

New Members

Sunday, November 6

Mark Norris, Letter
Helen Simmons, Letter
Madeline Markham, Baptism
Jason Hartzog, Letter
Denise Hartzog, Letter

Sunday, November 20

Richard Cross, Letter
Joyce Cross, Letter

Sunday, December 4

Bret Allen, Letter
Martha Ann Allen, Letter

Wednesday, December 14

Dennis Williams, Letter
Monique Arclies, Letter

Sunday, December 25

Benjamin Bernau, Baptism

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAYS

7:45-9:10 a.m. Coffee Express
8:00-10:25 a.m. Library Open
Worship Kidstyle, Chapel
8:15-9:10 a.m. Early Worship, Chipley Hall
9:00-10:00 a.m. First Cup Open
9:20-10:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Vietnamese Worship, E-301/302
10:45 a.m. Mid-Morning Worship,
Sanctuary
Worship Kidstyle, Chapel
3:00 p.m. Surrender
4:00 p.m. Chapel Choir
4:30 p.m. Sanctuary Bells
Clarion Choir
5:00 p.m. Discipleship Study, ROC
6:15 p.m. Chapel Bells

MONDAYS

9:00-11:30 a.m. SHM Open
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Library Open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christian Preschool

TUESDAYS

8:00 a.m. Body Recall, Gym*
9:00 a.m. Singing Seniors
9:00-11:30 a.m. SHM Open
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Library Open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christian Preschool
6:00 p.m. Adult Open Gym, ROC
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study, R-101

WEDNESDAYS

9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Library Open
9:00-11:30 a.m. SHM Open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christian Preschool
4:00 p.m. Baptist News Discussion, S-220
4:00-5:45 p.m. Library Open
4:30 p.m. Church Dinner
5:00-8:00 p.m. First Cup Open, ROC
5:15 p.m. Children's Choir
5:30 p.m. Deaf Bible Study
Orchestra
DivorceCare Class, E-214**
5:45 p.m. Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, CH
5:50 p.m. A Cappella Singers, S-404
6:00 p.m. Flood/Overflow, ROC
Boy Scout "God and Church", S-215
6:05 p.m. AWANA
6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study, E-213
Women's Bible Study, E-308
6:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAYS

8:00 a.m. Body Recall, Gym
9:00 a.m. Domino Group, R-102
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. SHM Open
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christian Preschool
9:15 a.m. Women's Bible Studies,
E-303, R-101
5:45 p.m. Worship Team, CH

FRIDAYS

8:00 a.m. Body Recall, ROC
*Begins January 17
**Begins February 8



Barry Howard
Pastor

A Word from the Pastor

Sharing the Story!

Our theme for 2012 is about **Sharing the Story!** Peter 3:15 instructs us to, "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

I am convinced that the most effective way to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ is through stories. In fact, stories were Jesus' favorite means of teaching, preaching, and communicating.

Our salvation experience begins when our life story intersects with God's story. When we commit to follow Jesus as our Lord and Savior, that is just the beginning of an emerging and eternal relationship with him. There is not a moment of our everyday life that can be separated or compartmentalized from our spiritual life. During 2012, my goal is to equip and encourage us to **know** the story and **live** the story, in order to more effectively **share** the story.

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Know the story. If we are not careful and intentional, we will allow cultural folklore and personal bias to get so integrated into our conscious recollection of the story of Jesus, that the biblical identity of Jesus becomes convoluted and spiritually impotent. When the story gets distorted, Jesus can appear as nothing more than a religious superhero that comes to our rescue on demand. That is one reason that consistent Bible study is so vitally important. Since we understand the Bible to include the authoritative biography of Jesus, it is imperative that we know the biblical story, and not the watered down cultural version.

Live the story. Knowing the story creates a passion and desire for us to live the story. The Christian faith is more pragmatic than philosophical. The Christian life is more about active discipleship than static dogma. In other words, Christianity is more of a "lived faith" than a religious theory. I believe that Christian growth and maturity occurs as we learn to follow in the footsteps of Jesus one step at a time, one day at a time. And it is through the crucible of living the story that we become credible witnesses.

Share the story. When we know the story and we are committed to living the story, it becomes much more natural for us to share the story. I think Jesus told stories because stories are disarming and captivating, and not preachy or judgmental. It is not natural for us to presume to tell others how to live their lives. But it is quite natural for us to share a story out of the wellspring of our own experience, to share what God is teaching us and how God is growing us. The folks in your world who are not currently followers of Jesus will listen to your story more readily than they will listen to your sermon. And the Spirit of God can take the seeds planted by your story, to produce the fruit of faith.

This year, let's covenant to learn to share God's story more effectively. The stories we share have the potential to convey the good news that will change a life from here to eternity.

Once again this year, we will be exploring common scriptures and topics in Bible study and worship during January-March. To kick off our 2012 theme of **Sharing the Story**, during the first quarter our Sermon/Bible Study series is about **"The Life and Times of Jesus."**

Here are the sermon topics for January-March:

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| January 1 | <i>The Subsequent Temptations</i> Mark 1:9-15 |
| January 8 | <i>The "Be" Attitudes</i> Matthew 5:1-16 |
| January 15 | <i>The Secret Identity</i> Luke 9:18-27 |
| January 22 | <i>The Grave Encounter</i> John 20:11-18, 26-31, 42 |
| January 29 | <i>The Crucial Witnesses</i> Acts 1:1-9 |
| February 5 | <i>When You Tell the Story</i> Acts 10:34-48 |
| February 12 | <i>The Good News is for Everyone</i> Acts 15:1-21 |
| February 19 | <i>Nothing Can Separate Us</i> Romans 8:31-39 |
| February 26 | <i>A New Point of View</i> II Corinthians 5:11-21 |
| March 4 | <i>Faith Leads Toward Faithfulness</i> Hebrews 11:1-2, 39-12:3 |
| March 11 | <i>God Is Love</i> I John 4:7-21 |
| March 18 | <i>God's Speed</i> II Peter 3:3-15a |
| March 25 | <i>The Lion and the Lamb</i> Revelation 5 |

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2012 Theme

CURRENT SERIES

Sunday Schedule

Sharing the story.

- Know the story
- Live the story
- Share the story

The Life and Times of JESUS

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| 7:45 a.m. | Coffee Express, Atrium |
| 8:15 a.m. | Early Worship, Chipley Hall |
| 9:00 a.m. | First Cup Open, ROC |
| 9:20 a.m. | Bible Study |
| 10:45 a.m. | Mid-morning Worship, Sanctuary |

DISCIPLE NOW 2012

(grades 6-12)
February 17-19

Register before January 15 for the early bird discount. (\$75)
Regular registration fee is \$100.
Deadline is Wednesday, February 8.

Matt Piland - Speaker
Casey Combast Band - worship

DivorceCare-Divorce Recovery Group

Do you need help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce or do you know someone who does? Join us for DivorceCare. Our next 13-week class will begin on Wednesday, February 8, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in room E-214. Please contact Tiffany Woodward at 485-8626 or see www.divorcecare.com for more information.

Samaritan Hands

Food Drive for the First Sunday of Each Month

NO GLASS PLEASE

Everything you give on food drive day, whether cash or a can, makes a difference to us.

Call 453-8939 if there are any questions or problems.

- AY05 Killam..... Peanut Butter
- AY10 Rigsby.....1-lb Box of Grits
- AY20 Stubblefield.....Pork & Beans
- AY30 Turner..... Canned Corn & Canned Fruit
- SY10 FullerGreen Beans
- SY20 Williams1-lb Box of Grits
- AM10 Sansing.....Pancake Mix (Complete), Toilet Tissue, Ivory Soap
- AM20 Smith.....Saltine Crackers, Green Beans
- AM30 Sasse..... Vegetable Soup
- AM40 Forsberg Peanut Butter, Powdered Milk
- AD10 VickerySpaghetti Sauce & Noodles
- AD20 WalkerBeef Stew
- AD30 Minchew Peanut Butter
- AX13 NoblesGreen Beans
- SM40 BadessaIvory Soap
- Vietnamese.....Tuna
- Youth.....Macaroni & Cheese (Each Dept.)
- Children & PreschoolIvory Soap

Upcoming Events

Alleluias...and More Double CD Now Available

Price: \$15

The music on these CDs comes from our 2011 ALLELUIAS BY THE SEA concert, performed on Pensacola Beach in May. The collection features not only religious music, but also patriotic and Broadway selections.



With the release of this CD set, we just want to share the joy with everybody . . . those in our church, as well as friends and family.

You may purchase yours at the Welcome Desk and in the Music Office.

SUNDAY EVENING DISCIPLESHIP

*Becoming a Contagious Christian:
Communicating Your Faith in a Style That Fits You*

Sunday evenings, January 8 – February 26

5:00-6:00 p.m. in the ROC (Room 102, High School Room)

Co-led by Don Minton and Ross Lankford

There is a text book and a participant guide for \$5 each available on the first night of the study, January 8.

Marriage ENRICHMENT Retreat

February 10-11, 2012

At the Embassy Suites Hotel in Destin – Miramar Beach, Florida
Friday evening 7:00 pm through Saturday 12:00 noon

Registration Cost: \$130 per couple

Registration and balances on early registration are due on Sunday, January 15. They can be submitted in the Atrium on Sunday mornings, or in the church office during office hours.

For questions or additional information, please contact Ross Lankford (433-5631; rlankford@fbcp.org) or Kelley Hamilton (433-5631; khamilton@fbcp.org).

Body Recall

Winter 10-Week Exercise Session Begins
Tuesday, January 17 - 8:00 a.m. in the ROC

Registration: \$1.00

1-Hour Class Every Tuesday – Thursday – Friday

Body Recall is a nationally recognized wellness program for adults. A safe, tested program of gentle exercise and movement, Body Recall has something to offer adults of all ages.



Women's Ministries

Sewing for Jesus

Monday, January 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will be sewing dolls - dress kits are available.
Call Rose Stone at 450-5381 for more information.

Join Us on a Whim

For those of you who have never experienced a WHIM, now is your chance. WHIM stands for Women's Hands in Missions, and we will be having the next one on Saturday, March 31. It is open to all the women of First Baptist Church. There will be several local projects to participate in, and you will be able to select the one you wish to help with. Those projects are still in the planning process but will be similar to those we have done in the past. This is an opportunity for you to use your gifts to help others. Watch for finalized details in upcoming issues of "The Walk" and the E-Builder. For more information, contact Debbie Minton at 968-4349

Women's Winter Bible Studies

The Inheritance

by Beth Moore

Begins Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m. in the ROC
Have you ever just completely let go to see what God can do? Join us for eight weeks and try it! Beth Moore will lead us in a new video study titled The Inheritance based on Psalm 16:5-6. Video based, no workbooks. Led by Linda Lasher

Seeds

by Priscilla Shirer

Begins Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. in room E-308
Each short, weekly video stands alone and covers a specific topic. This 6 week study is designed to be thought provoking and plant seeds of great discussion. Homework is in a weekly format, not daily. Workbooks available at first meeting. Join Janet Strange as she leads this study.

The Sarah Sisterhood: Gospel Hope for Women in Community

Author and Leader: Elizabeth Turnage

Begins Thursday, January 12, 9:15 a.m. in the ROC

As women, are we simply doomed to competing, comparing and condemning? Or the alternative – performing, pretending and positioning? The Bible gives us hope that we can live as sisters, celebrating our unique struggles and stories, and supporting one another in living the disciplines that mature us into women reflecting the image of God. Elizabeth Turnage will lead this 10 week study that she has written. Workbooks available at first meeting. Nursery is provided by reservation to 433-0063.

James: Mercy Triumphs

by Beth Moore

Begins Thursday, January 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Eight week study that will inspire us to put our faith into action in practical ways. Beth Moore explores concepts including joy, hardship, faith, wisdom and more in this new study led by Beth Gowing.

2012 Church Directory

Watch our website and future publications for a schedule of photography session dates and times for our new church directory.

Memorial Flowers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

SANCTUARY - In memory of Nancy Pleitz Hinson, given by her family.

FOYER - In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Helton, Mr. Lloyd Hicks, Mr. Crawley Stubblefield and Mr. Grady Jones, grandparents of Mr. and Mrs. Zach Helton.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

SANCTUARY - In celebration of Toby and Marian Hatsfelt's 50th wedding anniversary, given by their children and grandchildren.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22.

SANCTUARY - In memory of Marvin and Naomi Lee, given by their children, Jane and Carlos Pisarello, Nancy and Bill Lee and Doug and Gina Wamble.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

SANCTUARY - In memory of Carroll C. Hughes given by his wife, Joy, son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Julie.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

SANCTUARY - In memory of Russell and Carolyn Robertson, given by their daughter, Pat Bridges.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

SANCTUARY - In memory of Carol Ann Cooper, given by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cooper, and family.

FOYER In memory of Dr. Leon Flowers, given by his wife Dolly and children; Shelly Flowers and Jeff Flowers.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Vernon and Elsie Phillips, given by their children; Jack, Joe and Bill and their families.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

SANCTUARY - In memory of our beloved brother, Dr. John W. Eddins, Jr. given by his sisters; Laurie E. Thrash, Barbara E. Wenner, Hope E. Glover and Jeannie E. Morris