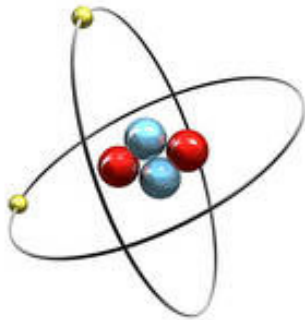




# Forerunner

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## How to Make 2015 a Quantum Year

I love the word quantum. It is a word that has double meaning, depending on context. It may mean a large amount like, "A quantum jump in the volume of traffic over Christmas made driving Interstate 77 a nightmare." Quantum also means "the smallest amount of something that can exist independently." In physics, a quantum leap is usually a small change.

If you and I are going to see big change in 2015, it will be the result of paying attention to the little things. Micro-changes over time end up generating macro-changes. In Luke 16:10 we learn that, "*If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones.*"

We have enjoyed a blessed year at First Baptist in 2014. What does God have in store for 2015? Will it be a quantum year? Join me for the month of January, and we will learn that it is not about New Year's resolutions, but it is about making a serious plan. Proverbs 21:5 reminds us that, "*The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.*"

Happy New Year,

Pastor Sam

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### Sundays

9:45 am—Sunday School  
11:00 am—Worship Service  
5:30 pm—Youth Band Practice (4U)  
6:30 pm—TruNorth  
6:30 pm—Children's Choir

#### Mondays

5:15 pm—Pilates Class  
6:00 pm—Adult Praise Band (Ichthus)  
6:00 pm—New Life Band Practice

#### Tuesdays

7:00 pm—New Life Worship Service  
7:00 pm—Boy Scouts Meeting

#### Wednesdays

1:30 pm—Clothes Closet  
6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting  
(Fellowship begins at 6:00 pm)  
7:00 pm—Orchestra Practice  
7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### January 01

Church Offices Closed

#### January 04

11:00 am—Communion Service

#### January 07

6:30 pm—Kingdom Kids

#### January 13

11:00 am—Women on Mission

#### January 15

11:00 am—Sunshine Group

#### January 16-18

Resurrection 2015, Gatlinburg, TN  
(Youth)

#### January 19

7:00 pm—Deacons' Meeting

#### January 21

#### LEADER BUZZ

5:45pm Meal  
6:30pm Meeting

#### January 28

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



## FAMILY LIFE MINISTER NEWS

### RESURRECTION 2015

Pray for our Youth as they travel to Gatlinburg, TN, January 16th-18th, for this awesome annual event of worship and spiritual growth. For many, Resurrection is an opportunity for conversion, decision and revival. For others, it becomes a moment of realization that their faith needs to grow deeper and more serious. Remember our young people as they join over 12,000 others in celebration of the God of the Resurrection.

### New Babies !



**Congratulations** to John & Mary Hutchins on the birth of their new son! **Owen Leonard Hutchins** was born December 9, 2014, weighing 5 lbs. and 13 oz.

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**Congratulations** to Eric & Erica Testerman on the birth of their new baby girl! **Claire Danielle Testerman** was born Thursday, December 11, 2014, weighing 7 lbs. and 11.5 oz.



... to Doug Bryant on the death of his mother, **Sue Bryant**, on November 20, 2014.

... to the family of **Sam East** who passed away November 25, 2014.

... to the family of **Leighton "Moe" Weaver** who passed away December 7, 2014.

... to the family of **Nell Frye** who passed away on December 12, 2014.

... to the family of **Worth Higgins** who passed away on December 26, 2014.



**A WORD FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER**

Thank you to all who participated in "Journey to the Manger." Through God's amazing grace and the willingness of those involved to share their talents, we experienced an incredible time of worship with our community. We appreciate your commitment to the kingdom's work and pray that God will bless you and your families in the coming year!

2015 will hold plenty of opportunities for service within the Music Ministry. Regular choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. This will be a great time to join as we'll be preparing upcoming Sunday worship music. We are also looking for new orchestra members to participate on Sunday mornings. Please contact the music office if you have any questions regarding either of these two groups. We look forward to seeing you in January!



**GREETINGS FROM OUR HISPANIC CONGREGATION!**

December was a very joyful one for us as a congregation. As we celebrated the birth of our Savior, we also rejoiced that two young girls accepted Christ as their personal Savior. We are seeing the fruit of the new building as visitors come and hear the word of Christ. We had a very special Christmas Eve service, with our drama team performing, and 73 people attending this celebration with us.

I personally thank each and every one of you for your support, and I thank GOD for this new opportunity in a new place as we are seeing the congregation work together and also many visitors come. Please help us pray that our LORD will use all of us for HIS glory.

DIOS te bendiga (God bless you)

*At HIS service  
Ricky Alvarado*



**Donor Fund In Memory of**  
Mrs. Fran Halsey Katherine Parks  
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*Fran Creggar Fund*

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*Fran Creggar Fund*

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Mr. Walter Jones, III Nell Frye  
*Endowment Fund*

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Jeffreys Katherine Parks  
*General Fund*

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**Donor Fund In Honor of**  
Willing Workers Class Evelyn Beamer  
*Lottie Moon Offering*

Willing Workers Class Martha Easter  
*Lottie Moon Offering*

Willing Workers Class Judy Hennis  
*Lottie Moon Offering*

Willing Workers Class Bill Vaughan  
*Lottie Moon Offering*



**Women on Mission**

Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions to support our missionaries so they can share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Your contributions toward our goal of \$4,000 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions was an amazing **\$5,633!** May God bless each of you who helped up meet and surpass our goal! Please continue to pray each day about how you can share the gospel both near and far.

During the months of 2015, we will be asking you to help us in many more projects to help others in Christ's name. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to serve others for Him.

*"Then He called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: 'Whoever wants to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"*  
Mark 8:34



Dear Pastor Sam & FBC Family,

Words cannot express how much your prayers, cards, calls and lovely flowers have meant to me during my Mom's illness and passing. Knowing I have such a caring Church Family makes her loss a little easier.

*Love,  
Sue Holt*

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First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the church for our father's service. He dearly loved this church, but more importantly, all of the people.

*The Family of  
Leighton "Moe" Weaver*

## Nursery Schedule



### January 04

Class 1: Lyle & Angel Hartt  
 Class 2: Phyllis Barker, Burgandy Bobbitt  
 Class 3: Stew & Patti Merdian

### January 11

Class 1: Eric & Erica Testerman  
 Class 2: Lewis & Marian Porter  
 Class 3: Brandon & Jada Galyean

### January 18

Class 1: Dana & Burgandy Bobbitt  
 Class 2: Travis & Elesha Robinson  
 Class 3: Lewis & Marian Porter

### January 25

Class 1: Ronnie & Debbie Harris  
 Class 2: Justin & Kristen Quesenberry  
 Class 3: Dell Carico, Mary Ann Dickerson

## Golf Cart

### January 04

Jeffrey Simpson

### January 11

John Sexton

### January 18

Earl Morgan

### January 25

Terry Anders



## First Impressions Team

**January 04** Benny & Shirley White, Bob Leonard

**January 11** Joe & Sara Lindsey, Debbie Carlson

**January 18** Tony & Sonia Truitt, Paula Byrd

**January 25** Steve & Debra Cone, Gary Ballard

### CURRENT WORSHIP STATISTICS

	11/23/2014	11/30/2014
Evening Attendance	57	141
Sunday School	163	161
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	255	275
New Life Worship Service	17	19
Hispanic Worship Service	40	46
Total Worship Attendance	312	340
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,342.41	\$ 9,342.41
BUDGET RECEIVED	5,567.60	5,248.24
REQUIRED TO DATE	439,093.37	448,435.78
RECEIVED TO DATE	409,989.30	415,237.54
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	620.98	636.01
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 6,188.58</b>	<b>\$ 5,884.25</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%	93%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	61%	57%

	12/07/2014	12/14/2014
Evening Attendance	993	31
Sunday School	164	150
11:00 A.M. Worship Service	270	263
New Life Worship Service	20	0
Hispanic Worship Service	42	37
Total Worship Attendance	332	300
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,342.41	\$ 9,342.41
BUDGET RECEIVED	10,291.24	10,945.44
REQUIRED TO DATE	457,778.19	467,120.60
RECEIVED TO DATE	425,528.78	436,474.22
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	3,614.01	2,791.56
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 13,905.25</b>	<b>\$ 13,737.00</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	93%	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	112%	118%



Donn Bogert; Opaline Roberson, lung cancer; Family of Sandra Myrum; Wilda Fayne; Emily Hash, serious injuries from a car accident (Bryan Dillon's sister); Helen Robinson; Forest Nuckles; Donnie Handy; Carroll Lineberry (Jean Acencio's brother); Jerry Parnell; Bertha Nunley, colon cancer; Michelle Perez, cancer; Tony Robinson, cancer; Gyle Burnett, 4 yr old with brain tumor; Phyllis Moore; Teddy Ricks' mother; Nell Bartlett; Betty Robinson, kidney failure; Bonnell Young, needs kidney transplant; Steven Nunn; Billy Testerman, leukemia (Betty Testerman's husband); Frances Turpin, cancer; Judy Fayne, cancer (Wilda Fayne's daughter); Donna Beasley; Judy Plant, cancer (Ginny Plant's mother); John Adams, Sr.; Elizabeth Roberts, (Ann Carol Roberts' mother-in-law); Kent Cox; John & Debby Stringer; Sam Joe Wright, cancer (Phyllis Carpenter's father); Rose Cox; Ronald Cummings (Dolly Moss' brother); Betty Fender (Ann Roberts' mother); Lee Jones (Martha Dozier's son); Jared Johnson for salvation (Angel Hartt's brother); Casa Betel; Jo Stringer (John Stringer's mother); The Unemployed; USA Military and other coalition forces

**NURSING HOMES:** **Golden Living** - Elizabeth Manus, Rm A-4; Nannie Sizemore, Rm B-6; **Grayson Nursing & Rehab** - John Adams, Sr, Rm 316-B; **Trinity Mission** - Doris Marshall, Rm 206; **Waddell Nursing Home** - Tommy Adams, Rm 107-B; Jane Edwards, Rm 111; Dorothy Marie Horton, Rm 222; Grace Smoot, Rm 218; **Wheatland** - Hazel Lowe, Rm C-12; Billy Mitchell, Rm D-1.

### WORSHIP STATISTICS - CONT'D

	12/21/2014
Evening Attendance	280
Sunday School	176
11:00 A.M. Worship	329
New Life Worship Service	0
Hispanic Worship Service	43
Total Worship Attendance	372
BUDGET REQUIRED	\$ 9,342.41
BUDGET RECEIVED	10,868.91
REQUIRED TO DATE	476,463.01
RECEIVED TO DATE	447,343.13
DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	5,617.99
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 16,486.90</b>
% Required Yrly Budget Rec'd	94%
% Required Wkly Budget Rec'd	118%

**JANUARY**

**Ring in the New Year with joy!**

*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*

Psalm 126:3

### CHURCH STAFF

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 Mrs. Wendi Pemberton ..... Minister of Music  
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 Mrs. Marlene Tipton ..... Administrative Secretary  
 Mrs. Marie Combs ..... Financial Secretary  
 Mr. John Hutchins ..... Discipleship Ministry Leader  
 Mrs. Linda Bartlett ..... Orchestra/Praise Bands Leader  
 Mrs. Nancy Hazelwood ..... Organist  
 Mrs. Patty Davis ..... Pianist  
 Mrs. Marian Porter ..... Weekday Preschool Director  
 Preschool/Extended Session  
 Mrs. Penny Adams ..... Bus Ministry Director  
 Mrs. Martha Easter, RN ..... Volunteer Health Nurse  
 Mr. Paul Sawyers ..... Sexton

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