



Shake off the winter blues by joining us
for a morning of volleyball, entertainment and
GREAT FUN!

Saturday, February 27 from 8:00-noon
in the Multipurpose Room

Proceeds to benefit Loaves & Fishes of Union County

Cost: \$5.00 for participants
\$2.00 for spectators (*or* a food donation)

Concession stand will be available
(refreshments free for participants!)

~ Must be at least 12 years old to participate ~

Registration forms are available in the church office,
on the table in the Gathering Area,
and on the church website at

www.monroefirstbaptist.org (click on Athletics Outreach Mission and
then Volleyball Tournament)

Completed registration forms along with entry fee should
be brought to the church office

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO CHEER YOU ON AND
TO ENJOY THE GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT

Guest speaker on
Wednesday, January 20 at
6:30 p.m. will be

Dennis Burton

Director of the Union Baptist Association

Dr. Burton will give an update
on the work and ministries being provided
by the Union Baptist Association

The First Baptist Pulpit

The Season of Epiphany

"Who Are You, *Really?*"

Sermons by Dr. John Hewett

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

Faith in Fiction Book Club

meets Thursday, February 4
7:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor

You are invited to join them
as they review and discuss

The Help

by Kathryn Stockett

This Week at FBC

Sunday, January 17

- 9:30 AM Bible Fellowship
 10:35 AM Preschool Extended Session
 10:45 AM Service of Worship
 5:00 PM Youth Group
 5:45 PM Youth Choir
 6:30 PM Snack Supper
 7:00 PM Chancel Ringers

Monday, January 18

- 10:30 AM Song Service at Brian Center

Wednesday, January 20

- 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal
Buffet: stew beef, rice, corn, green beans, cornbread
Kid's meal: same as buffet
 6:15 PM Music Time
 Music Makers
 Children's Choir
 6:20 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:30 PM Update on UBA by Dennis Burton
 Youth Discussion
 Wednesday Night Handbell Group
 6:45 PM Missions Rotation —
 Mission Friends
 Girls' Missions
 Boys' Missions
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Congratulations ...

to Tim McBride for being named the winner of the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, January 6. Honorable mentions were Paul Sims, April Dawkins, and Jennifer Hissam.

Bible Fellowship Lessons

Sunday, January 17

"Extravagant Sign"

Scripture: **John 2:1-11**

Additional Scriptures: Isaiah 62:1-50
 Psalm 36:5-10; I Corinthians 12:1-11

Pastoral Care Emergencies

Minister on Call January 15-22

Sara Spahr Stubbs — 704-219-2204

Flower Calendar ...

Sign up this week to place flowers in the sanctuary either in memory or honor of someone you love. The Flower Calendar is located on the wall outside of the church office. Cost: \$60.00.

Thank you ...

To the Members of First Baptist:

Everyone should have the opportunity to celebrate a 90th birthday! The lovely gathering on Saturday, January 9 really was a thrill and I am speechless. The Multipurpose Room was transformed and resembled a fairyland of candlelight, flowers, and beautifully presented refreshments.

To all who prepared, served, or simply graced us by your company—my sincerest thanks. Every remembrance shall be cherished.

Surely there is not a more caring and loving church family on this earth. To God be the glory!

Gratefully,
 Emagene Griffin

MissionsFirst

- The LOOSE CHANGE OFFERING for January will benefit our Weekday Preschool's Scholarship program — providing assistance for parents who have recently become unemployed.
- 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, January 10, 2010:

Bible Study Attendance 126

Adults 84
 College..... 13
 Youth..... 8
 Children 21

Worship Attendance 187

Weekly Budget Requirements.....\$ 11,408

Budget Receipts\$ 8,113

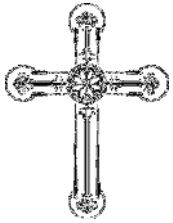
Budget Requirements to Date\$216,752

Budget Receipts to Date\$234,144

Stewardship Report September-December:

Year-to-Date Actual Receipts\$216,440

Year-to-Date Actual Expenses\$199,128



The Worship of God

January 17, 2010 - 10:45 a.m.
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Anthem by the Chancel Choir

"As the Bridegroom to His Chosen" by Jane Marshall

Anthem by the Choral Scholars

"And the Father Will Dance" by Mark Hayes

Sermon by John Hewett

"Who Are You Really? ... You Are God's Delight"

Scripture: Isaiah 62:1-5; John 2:1-11

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

Athletics Outreach Mission ...

Mission Scripture—I Corinthians 6:19-20: "Do you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

Mission Focus — To reach out to persons outside of the church who are involved in fitness and athletics that may not have a church home.

2010 Events — February 27 - Volleyball Tournament
July 24 - Bucker Mission Man Triathlon
Sept. 17-18 - Blue Ridge Relay
October 30 - All Hallows Eve 5K Walk/Run and Barrel Roll

Committee Members — Mark Pittman, Chairperson; Sara Spahr Stubbs, Minister; Chris and Anita Gross, Sally Goodwin, Tommy Nash, Ruby Coffey, members at-large. (The Athletics Outreach Mission is a sub-committee of the Board of Christian Education.)

Charity Focus — Volleyball Tournament will support Loaves & Fishes of Union County; All Hallows Eve 5K Walk/Run and Barrel Roll will support our Fall Bazaar; Bucker Mission Man Triathlon and Blue Ridge Relay will support other ministries that are not local.

Event Details — The **Volleyball Tournament** will be February 27 in the gym. Four teams per hour will play. Winners play winners — losers play losers. Volunteers will be needed to help with concessions, etc.

The **Bucker Mission Man Triathlon** will be held in Burlington. Teams will be formed to compete for 3 cash prizes, which will be given to a charity designated by the winning teams. Other activities are also planned for our team members.

Up to 12 members will be recruited for the **Blue Ridge Relay**. Other events will be planned to promote fellowship.

Our **All Hallows 5K Run/Walk** will begin and end in front of the church. The **Barrel Roll** will be in the courtyard. We hope to have the Great Pumpkin available to give out treats to children. An information booth about First Baptist will be set up.

Loaves & Fishes ...

Loaves and Fishes is requesting contributions of all types of canned vegetables for January. Please place donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Area.

Committees

Sunday School Greeters:

Then-n-Now Class

Security:

Narthex - Jane Hawkins

Gathering Area - Ken Handy

Ushers:

Jane Hawkins, Frances Knight, Ron Sumrow, Derrick Lowery, Lauren Lowery

Offertory:

Buddy Lyon, Babs Simpson, Doris Ramsey,

Nancy Sumrow

Preschool Extended Session:

Nursery-Christina Kale

Preschool I-Robin Haas, Denise Hopper

Money Counters

Martha Nance, Pat Turner

Wednesday Night Helpers:

Annette Kilby, Jane Hawkins, Joel Myers

First Baptist Family

Please remember the following in prayer:

Russ, Teri and Matt Sharp

Annie Bragg

Jane Hawkins

Larry Tuggle

Bob Thompson in VA Hospital, Salisbury

Lola Lee in Presbyterian, Matthews

Bob Turner at home

Paul and Jeanette Helms

Doug Knight, son of Mike Knight, in

Presbyterian, Charlotte

Bill Melton, brother of Max Melton and

Carol Tyson

The Lance Dunn family

Lillian and Elmo Sims, parents of Paul Sims

Jamie Turner, son of Jim Turner

Ruth Mackay, aunt of Jon Mackay

Marilyn LeGrange, mother of Brenda Lowery

James Mackay/Chris Harris, serving in Iraq

Jordon Wilkerson, serving in Afghanistan

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Farther Along ...

I've believed for a long time that Baptists do our best work and present our best behavior the closer we are to home. Get a bunch of Baptists in a convention hall 500 miles from home and all kinds of things can happen, not all of them an honor to the name of Christ. But when we go about our mission and ministry as part of our daily walk, right here where people know us, we tend to be on our better, if not our best, behavior.

I have been heartened over the past few years by the spirit of collegiality and cooperation within the churches of the Union Baptist Association. We were privileged to host the annual associational meeting back in October, and a sweet spirit prevailed. Fellow pastors have been welcoming, their layfolk gracious and affirming. Not all the Baptists in Union County sing in unison, but we are learning the rich sounds of harmony.

This is due in no small part to the splendid staff at UBA, led by our friend and colleague, Dennis Burton. I have benefited greatly from Dennis's friendship these past three years. From time to time he and Gay find their way into our sanctuary on Sunday morning. It always cheers me to see them here. He is a friend to our church and to your pastor.

I've asked Dennis to be with us Wednesday evening, January 20, to bring us an update on all the good news emanating from Union Baptist Association as well as whatever message God has given him for us. I like the way he thinks. I like the way he prays. I like the way he *cares*.

Do something good for God and the gospel: Make a supper reservation for next week and be here to hear what the Spirit of God is saying through his servant Dennis Burton, and to all the churches of Union Baptist Association, right here at home.

John Hewett

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