

HOSPITAL REPORT

CAMC General: Ann Lou Bledsoe

CAMC TV: Lawrence Cottrell
CAMC Memorial: George Vorholt, Larry Blake

Cabell: Lauren Lincoln White
TV Rehab: Eules Freeman

CONDOLENCES to...

...the Family of Bill Beckett. Mr. Beckett passed away January 19;

...Mary & Woody Woodall, Don Morrison, Keith & Elsie Bias & other family members in the January 20th loss of mother/sister/sister-law, Audrey Bias; and to

...Royal & June Davis & Family in the January 19th loss of June's sister, Kathleen Taylor.

NOTES OF THANKS...

The ***Family of Robbie Black*** wishes to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at the loss of their beloved and for the beautiful flowers.

"We want to say thanks for all the cards, the hospital visits, the food, and mostly the prayers extended by our church family during Brooklyn's and Jo's recent illness. A special thanks to Dr. Lutz, Jim and Joy, and Lisa and Bill Hatten. We are so fortunate to have our church family." —Willie, Jo & Brooklyn DeMoss

"Many thanks to Karen Nicholson for dropping off my offering envelopes."

—Ella Shade

SHUT-IN OF THE WEEK

MARY "PEGGY" JACKSON

2368 Sycamore Road
Hurricane

ANNUAL REPORT

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

If you haven't taken notice of the attractive youth display case down under the Narthex area, you may want to take a look see. We are very proud of our youth and their advisors and their ministry in and beyond the doors of the church. You're doing a great job! Keep on keeping on!



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Special Attention, Parents:

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.

Super Bowl:

Come join us on Sunday, February 7, just after the Youth Service to watch the Super Bowl on the big screen in the Youth Room. Bring a snack and a friend to watch the game, eat, and play games.

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:

Hang out with your friends on Saturdays 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. Drop off at the church by Friday.

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

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 31, 2010

DOW: Tom Jones

CHILDCARE:

Nursery: (8:40) OPEN; (9:40) Jeannetta Rutan, OPEN; (6:15) Jennie Wood, Katie Schultz
Early Childhood (8:40) Pat Sizemore, Cindy Hill
Orange Room: Jeff & Susan Bevins

Red Room: Angie Hayslett, Marcia Mullins

DOOR GREETERS: Tom & Debby Jones

NURSE ON DUTY: Stephanie Lewis

Wednesday, February 3

NURSERY: Mary Lou Turner, Stacy McPherson

VISITATION: Bill Hatten, Jim Haynes, Mike Moore, Hal Basham, Tom Jones

LADIES CAKE-BAKING CONTEST!!!

Needless to say, the men did a fantastic job of pie baking, and now the ladies will get to enter their favorite cake in a contest of their own. The date is Sunday, February 28. Bring your cake (made from scratch) to Fellowship Hall by 6:15 for judging. After the evening service, we'll get to sample all the entries.

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.

VIP MINISTRY

Nursing Home Visitation
Sunday, January 31, 1:15 PM

Luncheon & Bible Study
Thursday, February 11
11:30 AM

Sign up in your SS Class or in the Info Booth.

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
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). Jennie Wood will weigh the women; Jerry Losh the men. 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 24, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Early Worship	193
Sunday School	276
Worship	277
Evening Worship	191
Wednesday 1/20	133

FINANCIAL REPORT

(4th Sunday in 2010)

Unified Budget

This Week	\$13,886.23
Goal to Date	59,004.28
Received to Date	53,897.76
Percent Met	91%

Building Fund

This Week	\$ 1,984.00
Goal to Date	12,048.36
Received to Date	9,945.00
Percent Met	82%

Miscellaneous Receipts

Community Cupboard	\$ 500.00
Deacon's Fund	200.00
Debt Reduction	400.00
OGHS—Haiti Relief	1,557.50
Love Gift	500.00
(In Memory of Mabel Hartley)	
BCM	100.00
Radio Ministry	30.00
Sound Booth	100.00
Awana	32.75
Other	80.00

ADULT BASKETBALL

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 exercise and have fun while doing it.

A church family is looking for someone to come in a few days a week to do some light housekeeping. If you, or someone you may know, would be interested in this part-time position, please call the church office.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday

8:50 AM Worship, Junior Church
10:00 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship, Junior Church
1:15 PM VIP's to Nursing Home
2:00 PM Youth Praise Band
3:00 PM Bells
4:00 PM Instrumentalists
5:30 PM Awana
6:30 PM Worship/Baptism, 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
7:00 PM ABWM Executive Board

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
7:00 PM HLBS Board

Friday

8:30 AM FB Academy
10:00 AM VIP Golf (Weather Permitting)
6:00 PM Upward
7:30 PM Adult Basketball

Saturday

8:00 AM Upward Games
9:00 AM Super Event (PV)
6:00 PM Youth Open Gym

BEACON

First Baptist Church
2635 Main Street, Hurricane, WV 25526
Address Service Requested

Why Visitors Return...

Relationships are of great importance to newcomers. Churches that have learned to love, and to share that love are growing churches. As people feel accepted and valued by members of the congregation, bonding takes place and newcomers begin to feel they belong. Friendship is the strongest bond cementing new members to their new congregation. If new members do not develop meaningful friendships within the congregation they generally drop out within six months of joining.

HAITI RELIEF

The overwhelming needs for Haiti will require ongoing assistance, and First Baptist will continue to send funds as long as donations are received. To date, the church has collected \$3,971.50 toward Haiti relief, and we thank you for your support. Check are to be made out to First Baptist Church, with a memo "OGHS Haiti Relief".

WORSHIP

January 31, 2010

AM

The Ten Commandments – Part IV

"This Is The Day"

Exodus 20:8-11

PM

"The Sound of Voices"

Psalm 2

~ Dr. James E. Lutz~

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January 26, 2010

Why Visitors Return

The return visitor to church comes because of the welcome he or she received on the first visit. Worship visitors, according to studies, base their decision on whether to return by how members acted. Only after the first visit has been a positive experience is a second visit likely. It is the warmth and friendliness of the congregation which are the most important factors in making the first visit a positive experience. If the visitor does not experience a warm and caring welcome, she or he will continue their search for another church.

When a visitor does return, he or she moves into the "testing" stage. This is a process of evaluating the congregation to see if it is a place where needs can be met in a climate conducive to personal growth and fulfillment. During this phase the worshipper is wondering, "Can I make friends here?" "How do I fit in?" "Am I needed and valued?" If, during subsequent visits, the visitor is ignored, the testing process will come to an abrupt halt.

Favorable impressions gained in the first few visits help move the visitor from the "testing" stage to the "affiliating" stage, which may last from one month to two years. During this period the visitor is settling in to determine whether or not to join. The questions being explored during this stage includes: Is this congregation genuine? Is this pastor the kind of person who can help me? Am I comfortable with the theological views of the congregation? Am I accepted by the members?

The issue of genuineness or authenticity is reflected in visitors' search for "congruence." Congruence is agreement or harmony between what is heard (stated) and what is seen. Does the love and acceptance talked about come through in relationships? Is the Christian life lived out by the members of this congregation? Are these people serious about their faith?

In this stage prospective members focus on the pastor's tasks, especially preaching, teaching and worship. The visitor will be asking, "Does this pastor make faith issues understandable?" "Is this pastor a person who can help me with my problem?" If these questions are answered positively newcomers become more interested.

The theological and biblical stance of the congregation also plays a role as people consider membership. Established believers generally choose to join a congregation whose theology is fairly close to their own. More and more people are joining and staying in congregations that are helping people understand the Bible and applying it to everyday life.

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