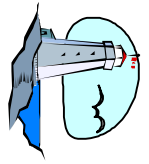


The Current

January 2008

He who wins souls is wise.
Proverbs 11:30



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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. —Psalm 150:6

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on the church web-site: www.fbcnmb.com

Upcoming Events!

February 2008

February 1-8 Guatemala Mission Trip

February 3—Observance of the Lord's Supper (both morning worship services)

February 3—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

March 2008

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 2—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

March 9—Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 10-14—Mobile Meals

March 16—Palm Sunday and Easter Cantata

March 20—Maundy Thursday

March 23—Easter

April 2008

April 6—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Quarterly Church Conference

May 2008

May 4—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

May 12-16—Mobile Meals

June 2008

June 1—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Vacation Bible School

July 2008

July 13—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

July 14-18—Mobile Meals

July 22-25—Youth Summer Camp

Quarterly Church Conference

August 2008

August 3—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Nomination of Deacons

Nominating Committee Report

September 2008

September 7—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

September 15-19—Mobile Meals

October 2008

October 5—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

Quarterly Church Conference

November 2008

November 2—4:30 pm Deacon's Meeting

November 17-21—Mobile Meals

December 2008

December 8—Widow/Widowers Banquet

Children's Christmas Musical

Christmas Cantata

Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service

Gift Based Deacon Ministry

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HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOME TEAM

Homebound and Nursing Home Team is the periodic visit with members of the church confined to their home or a resident of a nursing home because of age, illness, or other infirmity. The purpose of the visit is to inform of church news, to share spiritual blessings, to discover practical needs, and to support prayerfully the confined church member.

Contact: Fred Kinser

Charles Barr	Duke Foyle	Ken Plummer
A.J. Edge	Darrell Perkins	Miles Snipes

FAMILY SERVICES/KINGS KARPENTERS TEAM

Responsibility to determine needs of members that are unable to keep up maintenance of their homes due to poor health, age or finances. The work is to be done within the talents and abilities of team members working with the present Kings Carpenter group.

Contact: Kevin Rape

Chip Bellamy	Scott Harmon	Will Lockamy	Mickey Walsler
Ron Ball	Bill Hoke	Bronson Summers	

SECURITY TEAM

The security team works for the safety and protection of members as they come to church. Responsibilities include not only protection from crime, but also protection from physical injury caused by physical problems in the buildings and on the grounds. Traffic problems should also be addressed. Administer the security program adopted by the church.

Contact: Boo Boo Todd

Ron Ball	Mason Collins	Porter Kennington	Paul Prevatte
Chip Bellamy	Hank Crawford	Will Lockamy	Dwain Spivey
Chris Bellamy	Larry Criminger	Ted Medler	Mickey Walsler
David Bell	Bill Hoke	Tom Parrott	Raymond Wilson
Ralph Bussey	Winston Jones	Ken Plummer	

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Leadership development is the training of deacons in the various aspects of deacon ministry to keep deacons informed and equipped for ministry and spiritual leadership. This team will be responsible for deacon retreats as well as short term training courses. They also inform the deacons of denominational and other training opportunities.

Contact: Thurmon McLamb

Charles Barr	Ralph Bussey	Bronson Summers
Gene Blackmon	Mike Lewis	

Pastor's Pen

This is being written during the holidays and before Christmas day. My prayer for you continues to be that you will have a meaningful and blessed Christmas season as you celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and a New Year in the center of His good and perfect will for your life. Here is a verse to help us look to the future as God's children.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

We do not know what this year will bring our way, but we do know God who does know and who will be with us the whole time.

There are some items that need our prayer and attention in the coming months.

- **Upward Basketball** practices have begun and games are on Saturdays in January and February
- **Building on Our Heritage** campaign will continue throughout this year
- **Master Planning Committee** will continue to meet on Phase II (the new sanctuary)
- **Experiencing God** series will begin in January on Sunday nights for approximately three months
- **Risk Astle**, our Director of Missions, will lead our prayer meetings in February on the subject of prayer
- **40 Days of Community** will be part of our church year either in the spring or early fall

Prayer must undergird all of these exciting opportunities of ministry God is providing for us. **Seriously**, prayer does and will make a difference for these ministries! So, let's pray.

Praying for you,
John Gambrell

Family News

By Dwain Hayes
Family Minister



Upward Basketball—With Upward basketball every child will play, every child will learn, and most importantly every child is a winner. Upward is a valuable outreach tool which creates the opportunity for our students to bring their neighbors, friends, and even family members to play, watch and most importantly listen to students having fun and hearing and seeing God's word in action. A few facts about Upward so far and the season hasn't even started yet: **63** total players; **22** K-4-K-5; **26** 1st-3rd; **15** 4th-6th; 4 teams per league, 24 coaches; 16 churches represented; 17 players with no church affiliation; over 50 prayer warriors; and lots of volunteers and workers when the season starts. Registration is over BUT *no child will ever be turned away*. Ages are kindergarten thru 6th grade. Practices began in December (only once a week) and games start Saturday, January 12 for 8 weeks.

Celebration Sunday is March 9. It's a season ending celebration ceremony for players, coaches, families, volunteers and our church family. Many have asked how you can help so to make our first year a big success. People are needed to pray for our league, teams and families. Coaches are needed—you don't have to be ready for the NBA but be willing to share your knowledge of the game of basketball and lead a devotional each week. We have a book and DVD that will teach you everything you need to know. Greetfers will be needed to welcome everyone each week. Referees are needed. We have a book and DVD that will teach you everything you need to know. Contact Dwain or the church office if you are interested in helping.

Family Life Center Events in 2007

Homecoming was the first. The entire church family has been able to sit together as a family and enjoy a meal.

Greg Rowles in Testimony and Song—over 250 in attendance

Area Youth Rally— over 150 teenagers, band Over Flow and 5 youth pastors sharing their hearts about the Christmas story.

Upward Basketball—overall around 200 people have had some part in helping, planning and playing.

Walkers—we have some walking each day, 16 times around is a mile.

2008 promises to be a bigger and better year in the FLC, a survey will be going out to our Sunday School classes in early January. Your ideas and interest will be appreciated.

Youth Summer Camp—July 22-25. We have 40 spots this year. A \$50 deposit is being taken now.

AWANA—Sunday Nights 5:30-7:30. If you have a young student who is not yet involved, please bring them and watch them grow in their spiritual walk with the Lord.

RA's and GAs—Wednesday nights 6:30-7:30—This mission minded program is designed to help our students grow not only in their walk with the Lord, but also see how our SBC missionaries are reaching out to those around the world. RA and GA camps are coming up soon, don't miss out this year.

Children's Musical—DVDs are available in the church office.

Adult Cantata—DVDs are available in the church office. Audio CD is also available.

Building & Trust Funds	Building Checking Account	Building C D Account	Total Bldg. Funds Balance	Kinlaw Memorial Trust Fund	Building Offering Goals	
					Goal Amount	Actual Over(Under)
Beginning Acct. Balances 11/1/2007:	212,206.91	309,838.71	522,045.62	91,642.01		
Receipts for the Month:						
Building Fund Offerings:	25,424.27		25,424.27			
Building Fund Memorials:	50.00		50.00			
Total, This Months Offerings & Mem.:	25,474.27		25,474.27			25,474.27
Interest Receipts:	9.96		9.96			
Other Misc. Receipts:						
Loan Principal Receipts:	511,183.05		511,183.05			
Total Receipts for the Month:	536,667.28		536,667.28			
Disbursements for the Month:						
Operating Disbursements:	(633,069.96)		(633,069.96)			
Loan Interest Disbursements:	(13,470.32)		(13,470.32)			
Loan Principal Disbursements:						
Total Disbursements for the Month:	(646,540.28)		(646,540.28)			
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Month:	(109,873.00)		(109,873.00)			
Transfers In or Out:						
Ending Acct. Balances 11/30/2007:	102,333.91	309,838.71	412,172.62	91,642.01		
Year-To-Date Offerings & Memorials:	342,154.62		342,154.62			342,154.62
Year-To-Date Building Funds Interest:	74.62	9,531.84	9,606.46			9,606.46
Year-To-Date Kinlaw Mem. Interest:				3,775.86		
Building Program; Church Debt (Loan) Balances						
11/01/07 Debt Balance	Plus Loan Principal Rec'd.	Less Loan Principal Pmts.		11/30/07 Debt Balance		
\$ 2,083,346.90	\$ 511,183.05	\$ -		\$ 2,594,529.95		

**First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach
Monthly Treasurer's Report
November, 2007**

Budget & Designated Funds	Church Operating Checking Account		Budget CD Account Total	Budget Offering Goals	
	Budget Funds	Designated Funds		Goal Amount	Actual Over(Under)
Beginning Acct. Balances 11/01/2007:	111,068.64	33,872.13	45,252.54	53,492.67	(8,990.34)
Receipts for the Month:					
This Month's Budget Offerings:	44,502.33				
Budget Accts - Interest Receipts:	-				
Designated Offerings:		1,984.00			
Building Fund - Offerings In:					
Total Receipts for the Month:	44,502.33	1,984.00	46,486.33		
Disbursements for the Month:					
Budget Disbursements:	(52,123.11)		(52,123.11)		
Designated Disbursements:		(3,696.80)	(3,696.80)		
Building Fund - Offerings Out:					
Total Disbursements for the Month:	(52,123.11)	(3,696.80)	(55,819.91)		
Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Month:	(7,620.78)	(1,712.80)	(9,333.58)		
Transfers In or Out:					
Ending Acct. Balances 11/30/2007:	103,447.86	32,159.33	135,607.19		
Year-To-Date Budget Offerings:	556,465.24			588,419.37	(31,954.13)
Year-To-Date Budget Interest:	51.44				1,244.66
Total Budget Funds Available as of 11/30/2007:	111,068.64	148,700.40	(Budget Checking & CD Funds)	588,419.37	1,244.66

To God be the Glory!

By Kathleen Gambrell
Music Director



Kathleen's Notes

It seems unbelievable that 2007 has come and gone. As we face 2008, it is my prayer that whatever we encounter in this New Year, we will face in the strength that God alone gives us. Some of you have had a difficult year, yet it has been amazing to see the beauty of God shining through you during your trials. You have been an example to us all. The scripture verses I have chosen to emulate this year can be found in Philippians 4:4-9. One of the prevailing themes in this passage is the "peace of God." In this very unsettling world and times, it is my prayer we will all experience the peace that passes all understanding that is found in God alone.

I want to thank you all for your outpouring of appreciation for the children's musical and the adult cantata. It helps to know what you are feeling, and I put any notes you send on our choir board for all to enjoy. From your comments, the Holy Spirit moved in many people's hearts as we sang of our Lord's birth. That is what it is all about. To God be the glory!

One of my resolutions for the New Year is the start of a creative arts ministry for girls. Please stay tuned for more details! You saw a little of what this will entail in the Christmas cantata, from signing to streamers. I am excited about being able to keep up this ministry on a more regular basis than the two cantatas. If you are interested in being a part of this, please contact the church office.

As we start the New Year, remember verse four of Philippians 4: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" For that Savior who was born in the manger is the Savior who died on the cross and rose again to give us hope, love, peace and joy. It is He who will give us the wisdom, the strength and the courage to face the year ahead.

Deacon of the Month

By Thurmon McLamb

During the last three years my main focus at First Baptist has been toward our building program (Building on Our Heritage). My hope in it's success is that our membership will grasp the mission of those who came before us. Being a member since 1951 I have been privileged to witness for 57 years the motivation, strength, desire and determination of First Baptist.



There is no question of our success if we all work together. My prayer is that we all seize this opportunity to be a part of building on our heritage.

By Cindy Parker
Child Development Center Director

Our December 4 Christmas musical gave us a great start for the holidays!



The children filled the sanctuary with angelic voices, while their parents watched with much anticipation! The staff and I had a sigh of relief after all the characters made their way to the stage. There was Mary and Joseph, a donkey, a cow, two white doves, a sheep, ten angels and a choir! The stage was filled with little angel faces! My Christmas wish this year is that as these children grow, they will never forget this very special night and the true reason for Christmas.

Our mission project for December was collecting donations for Fostering Hope. Fostering Hope is a local charity that provides clothing and other necessities for children placed in foster care.

Their greatest need in 2007 was new toys and clothing for children ages birth to 18 months; however, any donations were greatly appreciated. I ask that you keep all of these children in your prayers in 2008. In His Service—Cindy Parker

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40



This conference is designed to encourage women in their relationship with God and empower for a lifestyle of compassionate, international witness for Jesus Christ. Tickets are \$25 (not including lunch) and must be purchased by noon on January 8 at the Lunch Bunch meeting. Contact Beady Moore (272-7786) or Phyllis Medler (399-6214). We will leave the church parking lot (office side) at 8:30 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m. A poster with photos and info about the speakers is on the bulletin board near the church office.

Gift Based Deacon Ministry

This is a description of the remaining eight gift based deacon ministry teams and their members.

GRIEF RECOVERY TEAM

Grief recovery is the personal support during the time of death in the church family. Contacts may include visits to the family before the funeral, visits to the funeral home or contacts at home after the funeral. The purpose is to communicate compassion of the church family as the member faces grief.

Contact: Dwain Spivey

Gene Blackmon Wayne Carey Scott Harmon Dalphon Thompson

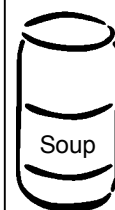
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION (ASSIMILATION)/MEBER RECLAMATION TEAM

New member orientation is the personal contact to inform a new member about the church and its ministry. This contact may include the invitation to various activities of the church and the offer of the deacon new member team's help in assisting the new member to become involved in the life of the church. Members who have stopped attending will be visited.

Contact: Wayne Carey

David Bell Porter Kennington Ken Plummer Dwain Spivey
Ralph Bussey Mike Lewis Myron Pritchard Boo Boo Todd

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2008
"SOUP"ER BOWL
February 3



Bring cans of hardy soup
or spaghetti sauce

Our RAs will be at the doors of the sanctuary at the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. 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 at home—North Strand Helping Hand and/or Street Reach.

Mark your calendar for February 3rd, 2008 to be part of the nation's largest youth-led day of giving and serving.



JANUARY



Ushers, Greeters, Nursery and Children's for Church Volunteers for January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Don Rice	5
6	7 Colene Blalock	8 Mamie Cooley Cathleen Floyd Mike Murphy	9 Annie Nobles	10 Meredith Rankin	11 Nesbeth Fisher	12 Annette Caldwell
13 Jennie Cecile Ashtin Bellamy	14 Paul Smith Michele Herman Kayla LaPierre	15 Micky Phillips Keith Bellamy Matt Ryder	16 Steven Hart Lisa Bell	17 Paul Prevatte	18 Dianne Straub Chris Rogers	19 Harvey Dulin Joel Mason
20 Dan Cooley	21 Barbara Timmerman Ashley Earnhardt	22 Mickey Walsler	23 Juanita Young	24 Jan Mason Wilbur McLamb	25	26 Charles Holmes
27 Monroe Tickle Faye Bellamy Susie Bellamy	28 Dicky King James Evans Nathan Neagles Madison Knight	29 Harry Kesterson	30 Emma Ward Fred Kinser	31 Ted Medler Susie Horne	 <p>The December "Current" listed Jane Gladden's December 11 birthday as Jane Medlin. We're sorry for the mistake and hope Jane had a nice birthday.</p>	

	JAN 6	JAN 13	JAN 20	JAN 27
USHERS				
8:30 a.m.	Bill Hoke and Raymond Wilson	Leon Hayes, Paul Prevatte	Ken Plummer, Boo Boo Todd	Duke Foyle, Chip McIntyre
11:00 a.m.	Mike Lewis, Jennings Livingston, Porter Kennington, Bronson Summers, Albert Wheless	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith	Charles Barr, Pete Bellamy, Charles Brewer, Ralph Bussey, Tracy Edge	David Bell, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau III, Ray Cooper, Kenny McLamb
6:30 a.m.	Ted Medler, Myron Pritchard	Ron Ball, Ron Bruce	Wayne Carey, Dwain Spivey	Elaine Collins, Mason Collins
GREETERS				
Front Door	Chuck and Bren Collins	Dean and Joyce Britt	Boo Bo Todd and A.J. Edge	Ben and Lavon McSwain
Side Door B Wing	Gene and Louise Gore	Ann Harper and Sandy Hawley	Ron and Sandy Bruce	Imogene and Gene Blackmon
Drive Thru	Paul and Cindy Prevatte	Charles and Linda Riffle	Lynda Cole and CeCe McComb	Ron and Margaret Ball
Welcome Desk	Lois Bellamy	Bobbie Brannon	Mot Carroll	Nesbeth Fisher
NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH				
Nursery	Cheri Lewis	Melissa Hulett	Connie Keeter	Jennifer Carter
Children's Church	Charlie and Natalie Bellamy	Kim Rue	Ashley Jackson	Charlotte Bruton



<p>SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Choir Practice 8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service 5:30 AWANA 6:30 Evening Worship & Youth</p>

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH JANUARY 2008

Upward Basketball Practice



Monday,
Tuesday,
Thursday,
5:00 & 6:00 P.M.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 5:30 pm—Personnel Mtg. 6:30 pm Prayer Service & Youth Worship 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice 8:00 pm 12 Step Program	63 7:30 am King's Carpenters	4	5 7:30 am—Men's Prayer Break- fast @ Friendly's
6 Deacons' Meeting 5:30 pm—AWANA starts back	7 11:15 Handbell choir 8:00 pm 12 Step Program	8 8:00 am and/or 7:00 pm— Discover Together Bible Study 9:45 am Nifty Fifty 11:30 am—Lunch Bunch @ Boulineaus 7:00 pm—ESL	9 6:30 pm Prayer Service & Youth Worship 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice 8:00 pm 12 Step Program	10 7:30 am King's Carpenters	11	12 <i>Upward Basketball Begins!</i> 
						
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27	28 11:15 Handbell choir 8:00 pm 12 Step Program	29 8:00 am and/or 7:00 pm— Discover Together Bible Study 7:00 pm—ESL	30 6:30 pm Prayer Service & Youth Worship 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Practice 8:00 pm 12 Step Program	31 7:30 am King's Carpenters		