

**SENIOR PASTOR**

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**ON SABBATICAL**

I am on my annual weeklong sabbatical this week as I prepare the messages that I believe God would have us to hear. Please pray for me while I am away. I use this time to pray, meditate, fast, and prepare. Ask God that my time would be well spent. I also ask that you remember my family in your prayers while I am away.

**THIS SUNDAY**

Our Senior Adult Pastor, Don Collins, will preach in my absence this Sunday. I know that you will want to be present to hear God's anointed messages. I ask that you also pray for Bro. Don that God would give Him the strength to deliver the Word.

**IN TWO WEEKS**

When I return from my sabbatical, we will begin a series called, "Plugged In." We will spend three weeks examining how to become plugged into God, ministry, and selfless service to friends and our community.

On Sunday nights, we will continue the verse-by-verse study of the Book of Daniel. We are nearing the end of the book, and getting into the meat of the Word.

**VAN UPDATE**

Praise the Lord! You have graciously given to the van fund, and we now have enough money to purchase the new van. Thank you for responding to this important need. We will gladly let you know when it arrives.

**PLEASE PRAY**

As mentioned in last quarter's business meeting, our goal is to hire two new staff members in 2008. We are in need of a Children's Minister and an Education/Pastoral Care Pastor. As we add staff, we need to see a growth in our undesignated offerings to support their salaries. I ask that you make this a matter of prayer.



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Church Family wishes to express sympathy to Brian Turner in the loss of his father & Duane Baushke in the loss of his sister.

**SENIOR ADULT PASTOR**

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**IT IS EXCITING!**

It excites me to look at the prayer ministry team list and see the number of volunteers. This week every time slot was taken. Fantastic! For those of you who might like to be a part of this ministry, there is a list with suggested times available in the Prayer Room. Just go by the Prayer Room/Bride's Room, select the time you would like to serve and sign your name. It is as simple as that!

I can hardly wait until the new Office Building is completed. One room in the new building will become the new Prayer Room. Everything about the new Prayer Room will be conducive to prayer. Glory!

**JOY GAME & MEAL NIGHT**

This Thursday night, January 24, 6 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, the JOY group will enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship and a few games. If you receive the Vision in time, let this be a reminder and plan to come. Ladies, there is no need for you to bring anything. The meal, drinks, everything will be provided.

**Tithes & Offerings**

General Fund.....	\$18,646.09
Building Fund.....	500.00
Youth Fund.....	525.00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$19,671.09</b>

**Attendance Report**

Sunday School Attendance.....	<b>414</b>
8:30 a.m. Early Worship.....	160
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....	469
Total Morning Worship.....	<b>629</b>

WELCOMING SHOWER  
FOR  
**GRAYSON COLE BULLOCK**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 26  
10:00 A.M. - 12:00 A.M.

183 DEERCREST  
CARTHAGE, TEXAS

PROUD PARENTS:  
COLBY & KIM BULLOCK

**MUSIC NOTES**

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**2008 GOAL**

Involve as many people as possible in the music ministry of First Baptist Church.

What a joy it is to worship with you each Sunday. Thank you First Baptist family for the way you sing out praise to our Savior each Sunday!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS**

All of our Children's Choirs will resume meeting Sunday, February 3.

**EDUCATION NEWS**

by *David Yarbrough*

**SESQUICENTENNIAL M.A.T. MEETING**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration M.A.T. will meet this Sunday night, January 27, following the evening service. Please meet in the Fellowship Hall.



Mike & Jan Morgan



Trey Dillion Sterns



Sandy, Ethan & Dylan Collins  
Christina & Brian White

**STUDENT MINISTRIES**

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**STUDENT LIFE TOUR-HOUSTON**

**FEBRUARY 22-23**

**COST: \$65**

This year's Student Life Tour is a weekend experience that incorporates challenging teaching & intimate worship with the hope of renewed focus on God's Word. Although there will be great music and plenty of fun, the goal is not to entertain, but to bring the teachings of Scripture to life. You won't want to miss the chance for your student to attend this overnight trip. The signup deadline is Sunday, February 3.

**SUMMER TRIP DEADLINES**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

**\*\*CENTRIFUGE\*\***

7<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

JUNE 8-14

Cost: \$100

**\*\*OCOE OUTREACH MISSION TRIP\*\***

9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES

JULY 19-25

Cost: \$100



**PRETEEN**

**PRIORITY ONE BOOT CAMP**

**FEBRUARY 1-3**

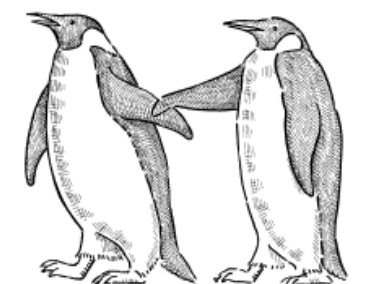
**COST: \$75**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 27**

**PRIORITY ONE BOOT CAMP**

This is a camp designed to give our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders a winter/midyear camp experience which will encourage, challenge & strengthen their relationship with God. It will be held at Daniel Springs Encampment. Please call James Speer @ 903-685-2433 for registration details.



Bring a Friend This Sunday