

SENIOR PASTOR

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BACK FROM SABBATICAL

Thank you for your prayers while I was on my annual weeklong sabbatical. During this time, I pray, fast (a little), and study the Word on messages that God wants for our church this year. Here is a glimpse of what waits for us in 2008.

February - "Getting Plugged In" A three-week series of sermons on becoming reconnected to God and His mission.

March - "Final Words from the Cross" This five-week series on the last words of Jesus from the cross reminds us how much He loves us.

April - "After You Say I Do" A four-week look into deeper relationships within the home and family, as God originally intended.

May - "Rediscovering God" A three-week series that discovers the story of the prodigal son is really a story of a loving heavenly Father.

Summer - "Be-Attitudes" An eight-week look into "attitudes that ought to be" a priority in our lives, for all of our lives.

Fall - "FSN" On television, FSN stands for Fox Sports Network, but here at First Baptist, it stands for First Spiritual Network as we look at the spiritual lessons from the stories of sports.

As time moves forward, I will share more details about what God will say to our church family each month. Meanwhile, the important thing is to put yourself in a position to hear from Him on a daily basis. See you Sunday!



Dr. & Mrs. Allen Tilley along with the entire First Baptist Family wishes to express sympathy to Sandra Ballard in the loss of her mother.

Tithes & Offerings

Table with 2 columns: Fund Name, Amount. Total: \$27,287.90

Attendance Report

Table with 2 columns: Service, Attendance. Total Morning Worship: 600

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

don@firstbaptistcarthage.com by Don Collins

LOTS OF FOLKS CAME!!

There were 28 in attendance last Thursday night for the JOY group Meal/Game night. I believe that was the largest number we have had in over a year. We nearly ran out of food. I will make certain that that doesn't happen again. Everybody seemed to have a good time. Special "thanks" to Brenda and Miriam. Without their help I don't think I could have done it.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our next 42 tournament is right around the corner: Saturday, March 1.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We have finished our study of the book of Titus and beginning this week we will do a study of the "miracles" in the Bible. If you have a favorite miracle you want us to study, write the scripture reference down on a sheet of paper and give it to me Wednesday night. I think all of us will enjoy this particular study. Why not join us each Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall?



737 College Ministry

by Kristi Morgan

Please be in prayer for our 737 Ministry. We will be taking a group of students to Passion in Dallas on February 15-16. We are so excited to be able to attend this amazing conference. Louie Giglio, the founder of Passion, will be speaking along with some amazing music leaders such as Chris Tomlin, the David Crowder Band and more. This is going to be an amazing time of Praise & Worship. Oh, that the Lord will penetrate His word within the very depths of all the college students that will be there. 737 wishes to thank all of the wonderful women who so graciously serve food to our students every Wednesday night. If the Lord is placing on your heart to serve in the college ministry, please come by the church office & speak with Terry Lindsay or James McRight.

MUSIC NOTES

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2008 GOAL

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

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

All of our Children's Choirs will resume meeting THIS SUNDAY, February 3 at 5:00 p.m.!

- Heaven's Angels (Pre K)
SonShine Singers (Grades K-2)
Kings Kids (Grades 3-6)

CD OF THE MONTH



Several purchased last month's CD of the Month, Great Is Thy Faithfulness. I hope it is helping you in your private worship at home or in the car.

For February I have chosen Bill Gaither and Homecoming Friends Turn Your Radio On CD. Familiar voices sing your favorite gospel songs. You may purchase this CD for \$20. Please call the church office to order one. It is my desire that these CD's of the month help you worship!

GOSPEL CONCERT

The Talley Trio, Praise Incorporated and The Calvary Boys will be in concert Friday night, February 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marshall Civic Center Theater. Tickets may be purchased at KGAS for \$12 or at the door for \$15.

SOUND, LIGHTING AND VIDEO

I could use a few more volunteers to help with sound, video and lighting. The purchase of our new sound mixer is not far off and we will train all volunteers. Please let me know if you would like to work in this ministry.

EDUCATION NEWS

by David Yarbrough

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Our January Sunday School average was 406! Thank you to all teachers and students for your faithfulness to this ministry. Also, a big THANK YOU to the Sunday School office workers who count & collect money and keep our records.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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STUDENT LIFE TOUR-HOUSTON
FEBRUARY 22-23
COST: \$65
DEADLINE: SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

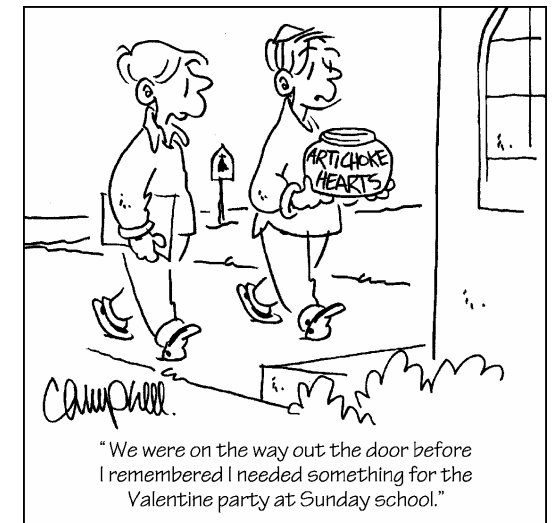
This year's Student Life Tour is a weekend experience that incorporates challenging teaching & intimate worship with the hope of renewed focus on God's Word. Although there will be great music and plenty of fun, the goal is not to entertain, but to bring the teachings of Scripture to life. You won't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



BANQUET

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10
ACTIVITY CENTER
BARBECUE & ALL THE TRIMMINGS
COST: DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

This is an annual youth fund raiser. All monies raised will go towards supporting our summer mission trips. Each youth member is asked to provide 1 dessert & to be present to help with the serving of the meal.



"We were on the way out the door before I remembered I needed something for the Valentine party at Sunday school."