



# The

January 2017

# SEARCHLIGHT

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## From the Shepherd's Heart

Happy New Year! And, thank you, First Family, for a wonderful 2016. Taking the church revitalization challenge is always tough, but our church launched into the work with vigor and enthusiasm. The Christmas season was a great example of how a church family can pull together through a time of grief and difficulty for many of our families, while still lifting high the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we begin 2017 I pray that God will guide us and challenge us to new heights of blessing.

### Nehemiah Season is Here

One of the key elements to building a great church can be found in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. I will begin a series focusing on the theme of "Rebuilding Lives, Families and Churches" that will use the principles of Nehemiah to help us rebuild the things that may be broken. We all suffer brokenness in relationships, churches and nations. But the point of the gospel is that Jesus Christ came to our broken world to repair and restore us. Our relationship to God was irreparably broken, yet Christ gave His life for our forgiveness and restoration.

As Nehemiah set out on the mission of God to rebuild the broken walls of Jerusalem, he demonstrates for us the timeless principles that will lead our church into the New Year and a new season of blessing. In anticipation of the many needs of church has in revitalizing our ministry, we set up the **Nehemiah Fund** in 2016. Along with our Nehemiah series, we will be focusing on how this special offering will help us to build a stronger, vibrant ministry at First Baptist.

To kick off this new series our Sunday School will be focusing on getting our members into life-changing Bible study for the New Year. For the next four Sundays we will play a "football game" of sorts with the **Sunday School Super Bowl**. Our school is divided into two teams led by Coaches Mike Robinson and Brent Silvia. Teams score points by the attendance of members, attendance of guests and the enrollment of new members.

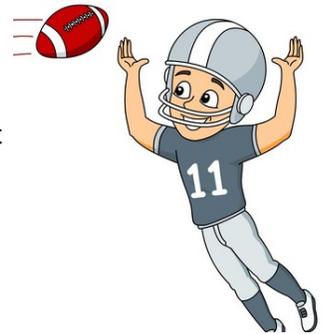
Are you enrolled in the First Baptist Sunday Bible Fellowship? If not, there is no better New Year's resolution for you than to get back to Bible study with the people of God. Come join in the fun this Sunday and learn the great truths of scripture with us. Bring a friend and share the joy. I look forward to seeing you this Sunday as we start a great New Year together!

*Pastor Craig Bailey*

## Sunday School Super Bowl

For the month of January we are having a Sunday School Super Bowl. This will be a fun way to build our Sunday School.

All Sunday School classes will be divided into two teams. Our Sunday School Super Bowl coaches are Brent Silvia and Mike Robinson. Each team will earn points for attendance, visitors and a touch down is when a new member is enrolled.



The team and coach with the highest score will get a prize. There will be a special surprise for the losing coach.

So contact the inactive members in your Sunday School Class and encourage them to come back. Invite your friends and neighbors and family who are not involved in Sunday School to come join us at First Baptist for Bible Study each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.

## Thank You!



Thank you for participating in our Christmas Angel Tree for the children of the prisoners at the Detention Center. We had more angels than usual this year and with your generous help we were able to provide gifts for all of them.

**Thank you !**

## Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **Proudly Pro-Life Weekend.** January 6-7, 2017. Friday, January 6th, 5:30 pm. **Proudly Pro Life Dinner** at Seawell's, 1125 Rosewood Drive, Columbia. \$40.00. for reservations contact S C Citizens for Live at [sccl@sclife.org](mailto:sccl@sclife.org) or 803-252-5433. Saturday, January 7th, 11 am **Stand Up for Life March and Rally.** USC Russell House, Greene Street. Followed by the grand opening of Daybreak Pregnancy Center, 1601 Julian Place, Columbia.
- 2 **Joint service with St. Mark Baptist.** Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at First Baptist Church.
- 3 **Heart 4 Schools.** Connecting Church to School Training. Thursday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. January 19, 2017. River Springs Baptist Church 1007 W. Shady Grove Road, Irmo. Guest Speaker: Jeff Sanders from Read2Win. Cost \$29 before December 31st; \$49 after. Register at [www.scbaptist.org/heart4schools](http://www.scbaptist.org/heart4schools). For info contact Allison at 800-723-7242.
- 4 **Live to Serve.** A conference for Christian KidMin volunteers, to inspire and encourage them. Jan. 28, 2017 Knoxville, TN; March 4, 2017 Cincinnati, OH; March 11, 2017 Hampton Roads, VA; March 25, 2017 Grand Rapids, MI; April 1, 2017 Naperville, IL. Cost for volunteers \$29 before 1/14/2017; \$39 after (1 session & materials) Leaders \$79 before 1/14/17; \$89 after (2 sessions & materials. For more info go to [www.livetoserve.co](http://www.livetoserve.co) or email [livetoserve@rethinkgroup.org](mailto:livetoserve@rethinkgroup.org).
- 5 **SC Baptist Allstate Weekend. Honors children's Chorus** (students Grades 5-6) & **Youth Singers** (Students grades 7-8) January 27-28. **Allstate Chorus, Orchestra , & Praise Team** (Students Grades 9-12 & returnee college freshmen & sophomores). January 27-29,2017. White Oak Conference Center. Faculty includes: Nikki Balch, Matt Freeman, Dennis Allen, Marshall Forrester and Joe Wehunt. For more info and forms go to [www.scbaptist.org/worship](http://www.scbaptist.org/worship).
- 6 **Converge, Collegiate Beach Weekend. Love. Learn. Live. Luke 8:15.** Embassy Suites, Myrtle Beach. Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017. For high school Juniors and seniors, and college students. Worship leader-Justin Putnam. Speakers— Ben Stuart and Chip Luter. Registration \$35. (meals & lodging additional). For more info go to [www.convergebcm.org](http://www.convergebcm.org).
- 7 **Senior Adult Choir Festival.** February 20-21, 2017, Springmaid Beach Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC. Director- Slater Murphy, Dir of Music Dept Miss Baptist Conv. Devotional Leader-Rodrigo Rodriguez, classical guitarist. Cost \$105–\$150 (lodging & meals) \$50 for commuters (includes dinner & lunch) For more info & registration go to [www.scbaptist.org/worship](http://www.scbaptist.org/worship).
- 8 **Move Conference.** March 1-3, 2017, Atlanta, GA. Designed to move leaders to equip the church, engage the lost and embrace the nations. Leaders: Bryant Wright, Vance Pitman, Jenny Yong, Jorge Mendoza, and Steve Smith. For more info go to [moveconference.org](http://moveconference.org).
- 9 **Embracing All, 2017 Literacy Missions Conference.** March 11, 2017. Trinity Baptist church, 2003 Charleston Highway, Cayce. Registration begins January 4th at [www.scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization](http://www.scbaptist.org/missions-mobilization). For more info call Dot Whitmire at 803-984-0481 or [ronanddot@comporium.net](mailto:ronanddot@comporium.net)
- 10 **VBS Expo 2017.** April 1, 2017. North Trenholm Baptist Church. Cost is \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per church before

March 10th and \$10.00 per person or \$40.00 per church or \$15.00 per person at the door. For more info go to [www.scbaptist.org/generations/children](http://www.scbaptist.org/generations/children).

## Pride Goeth Before the Fall

A turtle wanted to spend the winter in Florida, but he knew he could never walk that far. He convinced a couple of geese to help him, each taking one end of a piece of rope, while he clamped his vice-like jaws on the center.

The flight went fine until someone on the ground looked up in admiration and asked, "Who in the world thought of that?"

Unable to resist the chance to take credit, the turtle opened his mouth and shouted, "I did ... "

Homiletics (January –March 1996)

## January Birthdays

- 1 Alexis Blair Montgomery
- 2 Bill Wilkes
- 5 Mary Evelyn Shirley
- 6 Bill Marthers Jr.
- 7 Wanda Painter, Carl Spivey
- 8 Connie Haynes
- 9 Kenny Douglas
- 12 Pressley Haynes, Ivy Wilkes
- 14 Dale Connor
- 19 Mary Gail Douglas
- 21 Billie 'Bubba' Tanner
- 24 Curt Branham
- 29 Judith Case
- 30 Jean Godwin, Tommy Wilkes
- 31 Sarah Smith



# God's People Praying

## 365 Days of Prayer

- 1 "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14
- 2 Pray for First Baptist Church as we begin 2017 that we will be a blessing to our community.
- 3 Pray for Dr. Craig and Sue Bailey as they minister with us at First Baptist Church.
- 4 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Aiken Baptist Association.
- 5 Pray for people you know who are caring for aging parents.
- 6 Ask God to help you become the type of praying Christian that others can call on to intercede with the Father on their behalf, knowing that you will be faithful to do so.
- 7 Pray that as Christians we will truly learn to love those with whose lifestyles we do not agree, while at the same time not compromising our beliefs.
- 8 Pray for that pastor who is dealing with some crisis within his family but who is expected to be strength for his congregation.
- 9 Ask God to bless that person or those persons who "...curse you...(or) despitefully use you...," and ask Him to help you learn the lesson that praying for them will teach you.
- 10 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Allendale-Hampton Baptist Association.
- 11 Pray for St. Mark Baptist Church as they search for a new pastor.
- 12 Ask God to comfort, strengthen, and give guidance to that person who is trapped in an abusive relationship.
- 13 Pray Ask God to sharpen the minds, encourage, and bless the work of those doctors and researchers who struggle diligently to find cures for devastating health problems.
- 14 Thank God for the certainty that "though all else fail about you" He cannot fail.
- 15 On this day which has been designated as "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday," pray that God would bring about a new awareness in all people that life is a precious gift from Him.
- 16 Pray for those couples who have been unable to have the child they so desperately want.
- 18 Pray for our military personnel who are in harms way and their families at home
- 19 Ask God to begin revival in Winnsboro, in South Carolina, in the USA and in the world by beginning revival In your own heart.
- 20 Thank God for that Christian home in which you were

## In Sympathy

*We send our Christian love and sympathy to Mark and Becky Kilgus on the death of their son, Matthew.*

*We send our Christian love and sympathy to Mark and Karen Chapman and family on the death of Mark's mother, Edna Robbins. Her funeral will be Saturday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m. at Columbia Baptist Church in Honea Path, South Carolina. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. before the funeral.*

## Happiness

Happiness is good health and a bad memory.

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- reared or those Christian mentors who taught you of the love of Christ .
21. Pray for new churches which are being started in South Carolina.
  22. Pray for the women participating in WMU and the many ministries.
  23. Pray for the people and ministry of the churches of the Barnwell-Bamberg Baptist Association.
  24. Humbly thank God for a warm home while at the same time asking Him to protect those who have no home.
  25. Pray for wisdom for our Sunday School teachers as they lead us to a deeper understanding of God's Word.
  26. Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Beaverdam Baptist Association.
  27. Pray for the children and youth participating in the Honors Chorus, Youth Singers, Allstate Chorus, All State Orchestra, and Praise Team at White Oak Conference Center this week end.
  28. Pray for that single parent who is struggling to maintain a stable life for himself/herself and the children.
  29. Pray for President Trump, the Senate and the House of Representatives as they wrestle with economic, healthcare, and international issues in the new year.
  30. Ask God to help us as individuals and a nation to see Muslims as individuals and not use stereotypes. Show them that God is a God of love not hate.
  31. Pray for the person you know who has no family and few friends.

# Souper Bowl of Caring

Souper Bowl of Caring will be on Sunday, February 5th. We will be collecting a special offering for the Fairfield Community Food Bank.

Mark your calendar and remember to bring your offering to help our community food bank.



We welcome Tammy Crane and Liz Adams as new members of First Baptist. We look forward to working with them to further God's Kingdom in Winnsboro and Fairfield County.

## To Ponder:

Don't pray to escape trouble. Don't pray to be comfortable in your emotions. Pray to do the will of God in every situation. Nothing else is worth praying for.

Samuel L. Shoemaker

Life becomes harder for us when we live for others, but it also becomes richer and happier.

Albert Schweitzer

Biblically, waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want. Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be.

John Ortberg

# Mission Trip Opportunities 2017

*Where is Everybody Going?*



## Vision and Mission Journey to Boston

**April 3-5, 2017**

The historic city of Boston has 5.9 million people and only 115 SBC congregations. The majority of the population are Catholic and the second largest group claim no religion. Send North America: Boston is a church planting and evangelism strategy.

## Vision and Mission Journey to Detroit

**April 23-26, 2017**

Evangelicals make up only 10.4% of the population of Detroit; with only one SBC congregation for every 31,727 people. Send North America: Detroit needs outside churches to provide prayer, people and resources for church planting and evangelization.

## Share Hope and Make Disciples — Taiwan

**Spring and Fall 2017**

Volunteers will distribute scripture to Chinese visitors and locals at tourist sites and work with local IMB workers that lead the Southern Cross Project.

## Vision and Mission Journey — Cleveland

**August 21-23, 2017**

More than 47% of the people in metro Cleveland are not affiliated with a religious body, only 8.5% are evangelicals. Send North America: Cleveland needs outside churches to provide prayer, people and resources to share the Gospel, make disciples and plant churches.

## Vision and Mission Journey — Southeast Asia

**September 2017**

Join the work of SC field personnel who are making disciples and planting churches among unreached peoples. Help penetrate the spiritual darkness that pervades this Muslim nation. This trip is intended for pastors and church leaders to help establish ongoing partnerships with IMB workers and their partners.

Contact The Missions Mobilization Team office at 803-227-6064 to join a team. All volunteers must complete an application and cover all of their own trip costs.

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Address Service Request

## Our Church Staff

Pastor . . . . . Dr. Craig Bailey  
Minister of Youth . . . . . Brad Caulder  
Chairman of Deacons . . . . . Mike Robinson  
Worship Pastor . . . . . Donnie Smith  
Organist . . . . . Robby Lynn Wade  
Sunday School Director . . . . . Nancy Smith  
Secretary . . . . . Susan Creasy

## Our Church Services

Sunday 10:00 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Morning Worship  
4:30 PM Youth  
Wednesday 6:30 PM Youth On Mission  
6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study  
7:30 PM Choir Practice

# The Searchlight

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## Mission Outreach

## BOOK-MARKS

Our church mission outreach for the month of January is favors for the patients in Fairfield Memorial Hospital and for our shut-ins. Contact Billie Jolly or Barbara Carr if you have ideas for favors or would like to participate in delivering them.

### NEW ARRIVALS:

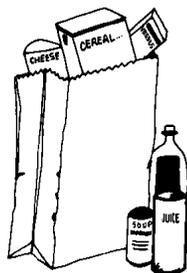
Non Fiction — The Circle Maker by Mark Batterson

Praying circles around your biggest dreams and greatest fears.

Fiction — A Change of Fortune by Jen Turano

Lady Eliza Sumner is on a mission to regain her fortune. She has lost her family, fiancé and faith and is determined to get her money back.

Do not forget our ongoing support of the **Fairfield Community Food Bank**. Bring your Treet and ketchup or other non perishable food items and place them in the collection box in the lobby.



Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 5, 2017. Our offering goes to Fairfield Community Food Bank.