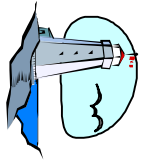


The Current

January 2009

Encourage one another
and build each other up.
1 Th. 5:11



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In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—1 Thes. 5:18

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Upcoming Events!

January 2009

January 4—Deacons' Meeting

January 21—Quarterly Church Conference

February 2009

February 1—Deacons' Meeting

February 1—Souper Bowl of Caring

February 17– 27—Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

March 2009

March 1—Deacons' Meeting

April 2009

April 5—Deacons' Meeting

April 5—Palm Sunday

April 12—Easter Sunday

Quarterly Church Conference

May 2009

May 3—Deacons' Meeting

June 2009

June 7—Deacons' Meeting

July 2009

July 12—Deacons' Meeting

Quarterly Church Conference

August 2009

August 2—Deacons' Meeting

Nomination of Deacons

Nominating Committee Report



From Helen Sizemore

I love my church family! I cannot begin to tell you what your cards, prayers, telephone calls, visits, food, etc. has meant to me over the past several months during Oakley's illness and passing away. I do not know what I would have done without the love and support from each one of you. May God continue to bless you.

From Tom Cruise, Phoenix Base, Iraq

Greetings: Thank you for the beautiful beanie babies. It gives me nice gifts for all the girls when I give soccer balls to boys as I travel through Iraq. I've been here two years and this is a historic time in the world. Your gifts will help win the hearts of children and that is the future. Shu Kran (thank you)

From Philip J. Rechnitzer 3/205th Corps

Thank you so much for the box of beanie babies you sent us, that was absolutely fantastic! What we didn't use, we of course donated to the Afghans. Please be advised that the Afghans absolutely LOVE American goodies. In fact, the Afghan Commander here, General Mohaiden, will take your box and give them to the boys and girls in remote villages of Helmand Province, such as Garamser, Quershk, Musa Qala, and Lashkar Gah. Your packages help me a great deal in developing strong relationships with the Afghans, trust me. Because of your dedicated efforts, we're far more successful than before, thank you so much! Your help definitely is a large part of our work to develop friendly relationships with our Afghan hosts. Thank you so very, very much for your thoughtfulness!

From Peggy Edge

I would like to thank those who Christmas caroled at my house, being with me and holding me up in the Lord's love.

From Jennifer Carter

I would like to start this new year with an enormous thank you to my church family. The continued support and prayers have kept me going through the hardest time in my life. My family and distant friends that came to be with me during Al's funeral were overwhelmed by the love shown by everyone here. I was proud to show them what true Christian love is about and I will forever be grateful to all of you. Al loved all of you very much and knew that you would continue to lift me up with God's love. I wish a blessed new year for everyone in our church family.

Congratulations to Mike and Sherry!



Please join us in congratulating Mike and Sherry Baldasarre on the birth of their first child, a son, Michael Alexander. Michael was born Monday, December 8 and weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 20" long. He also the maternal grandson of Helen Sizemore and James Smith and the paternal grandson of Michael and Helen Baldasarre.

"Discover Together" Bible Study

The "Discover Together" Bible Study on 1st, 2nd and 3rd John begins Tuesday, January 6 in the Friends in Christ classroom. Choose a time that is most convenient for you, either 8:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Snowbirds and visitors are welcomed. For more information contact Jan or Ray Mason at 910-579-0666.

Pastor's Pen

Ready or not 2009 is upon us. I hope you are ready for the New Year the Lord has planned for you. I trust you had a merry Christmas and I pray that you will have a blessed New Year!

There are many challenges we face as a nation, as families, as individuals and as the church. If ever the world and our country needed help from God, now is that time. There are many, many problems we could talk about. It is so much easier to curse the darkness rather than light a candle. As Christians we are to let the light of Jesus Christ shine through our lives so that those around us will see the Answer to their needs. Jesus Christ is not only the 'Reason for the Season', but He is also the author and giver of life. He is God and He knows all and has all power to do that which others may consider impossible. We must continually look to Him for all our needs and direct the world to Him for solutions.

The greatest need in the world is spiritual! The Gospel of Jesus Christ must be delivered to every part of the world. We, the church, have the responsibility to get this good news to all people. Salvation is the greatest need every individual has or ever will have. Praying, giving, going, and telling is what the church must be doing in order to be faithful in fulfilling the Great Commission.

The Lord wants to use First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach this year to make an eternal difference in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the uttermost parts of the world. Let's make sure we cooperate with the Lord and not resist Him. Let's make that our prayer.

I just had a most enjoyable, informative and inspiring visit at www.lifeway.com. This is the Southern Baptist's new name (LifeWay) for the old Sunday School Board. It is amazing to see how much information and helpful material they have available on their web site. If you are involved in church in any way, there will be many points of interest and help for you. Please check it out and visit them on a regular basis.

Looking forward to what the Lord has in 2009,
Your pastor

PS: You can still go to Israel with us on February 17-27. If you are interested, call the church office for details.

FAMILY NEWS

6:30—7:30 pm

Family Life Center Pre K - 6th Grade

Starting Sunday night Jan. 4



TeamKID is a fun, high-energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him.

Llantwit Fardre, Wales Mission Trip

When: April 4-11, 2009

Application and \$200 deposit due Wednesday, January 7th.



BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

185 children participating this year.
First game is Saturday Jan. 31.
Games start at 8:00 am and the last game starts at 2:00 pm.



If you would like to be a volunteer on these Saturdays, please come to a volunteer training on Sunday Jan. 25th at 5:00 pm in the FLC.

NJMB High school Basketball team will have a basketball clinic for coaches and players on Saturday Jan. 24, from 9:00—11:00 am.

	Beginning Acct. Balances	Beginning Church Credits	Building U.S. Account	Total Budget Funds	Ministry Expenses	Ending Offering Center
Beginning Acct. Balances	11/1/2008	104,179.81	319,370.59	423,550.20	91,642.01	
Receipts for the Month:						
Building Fund Offerings		5,700.00				
Building Fund Members		2,010.00				
Total This Month's Offerings & Mem.		7,710.00				
Disbursements for the Month:						
Construction Receipts		31,529.96		31,529.96		
Less: Deposited Receipts						
Construction Disbursements		7,710.00		7,710.00		
Less: Board Disbursements		800.00				
Less: Projects Disbursements		770.00				
Total Disbursements for the Month:		40,809.96		39,239.96		
Ending Acct. Balances	11/30/2008	195,701.87	319,370.59	455,072.46	91,642.01	
Year-to-Date Offerings & Membership		25,132.47				
Year-to-Date Building Funds Interest		228.00				
Year-to-Date Building Fund Interest						
11/30/08 Total Balance		220,062.34				
11/30/08 Total Balance						2,520,565.88

First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach
Monthly Treasurer's Report
November, 2008


Budget & Designated Funds	Church Operating Checking Account		Budget CD Account Total	Budget Checking Code	
	Budget Funds	Assigned Funds		Food Account	Special Offering
Beginning Acct Balances Receipts for the Month:	11,080.36	47,043.65	46,700.98		
This Month's Budget Offering					
Budget Accts - Various Funds	28,140.00				
Designated Offerings		1,638.00			
Building Fund - Offering in					
Total Receipts for the Month:	94,140.36	1,638.00	95,778.90		
Disbursements for the Month:					
Budget Disbursements	67,553.46				
Designated Disbursements	3,965.35				
Special Fund - Offering Cash					
Total Disbursements for the Month:	67,558.14	(4,508.26)	62,466.40		
Net Available Cash for the Month:	26,582.22	6,146.26	32,728.48		
The Cash on Hand					
Ending Acct. Balances	47,662.52	44,083.39	46,700.98		
Cash on Hand	26,582.22				
Year-To-Date Budget Interest					
Total Budget Funds Available as of 11/30/2008:		94,363.60	94,363.60		

A Note from Kathleen

By Kathleen Gambrell

Words cannot begin to express my humble gratitude to all those who helped make the Christmas cantata a blessed and moving event. So many were involved—both in front and behind the scenes. Your dedication, hard work, and your love for the Lord made the cantata a beautiful offering of praise to our Lord. Thank you all, and may you have a blessed New Year. Philippians 1:3 and 4.

Congratulations to Sarah and Don!

 Please join us in congratulating Sarah Fabrizio and Don Williams on the birth of their daughter, Kourtney Jade, born December 16. She is the little sister of Evelyn Rose and the 14th great grandchild of Shirley and Harry Kesterson.

Welcome New Members!



Margaret and Bill Hawkins



John, James, Vita & Gary Savage

Jennifer and Dakotah Cook
 Julia Lynn Cook



The CDC—Ready for 2009!

By Cindy Parker



The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) has a code of ethical conduct which our CDC embraces. The primary focus of the code is on daily practices with children and their families. Standards of ethical behavior in early childhood care and education are based on commitment to the following core values that are deeply rooted in the history of the field of early childhood care and education. We have

made a commitment for 2009 to:

- Appreciate childhood as a unique and valuable stage of the human life cycle.
- Base our work on knowledge of how children develop and learn.
- Appreciate and support the bond between the child and family.
- Recognize that children are best understood and supported in the context of family, culture, community and society.
- Respect and dignity, worth and uniqueness of each individual (child, family member, and colleague).
- Respect diversity in children, families, and colleagues.
- Recognize that children and adults achieve their full potential in the content of relationships that are based on trust and respect.

Childhood is a unique and valuable stage in the human life cycle. Our paramount responsibility at our CDC is to provide care and education in settings that are safe, healthy, nurturing, and responsive for each child. We are committed to supporting children's development and learning; respecting individual differences; and helping children learn to live, play, and work cooperatively. We are also committed to promoting children's self-awareness, competence self-worth, resiliency, and physical well being. With this being said, the year 2009 holds a bright future for our children at the CDC.

Wishing you a GREAT 2009! In His service, Cindy Parker



This conference (Jan. 30) is designed to encourage women in their relationship with God and empower for a lifestyle of compassionate, international witness for Jesus Christ. Tickets are \$15 and money needs to be turned in by January 11 to Beady Moore, Phyllis Medler or Shirley Kesterson. We will leave the church parking lot (office side) at 8:50 a.m. and return about 4:00 p.m. Plan to bring a sack lunch.

Deacon of the Month

By David Bell



I have been coming to First Baptist Church most of my life. I accepted Jesus into my life and became a member here in May of 1981. I have been married for 19 years to my wife, Lisa, and have two children, Logan and Sydney. My hope for our church is to see us keep growing and leading people to Christ.

2009

"SOUP"ER BOWL

February 1

**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.

Last year we had almost 200 pounds of food and \$371. It's really important we do our part for this. With our church budget cuts and everyone tightening our belts we must remember there are people in need and a dollar and couple of cans of heart soup brought by each of us will go a long way to help stock the shelves for those less fortunate.

**Mark your calendar for February 1st, 2009
to be part of the nation's largest youth-led day
of giving and serving.**



JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Stephanie Szabo	3
4 Don Rice	5	6	7 Colene Blalock	8 Cathleen Floyd Mamie Cooley	9 Annie Nobles	10 Meredith Bellamy
11 Nesbeth Fisher	12 Arnette Caldwell	13 Jennie Cecile Ashtin Bellamy	14 Paul Smith Kayla LaPierre	15 Micky Phillips Keith bellamy	16 Steve Hart Lisa Bell	17 Frank Kuster Paul Prevatte
18 Dianne Straub	19 Harvey Dulin	20 Dan Cooley	21 Barbara Timmerman Ashley Earnhardt Tiffani Bruce	22 Mickey Walser	23 Juanita Young	24 Jan Mason Wilbur McLamb
25	26 Charles Holmes	27 Monroe Tickle Faye Bellamy Susie Bellamy	28 Dicky King James Evans Madison Knight	29 Harry Kesterson	30 Emma Ward	31 Ted Medler Susie Horne

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

	Jan 4	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 25
USHERS				
8:30 a.m.	Duke Foyle, Chip McIntyre	Ray Mason, John Stinson	Bill Hoke, Raymond Wilson	Eon Hayes, Paul Prevatte
11:00 a.m.	David Bell, Chip Bellamy, Frank Boulineau, III, Ray Cooper, Kenny McLamb	Gary Carroll, Russell Courtney, J.L. Dunlow, George Lowe, Ashley McLamb	Mike Lewis, Jennings Livingston, Ben Timmerman, Albert Wheless, Donal Wright	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith
6:30 p.m.	Elaine & Mason Collins	Polly & Tom Parrott	Ted Medler, Myron Pritchard	Ron Ball, Ron Bruce
GREETERS				
Front Door	Ron & Margaret Ball	Bill & Lynda Hoke	Ted & Phyllis Medler	Charles & Betty Brewer
Side Door B Wing	Carolyn & Leon Hayes	Gene & Imogene Blackmon	AJ Edge & Boo Boo Todd	Lynda Cole & Dale Joyce
Drive Thru	Chuck & Becky McDowell	Paul & Cindy Prevatte	Jerry & Marge Branscome	Gene & Ramie Tutterrow
Welcome Desk	Lois Bellamy	Bobbie Brannon	Mot Carroll	Nesbeth Fisher
NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH				
Nursery	Not Available at time of print	Not Available at time of print	Not Available at time of print	Not Available at time of print
Children's Church	Jennifer Carter	Ashley Jackson	Susie Horne	Kim Rue

Beanie Babies Correction

The dollar amount for the Beanie Babies was figured wrong. We sent 5000 babies at a value of \$5 each plus postage of \$1,250, making the value of them \$26,250. Once again we want to thank everyone for their participation in this project.

2008 Prisoner Packets


This year we collected 60 prisoner packets that were distributed throughout South Carolina. Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthy project.

SUNDAY

8:00 Chapel Choir Practice
 8:30 Worship Service
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Worship Service
 5:30 Children Music
 6:30 TeamKid
 6:30 Evening Worship & Youth

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 7:30 am—Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Friendly's
4 4:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting	5 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 8:00 PM—12 Step Program	6 8:00 am—Discover Together Bible Study 11:30 am—Lunch Bunch @ Boulineaus 6:30 pm—Visitation Team 7:00 pm—Discover Together Bible Study	7 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	8	9	10
11 5:30 pm—Personnel Meeting	12 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	13 8:00 am—Discover Together Bible Study 6:30 pm—Visitation Team 7:00 pm—Discover Together Bible Study	14 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	15	16	17
						
18	19 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 6:00 pm—Budget & Finance Mtg. 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	20 8:00 am—Discover Together Bible Study 6:30 pm—Visitation Team 7:00 pm—Discover Together Bible Study	21 6:30 pm—Church Conference 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	22	23	24
25	26 10:00, 1:00 or 6:00—Quilting 11:15 am—Handbell Choir 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	27 8:00 am—Discover Together Bible Study 6:30 pm—Visitation Team 7:00 pm—Discover Together Bible Study	28 6:30 pm—Prayer Service 6:30 pm—Youth Worship 6:30 pm—RAs & GAs 7:30 pm—Choir Practice 8:00 pm—12 Step Program	29	30	31