

## FBC honors England Lady Lions for back-to-back state titles



The congregation of First Baptist Church hosted “A Day of Champions” event to honor of the 2011-12 England Sr. Lady Lions basketball team on Sunday, March 18, 2012. The day began with a full breakfast in which the players, families, coaches and school administration attended and featured speaker Gary Crowder, head ladies’ basketball coach at Ouachita Baptist University. Coach Crowder spoke to the team and congratulated the girls and coaches on their Back-to-Back Championship seasons and challenged them to live their life to the fullest and make wise decisions in prioritizing their life and putting the most important things first in their life. The church provided every coach, player, and manager a purple bible to honor the occasion which had their name, number and “Day of Champions” inscribed on the cover.

During the 11 a.m. worship service, the England Sr. Lady Lions and their coaching staff were presented with a trophy to celebrate the historical event. Each was recognized for their accolades. Head Coach David Mackey addressed the team and church and spoke about the girls, his assistants, and thanked the church & community for all their support over the years.

Bro. Robby was invited by Coach Mackey to challenge and motivate the team before each game of District, Regional, and State tournaments which culminated with the final challenge at the Day of Champions. The team and church were challenged with the message of “How to Live a Life of Significance” and encouraged everyone to continue to not only strive to live a life of success, but



*OBU women’s Coach Gary Crowder (right) addressed the attendees at the “Day of Champions” breakfast. FBC Pastor Robby Sherman is pictured to his left.*

a life of significance. Pastor Sherman used a quote from John Wooden, the great College Hall of Fame coach from UCLA which became the teams focus throughout the tournament, “Don’t measure yourself by what you have accomplished, but by what you should accomplish with your abilities.”

“We would like to thank those in the community and church that helped make the event a huge success and those who attended the “Day of Champions” for all they have done in support of the girls in making their high school careers and lives a great success.” Pastor Sherman concluded.