

HOSPITAL REPORT

Health-South: Anna Lou Bledsoe

CAMC TV: Lawrence Cottrell (ICU), Connie Dawson, Hobert Byrnside

CAMC Memorial: Eules Freeman, George Vorholt

WELCOME!!!

Uniting with our church fellowship this past Sunday, January 17, were the following...

**JOHN WESLEY DAVIS
STACY DAWN DAVIS
JACOB MATTHEW DAVIS**
By Letter from
First Baptist Church
Stanley, NC

MADELINE JANE EBBERT
By Baptism

**ELIZABETH ANN "ELLIE"
JAMES**
By Baptism

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK
JEAN DOTSON
2 Sunnybrook Drive
Hurricane

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
ELLA SHADE
95 Years ~ January 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
**BILLY & IMOGENE
BEAVER**
62 Years ~ January 31
LOUIE & PAT LEWIS
56 Years ~ February 1

NOTES OF THANKS...

"My blessing basket runneth over again! Thank you, Church Family, for all the TLC I've received, especially since my fall. I won't attempt to name each of you. I would be sure to leave someone "special" out. You know who you are. Thanks to all for the prayers, cards and offers of help. God bless each of you!"

—Betty Litton

Anna Lou Bledsoe, who is presently at Health-South, expresses her appreciation to her church family for the cards and prayers she has received during her recent illnesses. Please continue to remember Anna Lou in prayer as she recovers.

ACADEMY ENROLLMENT

First Baptist Academy is now enrolling for its 2010-2011 school year. Please call the church office to enroll your child for Mother's Day Out, Preschool, or our Aftercare Program.

HAITI RELIEF

If you are interested in making a donation to help with the Haiti Earthquake Relief, make checks payable to FBC with a memo "Haiti Earthquake Relief".

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Those church officers & leaders who plan to attend the Leadership Conference at PV on February 6 are reminded to get your registration & fee in by January 27.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Special Attention, Parents: Is your child going on the mission trip this summer? To confirm your child's spot for our mission trip this summer, a payment of \$100 is due by February 1. Please make check payable to FBCOH with "**Youth Mission Trip**" in the memo.

Kindness In Action: Our youth & VIP's teamed up this past week for our first "**Kindness in Action**" event. Together we visited CAMC Memorial & Teays Valley hospital waiting areas and helped spread a little smile, Scripture and snacks. It was cool to have these two groups combine for an awesome day!!

Contemporary Christian: Hey, would you like to listen to contemporary Christian music? Check out K-LOVE at 93.3 FM or 94.9 FM—the cool way to stay on the "right track" throughout the day.

Open Gym: Come, hang out with your friends this Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.! It's open to all youth, grades 6-12.

Ways You Can Help This Week: Cans of pop can be donated for our youth concession stand. Please drop off to the church office by Friday.

Spring Youth Retreat: Mark your calendars for the Spring Youth Retreat March 26-28.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 24, 2010

DOW: Doug Boehm

CHILDCARE:

Nursery: (8:40) Jennie Wood, **OPEN;** (9:40) Jeannetta Rutan, Loretta Martin;

(6:15) Bonnie Beaver, Crystal Mashayekhi

Early Childhood

(8:40) Heather Hauldren, **OPEN**

Orange Room: Heather Hauldren

Red Room: Krista & Jay Wolf

DOOR GREETERS: Doug &

Kellie Boehm

NURSE ON DUTY: Debbie Zuber-

buehler

Wednesday, January 27

NURSERY: Georgette Stout,

Peggy Bush

VISITATION: Tim & Kyle Goode

Krista Wolf, Argatha Scarlato,

Doug Boehm

CONTEST WINNERS!

"**First Place**" winners in the **Men's Pie Baking Contest** were Dwane Bush, Bruce Belfield, & Maynard Schoolcraft. James Duty received "**Honorable Mention**". Special thanks to all those who entered their pies. They were all delicious, as was evidenced by the empty pie plates.

WAIT!!! WHAT ABOUT THE LADIES??? Okay, ladies, you will get your turn on Sunday, February 28...but with a cake. The same as with the guys...bake from scratch and bring your entry to FH by 6:15 on the 28th for judging. Then we'll all get to sample after the evening service.

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.

Visit the Legislature/Lunch

Thursday, February 25 ~ 9:00

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.

Bermuda Cruise

Final payment 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

BIGGEST LOSER

Get in the game! You are not required to attend exercise classes, but you will need to weigh in once a week (Tuesday or Thursday at 2:00 or Wednesday at 6:15). The contest will run from Tuesday, February 2 through Thursday, April 29. Judging will be done on a percentage of weight loss. Sign up in the Information Booth. A nice prize will go to the winner.

STEWARDSHIP

Week of January 17, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Early Worship	253
Sunday School	301
Worship	320
Evening Worship	237
Wednesday 1/13	157

FINANCIAL REPORT

(3rd Sunday in 2010)

Unified Budget

This Week	\$15,527.48
Goal to Date	44,253.21
Received to Date	40,011.53
Percent Met	90%

Building Fund

This Week	3,434.00
Goal to Date	9,036.27
Received to Date	7,961.00
Percent Met	88%

Miscellaneous Receipts

Don Gill Memorial	50.00
Community Cupboard	225.00
Deacon's Fund	499.00
Debt Reduction	150.00
(\$50 Memory of Don Gill)	
(\$100 Memory of Robbie Black)	
OGHS—Haiti Relief	2,414.00
BCM	50.00
Radio Ministry	60.00
Children's Outreach	100.00
Other	4.00

ADULT BASKETBALL

Adult basketball and you! Why not join us in the FLC every Friday at 7:30 p.m. until the end of March? It's a great way to get needed exercise and have fun while doing it.

ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of the 2009 Annual Report can be found in the Information Booth. Please allow one per family.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Week of January 24, 2010

Sunday

8:50 AM Worship, Junior Church
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Junior Church
2:00 PM Youth Praise Band
3:00 PM Bells
4:00 PM Instrumentalists
5:30 PM Awana
6:30 PM Worship, Youth Service

Monday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM VIP Golf
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
2:00 PM VIP Exercise (FLC)
6:00 PM Upward

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 Bible Study, BYF, yoUr Turn
7:30 PM Celebration Choir

Thursday

8:30 AM FB Academy
2:00 PM VIP Exercise
6:00 PM Upward

Friday

8:30 AM FB Academy
6:00 PM Upward
7:30 PM Adult Basketball

Saturday

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

BEACON

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What Visitors Are Looking For...

5. The Church Building. It is important to understand what it is about a church facility which attracts or deters visitors. Some things can be corrected and some cannot. Four key questions will help: (1) Is the church visible? (2) Is the church accessible? (3) What is the condition of the property? (4) Is there adequate space? Answers to these questions can help the church make needed changes or accommodations.

6. The Church's Image. The image of a church in its community is vital to attracting visitors. There are three possible answers: (1) None, (2) Negative, and (3) Positive. Only one is good. A positive image will be an asset for a congregation seeking to attract new members. No image will not attract visitors. A negative image will keep them away. Next week we will look at what attracts the return visitor.

—Pastor Lutz

WORSHIP

January 24, 2010

AM

The Ten Commandments – Part III
“Be Careful How You Use God’s Name”
Exodus 20:7

PM

“God’s Intention For Men and Women”
Psalm 1

~ Dr. James E. Lutz ~

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January 19, 2010

What Visitors Are Looking For

It is not always easy for visitors to verbalize why they feel a certain way about a church after one or two visits. However, studies and survey results give us, in general, six factors. They are listed in order of probable importance. However, all of them have an inter-play with one another in the reactions of visitors to a church.

1. The Friendliness and Warmth of the Church. When both churched and unchurched people are asked what they look for in a church, all of them agree about one factor – the climate of the congregation. They are looking for a church in which they can feel at home, where the people are friendly, and where there is a warm and comfortable atmosphere. The warmth and friendliness of the congregation are probably the most important characteristics of congregations effective in attracting new members.

2. The Character of the Worship Service. A study of new members in one denomination revealed that 82.7 percent of new members rated the quality of the worship service as an important reason for joining. The results may not be identical for all churches, but studies indicate that it is unquestionably true that the worship service is a key ingredient in determining whether a person will become affiliated with that church. Several issues need to be considered when looking at the character of worship: (1) Is it authentic? (2) Does it contain a note of grace? (3) Is the worship designed to include everyone? (4) Is the worship celebrative? There are a number of other issues but these are the main ones to consider.

3. A Family Place for Children and Youth. In a study done several years ago asking new members why they joined a church, they responded 45 percent of the time “for the sake of the children.” People identified the needs of children as a major factor in their decision to attend a particular church. Parents want moral and spiritual values taught to their children; therefore they choose a church that can get it done.

4. The Adult Program. As important as religious education is to many parents, an excellent children’s program will not be enough to bring parents into the church. Children’s programs have no affect on adults without children. Thus, a church needs to provide quality Adult education.

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