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THE NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DALTON

## WORSHIP AT FIRST BAPTIST

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 a.m. and 10:55 a.m.

- March 9 No Early Service**  
**“Come Follow Me”**  
**Matthew 4:19**  
**Led by Rev. Stacy Nowell**
- March 16 Palm Sunday  
“Your Money or Your Life”  
Acts 3:1-10  
Follow the Fisherman Pledge Day:  
Stewardship of Our Resources

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

#### “God is Closer Than You Think” Series

- March 9 God Wants a Relationship  
With You
- March 16 Heaven Breaking Through

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

- 4:45 p.m. Supper Lines Open  
5:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs  
5:30 p.m. Orchestra  
6:15 p.m. Church-wide Prayer Time/  
Fellowship Hall  
6:25 p.m. Preschool Mission Groups  
6:30 p.m. Adult Study/Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Adult Wednesday Night Study**  
**“The Agenda”**



### Remember

This Sunday morning Daylight Savings Time begins. When you go to bed Saturday night remember to set your clock one hour ahead!

### Church Work Day

Saturday, March 8, beginning at 9:00 a.m.  
Please come and help us re-set the adult Sunday School rooms located on the second floor.

Adult Sunday School classes who have been meeting in the Fellowship Hall will return to their classrooms on Sunday, March 9

### Easter Lilies



Easter lilies are available to place in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone. The cost is \$8.00 each. Please contact the church office if you would like to purchase a lily. Deadline for purchase is March 17.



## Procession of the Palms

**Palm Sunday, March 16th**

**Children’s Processional**

**10:55 a.m. Service**

**Meet Mrs. Janice on the steps in front of the Sanctuary at 10:45 a.m.**

### From the Stewardship Committee . . .

March 16 will be a significant day in the life of First Baptist Dalton. In addition to being Palm Sunday, that Sunday will mark the culmination of a year-long stewardship emphasis on "Follow the Fisherman." During this emphasis we have pledged to follow Him by using our Influence, our Talents, and our Time. We now come to the final pledge of committing our Resources. God was indeed wise in establishing the local church as His instrument for changing the world. Individually, our resources are meager and not up to the task but, together, our resources can truly impact on a global scale. We are reminded of the event when Jesus took one boy's offering of five loaves and two fish and multiplied it to feed a crowd of five thousand! Surely God will do the same with our resources, if only offered to Him.

As a part of this special service, each of us will have the opportunity to make a financial pledge to the church operating program for 2008. Pledging in March for a year already started is a departure for us; we usually make our pledges in late fall prior to the new year beginning. Perhaps this has had an effect on 2008 giving, as we seem to be lagging last year's pace. In any case, March 16 will be an excellent time for catching up and going ahead for the new year. Let's consider that Sunday to be "Prove the Tithe" day by bringing one week's portion of our 2008 pledge as a special offering. If we all do this, we will surely be amazed at the true amount of resources available for His work. Please be in prayer for our church as we approach this day of commitment; ask that His plan for our congregation be revealed and for His will to be honored.

-- Bryan McAllister,  
Finance Committee Chair and  
liaison to Stewardship  
Committee

### Children's Learning Center Open Enrollment Continues

There are still places available for preschool enrollment in our Children's Learning Center. This is an exciting time as we watch the new plans materialize for our vital CLC ministry.

To secure a place for your child to begin attending the Center in August, please register soon. Contact Candi Deal at [cdeal@firstbaptistdalton.com](mailto:cdeal@firstbaptistdalton.com) or Janice Kiehm at 706-278-2911 or [jkiehm@firstbaptistdalton.com](mailto:jkiehm@firstbaptistdalton.com).



### Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 22

Once again our preschoolers and children will have an Easter Egg Hunt. We are in need of stuffed plastic eggs! Please donate eggs filled with individually wrapped candy. Eggs may be placed in the

boxes going into the sanctuary and also in the Fellowship Hall Gathering Area. Thanks in advance!

*Janice Kiehm, Minister to Children and Their Families*

### Volunteers Needed!

Our Preschool Ministry continues to grow! Young families are visiting and enjoying FBC each week. Along with this great news, there is an increased need for extended session volunteers. In order to continue to offer excellent care and teaching, volunteers are needed to commit to the extended session ministry by volunteering for one Sunday a quarter. Already we have an incredible group of volunteers who lead the way and will continue to do so as we train new helpers. Please consider volunteering in this area. Thanks in advance!

Janice Kiehm

### "Smoke On The Mountain"

#### First Baptist Night at the ACT Theater



On Tuesday, March 25th, we will have the opportunity to attend the ACT dress rehearsal of "Smoke on the Mountain." This dearly loved musical is the third in a series of comedies based on an old-time Southern Baptist church and the minister who leads them. It features hilarious stories and 25 bluegrass gospel favorites. Discount tickets are available for \$10.00 and are for sale in the Family Life Center.

### Construction Update



This week:

- Local and state Fire Marshals and the local Building Inspector have walked through the second floor renovated Sunday School area and issued a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy.
- Final cleaning has been completed in the second floor renovated area.
- Fire rated hollow metal doors have been installed at the stairwells. Temporary hardware has been installed on the doors, with finish hardware to come at a later date.
- Partitions for stalls in the ladies' first floor restroom and boys' and girls' second floor restrooms should arrive this week.
- All furnishings have been cleared from the preschool and childrens' areas on the first and second floor of the west wing and from the old administrative areas. The asbestos abatement contractor will clear those areas by this weekend.
- Dry wall hanging has begun in the new administrative office area.
- In the senior adult area, work has begun on wall framing and layout and on electrical rough-ins.
- Rough-in of the new administrative restrooms and the new brides' room off the parlor has begun.

Please continue to exercise **CAUTION** in walking and driving on campus.

### Attention Single Adults



We are moving to our new classroom on the 2nd floor of the main building for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. **There will be a lunch following the 10:55 a.m. worship service in the Fireside Room.** After lunch, we will prepare Easter baskets for shut-ins. Please bring your items to the Tripp Dining Room. We will prepare 20 baskets.

### SINGLES GAME NIGHT Saturday, March 29



Please note that our game night will be **downstairs in the new Youth Lounge.** Pizza will be served, so bring your favorite snack to go with it. Please mark these important dates on your calendar.

### 2008 Deacon Retreat April 4th and 5th

The 2008 Deacon Retreat has been set for the weekend of April 4th and 5th. The weekend will include a Friday night dinner fellowship with all active and inactive deacons and their spouses. Please mark your calendar for this important event!

### OPPORTUNITIES NEXT WEEK

#### Sunday, March 9

##### 8:30 a.m. No Early Service

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
- 10:55 a.m. Morning Worship/Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Luncheon/Fellowship Hall
- 12:00 p.m. Single Adult Luncheon/Fireside Room
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir/Youth Center
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Movie Night/Youth Center
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Study/Fellowship Hall

#### Monday, March 10

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Prayer Breakfast/Fireside Room
- 8:30 a.m. Aerobics/Gym
- 1:30 p.m. Ministerial Staff Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. New Horizons Choir
- 5:30 p.m. Adult Handbells

#### Tuesday, March 11

- 4:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study/Youth Center

#### Wednesday, March 12

- 8:30 a.m. Aerobics/Gym
- 8:30 a.m. Staff Celebration/Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Staff Committee/Fireside Room
- 4:00 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 4:45 p.m. Supper Lines Open
- 5:15 p.m. Budget-Stewardship Committee/Fireside
- 5:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:30 p.m. Orchestra/Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship & Games/Youth Center
- 6:15 p.m. Church-wide Prayer Time/Fellowship Hall
- 6:25 p.m. Children's Mission Groups

#### Thursday, March 13

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast/Shoney's
- 11:30 a.m. Building Committee/Fellowship Hall

#### Friday, March 14

- 7:30 p.m. Arabic Congregation/Chapel

#### Saturday, March 15

- Senior Adults to Falcon Rest**
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Mission Work Day

### MENU FOR WEDNESDAY, March 12th

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| Chicken Strips  | Pizza      |
| Mashed Potatoes | Salad Bar  |
| Green Beans     | Potato Bar |
| Slaw            | Dessert    |
| Rolls           |            |



**PRAY STRONG**

**MINSTER ON CALL**

March 9-March 16

Phillip Cannon 706-537-5705

- Larry Flanagan 706-537-5704
- Derrell Grantham 706-270-2868
- Janice Kiehm 706-260-5351
- Luke Nowell 706-537-8989
- Bill Wilson 706-537-5703

**FIRST TOUCH TEAM VISITS**

March 9 - Traci/Blake Thomason

*Our very newest.* . . . Josh and Amanda Holman upon the birth of their son, Cameron Josh, on February 29th. Cameron's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Whittle and his great grandfather is Walter Whittle.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER  
THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL**

Hamilton Medical Center

- Joyce Proffitt
- Betty Tate

*Christian Sympathy* is extended to Luke and Stacy Nowell in the death of Luke's grandfather; to Irma Mealor in the death of her sister; to the family of Tramel King; to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson in the death of Ruth's father; to Lisa Gregg, Jamie and Jeri Thompson in the death of their grandfather; and, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Holt in the death of their brother-in-law.



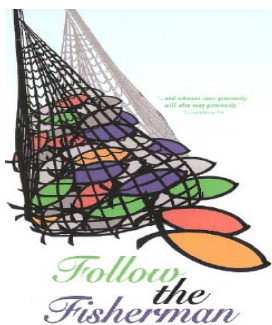
**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
Through March 2, 2008**

March 2 Budget Gifts	\$	44,271.09
Budget Gifts to Date 2008	\$	300,585.30
Budget Gifts to Date 2007	\$	375,307.76
Expenditures to Date 2008	\$	342,933.19

Reaching Pledge Total	\$	7,339,625.39
March 2 Reaching	\$	21,664.27
Reaching Gifts to Date	\$	5,317,224.29
Reaching Loan Amount	\$	4,258,502.00

**A LOOK AT LAST SUNDAY  
March 2, 2008**

Sunday School	521
Morning Worship	
8:30 a.m.	92
10:55 a.m.	492
<b>Total</b>	<b>582</b>



**Church Office Hours**  
8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

**Family Life Center Hours**  
9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Daily

**Church Library Hours**  
Sunday 9:15 a.m.—10:45 a.m.  
and after the 10:55 a.m. service  
Wednesdays: Open All Day

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

- William G. (Bill) Wilson, Jr.....Pastor
- Phillip Cannon.....Pastoral Educator
- Larry Flanagan.....Minister of Music and Senior Adults
- Derrell Grantham.....Minister of Activities and Singles
- Debra Haney.....Church Business Administrator
- Janice Kiehm.....Minister to Children and Their Families
- Billy Nimmons.....Pastor Emeritus
- Luke Nowell...Ministry Resident for Missions and Outreach
- Stacy Nowell.....Interim Youth Minister
- Jan Anderson.....Financial Secretary
- Sandra Blackwell.....Church Organist
- Paula Brazil.....Food Services Manager
- Delynn Campbell.....Counseling Center Office Coordinator

- Patti Cannon.....Church Pianist
- Candi Deal.....;.....Children's Learning Center Director
- Denise Dix.....Music/Senior Adult Secretary
- Nikki Garner .....Education Secretary
- Carl "Bubba" Griggs, Jr.....Facilities Supervisor
- Suzanne Harbin.....Communications Director
- Jean Hayes.....Data Manager
- Robert Higdon.....Maintenance Supervisor
- Martha Hughes.....Pastoral Ministries/Receptionist
- Shannon Richerson.Counseling Center Medical Coordinator
- Janet Steele.....Activities/Missions Secretary

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