



Wednesday, January 6
5:30 p.m.



Service of Epiphany

Wednesday, January 6
6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
Following the Chili Cook-Off

Adult Bible Fellowship
Classes meet in the
Multipurpose Room
Sunday, January 10 at 9:30
Lesson taught by Dr. Hewett

The First Baptist Pulpit

The Season of Epiphany

"Who Are You, Really?" — Sermons by Dr. John Hewett

January 10	"You Are God's Creation"	Isaiah 43:1-7
January 17	"You Are God's Delight"	Isaiah 62:1-5
January 24	"You Are God's People"	Nehemiah 8:1-10
January 31	"You Are God's Voice"	Jeremiah 1:4-10
February 7	"You Are God's Apostle"	Isaiah 6:1-13



The Flower Calendar for 2010 is now posted on the wall outside the church office. If you would like to have flowers placed in the sanctuary either in memory or honor of a loved one, please fill in the information on the Sunday you prefer. Cost is \$60. We ask that you please pay for the flowers prior to the Sunday you choose. Checks should be made payable to First Baptist Church. Unless specified otherwise, flower arrangements will be provided by Max Penegar.

Faith in Fiction Book Club

meets Thursday, January 7
7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

You are invited to join them as they review and discuss

The Lost Symbol

by Dan Brown

This Week at FBC

Sunday, January 3
 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
 10:45 AM Service of Worship
 5:00 PM Youth New Year's Party with Jim/Sara Stubbs

Monday, January 4
 10:30 AM Song Service at Brian Center
 6:30 PM TOPS
 Board of Christian Education

Tuesday, January 5
 6:00 PM Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, January 6
 5:30 PM Chili Cook-Off
 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:30 PM Service of Epiphany
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 7
 7:00 PM Faith in Fiction Book Club

Sunday, January 10
 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship (adult classes in MPR)
 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
 10:45 AM Service of Worship
 3:00 PM Board of Missions
 5:00 PM Youth Group
 5:45 PM Youth Choir
 6:30 PM Snack Supper
 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, January 11
 2:00 PM Poovey Denmark Group in Library
 6:30 PM Weekday Preschool Board

Tuesday, January 12
 6:30 PM Board of Trustees
 7:00 PM Lottie Moon Group with Jessie Ruth Litaker

Wednesday, January 13
 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
Buffet: vegetable soup, chicken salad sandwiches, dessert
Kid's meal: grilled cheese, chips
 6:15 PM Music Time
 Music Makers
 Children's Choir
 Youth Discussion
 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday Night Handbell Group
 6:30 PM Congregational Meeting
 6:45 PM Mission Friends
 Girls' Missions
 Boy's Missions
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Bible Fellowship Lessons

Sunday, January 3

"Close to God's Heart"

Scripture: **John 1:1-18**

Additional Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:7-14
 Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14

Sunday, January 10

"Affirmed by Love"

Scripture: **Luke 3:15-17; 21-22**

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17

**Adult Classes meet in the
 Multipurpose Room**

Congregational Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.

Board Reports - Staff Reports - Committee Reports
 Financial Update

Join in the celebration of Emagene Griffin's 90th Birthday

Saturday, January 9, 2010 — 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
 Multipurpose Room

Light refreshments served

No gifts!

MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for January will benefit our Weekday Preschool's Scholarship program — providing assistance for parents who have recently become unemployed. In December you gave \$304.93 for the Loose Change Offering which will benefit Union County's **United Family Service's Tree House program**, a Child Advocacy Center that opened in 2005.
- To date we have received \$3,114.30 for the **Global Missions Offering**. We also received \$1,110.80 for the **Homeless Shelter** from the Christmas Eve and Children's Pageant offerings.
- Interested in an on-going ministry that will provide **food-filled backpacks** to needy school kids? Contact Carol Tyson for more information.
- Posted on the Missions Board is the names of several children in need of **school uniforms**. We are asking individuals or groups to take one of the names and purchase the items listed.
- Interested in helping with a ministry of chopping and/or delivering firewood to needy families? Contact Tim McBride at 704-634-9985.

By the Numbers ...

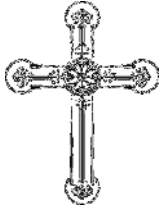
Sunday, December 27, 2009:

Worship Attendance	159
Weekly Budget Requirements.....	\$ 11,408
Budget Receipts	\$ 28,815
Budget Requirements to Date	\$193,936
Budget Receipts to Date	\$213,273

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call January 1-15

Sara Spahr Stubbs – 704-219-2204



The Worship of God

January 3, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.
Second Sunday after Christmas

Anthem by Chancel Choir

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J. S. Bach

Sermon by Sara Spahr Stubbs

"Christmas Is a Verb: Receive"

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-5, 10-18

January 10, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.

The Baptism of the Lord

Anthem by Chancel Choir

"Be Not Afraid" by Craig Courtney
"Amazing Grace" by Keith McCutchen

Sermon by John Hewett

"Who Are You, Really?"

You Are God's Creation

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-17; 21-22

Audio CDs of our worship services are available in the church office. Audio recordings of sermons are available at www.monroefirstbaptist.org

Committees

WEEK OF JANUARY 3

Sunday School Greeters:

Then-n-Now Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Jane Hawkins

Security:

Narthex - R. V. Lee

Gathering Area - Percy Walters

Ushers:

R. V. Lee, Ann Wild, Lorey White, Nancy Thomas, Frances Vaughan

Offertory:

Rebecca Mills, Paula Lee, Annette Kilby, Ann Handy

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale, Debby McBride

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Fred Simpson

Money Counters

Frances Vaughan, Ray Sowder

Wednesday Night Helpers

Diane Whitley, Aileen Sowder, Pat Turner,

Ken Thomas

WEEK OF JANUARY 10

Sunday School Greeters:

Then-n-Now Class

Church Office Volunteer:

Frances Vaughan

Security:

Narthex - Tim McBride

Gathering Area - John Whitley

Ushers:

Tim McBride, Eleanor O'Neill, Mark Eagle, Sylvia Baker, Julia Wall

Offertory:

Joe Litaker, Nathan Hopper, Max Melton, Nancy Thomas

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale, Rebecca Mills

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Derrick Lowery

Money Counters

Frances Vaughan, Harvey Whitley

Wednesday Night Helpers

J.T. and Martha Nance, Doris Ramsey, Jane Hawkins

Memorials received in December ...

By Doris Ramsey in memory of Dora Ellen Austin and Myrtle Marks. By the Forefront Class, Clayton Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Trowbridge, Buddy Lyon, Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Hopper, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lorey White, Audrey Bales, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Funderburk, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Tuggle, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Herrell, Lois Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tyson, the Men's Bible Class, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oberg, Sheila London, Virginia Goodwin, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Slusher in memory of John Ward. By Mr. and Mrs. Carol Baker in memory of Dora Ellen Austin, John Ward and Myrtle Marks. By Jane Austin in memory of Jerry Cavinness and John Ward. By Joy Shute in memory of Winnie Hamer. By Mr. and Mrs. Joe Litaker in memory of John Ward and Myrtle Marks. By Mr. and Mrs. Jim McCollum in memory of John Ward and Betty Brantley. By Mr. and Mrs. David Lee and Mr. and Mrs. William Howie in memory of Myrtle Marks. By Mr. and Mrs. Tex O'Neill in memory of Martha Sherman. By Mr. and Mrs. Andy Crowell in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crowell. By Pat Turner in memory of Katherine Angermann.

By Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner in honor of the Forefront Class. By Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Akers in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Tyson. By Mr. and Mrs. Don Stevenson in honor of John Hewett. By Mr. and Mrs. Richard Voorhees in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Rabon Duck. By Mr. and Mrs. Millard Ward in honor of the Men's Bible Class. By Jean Duck and Joe Litaker in honor of their deacon families. By Mr. and Mrs. Mike Knight in honor of Carol Tyson and Karla Davis. By Mr. and Mrs. Joel Barham in honor of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Price. By Mary Lou Gamble and Buddy Lyon in honor of the church staff. By Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hewett and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Funderburk in honor of John Hewett and Andi Stevenson.

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Annie Bragg at Lake Park

Bob Thompson

Larry Tuggle

Harold Funderburk (surgery 01/04/10)

Jeanette Helms (surgery 01/04/10)

Pat McMullen

Karen Marossy

Bob Turner at home

Lance Dunn and family in the death of his son, Cory

Jamie Turner, son of Jim Turner

Bill Melton, brother of Max Melton and

Carol Tyson

The family of Wyvonne Vance in her death

Jon Mackay and family in the death of his grandmother, Katherine Angermann

Lillian and Elmo Sims, parents of Paul Sims

Marilyn LeGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Jordon Wilkerson, serving in Afghanistan

Farther Along ...

Thank you for your response to our Advent and Christmas worship opportunities. We welcomed many visitors for both Christmas Eve services - always a good sign. They were here because we invited them. Let's continue that happy trend into the new year. It's the one foolproof way churches grow.

Sara Spahr Stubbs will rise Sunday morning to preach the final sermon in our Advent/Christmas series, *Christmas is a Verb*. Her message, "Receive," is taken from the gospel lectionary passage, John 1:1-18. The focal text is verse 12: "But to all who *received* him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

Sara is also taking the lead in the Epiphany service Wednesday evening, January 6, following the 3rd annual Chili Cookoff. Epiphany is the Christian festival celebrating the visit of the Magi to the boy Jesus in Bethlehem. It formally concludes our celebration of nativity. I hope you'll be here Sunday morning and Wednesday night to close the seasons with the same joy with which we began a month ago.

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In April 2008 the church and I entered into an employment agreement marking the beginning of a unique experiment in pastoral leadership and staff administration. At my request, the initial contract was for two years. It seemed wise not to lock ourselves for a longer term into a ministry staffing model as yet unproved.

As we approach the end of that initial agreement in a few months, the personnel committee and I are in dialogue about the future. We expect to have news to share before too long.

John Hewett

PLEASE NOTE!

This is a double issue of Steeple Views. It will not be published next week. Please keep this copy for two weeks to check for events, meetings, etc.

Global Missions Post Office

Thank you to everyone who brought Christmas cards and "mailed" them at the Youth-sponsored Global Missions Post Office. Our youth "processed" around 900 Christmas cards. Total raised for missions was just over \$243.00!

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