

Upcoming Events



February 1
 "Souper" Bowl 4:30 pm

February 8
 Evangelism/Missions Meeting- 4:30 pm

February 15th
 Church Council- 4:30 pm
 Church Conference- 6:00 pm

February 17th
 Women on Mission- 9:15 am
 Administrative Professional luncheon
 Office closed during lunch



February 19
 Jolly Elders -Noon

February 21
 Deacon Meeting-8:30 am
 Judson Group- 9:30 am



February 22
 Men's Breakfast- 8:00 am
 Churchwide Spaghetti Lunch- Noon



Kids Korner

The Friendship Int'l toddler class loved helping their babies by putting band aids on them. They illustrated a truth from the story of the ten Lepers that we all need Jesus!



We celebrated Jimmy's birthday with cupcakes, and cards, a gift or two and of course the happy birthday song during Children in Action.



Raeann did an outstanding performance in chapel as the children learned about 4 ways we can listen to God.



Praying is one of the faith skills Laura taught in chapel.



Michelle Simmons helped teach others how to play FROG or Flat Tire at the International Mission Study on the Ivory Coast held at Arcadia Baptist Church

Celebrating 175 YEARS



February 2015



The doors were thrown open and everyone was invited from our longest living member, Mary Carol Harbuck, to our newest member Elizabeth Carnes, baptized on Christmas Eve. Current or former members and families celebrate FBC's 175th Anniversary. On display were the original minutes of the FBC's organizational meeting. Also displayed throughout the building were many other historical items. There were special plates with the church's photo to commemorate the occasion on each table. Every person in attendance received an updated book of the church's history.



(Above) Delores Letsos, Jeve Holman and Joyce Marchi, Frances Dunham and her Niece Diane Brown, The Clark Wiginton Family, (Below) Dr. Titilope Ishola (T.T) and Father, The Charles White Family, Janie Biddle and daughter, Rose Collins and Nina Carnes





Bro. Ray's Reflections...



See Insert for this months column.

Pictured below are some of our speakers.



Grayson Glass,
Former Pastor



Steve Vernon,
Assoc. Exec. Director
BGCT



Jim Wallace,
Former Music Minister



Perry Sims
Former Education
Minister



John Guidry Former
Minister of Youth



Dr. Ray Meador,
Sr. Pastor



Jay Carnes,
Minister of Music and Worship



Judy Brazelton,
Organist Extraordinaire



Nathan Mahand
Current Outreach/
Education Minister



Kay Lance, Former
Administrative Assistant



The congregation enjoying worship time.



Rick Selby by the book
written by his parents
as foreign missionaries



Janna Carwile,
Former Children's
Ministry Director



Angie's List



175 plus One Goal

175 years of God's faithfulness through First Baptist Church is a big reason to celebrate. We celebrated with One Goal in mind: sharing the gospel message of Jesus Christ. This is the job of a missionary; missionaries help people, they give their time and show love and kindness to tell people about their Savior. Kids can be missionaries at school or church and even in their own home. We created a message about missionaries in a place that really matters while the kids ate pizza, won prizes, and celebrated with a cake. They even sang Happy Birthday to FBC while saying 175 in Latin.

February

To love and be loved...It's what we were made for. We're telling love stories all month long. Not the Hallmark channel love stories, but real love stories from the Bible. God showed us how much He loved us by sending Jesus and Jesus showed us how much He loved us when He gave His life on the cross. We'll be reminded all month long of how big God's love is for each one of us. Ephesians 3:18 says, "how wide, and long, and high and deep is the love of Christ." We want children to know without a doubt that God will always love them.

Time matters

The average church only has 40 hours in a given year to influence a life. What we do with our time matters. We want to strategically invest in the lives of children because they are the next generation and in turn they'll tell their children the wonderful works of the Lord. Because every generation needs a bigger story, and everyone needs to be believed in by someone, our prayer partners are part of a network of leaders that will help our children win. Fred Lennen, Mari Mathis and Kathy Johnson are our newest prayers partners. We welcome them and thank them for believing in the potential of the children under our influence.

May His loving-kindness go before you,
Angie



One of the best books I ever read, and I would encourage you to read it, is "Tuesday's With Morrie." It's a book about a journalist who reconnects with a college professor after he learns that he is dying. In the book, the professor, Morrie, offers some insightful words of wisdom that we would all do well to listen to and be challenged by. "In the beginning of life, when we are infants, we need others to survive, right? And at the end of life, when you get like me, you need others to survive, right?" His voice dropped to a whisper ' But here is the secret: in between we need others as well."

In every part of life from the very beginning to the very end we need others to survive. Other people fill our lives and help them take shape as we walk the road of life. I can tell you from personal experience what an honor it is to walk with people in their deepest moments of sadness, in their highest moments of joy, and to have people walk with me through the same.

The church is meant to be a community of people who live life together. We eat together, fellowship together, and celebrate milestone moments in the lives of one another. For that to happen there are a couple of things required from every person. The first thing that we all must give is our involvement. As individuals we must be willing to get involved in the lives of other people, and we must allow others to get involved in our lives. This means going out to dinner, having them over at your home, sharing conversations with people, and a host of other things. The second aspect that is needed is authenticity. We must be our true selves with the people in our lives. We must be willing to know and be known. So often we try and put our best foot forward or to put on a show all the while thinking, "If they only knew." The challenge I want to offer to you is to let your church family really get to know you, and let them be there with you.

All this sounds really good doesn't it. It gives me warm fuzzies to think about it, but the reality is we have to ask ourselves "How do we do that?" The best avenue that I have found to attain authentic relationships is to be in small groups with people. A group where we talk about tintersections of life and faith, a place where I am challenged to become who God would have me become. As a church we offer opportunities for being involved in small groups. We have the Sunday School classes that meet at 9:29am every Sunday. There are two home group Bible studies for both older and younger adults that meet on a weekly basis, and Bible Studies for just the Men or just the women on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. I want to challenge you ,as you read this, to get involved in a small group, to find a place where you can know people, and be known by people. A place where you can invest your life, and have your life invested in. Let me know how I can help you get involved and discover authentic relationships.

Blessings,
Nathan