



First Baptist Church
Huntsville, Alabama

The Messenger

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First Thoughts

David Hull, Pastor

One more opportunity remains before we conclude our Bicentennial Celebration. I know -- the anniversary year has now ended. We still have some unfinished business that will help us to look to the future. Let me tell you what we are planning.

On Sunday, January 31, we are going to bury a time capsule immediately after our Sanctuary Worship service. Various items that describe the life of our church will be placed in this capsule that is to be opened fifty years from now. This event will be a way that we give a gift across the ages -- from the church in our day to the church of the future.

Right now our Bicentennial Celebration Committee is working hard to prepare the time capsule for use. Each item that is placed in the capsule will have to be carefully wrapped to preserve it over the years. A special container has been purchased for the enclosure of these items for the next five decades. I hope that you can join us for the placing of the time capsule on January 31.

As we have been preparing for this gift that crosses the years, I have been wondering what First Baptist Church will be like in 2059. Considering the incredible changes that I have seen in my thirty years of ministry, I can only imagine what the next fifty years will bring for our church. How will the church of 2059 worship God? I know they will, but what will it look like and sound like? Who could have imagined a Contemporary Worship Service fifty years ago? How will the church members communicate? I know they will but what will it look like? I don't think that our church in 1959 imagined cell phones and e-mail! What will our church buildings look like in fifty years? Remember, fifty years ago our current buildings were only a dream.

Things change -- in fact they seem to be changing at a faster and faster pace. But things also stay the same. Fifty years from now we will still worship God, grow disciples, serve others, share the Good News with people who do not know it, and take the message all around the world. In the midst of all the swirling changes around us, God remains the same. We can find the anchor for our lives in that wondrous promise. So, let's plant a gift to the future . . . and leave things in the Hands of God.

Sunday, January 24, 2010

First Fellowship - 8:15 a.m.

Music by *Daybreak*

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sanctuary Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Parent-Child Dedication

Sanctuary Choir—

"His Voice as the Sound" —arr Shaw/Parker

Offertory duet—

Amy Helser, flute, and Susan Keene, basson

Sermon: *"Things Too Wonderful"*

Job 38:1-18; 40:1-9; 42:1-6

Ladies' Luncheon

12:00 Noon - Fellowship Hall- By reservation

Foundations for Life Classes

5:00 p.m.

GENEROSITY RESOLUTIONS FOR 2010

- I will daily receive God's generous grace and blessings.
- I will ask God to show me how I can be generous in this day.
- I will be generous with time for my family and friends.
- I will strive to hold a generous opinion of all persons.
- I will care for my body with regular exercise and healthy food.
- I will give generously in proportion to my wealth.
- I will teach my children to work, earn, give, save and then spend.
- I will go the second mile at work and/or school.
- I will listen and listen and listen even more before I speak.
- I will remember that we live in God's economy and abundance.

Ministry Calendar

Sunday, January 24

First Fellowship	8:15 AM
Library Open	9:00—9:15 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Library Open	10:10-10:45 AM
Sanctuary Worship	10:30 AM
Parent-Child Dedication	
Library Open	11:40 AM-12:00 PM
Ladies' Luncheon/FH	12:00 PM
MOPS Set-up/118	4:00 PM
Financial Peace/Parlor	4:00 PM
"Stretch Out Your Hand"/141	4:00 PM
Teen Proofing/309-310	5:00 PM
Foundations/FH	5:00 PM
"Parent Talk"/1008B	5:00 PM
"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage"/111	5:00 PM
Women's Bible Study/107	5:00 PM
Men's Bible Study/115	5:00 PM
Youth Choir/CR,140,343	5:00 PM
Youth Choir Snacks/241	6:00 PM

Monday, January 25

Women's BSF Leaders/FH	4:45 AM
MOPS/118	9:00 AM
Hallelujah Choir/CR	10:30 AM
BSF/Chapel,Parlor,3rd Floor,Chapel	5:00 PM

Tuesday, January 26

Spiritual Formations Grp./Parlor	7:00 AM
Tues. Morn. Intercuss./242	7:00 AM
Ministers' Mtg./Parlor	9:00 AM
Beth Moore Bible Study/342	9:00 AM
WEE Ministry/Chapel	9:30 AM
Staff Mtg./Parlor	10:30 AM
Music Staff/Parlor	1:00 PM
A20 Rehearsal/FH	5:00 PM
Boy Scouts, Trp. 70/312	7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 27

Precept Bible Study/342	9:00 AM
WEE/Chapel	9:30 AM
Library Open	10:00 AM—1:00 PM
Library Open	4:00—5:00 PM
Young Musicians Handbells	4:00 PM
Supper/FH	4:45 PM
History Comm/117	5:00 PM
M&M/2nd & 3rd Floors	5:20 PM
Beth Moore Bible Study/112	5:30 PM
Building Comm/114	5:30 PM
Men's Study Group/118	5:30 PM
YA Small Group/107	5:30 PM
Prayer Meeting/FH	5:45 PM
Lift-Off/309-310	6:00 PM
Orch. Reh./141, Sanct	6:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir/CR	7:00 PM

Thursday, January 28

Men's Fraternity	6:00 AM
Moms in Touch/Parlor	8:00 AM
ESL/1st Floor & FH	9:00 AM
Forum/107	6:00 PM
Daybreak/FH	6:30 PM

Friday, January 29

Men's BSF Leaders/Parlor	4:45 AM
Sanctuary Choir Retreat	7:00—9:00 PM
CR,241, Sanctuary, Parlor	

Saturday, January 30

MOPS N. Ala Council/118	8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Korean School/3rd Floor	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Sanctuary Choir Retreat	9:00 AM-12:00 PM
CR,241, Sanctuary, Parlor	9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Missions and Outreach

Mike Pearce, Minister of Missions and Outreach



Haiti Disaster Relief

We have received word that both SBC and CBF missionaries are safe in Haiti and in the Dominican Republic. Please pray for them as they face being on the front line for providing relief to the thousands affected by the earthquake.

Many have asked how they can help with the terrible disaster in Haiti. If you would like to make a donation, please come by the Finance Office and make your donation. If you would like to donate on Sunday you may drop your envelope in the offering. Make sure you write on your envelope "Haiti Disaster Relief" and whether you want it to go through SBC or CBF. I will print up some envelopes that already have Haiti Disaster Relief written on them and they will be at the East Welcome Center. Below are links to both groups and a way to donate online.

To mail a check directly, use this address for SBC donation and make the check out to Ala. Baptist State Board of Missions. Mail to Ala. Baptist State Board of Missions, Attn: Accounting Services, P.O. Box 11870, Montgomery, AL 36111-0870. Mark the check "For Haiti Disaster Relief."

To give through the SBC online use one of those two links. The first is through Alabama Baptist and the second is through the SBC Global Missions site - <http://www.alsbom.org/templates/System/details.asp?id=36469&PID=753329> or <http://www.baptistglobalresponse.com/new/giving.php>

The best way to donate to CBF is online or through the church Finance Office.

This is the online site for CBF - <https://www.thefellowship.info/Give/Donate.aspx?fund=17015>



PRAYER WALKING WEEK –

Sunday – Saturday, March 7 -13

We have a wonderful opportunity to help us focus on our community and neighborhoods as a part of the Easter to Easter Challenge. During this week we are asking Sunday School departments and classes to provide one or more prayer walking teams for that week. On Sunday, February 7, we will have a brief interest meeting right after both of the worship times. I will hand out a training DVD and written information for all who are interested. Don't miss one of the best ways to sense God's leadership as we continue to reach out to our community.

Habitat for Humanity Spring House Build – begins late February

We are gearing up for a spring build and will be enlisting volunteers in the next few weeks. If your class or department would like to volunteer for work or lunch be sure to see John Noblin or Mike Pearce. Here is what we will need:

- Work Volunteers
- Lunch Sponsors
- Volunteer Coordinator
- House Leaders
- Food Coordinators



We will have a complete schedule and volunteer sheets available in the next few weeks, so watch to see how you can be involved.

Recreation

Terry Lonergan, Christian Life Center Coordinator

The Christian Life Center has resumed our regular weekly hours:

Sun - closed	Mon - 8am—9pm
Tues - 8am—9pm	Wed - 8am—1pm
Thur - 8am—9pm	Fri - 8am—1pm
Sat - 8am—12noon	

*Reminder that during inclement weather (snow, tornados, etc) the CLC follows the Huntsville City School closing schedule.

Blood Profiles Are Coming...in February

The Recreation Ministry is teaming up with Huntsville Hospital again this year to bring you the opportunity to have a complete blood work-up administered at a greatly reduced price. These Blood Profiles will be available beginning **February 1st**. Blood work must be completed at a participating lab by **February 28th**, so you have the entire month of February to take advantage of this offer. Look for more info in next week's Messenger. **Please note that we cannot hand out Blood Profile forms until February 1st**

Children's Ministries

Cindy Russell, Minister to Children

Nathan Finn - A.A., Waycross College; B.A., Brewton-Parker College; M.Div., Ph.D., Southeastern Seminary. Teaching at Southeastern since 2006.

While I was in college I served on several church staffs in short-term positions. One of the things that continually bothered me is the lack of overt Christian conviction so many parents showed in respect to how they raise their children. These weren't just the halfhearted church "members" who show up only for special holidays and controversial church conferences. Many of them were committed members of the church, even spiritual leaders. They served as deacons, Sunday School teachers, and committee chairpersons. They sang in the choir. They prayed publicly in worship services. They probably had daily devotions. Unfortunately, too many of them did not actively minister to their children.

I have often reflected on reasons why so many of these parents could be open about their faith at church, yet do little or nothing when it came to actively teaching their children about the Christian faith. There are probably several reasons, but I think one looms above all the rest: These parents had abdicated their role as the shepherds of their children's hearts. This is partly because pastors have failed to teach their people what it means to be a Christian parent.

I doubt this relinquishing was a deliberate act for most of these parents. The majority of them no doubt desired to be godly parents and raise godly children. Unfortunately, when it came to practice, the spiritual nurture of their children ultimately became the job of the church. There were Sunday School classes where the kids could memorize Scripture and learn about God. There were children's choirs where the kids could sing songs to God. There were children's ministries where the kids could have fun in a Christian atmosphere under Christian supervision. There were of course Vacation Bible Schools where the kids could have Christian-oriented summer activities.

Each of these things are good and useful ministries in many local churches. The problem is these ministries are meant to be supplementary to what parents do within their homes. They were never supposed to take the place of Christian parents teaching and training and loving and praying their children into the Kingdom of God themselves. I fear that too few parents today have the privilege of leading their children to faith in Christ. That has become the job of church camps, VBS teachers, and pastors.

Our churches need more parents who will strive to be deliberately Christian in the way in which they raise their children. This doesn't just mean raising their children in a home where Christian values abound, though that is critically important. It means actually parenting in such a way as to seek to lead your lost children to saving faith in Jesus Christ, then actively helping them to grow in that faith.

The good news is that there are some encouraging trends in evangelicalism that just might help bring about a needed reformation in Christian parenting. Many families have family devotions, where they regularly gather together to read the Bible together and discuss what they find. They pray together as a family, and many also sing hymns of praise together. This can be scary for many parents because it means somebody (ideally the father) has to actually teach their family what specific Bible passages mean. Fortunately, there are many resources available for the parent who is somewhat intimidated about leading their family in formal devotions. Many Christian bookstores carry a variety of helps for the parent interested in leading family devotions. It is wonderful that so many families are realizing that worship is not just for the church, but for the household as well. Here are some useful web-sites: <http://d6family.com/splink> and <http://www.famtime.com/go/>

As our culture becomes increasingly decadent, the time is now for parents to raise their children under the lordship of Jesus Christ. If we do not, we may well lose them. We cannot count on our local churches to do what God has called believing fathers and mothers to do.

FYI

Menu

Wednesday, January 27

Adults

Pork Tenderloin - Italian Green Beans
Pineapple Casserole - Roll
Dessert

Salad

Fried Chicken Salad
(Reservations for salad must be turned in by noon on Wednesday.)

Kid's Meal

Pizza, Fruit, Cookie, Milk

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Not available due to bank holiday.

ATTENDANCE - January 17, 2010

Sunday School

Preschool	82
Children	140
Students	124
Adults	683
Brookdale—Regular Attenders	15
New Members	3
Visitors	68
TOTAL	1115

Worship Attendance

First Fellowship	338
Sanctuary Worship	695
TOTAL	1033

Wellness Screenings of America

Screening for: Stroke (Carotid),
Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Artery,
Diabetes & High Blood Pressure

CLC Patio Room

Monday, February 15

9:00 am to 2:00 pm

and Saturday, February 27

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Contact Wes Robinson to schedule appointments, 256-760-4390, or toll free: 877-616-4244, or e-mail wes.robinson2005@gmail.com

Risk Factors: Family history, Overweight, Smoke, Drink, High Cholesterol, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure

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Experienced Adult Ministry

Mark Seanor, Minister to Experienced Adults

If you are 55+ and single, consider this your special invitation to attend....



Thursday, February 11, 2010
9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
Cost: \$10
Monte Sano State Park Lodge

The purpose of this **Special Event** on this **Special Day** is to come together for a time of laughter, fun, spiritual enrichment, promise and hope.

Special Guest Speaker: Jim Chester*

*Jim Chester is not only an award-winning professional illusionist and comic; he is a committed Christian as well. His program illustrates deception and, more importantly, it proclaims the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His use of magic tricks and comedy allows him to reach many who may not respond to more traditional methods of outreach. Jim is an adept entertainer, but also a powerful speaker.

Awards and Positions... New Orleans area "Magician of the Year",
Twice Louisiana "Close-up Magician of the Year"
National Finalist on Showtime Television's "Funniest Man in America" contest

*For reservations, contact the Adult Ministries Office
at 428-9403.
Deadline to sign up: Sunday, February 7th
Limited seating.*

Family Matters

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Family and friends of our Sunday School member, **Chester Cheney**, especially to his wife, **Marilyn Cheney**

Velma Mitchum in the loss of her sister, **Inez Holloway**

Karen & Nelson Parker in the loss of her father and **Emily and Matthew Parker** in the loss of their grandfather, **Lawrence Gregg**

John & Jean Wiggins in the loss of his brother, **Bill Wiggins**

OUR NEWEST

Hannah Katherine Barbre, daughter of **Sarah and B.J. Barbre**, 331 Jasmine, Madison, AL 35757, born January 13, 2010. Proud grandmother is **Fran Lucas Fluhler**, and great-grandparents **Jack and Evelyn Lucas**.

MEET FBC! CLASS

"You are on the right track having this vision of a class to help new folks transition tin the church. Thanks for your care, prayer, and concern for us new folks."

These were words shared by a participant in our Meet FBC! class. What a wonderful and informative experience this has been not only for class members, but also for our ministerial staff. It has also been an opportunity to meet others who are fairly new to the church. During our 12 weeks together, we learn not only about the ministries of our church but how they might affect each of us.

We are planning to begin another session on February 14. If you have been a part of the church for less than a year, would you consider being a part of our Meet FBC! class? Please contact the Adult Ministries office for details.