



# The SEARCHLIGHT

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## From the Shepherd's Heart

Thanks for an awesome January. We encouraged our members to get back to Bible study in 2017 with the "Sunday School Super Bowl" emphasis. We even broke 100 during our challenge. Let's continue to build a strong network for Bible study and discipleship. But, everyone is asking, "Which team won? Was it Coach Mike or Coach Brent?" There's only one way to find out...

**Super Bowl Fellowship, February 5, 6:00 PM, White Oak Conference Center.** Yes, First Baptist will be hosting the Super Bowl party for our church family and guests on Sunday night. We begin at 6:00 PM with the kickoff at 6:30 PM. While we will have an alternate halftime show in which we will recognize both our coaches and the winning team, we will NOT be able to skip commercials. I know many of us are anxious to see some of the funny and entertaining spots that come out on Super Bowl Sunday, but remember that some of them are tasteless and not as family friendly as we would like. If you have small children, we will leave it up to you if you would like to find babysitters or take control of them with you during the game in case you see something not so appropriate for little eyes.

**Food** will be available at the White Oak café adjacent to the area in which we will be watching the game. There are plenty of fellowship spaces as well. We will also bring in some food not available at the café, like a selection of wings and a birthday cake for some who are celebrating this weekend. Invite friends and family to come with you because the event is absolutely FREE.

Our devotional moments during halftime will include some video and live references to some great football players who know Christ as the answer to life's greatest questions. So, plan now to join us for worship this Sunday and the fellowship Sunday night at 6:00 PM. Like us on facebook and share it with your friends.

**The Nehemiah Fund** continues to grow as we apply the offerings to the needs of our church facilities. Joe Parker and our Facilities and Grounds Committee are doing a great job of taking on each project as funds come in, so pray about how you can help us over the next months and years to rebuild the walls of ministry in our area. Our sermon series on Nehemiah is giving us some excellent insights on the principles of rebuilding, so whether you are working on your life, career, family or other life project, join us each week for the spiritual food you need to make it!

Pastor Craig Bailey

## 2016 Giving Statements

You may receive two 2016 Giving Statements. The second one will say "Corrected 2016 Giving Statement". When the reports were first generated three Sundays were omitted from some statements. This error was corrected and new statements were printed and sent. If you did not receive a corrected statement then yours was correct the first time.

**Thank You** to everyone for their generous support of First Baptist in 2016!



## VALENTINES BANQUET

The Youth are sponsoring a Valentines Banquet on Saturday, February 25th at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 per person.

### Menu

- Steak
- Potato Bar
- Salad Bar
- Desert

Children are welcome; there will pizza for them.

We will have a silent auction, raffles and lots of Fun!



February 2017

## Opportunities for Ministry, Worship and Study:

- 1 **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).
- 2 **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).
- 3 **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).
- 4 **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)
- 5 **Facing Darkness.** March 30, 2017 only at Columbia Grand stadium 14, 1250 bower Parkway. Movie will take you into the fight against Ebola pandemic in West Africa. For more info go to [Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org).
- 6 **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).
- 7 **The Case for Christ.** In theaters on April 7th. The true story of Lee and Leslie Strobel. Lee, an award winning journalist and confirmed atheist, was devastated when Leslie told him she had become a follower of Christ. Lee decided to help his wife by disproving her newfound Christian faith! The Case for Christ will inspire Christians and challenge everyone else to consider the claims of Christ.

## Focus on WMU Week

Focus on WMU week is February 12-19, 2017. the WMU will be in charge of supper on Wednesday February 15th.

There are two WMU groups at First Baptist:

Ruth Cathcart Circle meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. President is Barbara Carr.

Richard and Fran Kelly Circle meets the third Thursday of every month at 3:30 p.m. President is Billie Jolly.

These two groups are open to all women at First Baptist.

## February Birthdays

- 5 Robert Jolly, David Mazingo, Jordan Parris
- 6 Mark Clark, Kasey Parris McCarty
- 8 Pattie Edwards
- 10 John Cathcart Jr.
- 11 Alex Douglas
- 12 Sue Bailey
- 14 George Brazell Jr., Hunter Phillips, Julie Price
- 17 Ed Gunn
- 21 Kathy Timms
- 22 Susan Creasy
- 23 Jerry Sosebee
- 26 Judi Montgomery

## TODAY

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the day ends. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have.

Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or . . .

I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free.

Today I can grumble about my health or . . .

I can rejoice that I am alive.

Today I can mourn my lack of friends or . . .

I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships.

Today I can whine because I have to go to work or . . .

I can shout for joy because I have a job to do.

Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or . . .

I can feel honored because life has provided shelter for my mind, body and soul.

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.

What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have! Why not make it a GREAT day???

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# God's People Praying

## 365 Days of Prayer

- 1 Pray for our church staff members and their families.
- 2 Pray for the Ruth Cathcart Circle and Richard and Fran Kelly Circle and their leadership in our ministry outreach projects.
- 3 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Broad River Baptist Association.
- 4 Ask God to impress upon you and help you to remember that He has commanded us to love and that judgment is His prerogative.
- 5 Pray for those who will receive help from the Fairfield Community Food Bank because of our gifts through Souper Bowl of Caring.
- 6 Pray for the ministry of the staff of the South Carolina Baptist Convention.
- 7 Pray for those elderly people who are so isolated in nursing homes.
- 8 As Southern Baptists observe WMU Focus Week, pray for the ministry of the local, state, and national WMU.
- 9 Pray for the safe return of our military personnel serving in dangerous places.
- 10 Ask God to help each of us to become more aware of how we mistreat all of His creation and to help us find a way to preserve this amazing world He has entrusted to us.
- 11 Pray for that person you know who is agonizing over something the importance of which you cannot understand.
- 12 Pray for North Greenville University, its faculty, staff, students, and witness.
- 13 Pray for Pastor Craig Bailey and Sue as they lead our church.
- 14 Happy Valentines Day! Thank God for the greatest love of all, the love which He has given to us.
- 15 Thank God for those who operate shelters for the homeless, and pray that they may have adequate financial support to continue their work.
- 16 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Carolina Baptist Association.
- 17 Pray for those in the church who have lost a spouse to death and may feel that loss more acutely at this season.
- 18 Pray for those who are enslaved by drugs or alcohol.
- 19 Pray for all people around the world who are oppressed because of their religious beliefs, color, political beliefs, occupation etc. Help us to remember that we are all God's children.
- 20 Thank God for those persons on whom you can always call when you need prayer support and know that they will be faithful to intercede with the Father on your behalf.

## In Sympathy

*We send our Christian love and sympathy to the Parris family on the loss of Sylvia's nephew, Luke Hermanson.*

## Two Days We Should not Worry

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry, two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is Yesterday with all its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains.

We cannot undo a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone forever.

The other day we should not worry about is Tomorrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and its poor performance; Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.

Tomorrow's sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in Tomorrow, for it is yet to be born.

This leaves only one day, Today. Any person can fight the battle of just one day. It is when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternities Yesterday and Tomorrow that we break down.

It is not the experience of Today that drives a person mad, it is the remorse or bitterness of something which happened Yesterday and the dread of what Tomorrow may bring. Let us, therefore, Live but one day at a time.

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- 21 Pray for the person you encounter frequently who speaks another language, and ask God to show you how to minister to them in some way, even if it is only with a smile or wave.
- 22 Pray for those who are torn between caring for aging parents and raising their own children.
- 23 Pray for the people and ministry of the churches in the Charleston Baptist Association.
- 24 Pray for the shut ins and elderly that are served meals by Caring Hands and Ruth's Dish-ciples.
- 25 Pray for your next door neighbors.
- 26 Thank God for the privilege of intercessory prayer.
- 27 Pray for the on-going work and ministry of the Baptist Foundation.
- 28 Ask God to give you His love for the people in your

## “Samson”

Narroway Dinner Theater

Saturday, February 18th

Show Time 5:30 p.m.

Cost \$35.00 per ticket

### Menu:

Kalamata boneless short rib steak

With Mediterranean vegetable topping

Garlic olive oil pasta

Harvest green beans tossed w/pimento sesame seed

Mediterranean flat bread w/herb spices

Crushed oat Cake w/coconut and pecan glaze

Sweet iced tea or water

West of 50 is sponsoring this trip to Narroway dinner Theater. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. Turn your money for tickets in to David Mazingo or Margaret Richardson or make your check out to the church.

If you wish to ride the bus, indicate your choice when you sign up. We will meet at church at 4.00 p.m.



We are having a Super Bowl party on Sunday February 5th at White Oak Conference Center. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end when the game is over. The White Oak Café will be open for you to purchase snacks and drinks. We will also provide some snacks.

There will be a special program during half-time and we will learn the winners of the Sunday School Super Bowl Challenge.

Come join us for a fun evening of fellowship and football.

## Disciple Now Weekend Weekend at the Well

March 31st — April 2nd

Camp La Vida

Cost: \$65 before March 3rd

Late Registration: \$80 until March 17th

Speakers:

Garth Farmer and Kevin Miller

Music by The Change Band

We will explore the meaning of the “living water” the Gospel offers us through small group time and interactive worship.

Disciple Now Weekend is for youth in 7-12 grades.

## Yard Sale

The Youth are giving you plenty of time to clean out your attics and garages. They are starting to collect your slightly used items for the Big Grab Yard Sale in September.

Bring your donations to the gym and place them in the Youth Room upstairs; or you may leave them in the gym and the youth will carry them upstairs. They will not be accepting clothing this year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Youth activities!

## New Testament Breakfast

I was telling my first grade Sunday School class about John the Baptist. Mentioning that he ate locusts and honeycomb, I noticed a puzzled look from one of the boys.

“Wow,” he mused, “I never knew they had cereal back then!”

Abigail a. Freeman

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## 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 5:30 PM Supper  
6:15 PM TeamKID  
6:30 PM Youth On Mission  
6:30 PM Prayer/Bible Study  
7:30 PM Choir Practice

# The Searchlight

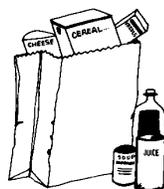
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## Mission Outreach

Our church mission outreach for February is the **Red Cross**. We will be accepting donations to the Red Cross and encouraging everyone who is able to give blood. The Red Cross helps anyone who is a victim of disaster—fire, flood, tornado, hurricane, etc.—providing food, blankets, temporary housing, etc. to help the victims get back on their feet. You may send your donations to:

Red Cross  
Fairfield Distribution Center  
P O Box 314  
Winnsboro, SC 29180

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.



## BOOK-MARKS

For your winter reading:

### The Sign Painter by Davis Bunn

The Christian community comes to the aid of a mother and daughter who become homeless.

### We Never Asked for Wings by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Young mother strives to follow the American Dream to a safer neighborhood to raise her Children.

For young readers:

### Special Parents, Special Children

by Joanne Bernstein and Bryna J. Fireside  
Living with handicaps

### The Secret World of Hildegard by Jonah Winter

Young girl seeks to bring color to her world.