

SENIOR PASTOR

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A WORTHY CAUSE

At our last business meeting, we voted to set up a fund for a new van. Our old van is completely worn out, and is ready for the pasture. A fifteen-passenger van will enable smaller groups to travel together without the necessity of a commercial licensed driver. If you are looking for a worthy cause, I invite you to mark your offering envelopes "New Van." Our goal is to raise \$30,000 as quickly as possible.

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. You are such a loving and generous church, and I am grateful to be your pastor. May you and your family have a blessed Christmas and New Year.



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church family wish to express sympathy to Julie Stewart in the loss of her brother.

Tithes & Offerings

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes General Fund (\$24,420.50), Building Fund (5,050.00), Youth Fund (425.00), and Total (\$29,895.50).

Attendance Report

Table with 2 columns: Category and Attendance. Includes Sunday School Attendance (414), 8:30 a.m. Early Worship (127), 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (429), and Total Morning Worship (556).



A thank you note from the family of Henry Dudley is posted on the back hall bulletin board.

NEW MINISTRY

On Saturday, January 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall a meeting will be held to create handmade cards for our shut-ins, military personnel & missionaries. This is a new ministry that YOU can be involved with! If you have scrapbooking tools that we can use or if you have any questions, please contact Tina Duncan at 936-248-4924. Everyone is invited to come & help.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

don@firstbaptistcarthage.com by Don Collins

THANK YOU LORD

All of us need to express an additional "Thank You" to the Lord for the great day of worship last Sunday. Three additions for baptism, a tremendous message and a musical presentation that sent us all home saying "it was good to be in the house of the Lord". Praise the Lord!!

MARK YOU CALENDARS!!

- January 8, the JOY group will be going out to eat (maybe steak?)
January 12, is the date for our first 42 tournament of 2008-I hope we can make it the biggest & best ever!
January 24, we will enjoy fellowship & games in the Fellowship Hall

WILL THIS BE THE YEAR?

Will this be the year you sign up for one of the JOY ministries: the Prayer room, the Touch Ministry for the homebound & nursing home residents or Outreach? I can think of nothing better in ministry than for JOY members to take an active part in these ministries to others.

Will this be the year our Lord comes for us? I pray so!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sydney Graves



Braden Wise



Tyler Campbell

MUSIC NOTES

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WONDERFUL FESTIVAL!

Thank you to all the musicians who participated in the Rediscover Christmas Festival. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the birth of Christ.

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Please make note of our schedule for the next few weeks:

Sunday, December 23 - We will fill the loft in the 10:30 a.m. service. We will also fill the loft in the 6:00 p.m. evening service. Please meet in the choir room at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 26 - No rehearsal

Sunday, December 30 - We will not fill the loft Sunday morning. We will fill the loft Sunday evening for the 6:00 p.m. service. Please meet in the choir room at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 2 - No rehearsal

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING SERVICE

Make plans to attend the Candlelight Carol Sing service this 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. A special time will be held for our children as the Christmas story is read from Luke 2. Each child present will receive a gift.

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 Ten 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

MERRY CHRISTMAS

My family & I are so very grateful & blessed to be a part of this wonderful church family. I thank you for your generosity and thoughtful acts of kindness this Christmas season. Julie, Ian & I wish you a blessed Christmas & a Happy 2008!

2008 YOUTH EVENTS DATES

PRINCESS RETREAT
7TH-12TH GRADE GIRLS
JANUARY 19

Deadline: January 6
Cost: \$35

STUDENT LIFE- HOUSTON
FEBRUARY 22-23

Deadline: February 3
Cost: \$65

SPRING BREAK MEXICO MISSION TRIP
MARCH 16-22

Deadline for passport March 9
Cost: \$350

CENTRIFUGE
7TH-8TH GRADES
JUNE 8-14

Deadline: January 27
Cost: \$100

OCOEE OUTREACH MISSION TRIP
9TH-12TH GRADES
JULY 19-25

Deadline: January 27
Cost: \$100



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