

This Month

Happy Mother's Day!

May 10
Mother's Day- No Evening Service



May 12
Women On Mission- 9:15 am
WMU-GBA Annual Spring Meeting & Salad Supper
FBC Hitchcock. We will leave at 5:45

May 16
Judson Group- 9:30 am

May 17
Church Council 4:30 pm
Church Conference- 6:00 pm



May 21
Jolly Elders Picnic- Noon



May 25
Memorial Day



May 31
Men's Breakfast-8:00 am

Kids Korner



During the Baptism Celebration, held March 1st, Prayer partners widen the circle of influence for children..



At the celebration, each child received a Bible, a photo with their Sunday school Teacher, a cupcake, and notes of encouragement from the congregation in a memory box.



(Above) Chapel time kids learn about conflict resolution. (Below) Awana kids having a great time with team work.



Babies and Baptism Celebrations

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May 2015

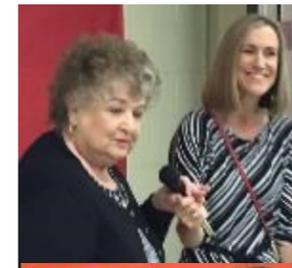
175 YEARS

First Baptist Church

Baby Dedication Sunday Apr 19. Dean Mahand and Christopher Russell were celebrated .



(Below) Long time Nursery worker and prayer partner Nina Carnes .



(Left) Dean with his parents Kristen and Nathan Mahand.



(Right) Christopher with his parents Ruby and Joseph Russell.

(Above) Long time nursery worker and prayer partner Mary Vaughn.



Prayer Partner Diane Hervey with Christy Motogbe and baby Isabella.



Starla Adcox with Grandma Edna Legate (right) was baptized (below) April 26



Bella Wright (Below with family and Angie Fryar, Children's Director) was baptized (Right) April 26



"The church library, partnered with the children's ministry to design bookmarks with the theme "The Heart of the Church" An independent art judge awarded Elizabeth Carnes, Michelle Simmons, Juliana Martinez, Matthew Teague, and Jacob Morgan (Isabelle Teague accepting on his behalf) with the certificates. Congratulations! (Bookmarks shown at right).

Heart #1 Elizabeth, John 3:16 Mathew, Heart #2 Michelle, AMP, Jacob, Church Juliana





Bro. Ray's Reflections...



Dearly Beloved,

RENEWAL 2015

This past weekend was a wonderful time in the house of the Lord. Keith Tomlinson and Dennis Johns were used by the Holy Spirit to lead us in worship, and to confront us with the teachings of God's Word. It was a wonderful time of renewal and revival. I want to thank all of those who worked behind the scenes to make the weekend such a blessing. If I began to name each of you, I would forget someone. Thank each and every one of you for everything! You are a blessing to me and I love each one of you.

During this weekend of renewal, the Lord laid upon my heart gratitude for what He has done in the past year. This time last year, Angie had been here four months and she was teaching us what Orange was all about. We were still looking for Nathan. We had no youth program. Our Sunday School was stagnant. Our worship services were reaching folks and we were growing some. Now, I want you to see what the Lord has done with the ministries of Angie, Nathan, and our youth leader, John Scott. We have already baptized as many this year as we did all of last. Our Sunday School attendance is up significantly with two new classes. Our worship attendance is continuing to average more than before. Our Easter attendance of 305 is the largest attendance for a single service in over 10 years. Already our total additions are over 50% more than last year. With the commitments we made this past weekend, just imagine what the Lord wants to do through us this coming year.

Please pray for me as I pray for you.
I Love You,
Bro. Ray

Getting Ready for the 2015 Easter Egg Hunt



Angie's List



Vacation Bible School June 28th – July 2nd 5:30-8:00
VBS connects our church with families in our community. When we open our lives and our church, people will see who God is. Our VBS theme is Move! Kids will be shown people in the Bible who changed direction and moved, and they all had one thing in common: they came face to face with Jesus. They discovered who He was, and there was no standing still or going back. We invite you to discover the wonder of our Heavenly Father – to invest in what matters most, to be present in the lives of children and families – together we can make history.

Finding Your Place

We all have a place in God's story; part of that place is to tell others the story of Jesus Christ. If you like to help children know about their Heavenly Father, come assist in a classroom during the week of VBS, if you enjoy baking, join us in the refreshment room. Each one of you represent the church, you're the perfect person to greet families as they arrive. Come one evening or several evenings.

Renewal 2015 May 1, 2nd and 3rd

During Renewal weekend, children had an interactive large group experience in chapel with praise songs, worship and a small group to focus the energy. Their weekend verse is John 3:16: Jesus tells me that God loves me! Throughout the weekend, they'll learn about God's Big Story and they have a place in His story too.

Baby Dedication Celebration

Thank you for joining us in Fellowship Hall for our baby 'D' celebration. Our church nursery volunteer's linked arms with four young families to be an extra voice in their child's life - because we believe this relationship can impact their child's faith and life forever. It's our hope that this is the beginning of a partnership between new parents and the church that spans the lifetime of these children.

He is faithful,
Angie



In Acts Chapter Three Peter and John are headed up the temple mount to worship when they cross paths with a crippled beggar. The beggar stared at Peter and John, they stared at him the beggar sat looking at them expectantly. He was confident that one of them was about to reach into their pockets and put a \$20 into his Styrofoam cup. Never in a million years did he expect what would happen next. Peter told him "We are broke, we don't have \$1 to our name, but what I do have I give to you in the name of Jesus, get up and walk!" The beggar had received something he did not expect to receive, and what he received was far greater than anything he could have ever expected. He was hoping to get a \$20 to sustain him for the day instead; he was told to walk and sustained for a lifetime. We just journeyed together through Renewal 2015. I hope it was as amazing a time for you as it was for me. I hope that you sat expectantly waiting for God to do something in your life. I am confident that God did something in all of our lives. I hope that what God did in your life was far beyond what you could have ever expected or imagined. God does not want to give us something that will sustain us for a day, but instead wants to sustain us for a lifetime.

I hope that God has revealed to you places to grow, work, and transform in your life through his power. I am confident that through Renewal 2015 God did greater things than we could ever ask or imagine. The question for each and every one of us now is the same question that the beggar had to answer that day. Will we get up and walk because the risen Christ has transformed us, or will we still sit just like we were because we are comfortable in our existence? This is the choice we have to make. Renewal 2015 has confronted us with who God wants us to be, and how He wants us to live.

At the testimony service I heard a couple of things resonate from many of you. First, the challenge to encourage one another speaking words that lift each other up and draw us closer to one another and to God. Second, the challenge to be involved, to be committed to the mission and work that God is doing here through this church on this island. I want to encourage you church to "Get up and Walk!"
Blessings,
Nathan