

The State of the Church

Where are we? Where have we been? Where are we going?

Article II of the church's constitution gives our **PURPOSE** as:

The First Baptist Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, exists to advance and promote the worship of God through:

- the reading and study of the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God;
- teaching and preaching the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
- providing spiritual training and development for the winning of souls to Jesus Christ;
- ministering in love to the needs of people in Jesus' name.

The Greatest Commandment – Mark 12:28-31 (Matt. 22:34-40)

1. Love God = Worship
2. Love Neighbor = Ministry

The Great Commission – Matt. 28:18-20 (Mk. 16:15; Luke 24:47-49; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)

3. Go & make disciples = Missions
4. Baptize disciples = Fellowship
5. Teach disciples = Discipleship

The Great Church - Acts 2:41-47

1. Worship (42,43,47)
2. Missions (44,45)
3. Ministry (43,45,47)
4. Fellowship (41,42,44,45,46)
5. Discipleship (41,42,47)

The First Baptist Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, exists to advance and promote the **WORSHIP** of God through:

- the reading and study of the Holy Bible as the inspired word of God (**DISCIPLESHIP**);
- teaching and preaching the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (**MISSIONS**);
- providing spiritual training and development (**FELLOWSHIP**) for the winning of souls to Jesus Christ;
- ministering (**MINISTRY**) in love to the needs of people in Jesus' name.

Does a **Great Commitment** to the Greatest Commandment and the Great Commission make a Great Church?

Let's make that Great Commitment and see what God will do!

Philippians 3:13-14 - "Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus." (HCSB)

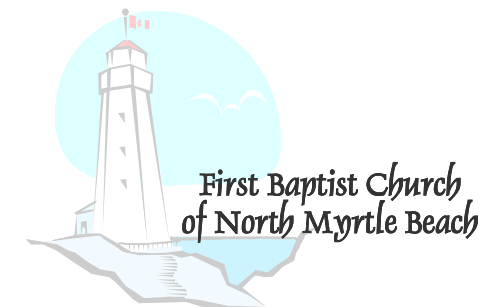


Morning Worship Services

January 11, 2009

Prelude	<i>We're Marching to Zion</i>	Phillips
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>Seek Ye First Better Is One Day</i>	Lafferty Redman
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:41-47	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn	<i>He Touched Me</i>	Gaither
Offertory	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	Sprunger
Sermon Text	Philippians 3:13-14	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>The Longer I Serve Him Take Time to Be Holy</i>	Choir Choir
Message	"The State of the Church"	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 294	<i>Have Thine Own Way Lord</i>	Pollard
Benediction		Rev. Hayes

The flowers on the altar this morning are in celebration of Kayla LaPierre's 16th birthday. We are proud of your accomplishments and how you are growing in the Lord. With much love, Mom, Dad, Tyler and Katie



Welcome to Worship

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14

Evening Worship Service

January 11, 2009

Message	Heavenly Wages	Dr. Gambrell
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Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.

Front Door: Bill and Lynda Hoke
Side Door: Gene and Imogene Blackmon
Drive-Thru: Paul and Cindy Prevatte
Welcome Desk: Bobbie Brannon

Today's Ushers

8:30 a.m. Ray Mason and John Stinson
11:00 a.m. Gary Carroll, Russell Courtney, J.L. Dunlow, George Lowe, Ashley McLamb
6:30 p.m. Ron Bruce

Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.

Nursery: Reta Bailey
Children's Church: Ashley Jackson

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

The total commitments made for the three year period to the Building on Our Heritage Campaign was \$1,335,442.00. During the month of December contributions toward that commitment totaled \$17,532.38. Total contributions to date (May 07 - Dec 08, 20 months) total \$757,695.05. Thanks to each of you as you continue to fulfill your commitments.

English as a Second Language Begins January 13

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes will start Tuesday night January 13 from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Adult Workers Sunday School classroom (B105). For more information contact the church office.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday—February 1

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday is February 1 when we bring cans of hardy soup or spaghetti sauce to help feed the needy in our community. During both morning worship services, our RAs will be at the doors of the sanctuary to collect your dollars. You can put the soup and spaghetti sauce down front on either side of the altar or in the gray mission boxes around the church. All food and money stays right here for North Strand Helping Hand and/or Street Reach.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 p.m.

*English as a Second Language (ESL)
Adult Workers Sunday School Class (B105)*

Thursday, January 15

6:00 p.m.

*Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, January 21

6:30 p.m.

Quarterly Church Conference

Friday, January 30

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

*Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference
Myrtle Beach Community Church*

Saturday, January 31

8:00 a.m.

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Begins

Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Observance of the Lord's Supper

February 17-27

*Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
Pick Up Brochures at the Church Office*

Sunday, March 15

*Upward Basketball/Cheerleading
Awards Celebration*

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Children's Music	5:50 p.m.
Personnel Meeting	5:30 p.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
TeamKID	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Discover Together Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
Discover Together Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
ESL	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Thursday

Budget and Finance Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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8:30 & 11:00 services are being broadcast live
on the church web-site: www.fbcnmb.com