parents often see dramatic changes in their children during High School years due to the pressures of society. The purpose of the Silver Ring Weekend is to give our High School students practical tools and insights so that they can live a lifestyle of purity till the very day of their wedding. Our youth services for the months of January and February have been designed to build up to this commitment weekend with the culmination on Saturday, February 27. There will be an event that morning for our teens sponsored by the Women's and Men's Ministry of First Baptist.

In the evening, we will reconvene with a special semi-formal banquet and ceremony of commitment. If you would like to be a part of this weekend, we need you and your High School student to RSVP to Courtney in the Church Office no later than February 8. This is a firm deadline. This is a special time for you and your teen, so we ask that only the parents and the student involved attend the dinner.



Each ring is \$25.00

If you would like to have a message engraved, please include an additional \$9.00. Order form and money is to be turned in by February 8. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

HAITI DISASTER RELIEF

The South Carolina Disaster Relief Ministry is preparing for a long and sustained relief effort in Haiti. Our Disaster Assessment Teams are in Haiti working with officials there and with the Florida Baptist Convention to establish a working infrastructure that will support our volunteer efforts. The problems are enormous!



All of our Relief efforts will be working through the Florida Baptist Convention and the 800 Haitian Baptist Churches with which they are partnered. The Florida Baptist Convention has adopted Haiti as part of their global outreach and for many years has developed a reliable network with their affiliated Haitian churches. It is through this network of churches that we will funnel our efforts throughout the affected areas of the country, thus avoiding the corruption that is so prevalent. Your funds will be spent well and effectively.



An immediate need is for funds that will be given to the SC Disaster Relief effort. 100% of these gifts will go to Haiti.

If you are interested in helping, there will be a Haitian Volunteer Training on March 5 & 6 at the SC Disaster Relief Training at Anderson University, Anderson, South Carolina (*Registration form at www.scbaptist.org/dr*). In addition, you will need to begin preparations for going by getting passports, shots, and become educated about the conditions.

Most important! The SBC Disaster Relief will be working in Haiti long after the News Media loses interest just like we have been doing in response to Katrina. Anyone who has something to offer will be able to do so over the next months and years.



First Baptist will receive a special offering for this relief effort on Sunday, February 7.

PRESCHOOL / CHILDREN'S MINISTER

The Search Committee and the Pastor are recommending Dr. George Smith as the new Assistant Pastor for Children. You are invited to meet him and his family during a drop-in on Saturday, February 13 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the third floor lobby. He will be introduced during our Worship Services on February 14, at which time the church will also vote by secret ballot on extending a call to Dr. Smith. More information will be presented soon. Thank you for your continued prayers.



SAY "THANK YOU" TO MELLEN SHUGART

Mellen Shugart, who has served as our part-time Assistant Director for Preschool Ministry since February 2004, has submitted her resignation effective January 31. We want to say "thank you" to her for her dedicated service and for going the extra mile many times, especially during the time we've been without a full-time pastor for our children, and you can help us do that. Bring a card expressing your appreciation to church with you on February 7 and present it to her during one of the two scheduled drop-ins that morning: 8:45-9:10 a.m. in the third floor lobby and 11:00-12:00 Noon in the connector between the preschool floor and "The ROCK". We will also recognize her during our Worship Services that day.



NEW STAFF MEMBER

Please join us as we welcome Tom Applegate to FBC as a part-time Financial Assistant. Tom replaces Bonnie Sporman and will be working with contributions, payroll and Sunbeams Day School accounting.



New Sermon Series
starting February 7
by Pastor Steve Hogg
Sundays @ 9:15, 10:30 & 11:55 a.m.

The teachings of Jesus, the red letters of the Bible, call us to live a radical life that goes against culture. Turn the other cheek; Love your enemies; Give to the poor; Seek first the kingdom of God are revolutionary ideas. Join us on February 7 as we begin a life-changing look at the teachings of Jesus.



The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time census takers for the 2010 Census. Our church is hosting two testing dates for applicants interested in 2010 Census Jobs. Several different positions are available. Application process and testing will take a couple of hours. Test dates are Thursday, February 11, and Wednesday, February 24, from 10:00-Noon in the Worship Center. Brochures and practice tests are available to pick up at the Church Office during the week.

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN

Valentine party will be held Wednesday, February 10 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for children ages two – Grade 5. Preschool will be in "The Ark" and Children will be in "The D.O.C.K.". You may RSVP by contacting Courtney in the Church Office at 327-7181 or at courtneyp@fbcrockhill.org. Deadline to RSVP is Monday, February 8.

Attention all Preschool and Children volunteers: As a thank you and to show our appreciation we would like to invite you to a **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on March 12 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP with Courtney in the Church Office by March 1.

Our next **Parent/Child Dedication** will be held Sunday, March 21st during all three Morning Worship Services. Please RSVP by emailing Courtney in the Church Office at courtneyp@fbcrockhill.org or by calling the Church Office at (803) 327-7181. RSVP deadline is Monday, March 15.

****DATE CHANGE**** Due to the Easter holiday, the Easter Egg Hunt for our preschool and children has been moved to March 27 from 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars for this event.

GIRLS IN ACTION

will have a **bonfire** on Friday, February 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Mrs. Jessica's house. Girls may be dropped off for a hot dog supper, a devotion, praise & worship and s'mores. The cost is \$2.00 and you may sign up with Mrs. Amanda or Mrs. Jessica.

YOUTH

Sunday, February 7 Join us for the Super Bowl party starting at 6:00 p.m. until the game ends. Come to watch the game on the big screen and cheer on the Colts or the Saints! Please bring \$2.00 and a 2-liter.

WINTHROP BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY

is having a spaghetti supper on February 27 beginning at 5:30. Tickets are \$3 for students and children and \$6 for adults. Dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, homemade desserts, tea or coffee. Takeouts are available. For tickets, see Kathy Troutman or Carlie Stewart or call us at 327-1149. All proceeds will go to our missions fund.

IMPACT FITNESS KICKOFF

Come join us for a Sports/ Health/ Fitness Fair on Saturday, February 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the FBC GYM. We will be kicking off our health-fitness programs, running and walking groups, exercise classes and more. All programs and classes will be concentrating on you from the inside out. This will be a great opportunity to reach out to your friends and family. There will be vendors, health assessments, seminars, presentations and demonstrations. Bring a guest! Any questions, please email Randy Deas at rdimpact@gmail.com.

WE WANT TO PRAY FOR YOU!

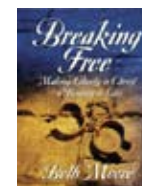
All of us are blessed when other Christians pray for us. The problem is that we often don't know how to pray for each other. The Deacons will be calling each family at FBC during the next three months and asking how they can pray for you and your loved ones. The Deacon will pray with you over the phone and share your requests with other deacons during our monthly Deacons' meetings so we can all pray for you.



INTENTIONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH CLASSES STARTING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 @ 5:00 P.M.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Room 321
Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories by Beth Moore
Jane Bump will teach this 11-session study.
Member book \$13.00

MEN'S MINISTRY

"Winning at Work and Home"
Resumes February 14 & 15, 2010



This study will take place on Sunday evenings beginning February 14 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Room 308 OR come join us on Mondays beginning February 15 in Room 210 @ 6:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship and intense Bible study.

EVERYONE

Financial Peace University
Room 325

A life-changing program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and experience a total money makeover. It's for EVERYONE from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Learn everything from how to live debt free to the greatest misunderstanding about money. Orientation is required for these classes and will take place January 31 @ 5:15 p.m., February 3 @ 6:30 p.m. or February 10 @ 6:30 p.m. Classes begin February 14. Cost: \$98.00 for individual or couple.