



Forerunner

First Baptist Church
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Start the New Year off
right by joining us for



New Sermon Series
beginning
Sunday, January 1st

Whether you find yourself wanting everything that God has in store for you or realizing that your God-sized dreams have died a slow death over the years — reach out, invite a friend and you will start unleashing some blessings immediately.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

9:45 am-Sunday School
10:00 am-Hispanic Sunday School
11:00 am-Worship Service
11:00 am-Hispanic Worship Service
5:00 pm-Youth Band Practice (4U)
6:00 pm-Hispanic Bible Study/Prayer
6:30 pm-TruNorth
6:30 pm-Kids N The Kitchen

Mondays

5:15 pm-Pilates Class
7:30 pm-Orchestra Practice

Tuesdays

7:30 pm-Boy Scouts

Wednesdays

5:15 pm-Pilates Class
5:30 pm-Praising Princesses
6:30 pm-Followers
6:45 pm-SpiritSong
7:30 pm-Sanctuary Choir
8:00 pm-Adult Praise Band

Thursdays

12:00 pm-Men's Bible Study

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2

Church Offices Closed

January 10

11:00 am—Women on Mission
5:30 pm—MCC Meeting (Parlor)

January 11

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

January 13-15

Resurrection 2012—Youth Ministry
Gallinburg, TN

JANUARY 18

LEADER BUZZ

5:45 pm—Meal
6:30 pm—Meeting

January 22

11:00 am—Deacon Ordination Service

January 23

7:30 pm—Deacons' Meeting

January 25

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids



The Bible in One Year

JANUARY 1
 GENESIS 1:1 - 2:25
 MATTHEW 1:1 - 2:12
 PSALM 1:1-6
 PROVERBS 1:1-6

JANUARY 2
 GENESIS 3:1 - 4:26
 MATTHEW 2:13 - 3:6
 PSALM 2:1-12
 PROVERBS 1:7-9

JANUARY 3
 GENESIS 5:1 - 7:24
 MATTHEW 3:7 - 4:11
 PSALM 3:1-8
 PROVERBS 1:10-19

JANUARY 4
 GENESIS 8:1 - 10:32
 MATTHEW 4:12-25
 PSALM 4:1-8
 PROVERBS 1:20-23

JANUARY 5
 GENESIS 11:1 - 13:4
 MATTHEW 5:1-26
 PSALM 5:1-12
 PROVERBS 1:24-28

JANUARY 6
 GENESIS 13:5 - 15:21
 MATTHEW 5:27-48
 PSALM 6:1-10
 PROVERBS 1:29-33

JANUARY 7
 GENESIS 16:1 - 18:19
 MATTHEW 6:1-24
 PSALM 7:1-17
 PROVERBS 2:1-5

JANUARY 8
 GENESIS 18:20 - 19:38
 MATTHEW 6:25 - 7:14
 PSALM 8:1-9
 PROVERBS 2:6-15

JANUARY 9
 GENESIS 20:1 - 22:24
 MATTHEW 7:15-29
 PSALM 9:1-12
 PROVERBS 2:16-22

JANUARY 10
 GENESIS 23:1 - 24:51
 MATTHEW 8:1-17
 PSALM 9:13-20
 PROVERBS 3:1-6

JANUARY 11
 GENESIS 24:52 - 26:16
 MATTHEW 8:18-34
 PSALM 10:1-15
 PROVERBS 3:7-8

JANUARY 12
 GENESIS 26:17 - 27:46
 MATTHEW 9:1-17
 PSALM 10:16-18
 PROVERBS 3:9-10

JANUARY 13
 GENESIS 28:1 - 29:35
 MATTHEW 9:18-38
 PSALM 11:1-7
 PROVERBS 3:11-12

JANUARY 14
 GENESIS 30:1 - 31:16
 MATTHEW 10:1-25
 PSALM 12:1-8
 PROVERBS 3:13-15

JANUARY 15
 GENESIS 31:17 - 32:12
 MATTHEW 10:26 - 11:6
 PSALM 13:1-6
 PROVERBS 3:16-18

JANUARY 16
 GENESIS 32:13 - 34:31
 MATTHEW 11:7-30
 PSALM 14:1-7
 PROVERBS 3:19-20

JANUARY 17
 GENESIS 35:1 - 36:43
 MATTHEW 12:1-21
 PSALM 15:1-5
 PROVERBS 3:21-26

JANUARY 18
 GENESIS 37:1 - 38:30
 MATTHEW 12:22-45
 PSALM 16:1-11
 PROVERBS 3:27-32

JANUARY 19
 GENESIS 39:1 - 41:16
 MATTHEW 12:46 - 13:23
 PSALM 17:1-15
 PROVERBS 3:33-35

JANUARY 20
 GENESIS 41:17 - 42:17
 MATTHEW 13:24 - 46
 PSALM 18:1-15
 PROVERBS 4:1-6

JANUARY 21
 GENESIS 42:18 - 43:34
 MATTHEW 13:47 - 14:12
 PSALM 18:16-36
 PROVERBS 4:7-10

JANUARY 22
 GENESIS 44:1 - 45:28
 MATTHEW 14:13-36
 PSALM 18:37-50
 PROVERBS 4:11-13

JANUARY 23
 GENESIS 46:1 - 47:31
 MATTHEW 15:1-28
 PSALM 19:1-14
 PROVERBS 4:14-19

JANUARY 24
 GENESIS 48:1 - 49:33
 MATTHEW 15:29 - 16:12
 PSALM 20:1-9
 PROVERBS 4:20-27

JANUARY 25
 GENESIS 50:1 - EXODUS 2:10
 MATTHEW 16:13 - 17:9
 PSALM 21:1-13
 PROVERBS 5:1-6

JANUARY 26
 EXODUS 2:11 - 3:22
 MATTHEW 17:10-27
 PSALM 22:1-18
 PROVERBS 5:7-14

JANUARY 27
 EXODUS 4:1 - 5:21
 MATTHEW 18:1-22
 PSALM 22:19-31
 PROVERBS 5:15-21

JANUARY 28
 EXODUS 5:22 - 7:24
 MATTHEW 18:23 - 19:12
 PSALM 23:1-6
 PROVERBS 5:22-23

JANUARY 29
 EXODUS 7:25 - 9:35
 MATTHEW 19:13-30
 PSALM 24:1-10
 PROVERBS 6:1-5

JANUARY 30
 EXODUS 10:1 - 12:13
 MATTHEW 20:1-26
 PSALM 25:1-15
 PROVERBS 6:6-11

JANUARY 31
 EXODUS 12:14 - 13:16
 MATTHEW 20:29 - 21:22
 PSALM 25:16-22
 PROVERBS 6:12-15



The Sanctuary Renovation Team

has begun the process to look at our current sanctuary and how we can look to renovate it, considering both finishes and functionality. While the church facility is 40 years old, we recognize that great care has been taken to maintain the church and sanctuary and to keep them in remarkably good shape. We realize that the task we are looking at is something that needs to be considered carefully and thoughtfully.

We took comments that were made at a meeting with members about a year ago and used those as our starting point for possible upgrades to the space. The items we are considering include: possibly enlarging the pulpit & stage area, improved lighting, improved sound system, refurbishing the pews/seating, new carpet and new finishes.

We contacted the Virginia State Baptist Mission Board and received recommendations for companies and firms that specialize in this type of work for churches and that have successful projects that are similar to ours. We have met with both companies and should have proposals by mid-January to assist in the design and work. Our hope is to select someone to work with by the end of January so we can begin the design process. We will be bringing some design and finish options to the church members to see and comment on before final decisions are made. Once we have a design and cost estimate in place, we can begin to look at how to financially address the projects.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to talk to any member of the team: Keith Barker, Mike Stevens, Bryan Dillon, Art Pemberton, Becky Adams, or Jerrold Bennett



Pilates Classes Continue in 2012

Pilates are continuing each week on Monday and Wednesday at 5:15 pm. This is a co-ed class and new members are welcome any time! For more information, please contact Becky Adams at beckyadams36@yahoo.com or 233-6312.



**A Word
from
the Music
Minister**

With 2011 and many great worship experiences fresh in our memory, the Music Ministry is looking ahead to an exciting **2012!** 2011 was a great year for the choir, and we saw fantastic growth. Our hopes are even higher for 2012 as we pray God will bring even more voices to our choir to sing His praise. NOW is a great time to join us as we rehearse for weekly Sunday morning worship services and begin preparations for Easter 2012. We look forward to seeing you in choir -- every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Please see Wendi or any choir member for more information.



On the other hand, if you're more of an instrumentalist, then it's time to get involved with the First Baptist Orchestra! The orchestra adds so much to our worship, and we are actively looking to grow this area of ministry. Please see Linda Bartlett for details. Let's make this new year the best it can be as we spread God's word through music.



**Greetings From
Our Hispanic
Congregation!**

May this article find you enjoying the many blessings the LORD has given you this holiday season. This month of December, as we celebrated the LORD'S birth, we also enjoyed his blessings in our congregation. On December 18th, seven Hispanic brothers and sisters took that first step of obedience and were baptized. On December 24th, we had our Christmas Eve service, and once again exceeded the seating capacity of our sanctuary as 65-70 people attended that day. The most extraordinary blessing of all was to see a teenage boy accept CHRIST as his personal Savior on Christmas Eve. May we continue to pray for our Hispanic congregation as the LORD has been doing awesome things throughout this year. I know this coming year will be full of many more blessings.

DIOS te bendiga (GOD bless you)

*At HIS service,
Ricky Alvarado*



Dear Sunshine Group,

Thank you to the ladies for the delicious Thanksgiving meal delivered to me. May God bless my wonderful church family.

Grace Smoot

Dear FBC,

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts during my surgery. I am recovering well and hope to be with you soon.

*Love & Prayers,
Jackie McGrady*



**Memorials/
Honoraria**

Donor	Fund	In Memory of
Fran Halsey	Endowment Fund	Webb & Hattie Halsey
Fran Halsey	Endowment Fund	Albert & Lula Eads
Fran Halsey	Endowment Fund	Bill Halsey, III
Fran Halsey	Endowment Fund	W.W. 'Bill' Halsey
Glennis Morris	Lottie Moon Fund	Dr. Hiter Robinson
John & Anne Vaughan	Endowment Fund	Ginny Higgins
John & Anne Vaughan	Endowment Fund	Juanita Jones
John & Anne Vaughan	Endowment Fund	Alene McGee
John & Anne Vaughan	Endowment Fund	Dr. Hiter Robinson

Donor	Fund	In Honor of
Willing Workers	Lottie Moon	Laila Cox
Willing Workers	Lottie Moon	Martha Easter
Willing Workers	Lottie Moon	Judy Hennis
Willing Workers	Lottie Moon	Evelyn Beamer
Willing Workers	Lottie Moon	Bill Vaughan



**We offer our
deepest
sympathy to...**

... John Hutchins on the death of his father, **John Leonard Hutchins**, who passed away on December 16, 2011.



WOMEN ON MISSION will meet Tuesday, January 10th at 11 AM. Please join us as we continue to plan and work for our church, community and world in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. (Bring a lunch.)

**INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
OFFERING UPDATE**

God sent His Son to bring eternal salvation. He frees His people from sin in multiple languages and cultures. We are blessed to experience comfort and salvation in Jesus and to join Him in making Him known to all the world.

Thank you for your offering to International Missions. To date, you have generously given **\$4,038**.



**FAITH NURSE
NEWS**

Our "Walk to Bethlehem" wrapped up on December 18th. Our participants walked **1874** miles! As a community of 17 churches and the employees of TCRH, we together walked over **33,500 miles!** Thanks to everyone who participated!

As January begins, many of us decide its time to "start fresh" and take care of ourselves. Remember as you are making goals or resolutions, they need to be SMART goals:

- Specific**
- Measurable**
- Attainable**
- Realistic**
- Timely**

If you just say, "I'm going to lose weight"- that is not specific. If you say, "I'm going to lose 50lbs by Valentine's Day"- that's not attainable or realistic. Make sure you address all 5 things in your goal, for example: "I'm going to lose 10 pounds by Valentine's Day." Once you have your goal or resolution, decide **how** you are going to make that happen. Having a **SMART** plan will help you reach those goals. For instance with the above goal, you could say "I will lose the weight by cutting out soda and candy, and I will exercise for 30 minutes at least 2 days per week."

Once you have your plan in place, the final step is to find an accountability partner. This is someone who will encourage you and remind you of your goal.

Your goal or resolution could have to do with physical well being, but spiritual and emotional well being is just as important. We are told to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart (emotional), with all your soul (spiritual) and all your strength (physical)." Deut. 6:5

*May everyone have a healthy
and Happy New Year!*

Nursery Schedule

January 01

Class 1: Patti & Stew Merdian
Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter

January 08

Class 1: Lyle & Angel Hartt
Class 2: Justin & Kristen Quesenberry

January 15

Class 1: Keith & Sydney Barker
Class 2: John & Mary Hutchins

January 22

Class 1: Phyllis Barker and Judy Hennis
Class 2: Charlotte McPherson and Donna Garland

January 29

Class 1: Steve and Mandy Archer
Class 2: Dell Carico and Julia Vaughan



First Impressions Team

January 01 Ruth Davis, Susan Stark, Karen Stevens
January 08 Steve & Debra Cone, Gregg Rector, David Vaughan
January 15 Kathleen Higgins, Dale & Margaret Liddle
January 22 Mary Hutchins, Doug & Lora Williams
January 29 Gary Ballard, Donald Handy, Susan Honaker

CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	12/04/2011	12/11/2011
Evening Attendance	651	208
Sunday School	253	207
11:00 A.M. Worship	340	271
Hispanic Worship Service	50	47
Total Worship Attendance	390	318

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 8,896.81	\$ 8,896.81
BUDGET RECEIVED	7,813.05	10,168.05
REQUIRED TO DATE	436,035.88	444,932.69
RECEIVED TO DATE	415,880.96	426,049.01
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,727.90	2,072.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 13,540.95	\$ 12,290.93

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%	96%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	88%	115%

	12/18/2011	12/24/2011
Evening Attendance	77	-
Sunday School	202	-
11:00 A.M. Worship	334	400
Hispanic Worship Service	47	65
Total Worship Attendance	381	465

BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 8,896.81	\$ 8,896.81
BUDGET RECEIVED	9,062.27	5,807.09
REQUIRED TO DATE	453,829.50	462,634.00
RECEIVED TO DATE	435,111.28	440,918.37
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	2,346.00	8,985.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,408.27	\$ 14,792.09

% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	96%	95%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	102%	66%



Kent Cox; Ted Moore; Jackie McGrady; Iva Ward; Lib Russell; Jane Alderman; Roger Poole; Dr. Winford Hendrix; John Stringer & Debby Stringer; Bea Clark's family (granddaughter-multiple injuries from a car accident); Ardith Nuckles, broken wrist; Donnie Meader; William McMillan, (Rhonda McMillan's father); Bob Johnson; Gladys Catron; Rose Cox; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Roger Alley & his family; Phillip Segal; The Unemployed; Pauline Robertson; Earlene Epperson (Debby Stringer's mother); Kimberly Graham; Rick & Susan Stark; Bronson Mabe; Rayburn Martin; Shirley Parsons; Jim Young (salvation); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Lee Jones (Martha Dozier's son); Lisa Lewis, cancer; Jared Johnson for salvation (Angel Hartt's brother); Casa Betel; Karen Osborne; Linda Johnson, cancer (Iva Ward's niece); Elizabeth Roberts, colon cancer (Ann Carol Roberts' mother-in-law); Robert Beasley, Alzheimer's disease (Bill Beasley's brother); Joan Baker (Donna Beasley's sister); Robert Bunn (Debbie Harris' father); Polly Painter; Viola Easter (Royce's mother); Jo Stringer (John Stringer's mother); **USA Military and other coalition forces**; Chris Burnett; Christopher Littreal; and Paul Ferguson (Afghanistan).

NURSING HOMES: Westwood Hills - Harold Smith, Rm 700; **Golden Living** - Nannie Sizemore, Rm B-3 (Joe Sizemore's mother); **RidgeCrest (Mt. Airy)** - Jane Edwards, Rm 221; **Waddell Nursing Home** - Tommy Adams, Rm 107-B; Auralea Curtis, Rm 205A; Elizabeth Hill, Rm 115-B; Dorothy Marie Horton, Rm 222; **Wheatland** - Hazel Lowe, Rm C-12; Aletha Reavis, Rm C-6; **Grayson Nursing & Rehab Center, Independence, VA** - Benjamin Smith, Rm 146 (Dolly Moss' father).

New Mercies

Everyone seems to have at least one resolution that seems impossible to keep. And that can become very discouraging.

The prophet Jeremiah, who had his own reasons to feel down, wrote, "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV).

God refuses to give up on us. When we lose hope, when we fail and fall short, his mercy never runs out. **Tomorrow is full of promise and our Lord's unceasing love!**

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January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 6:00pm Hispanic Bible Study</p>	<p>2 Church Offices Closed</p>	<p>3 9-12 Weekday Preschool Resumes</p>	<p>4 9-12 Weekday Preschool 5:15pm Pilates Class 5:30pm Praising Princesses 6:30pm Followers 6:45pm SpiritSong 7:30pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00pm Adult Praise Band</p>	<p>5 9-12 Weekday Preschool 12:00pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>6 9-12 Weekday Preschool</p>	<p>7</p>
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Resurrection 2012 — January 13-15
Gatlinburg, TN (Youth)

January BIRTHDAYS

January 1

Lillie Bowles

January 9

Kathy Bryant

January 17

Laila Cox

January 2

Ruth Bennett

January 10

Thomasine Lemons

Marty Parks

Mary Ann Thomas

January 19

Ruth Davis

January 4

Rigoberto Rivera

January 12

Dell Carico

Jacqueline Cruz

January 21

James Baxley

January 5

Jason Shaw

Henry Zatarain

January 13

Lamar Hebert

January 22

Charlotte McPherson

January 6

Bea Clark

Barbara Gaudet

Doug Williams

January 14

Graham Parks

January 23

Sandie Galyean

January 7

Steve Cone

January 15

Grace Archer

January 25

Kalyn Threatt

January 8

Linda Halsey

Matthew Holt

Samuel Ibarra

Margaret Liddle

January 16

David Vaughan

James Williams

January 27

Eva Cruz

January 30

Alexandria Galvan

Juan Hernandez

Jared Russell