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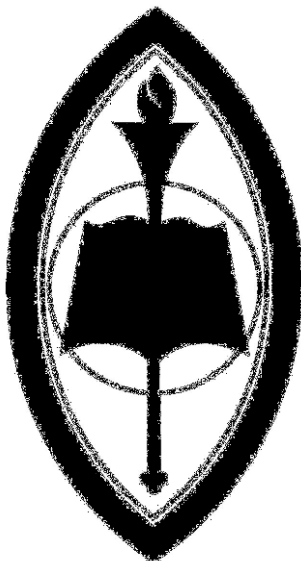


Valentine's Breakfast

The Board of Deacons invites you to a
Church-Wide Continental Breakfast

this Sunday, February 14 from 9:00-9:30 in the
Multipurpose Room

Following breakfast, Dr. Hewett will be leading the
adults for Bible Fellowship



FOCUS ON WMU WEEK

February 15-21

Theme:
*"Faces & Places of
WMU, NC*

We are grateful for the work
that WMU continues to do
here at First Baptist



Join us for worship on
Ash Wednesday, February 17
at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
Service is being planned and led
by our youth

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

This year's Community Lenten Services are listed below. The services will be held each Wednesday at noon, with lunch to follow. The recipient for this year's offering will be Turning Point.

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Church</u> | <u>Preaching</u> |
|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| February 17 | First Baptist | Rev. John Wilkerson |
| February 24 | Central United Methodist | Father Bradford Smith |
| March 3 | St. Luke's Lutheran | Dr. John Hewett |
| March 10 | St. Paul's Episcopal | Rev. Matthew Burton |
| March 17 | First Presbyterian | Rev. Kenneth Fink |
| March 24 | Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic | Father Thomas Kessler |

This Week at FBC

Sunday, February 14

- 9:00 AM Church-Wide Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
- 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
- 10:45 AM Service of Worship
- 5:00 PM Youth Group
- 5:45 PM Youth Choir
- 6:30 PM Snack Supper
- 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, February 15

- 10:30 AM Song Service at the Brian Center
- 6:00 PM TOPS

Tuesday, February 16

- 9:30 AM Craft Club

Wednesday, February 17

- 12:00 PM Community Lenten Service
First Baptist Church
- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
*Buffet: chicken & dumplings, pintos,
slaw, dessert*
Kid's meal: same as buffet
- 6:15 PM Child Care for Birth-K
- 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 18

- 6:30 PM Volleyball Practice

Saturday, February 20

- 11:00 AM Volunteers meet to help with
Volleyball Tournament preparation



All proceeds from the Volleyball Tournament will benefit
Loaves & Fishes of Union County ... so invite as many
people as you can to join us on

Saturday, February 27, 8:00-noon

*You can also help by taking flyers to area business and/or placing
them in paper boxes in your neighborhood*

**Lots of volunteers will be needed on Saturday, February 20
at 11:00 a.m. to prepare for the tournament**

MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for February will benefit Loaves and Fishes of Union County, a local food bank set up to provide groceries for families in need.
- Interested in an on-going ministry that will provide **food-filled backpacks** to needy school kids? Contact Carol Tyson for more information (also see article on page 3).
- Remember to check the **Missions Board** for names of children in need of school uniforms.
- Interested in helping with a ministry of chopping and/or delivering firewood to needy families? Contact Tim McBride (704-634-9985).

Bible Fellowship Lesson Sunday, February 14

"Astounding Glory"

Scripture: **Luke 9:28-43**

Additional Scriptures: Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm 99; II Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call February 12-19

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-219-2204

By the Numbers ...

Sunday, February 7, 2010:

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| Bible Fellowship Attendance | 144 |
| Adults | 108 |
| College | 13 |
| Youth | 7 |
| Children | 16 |

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| Worship Attendance | 196 |
| Weekly Budget Requirements..... | \$ 11,408 |
| Budget Receipts | \$ 19,923 |
| Budget Requirements to Date | \$262,384 |
| Budget Receipts to Date | \$275,315 |

Stewardship Report September-January:

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| Actual Year-to-Date Receipts | \$255,392 |
| Actual Year-to-Date Expenses | \$241,426 |



The Worship of God

February 14, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.

Transfiguration

Anthem by the Chancel Choir

"The Mountain of the Lord" by Eugene Butler

Anthem by the Children's Choir

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by D. & J. Perry

Solo by Sarah Poindexter

"Shine on Us" by Michael W. Smith

Handbells by the Wednesday Evening Handbell Group

"All Creatures of Our God and King" by Sandra Eithun

"Meditation on 'Beautiful Savior'" by Cathy Moglebust

Sermon by John Hewett

"Who Are You Really? ... You Are God's Glory"

Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35; Luke 9:28-36



The Church League Softball season is quickly approaching! Cost is \$25 to join the FBC team, which is due by March 21. If you are interested in playing on our team, contact Nick Coffey at 704-219-1809.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Tapestries Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Kathy Cole

Security:

Narthex - Tim McBride

Gathering Area - Joel Myers

Ushers:

Tim McBride, Eleanor O'Neill, Mark Eagle

Sylvia Baker, Julia Wall

Offertory:

Joe Litaker, Nathan Hopper, Max Melton,

Nancy Thomas

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale, Pam Caskey

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Dot Taylor

Money Counters

Frances Vaughan, Harvey Whitley

Wednesday Night Helpers:

Annette Kilby, Jane Hawkins, Joel Myers

UPDATE on Food Packs for Kids ...

As you know, we are partnering with Rock Rest School to provide food for children on the weekends. **Because of allergy problems, they have asked that we not donate foods containing peanut butter or nuts.** Below is a list of suggested foods. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area. Anything you can help provide is greatly appreciated.

- small boxes of dry cereal, instant oatmeal, mac & cheese
- small cans pork-n-beans, Beefaroni, spaghetti, etc.
- individual servings of pudding, applesauce, fruit cocktail
- cheese crackers, cereal bars, fruit rollups, etc.
- juice boxes
- Cup-of-soups
- canned meats (tuna, chicken, beef)
- nonperishable single-serve microwave kids meals
- microwave popcorn
- other nonperishable snacks or food

Invitation ...

Members of Langford Chapel CME Church has extended an invitation to our congregation to attend an event honoring Annie Mae Bragg as she receives the **"2010 Woman of Excellence Award"** on Saturday, February 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lavern Banquet Hall at Wingate University. Individual tickets are \$35 or VIP seating for a table of eight is \$300. For tickets, please contact their church at 704-289-4055.

Thank you ...

Thank you to members of the Then-n-Now Class for a recent mission project they undertook. The class collected 40 toboggans and 40 pair of socks, which were donated to Rock Rest School and Operation Reachout.

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Katherine Cox in Jesse Helms Center

Annie Bragg in Lake Park

Bob Thompson in VA Hospital, Salisbury

Frances Vaughan at home

Arnold Mills in Presbyterian, Charlotte

Karen Marossy at home

Bob Turner at home

Bill Melton, brother of Max Melton and

Carol Tyson

Lillian and Elmo Sims, parents of Paul Sims

Jamie Turner, son of Jim Turner

Marilyn LeGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Jordon Wilkerson, serving in Afghanistan

Farther Along ...

Our Deacons are doing a lovely thing Sunday morning in offering us breakfast on Valentine's Day. Part of their assignment as deacons is to care for us in ways which strengthen the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love. Seems to me this breakfast is a splendid idea. I encourage you and your family to join us around the tables at 9:00 as we break bread in Jesus's name, then gather to study God's Word, and then spend an hour in worship and praise.

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Under the leadership of chair Nathan Hopper, the Nominating Committee is at work preparing for its assignment to bring a recommended Senior Minister Search Committee to you for election. As in 2007, you will be given opportunity to make your own recommendations to the committee of those you feel would represent the church well in this effort. We have a wise and experienced committee, and I am confident they will do their work with due diligence for the importance of this task to the church's future. Please keep them in your daily prayers, and be praying also about those whom you would recommend to them as they conduct their deliberations.

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Ray Sowder is leading the process of planning for our 2010-11 ministry budget, which will soon begin in earnest. He and the budget planning committee will be charged with preparing an operating budget which funds the ministries we deem most vital at levels we can afford. This economy continues to take its toll on sister churches across our county, state and nation. Churches are having to make difficult decisions between what they'd like to do and what they actually are able to do. Pray for Ray and his committee as they help us navigate the waters ahead. The budget committee is planning ample opportunities for all of us to have input into this process. Now, more than ever, it's important that we all keep talking to each other.

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A week from tonight is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the holy Christian season of penitence and preparation called Lent. Our youth are planning a creative and moving Ash Wednesday service for Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 in the sanctuary. We've done these now for the past several years, and they've always been deeply spiritual experiences. I hope you'll join us for supper at 5:30 and then stay for Ash Wednesday in the sanctuary following.

John Hewett

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