

"THE LETTER" E-Newsletter January 2012

First Baptist Church Of Spring Hope

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Sundays

Coffee & Fellowship - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Kendall Parker (Head) Clyde Best
Noah Johnson Brandon Pitts

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR JANUARY

1st Holy Communion
8th In Memory of Mrs. Lynn Wilson & Rosemary Wiggs
18th In Memory of Mr. Earl Purkerson & Wallace Purkerson
22nd In Memory of Mrs. Valerie Bass
29th OPEN

NURSERY WORKERS FOR JANUARY

4th Allison Pitts
11th Nicole Moss
18th Tori Parker
25th Stephanie Moss

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 3rd W.H. Crocker
January 8th Joan Creekmore
January 12th Lori Best
January 13th Brenda Vester
January 14th Nina Frazier
January 29th Gene Knight
January 30th Ann Whitley

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT FIRST BAPTIST

At 6:15 p.m. every Wednesday:

Bible Study in fellowship hall

At 7 p.m. every Wednesday:

Adult Choir Practice in fellowship hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~~~HAPPY NEW YEAR!~~~

Housewarming Offering for Kevin & Kasey – We will have a collection for grocery gift cards for Kevin & Kasey on Sundays, January 8th & 15th, during our morning worship service. Please mark your check or offering envelope as “Housewarming Gift”

Quarterly Business Meeting – We will have a Quarterly Business Meeting on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00pm.

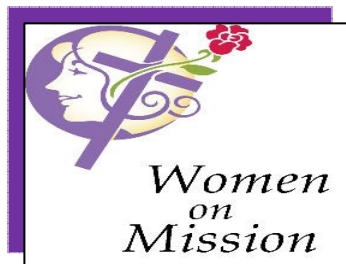
~~~~~Newsletter Deadline – January 16th~~~~~

Baptist Men’s Dinner & Choir Practice – On January 18th at 6:00 pm, we will have a Men’s Dinner and Men’s Choir Practice immediately after the dinner.

Baptist Men’s Day - Baptist Men’s Day is January 22nd. Kevin will be taking part in the service!

Kevin and Kasey’s First Sunday – Kevin’s first Sunday is January 29th.

Valentine Dinner – The Valentine Dinner has tentatively been set for February 12th at 12- noon. Look for more information in your upcoming weekly bulletins.



WMU EVENTS

WMU News – Happy New Year! We look forward to many new projects this year. At our WMU meetings we learn about missionary’s world –wide and at home we learn to pray for the missionaries special needs and give money as we support the various worthy organizations that depend on us. “We learn, go & give”.

In December, we were asked to help with 17 needy families. This was directed by teachers at Spring Hope Elementary Schools and Ephesus Baptist Church, Momeyer Baptist Church and our church First Baptist Church of Spring Hope. We were really blessed! We delivered Christmas Baskets to our shut-ins at home and in nursing homes. This was a fun project and one we all look forward to each Christmas!

January 2012

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 Holy Communion	2 Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm	3	4 Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm	5	6	7
8	9	10 WOM Meeting 7:00 pm	11 Bible Study 6:15 pm Quarterly Business Meeting 7:00 pm	12	13	14
15	16 Newsletter Deadline	17	18 Baptist Men's Dinner/Choir Practice 6:00 pm	19	20 Kevin & Kasey's Move - In Day!	21
22 Baptist Men's Day	23	24	25 Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29 Kevin's First Sunday! Youth Fund Raiser Luncheon	30	31				

A Note from the Interim Pastor—January 2012

In one sense, a new year is only an arbitrary accident of the calendar. If we had a cold on December 31, we will probably still have it on January 1. If the heater in the car is sending out air that is just barely warm on December 31, it will not miraculously make the car toasty warm on January 1. Most things go on as they have been, so the New Year is not really all that new.

Why then do we make such a big deal about it? It is because we welcome the opportunity to start fresh, to start with a “clean slate.” The phrase “clean slate” refers to the ancient practice of wiping off the slate on which students had written so that they could write something new. (I’m old, but not quite old enough to have used a slate myself.)

In Christ, we have the opportunity to start with a clean slate: old things have passed away and all things have become new. In our relationship with God, mistakes we made earlier are erased and we can start over.

The human consequences of our mistakes are not erased, but we can work on cleaning up our slates. The New Year is a good time to take a fresh look at our role as members of the church and at the life and work of our church. We can make “New Year’s resolutions” to be more diligent in searching out opportunities for ministry, more faithful in being stewards of our time and resources and more constant in attending to the needs of our church and ourselves, including the need for our presence at worship services. God’s forgiveness gives us all a “clean slate”; we can use this time of new beginnings as an opportunity for a fresh start as servants in the work of the church.

This year, we have an additional opportunity for a fresh start. First Baptist Church, Spring Hope, has a new pastor starting in a few weeks. Every member should resolve to welcome Kevin and Kasey to the community and make their first day’s memorable ones. Usually that is not too hard. But every member should also resolve to make the honeymoon period between the church and the new pastor last for months, even years. That is difficult, but I have confidence that you can do it.

I have enjoyed my third term as your interim pastor and I will miss you. Thank you very much for your love and support.

Fred

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