

SESQUICENTENNIAL M.A.T. NEWS

by Louis Powell, Chairperson

Our church will celebrate 150 years of sharing God's word next April 19, 2008. Come & witness the reenactment of the first meeting which formally created our church. Watch the portrayal of our members in hard times when they refused to quit as they trusted God to provide. Plan to attend & share in a memory of our wonderful history. What was happening in our 50 years ago, 100 years ago, and 150 years ago? You will be surprised to learn the things our church did to survive.

There will be lots of good food, fun & special guests. We have praising God with singing planned in the afternoon mixed with staged interruptions of true stories of our church history. Or, feel free to visit our church history area & hear real life stories told by characters of our past. We hope you will share in this very special occasion on April 19, 2008 as we renew our commitment to the founding members' vision for our church. So volunteer to help or come & watch the festivities.

As a church, we faithfully applied Hebrews 10:24 "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as we see the day approaching." May God's blessings continue to abound as we grow into our next 150 years while awaiting His coming.

The Sesquicentennial M.A.T. budget breaks down as follows: banquet/food/service for 700 people-\$7,800; decorations/arrangements/flowers-\$2,500; costumes/skit materials-\$2,500; tent rental-\$350; DVDs-\$500 ; advertising in local, state & national publications-\$4,000; anniversary music/printing-\$2,100. Of course, this is only an estimate. We hope to spend less than the budgeted amount. If you have any questions, please see any of the Anniversary M.A.T.: Louis Powell, Becky Crawford, Marty Stewart, Paula Sepaugh, Matt Blackwell, JoAnn Herndon, Lacy Jones or Mary Ella Sherman. Thank you



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wish to express sympathy to Sherry Bailey in the loss of her grandfather.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

don@firstbaptistcarthage.com *by Don Collins*

THANK YOU

Linda and I would like to express our appreciation for the cards, gifts and special treats that you have given us this Christmas season. Your generosity overwhelms us. In my fifty-plus years of ministry I have never known a congregation as kind and generous as First Baptist. Saying "thank you" just doesn't seem adequate. Please know we do appreciate your every expression of love.

SEVERAL HAVE ASKED

When is the next 42 tournament? It is planned for Saturday, January 12. The local Brotherhood will meet that morning for breakfast at Country Catfish and then set things up for the tournament to begin at 10 a.m. So be sure and mark you calendar and help us have a record attendance.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Eric Robinson

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund.....	\$23,370.80
Building Fund.....	195.00
Youth Fund.....	10.00
Total.....	\$23,575.80

Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	399
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	157
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	469
Total Morning Worship.....	626



Thank you notes from Robert & June Jensen & the family of Dessie Taylor are posted on the back hall bulletin board.

MUSIC NOTES

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Rediscover Christmas Festival

Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
Come enjoy an evening of Christmas music presented by choirs of all ages, ensemble & instrumentalists.

Invite your family and friends.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

We will meet Sunday at 4:30 p.m. to prepare for the Rediscover Christmas Festival. Don't forget our choir Christmas party will follow the service. We will meet in the Activity Center and enjoy a catered meal from Monjuni's.

Looking ahead, we will not rehearse Wednesday, December 19. However, we will meet Sunday, December 23 at 5:00 p.m. to prepare for the Candlelight Carol sing.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING SERVICE

Make plans to attend the Candlelight Carol Sing service on Sunday, December 23 at 6:00 p.m. The eve of Christmas eve. Enjoy an intimate service of singing Christmas carols accompanied only by acoustical guitar.

EDUCATION NEWS

by David Yarbrough

Beth Moore Winter Bible Studies

A Six Week Study

Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms

Begins Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Student Center

Contact Marja Williams 903-693-2638 or 903-693-5462 to register for the Tuesday evening class

A 10 Week Study

Jesus: The One & Only

Begins Tuesday, January 25 at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Contact: Mary Nell King 903-693-6574 to register for the Tuesday morning class

STUDENT MINISTRIES

james@firstbaptistcarthage.com *by James McRight*

YOUTH CHRISTMAS BANQUET

You will not want to miss this year's youth Christmas banquet on Wednesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center. We will have a short drama presentation & then enjoy pizza & a time of fellowship.

737 COLLEGE MINISTRY

by Terry Lindsay

What an awesome first semester it has been for 737! We have enjoyed & looked forward to every Wednesday as the students would come piling in for worship & food. This semester we had two of our students give their profession of faith: Aphara Hollis & Cherie Porter! In September, we took a group to the *Casting Crowns* concert in Tyler. There, as a group, we adopted a beautiful child through World Vision to sponsor. Mercedes Sepaugh & Ethan Tate also chose to sponsor a child for them. In November, a group of our students went to the Mudbugs hockey game in Shreveport. This month a few of our students, Luke Jenings, Darrien Bryant & Brandi McIlwain, graced us with their beautiful voices when the Panola College Choir sang at the church. We are looking forward to another semester when our students get back in January. We also want to thank all the women who have so freely given food each Wednesday to feed these students. You are such a blessing! Please be in prayer for next semester & these students.



*Mr. & Mrs. Rusty Shields
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Robyn Michelle

to

Garrett Wayne Welch

Saturday December 22

3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church Carthage
Reception following