

HOSPITAL REPORT

Health-South: Anna Lou Bledsoe

CAMC Memorial: Eules Freeman, Donzie Leadman (ICU)

St. Mary's: Carl Cobb

OUR CONDOLENCES to...

Tina Martin & Family in the January 5th loss of her mother, Thelma Johnson; the **Family of Robert "Robbie" Black**. Robbie passed away Friday, January 8th, at home; and **Susan & Steve Dingess and Jeremy Smith & Family** in the January 10th loss of father & grandfather, Donald Gill.

Note to those who remember the Hauer Family: A Celebration of Life/Luncheon, will be held at the Open Door Baptist Church, Madison Avenue, Huntington, on January 16 in remembrance of Nancy Hauer, who passed away on December 31.

SHUT-INS OF THE WEEK

ROYAL & JUNE DAVIS

202 Walker Drive
Hurricane

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

PETE & WANDA HOLSTON

55 Years ~ January 20

HELLO, WORLD!

Mike & Joyce Moore are new grandparents!

Joseph Edward was born Sunday, January 10th, weighing in at 6#, 11 oz. Proud parents are Travis & Melissa Moore.



NOTES OF THANKS...

The Family of Mabel Hartley would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy—the beautiful flowers, many cards, and the delicious food provided after the service. Special thanks to Jim McGehee (visits & love), Ruth Boster and Wanda Johnson for the visits with Mom, and Betty Litton for remembering Mom with a beautiful card every week. Thanks also to Expressions SS Class for all the love, prayers and support. We are comforted and humbled with the love shown to our family during this difficult time, but what a wonderful celebration she is now having. God bless you all! —The Family of Mabel R. Hartley

2009 RECORDS OF GIVING

Giving records for 2009 have been mailed to all those who support the church through the use of offering envelopes or checks. Please contact Mattie in the church office with any questions you may have regarding your record.

If you have not picked up your 2010 offering envelopes, please find them on the table in the lower narthex. Those of you who have never used the envelope system may want to do so. Call the office if you would like a box.



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Our youth had a successful first week in the Upward concession stand. Want to help?? You can, by bringing in cans of pop, individually wrapped baked goods, granola bars, candy, and gum to the office by Friday at 4:00 p.m. Donations from the concession stand will go towards our youth mission trip to Jacksonville, Florida, in June.

Kindness in Action: Want to show a little love?? Come, join us this coming Monday at 10:00 a.m. as we travel to a local hospital waiting areas to distribute snack bags along with an uplifting message. Bring money for lunch. We will return around 2:00 p.m.

Open Gym: Come get off the couch!! Join us! Bring your friends to the Open-Gym this Saturday from 6:00 –8:00 p.m. (open to grades 5-12).

**Reminder to senior high youth who are signed up for working the Upward concession stand this week: January 16 (1st Shift) Madeline Witte, Jonathan Harrison, Courtney Hayslett; (2nd Shift) Courtney Hayslett, Jonathan Harrison, Nick Ball

Mark your calendars now for this: Youth Retreat—Parchment Valley—February 26-28.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 17, 2010

DOW: Carl Handley

CHILDCARE:

Nursery: (8:40) Stephanie & Doris Lewis; (9:40) Jeannetta Rutan, Robin Niebur;

(6:15) Mary Jane Thralls, Melissa Hayes

Early Childhood

(8:40) Jill Kozee, Rebecca Bennett

Orange Room: Stephanie & Myron Lewis;

Red Room: Lori Rooper, OPEN

DOOR GREETERS: Carl &

Uldine Handley

NURSE ON DUTY: OPEN

Wednesday, January 20

NURSERY: Mary Lou Turner,

Sandy Phillips

VISITATION: Steve Cassell, Bob

Anderson, Joe Leadmon, Carl Handley

ANNUAL REPORTS

Please get your 2009 annual reports to the church office no later than Sunday so the final report can be ready by Wednesday.

The orchestra is in need of a clarinet that is in working condition, or that we may have re-conditioned. If someone would have one they would donate to the music ministry, it would be appreciated.

COMING IN FEBRUARY...

VIP's "**Biggest Loser**" contest! Watch for the information that will be coming to your Sunday school class soon.

VIP MINISTRY

Isaac's Concert

The Isaac's Gospel Quartet will appear in concert at the Pt. Pleasant Jr./Senior High School this Friday, January 22. There is no charge, but a love offering will be taken. If you are interested in going, be here at the church at 5:00 p.m.

Exercise Classes

Low impact exercises will continue every Tuesday & Thursdays in the FLC at 2:00 p.m. Come and join us for a good time of fun and fellowship.

Visit the Legislature/Lunch

Thursday, February 25
9:00 a.m.

Washington, D.C. Trip

March 22-25, 2010

We still have a few openings if you are interested in making the trip with us. Cost is \$520 per person. Those who have already signed up may want to consider making another deposit by January 3 to offset the final balance—due February 7.

Bermuda Cruise

Final payment is due February 7.

Sight & Sound Theatre

"Joseph"

June 4-6

National Quartet Convention

Louisville, KY ~ September 16-19

VIP Retreat

The Heritage Farm

October 6-8

STEWARDSHIP

Week of January 10, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Early Worship	459
Sunday School	224
Evening Worship	191
Wednesday 1/6 (Snow)	-0-

FINANCIAL REPORT

(2nd Sunday in 2010)

Unified Budget

This Week	11,567.15
Goal to Date	29,502.14
Received to Date	24,484.05
Percent Met	82%

Building Fund

This Week	1,613.00
Goal to Date	6,024.18
Received to Date	4,527.00
Percent Met	75%

Miscellaneous Receipts

Mabel Hartley Memorial	200.00
Community Cupboard	140.00
Deacon's Fund	25.00
Debt Reduction	25.00
Awana	11.25
Christmas Offering	284.00
Canopy Fund	200.00
Other	152.50

MEN'S PIE

BAKING CONTEST

This Sunday!!!!

Men, don't forget to enter your favorite pie (made from scratch) in Sunday night's Pie Baking Contest. Bring your entry to Fellowship Hall by 6:15 Sunday evening. After the service, we'll find out who is the best "baker's man" and then delight in all the wonderful desserts!



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Week of January 17, 2010

Sunday

8:50 AM Worship, Junior Church
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Junior Church
2:30 PM Youth Praise Band
3:00 PM Bells
4:00 PM Instrumentalists
5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
5:30 PM Awana
6:30 PM Worship, Youth Service
7:30 PM Men's Pie Baking Contest

Monday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM Youth to CAMC
6:00 PM Upward
6:30 PM Scouts, Jim's Small Group
6:45 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Bible Study

Tuesday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM Bible Study, VIP Game Day
2:00 PM VIP Exercise (FLC)
6:00 PM Upward, Music Committee

Wednesday

8:30 AM FB Academy
8:45 AM Bible Study
11:30 AM VIP Bowling
6:00 PM Prayer
6:15 PM Outreach Visitation
6:30 PM Annual Business Meeting,
BYF, yoUr Turn
7:30 PM Celebration Choir

Thursday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM Morning Circles
2:00 PM VIP Exercise
6:00 PM Upward
7:00 PM Evening Circles

Friday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM VIP Work Day/Lunch
5:00 PM VIP's to Isaac's Concert
6:00 PM Upward
7:30 PM Adult Basketball

Saturday

8:00 AM Upward Games
6:00 PM Youth Open Gym

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!!

The Hurricane Ladies Bible Studies will offer the following Bible studies beginning January 18-20.

Mondays ~ 7:00 PM

Covenant: God's Enduring Promises

By: Kay Arthur Teacher: Hal Basham
10 Sessions—Cost: \$20

Breaking Free: The Journey, the Stories

By: Beth Moore Teacher: Gerry Spears
12 Sessions—Cost: \$20

Tuesdays ~ 10:00 AM

First Place: Growing in the Fruit of the Spirit

By: Carole Lewis Teacher: Sandra Lutz
12 Sessions—Cost: \$20

Wednesdays ~ 8:45 AM

Me, Myself, & Lies: A Thought Closet Makeover

By: Jennifer Rothschild Teacher: Kyle Goode
8 Sessions—Cost: \$15

Sign-up sheets and an information sheet describing each study can be found in the lower narthex next to the elevator. Everyone is invited to join us as we study God's Word in 2010.

WORSHIP

January 17, 2010

AM

The Ten Commandments—Part II
"The Second Commandment"
Exodus 20:4-5

PM

"The Child in God's Family—Part III"
Acts 1:8
~ Dr. James E. Lutz~

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Attracting and Keeping Visitors

The first priority of First Baptist Church is to connect people to Jesus Christ. That is our mission/vision statement. Now, if we are serious about that, we must be attracting and keeping visitors. That means we need to be intentional about it.

Far and away the single most important aspect of a congregation's ability to attract new members is the degree to which members invite others. Studies tell us that 75-90% of all adults who join a congregation are first brought by a friend or relative. There is no more effective method of growing a church than personal invitations by church members.

Lyle Schaller describes the characteristics of congregations who do well in *inviting others*. The congregations usually display these characteristics:

1. The members are enthusiastic about their faith as Christians ...
2. The members are enthusiastic about this congregation ...
3. The congregation as a whole conveys the expectation that members will invite others to come to church with them ...
4. Most of the members actively and enthusiastically greet and welcome visitors ...
5. The worship service is planned on the assumption that first-time visitors will be present ...

Churches that are *inviting* also need to be *attracting* new people. Churches that do a good job of *attracting* generally evidence the following:

1. A positive identity and self image ...
2. Congregational harmony ...
3. Pastoral enthusiasm ...
4. Ministry in and to the community ...
5. Small group opportunities ...
6. Authentic worship ...
7. Have a clean, well staffed and strategically located nursery ...

Churches hoping to attract new members will work for the improvement of their congregation's effort in these areas. That puts the question before us: how are we doing? Your feedback is welcomed. If you have some thoughts in response to the above, I encourage you to take the time to drop me an email at pastorlutz@fbcch.com. The one condition is that you sign your email.

Thanks and God Bless,
Pastor Lutz

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