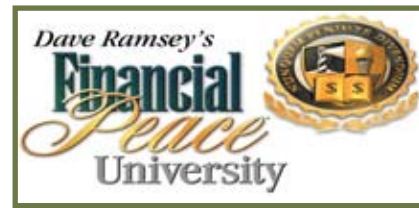


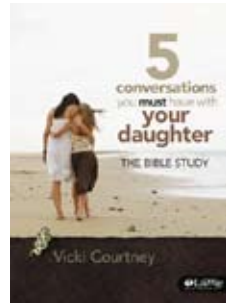
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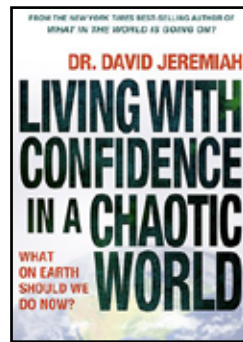
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February 2010

The Reporter



Terry Bostick
Pastor

Dear Church,

As I write this article we have been closing out the financial and membership books for 2009. There is much to celebrate! Our church added 59 to the rolls through baptism and joining by letter. As I read through the list of those that joined our church this past year I see only one that no longer attends. He moved a few months ago to be with family. I only see three that were not here this past Sunday. Did you get that? Our retention rate for new converts and new members is 98.3%. That tells me that all though we may not be experiencing dramatic growth, we are experiencing healthy growth. People are really connecting with us. We need to continue to be open to new members.

As I visit and talk with those that are our guest, many of them express surprise at how friendly our church is. We are making room for them in our hearts and lives and it is showing. We have many more that are planning to join. If all the guests who are coming would join in the next two months we would grow by a minimum of 80. That's right 80! That is how many guests we have actively visiting our church. Most of them, probably 50 or more have been coming for a month or longer. Are we ready for that kind of growth? Are we ready to open our hearts and lives to that many more people? As you see guests coming make sure that you make them feel welcome. Make sure that you ask them if they need help, or ask them if they have any questions, or even if they would like to sit with you, their new friend. I pray that God would prepare us and send them!

I hope that you are enjoying the sermon series on the seven churches of Revelation. I have sure enjoyed preparing for them. I believe that this portion of the New Testament was written for the church of today to do just what we are doing with it. Slowing down and taking a careful look at what God is looking for in His church. The church has always battled the

same basic issues because the church is made up of people and people have not really changed all that much. Also, the enemy of the church, Satan, has not changed that much either and is still trying his same old stuff, just in new wrapping. We will take one Sunday off in February to let the speaker for Kid's Weekend have the pulpit. I look forward to hearing how the weekend has gone and what the speaker has for us. You will not want to miss Kid's Weekend Sunday.

Speaking of Kid's Weekend, join me in praying now that God would work in the life of our speaker and our children. When God has His way with both, tremendous victories can be won. Pray. Do not let down the church or the children. The weekend is Valentine's weekend. The speaker is Josh Pilgrim a graduate student at Beeson Divinity School at Samford University. I will be helping prepare meals for the kids all weekend long. What will you be doing to make this event a success? Contact Lisa and ask her what she needs you to do!

February 7 – Church at Thyatira
February 14 – Kid's Weekend
February 21 – Church at Sardis
February 28 – Church at Philadelphia
March 1 – Church at Laodicia
March 8 – Church at ????????

Have a great month. I can't wait to see you Sunday.

In Christ,
Terry



YOUTH



Will Smith
Youth Director

Well, welcome to the New Year. I hope the first month was good to you. I have been looking forward to this year for quite a while. This year will be a year in which the focus of our student ministry will be discipleship. We have already begun the year by having a High School Discipleship weekend (D-NOW). We took a small

group to the mountains of north Georgia for an extended weekend where we focused on Spiritual Disciplines. During this time we focused on the disciplines of Bible Study, Prayer, Meditation, Solitude, Fasting, Worship, and Service. The students were given very practical information that can be used to further deepen their relationship with Christ.

I am looking forward to spending time with the Junior High in the next few weeks to teach similar disciplines and provide them with the tools needed to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

I am watching to see what God is going to do this year in the lives of our

students. Please continue to pray for our students. I pray every day that God would grow our students closer to Him and that He would use them in a mighty way. I ask that you would do the same.

In Christ,
Will Smith

Upcoming Stuff*

February 7 – Super Bowl Party @ Church (5:00pm 'til halftime)

February 20 – Ice Skating (Pelham) \$9 (We will also stop at the Mall while we are in B'ham). We will be leaving at 10:30am and will be back after dinner. Bring money for food.

March 5-7 Junior High D-Now \$55 Destination TBA

March 14 – Winter Jam 2010 (BJCC) - \$10 at the door

March 20 – Bowling (B'ham). (tentative)

May 31- June 4 – Beach Retreat (Laguna Beach Christian Retreat, Panama City Beach). Price TBD.

July 12-16 – Super Summer Alabama (Student Leadership/Discipleship) @ Samford. Must have completed 8th Grade to attend.

*more stuff coming so be on the watch

CHILDREN



Lisa Sims
Children's Director

evenings and Wednesday evenings would not be possible and the kids would not learn or accomplish as much without your help. Thank you so much for all you do. You are greatly appreciated!

We can always use more volunteers. So, come and join us anytime!

Hey Guys! It is so hard to believe we are already one month into 2010! I hope each of you have had a good start to the New Year. I know the Sims' have had a good beginning. We are back into our routine and staying busy.

I would like to say a big THANK YOU to all my teachers and volunteers who help with the kids. Sunday mornings, Sunday



RA's and GA's are starting new lessons. RA's are working on their cars. And Kids Choir is working on songs for Kids Weekend and the Spring Musical! Some great things to look forward to!

Sundays:
8:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship
*1st Sun: Children's Worship
*2nd—5th Sun: worship with family
5:30 p.m. RA's/GA's

Wednesdays:
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00—7:00 p.m. Kids Choir

I hope to see each of you soon! I know schedules can get very crazy, but I pray you keep room for the things here at FBCO! Our kids are watching the choices we make with our time and theirs.

See you Sunday!



Prayer Safari
Feb. 12—14
1st—6th Grades
Cost: \$20

Sign ups have begun. The deadline is Sunday, Feb. 7th.

Pre-Safari Meetings
Wednesday, February 10
6:15pm ALL Parents

Please pray for this weekend. Pray for all the kids, youth & adults. Pray for safety, & protection. Pray for God to touch lives!

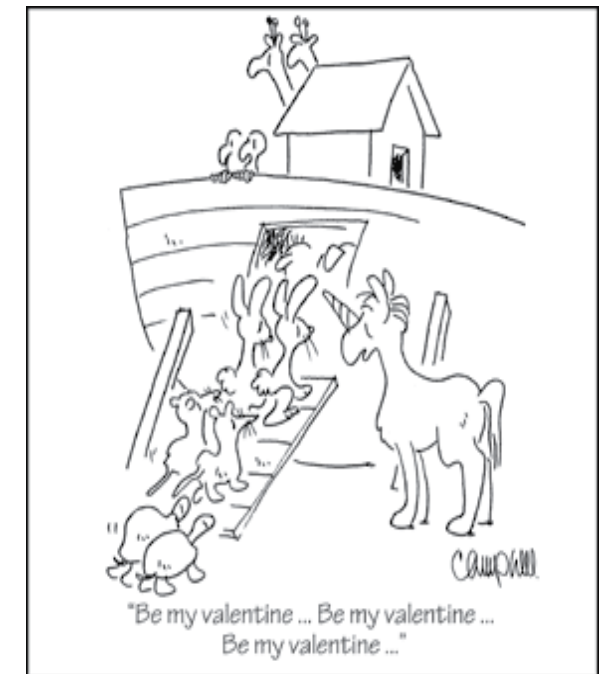
Announcements & Meetings & More

- The 2009 New Members and Prospective Members Luncheon will be Feb 21 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning worship service. Please call the office and make a reservation for this free luncheon if you joined FBC in 2009 or are a visiting prospect for FBC.
- The annual Nail-benders trip will be May 30-June 4. Save this week for vacation and go on this mission trip. Contact Leon Dean (831-1822) for more information.
- Prayer Safari for Children grades 1-6, Feb 12-14. See Lisa for more information if you haven't signed up for this wild animal weekend.
- FBC is responsible for operating the Service Center South February 22, 23 & 25 from 10am till 2pm. Contact Pauline Snider (831-0679) if you can volunteer.
- Discipleship Classes will begin March 3 at 6:00pm after Wednesday Fellowship Supper.
- Junior High (7th & 8th grade) D-NOW, March 5-7, cost is \$55. Location TBA. Sign up now.
- Disaster Relief Chainsaw class offered March 19 & 20 at Hillcrest. Sign up on-line at www.SBDR.org
- LLL Club will meet Thursday, Feb 11. Watch for more details.

WORD SEARCH

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Nickels & Noses

Date	Sunday School	Budget Offering	Weekly Budget Requirement	Debt Retirement Offering	Weekly Debt Requirement	Total Offering	Memorials & Honorariums
Jan 3	394	\$16,380.00	\$20,569.13	\$1,893.00	\$4,085.14	\$18,273.00	Winston Bentley, Kayla Darby, Wayne Doyal
Jan 10	392	\$16,915.95		\$1,337.00		\$18,252.95	Winston Bentley
Jan 17	395	\$14,737.63		\$1,990.00		\$16,727.63	Winston Bentley, Kayla Darby
Jan 24	417	\$11,359.60		\$850.00		\$12,209.60	
Jan 31	421	\$13,317.85		\$1,821.00		\$15,138.85	



FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship 5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold  Happy Ground Hogs Day	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir			
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship 5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study  Presidents Day	9:30 Gladys Phil- lips Prayer Group 10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship 11:30 New Members Luncheon(make a reservation) 5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Men's Chili Cook- Off 6:00 Ladies Self Defense Class 6:15 Bible Study 7:00 Choir			
28	March 1	2	3	4	5	6
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship 4:30pm SS Leadership Mtg 5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:00 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir			

PRESCHOOL

Wow! It feels like forever has passed since I've written for the Reporter! I'm sure most of you are like me and are now grateful for the return of a "regular" schedule. I was thrilled with the attendance we had on our first Wednesday night of preschool activities in the new year. On January 13th, we had 47 children in the Preschool Department! I hope we have this many or more every Wednesday night from now on! I'm excited to see and hear what our Mission Friends, Mighty Music Makers and Marvelous Manners groups will be learning this spring.

Have you noticed the growth in our Preschool Department? Not only have we been blessed with visitors, but since

August we've had four new babies born!

Harper Cobb
parents: Andy & Alison

JamesDavid Thompson,
parents: Matt & Betsy

Kalli Slaton
parents: James & Mia

Leighton Hendley
parents: Dan & Lindsay

Welcome these to our Small Creations Nursery. Also, we have four families who are expecting new additions in the coming months! I love it! Our church is definitely growing!

If you are looking for a way to become involved in ministry at FBCO, consider joining the childcare team by volunteering during worship one Sunday every two months and you'll be blessed by getting to know the youngest members of our church!



Rachel Doyle
Preschool Director

This month, the Childrens Department will be involved in one of their most exciting weekends of the year- Kids' Weekend Prayer Safari for 1st-6th graders. This is an action packed weekend when the children experience great discipleship. Please be in prayer for all of the children and adults who will be a part of the weekend. Many of you will soon have a child in the Children's Department next year. Parents of Kindergarten-ers are invited to attend a

worship service of the weekend so you'll gain a glimpse of what is in store for your child next year. Worship will take place on both Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th at 7pm in the chapel.

Upcoming Events:
March 11- 5:30-7:00; Party
Central Play Night!
More Details to come ...

MUSIC

Dear FBC Family,

A new year is here. It's so hard to realize that it is actually 2010. It is so easy for us to just assume that we will have a choir for services. It doesn't just happen. We have to have people that are committed.

First, I would like to thank everyone that helps with the music. Music is such an integral part of our services.

Second, I would like to encourage anyone that enjoys praising our God to come and sing with us. There is no try-out, you do not have to

be a musician, you just need to have a heart for worshipping God.

There are still many of you that would be a huge asset to the music program at FBC. What better way is there to start the new year than to become involved in service instead of just being served.

I really believe that Christians that are not involved miss out on many of the blessings that God has for us. I just do not believe that God saves us to sit on the pew and we definitely serve a God that deserves our praise. Let's take advantage

of the opportunities that He gives to us to praise Him.

Psalm 47:6
Sing praises to God,
sing praises: sing
praises unto our
King, sing praises.

Forever His,
Bill



Bill Crowe
Interim Music Minister



FAITH BAPTIST DEAF MISSION



Ricky Milford
Deaf Church Pastor

It's hard to believe it's already been a year since God moved our church to First Baptist Church of Oxford. It has been an amazing year for Faith Baptist Deaf Mission. God has poured out blessing after blessing. I want to thank you, First Baptist Church of Oxford for making our transition to a new church such a pleasant experience for us.

It's this time of year when we again plan for the Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf. It will be held March 5-7 at Shocco Springs. This year's theme is "Strengthening Our Foundation: "Who are we?" Ephesians 4:1-16. God has chosen us to be Christ's representatives on earth. In light of this truth, Paul challenges us to live lives worthy of the calling we have received—the awesome privilege of being called Christ's very own. This includes being humble, gentle, patient, understanding, and peaceful. People are watching your life. Can they see Christ in you? How well are you doing as his representative?

"We are all one body," says Paul. Unity does not just happen; we have to work at it. Often differences among people can lead to division, but this should not be true in the church. Instead of concentrating on what divides us, we should remember what unites us: one body, one Spirit, one future, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God! Have you learned to appreciate people who are different from you? Can you see how their differing gifts and viewpoints can help the church as it does God's work? Learn to enjoy the way we members of Christ's body complement one another. All believers in Christ belong to one body; all are united under one head, Christ himself (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-27). Each believer has God-given abilities that can strengthen the whole body. Your special ability may seem small or large, but it is yours to use in God's service. Ask God to use your unique gifts to contribute to the strength and health of the body of believers.

I hope you can make plans to attend the conference at least one day. You will feel blessed. Faith Baptist Deaf Mission will worship with ABCD on March 7 at Shocco Springs. I would like to ask all of you to please pray for the conference – for the people's safety as they travel to and from, for the leaders as they prepare with God's guidance, and most of all that it will glorify God.

God bless,
Ricky

Happy Birthday



First Baptist Deaf Mission Members

2nd	Chadd Adams	7th	Debbie Kitchin	15th	Nancy McCombs	26th	Joe Bynum
3rd	*Ricky Milford	8th	Todd Davis	16th	Mary Channel	27th	Ernie Holley
	Martha O'Dell	9th	Jonathon Scott	17th	Frankie O'Dell	28th	Perri K. Ingram
	Cole Abney		Jordan McCall	18th	Mark Kuehn	29th	Polly Mathis
4th	Garland Heare	11th	Jeanne Pilkington	19th	Leon Dean		Chance Adams
	Debbie Tyson		Rosa Lee Haynes	20th	Elizabeth Gidley		Bettie Steed
5th	Naomi Phillips		Margie Craft	21st	Bobby Edmondson		JoAnn Jackson
	Robert Gordon		Hunter Pate	23rd	Harold Turner		
6th	Grace Horn	12th	Mike Andrews	24th	Larry Butler		
	David Hill		Kyle O'Dell		Jane Perkins		
	Philip Rogers		Jacob McGuffey		Stuart Bentley		
	Tanner Payne		*Geraldine Tucker		Maranda Surrett		
	Hope Champion	13th	Keith O'Dell		Georgia Lambert		
	Emma Stephens		Shawn Jones		Dwight Rice		
		14th	Tucker Hall		Todd Tripp		
			Leslie Embry		Tina Adams		
			Mary Francis Shadrix		Lauren Smith	1st	Bobby Nordan
			Susan Bentley		*Mark McCurdy	2nd	* Ronald Jackson
			Donnette Hollingsworth		Ann Hopper		Glenn Heathcock
			Jennifer Yates		K. J. Slaton		Ronald Boyles
			Kayla Moon				Matthew Butler
							Van Hanson
							*Elizabeth Burgess



March

Deacon of the Week

Feb 7-13	Feb 14-20	Feb 21-27	Feb 28-March 6	March 7-13	March 14-20
James Preston	Harold Roberts	Mike Sargent	Matt Thompson	Barney Turner	Mike Abney
831-9436	831-2847	831-1971	831-7923	831-1109	831-1085

Child Care Schedules

Sunday Morning Nursery					
	February 7	February 14	February 21	February 28	March 7
Infants A108	Andy & Alison Cobb	Becky & Jamie Preston	James & Mia Slaton	Peggy Catchings & Kathy O'Dell	Gowan & Phyllis Embry
Walkers & Ones A111	Clint & Ashley Smith	Laura & Abby Alger	Violet Holland & Melissa Love	LeaAnn & Lindsey Bostick	Sam & Amy Graham
Twos & Threes A 110	Martha White & Carla Smith	Lynn Chapman & Pauline Snider	Greg & Janice Hethcox	Don & Sheila Lindley	Deborah & Jordan Whaley
Twos & Threes B A109	Mike & Robin Snow	Richard & Stephanie Dean	Georgia Lambert	Bruce & Renee Rice	Bob & Anne Bobo
God's Garden 3K A A102	Rusty & Christy Gann	Tina & Ashley Adams	Eric & Amanda Walker	Barney & Gina Turner	Kyle & Brooke Mann
God's Garden 3K B A104	Tonya & Carly Sargent	Tammy & Brooke Boyles	Todd & MaryJo Tripp	Bradley & Tracy Baker	Bev Smith
God's Garden Pre-K A 106	Jason & Tara T Austin	Tucker & Dana Hall	Mike & Kelly Abney	Jay & Lynn Johnson	Matt & Betsy Thompson
Kindergarten A107	Jordy & Tyler Houston	Doug & Amy Strautman	Doug & Kelly Champion	Shannon Tapley & Heather Gallahar	Anthony & Pam Whitley
Children's Church	Adam & Breanna Walker	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	Dennis & Karen Reeder

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

LADIES SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24
6-7PM
LED BY ANGIE BUSBY

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MEN'S MINISTRY

come enjoy the men's annual **CHILI** cook-off



wednesday supper, february 24
5:30pm

who will be the next winners?

Who Has the Best!

all chili entries be here by 5pm



Guys and Gals,

A sincere thanks for your support from Alabama Teen Challenge and the women who provided the program last Sunday night. We think this was the largest turnout at C.R. yet. And so many visitors! If you are missing the fellowship at "Solid Rock cafe", you are missing another blessing. Last week the hall was standing room only with adults and kids mingling everywhere. Come be a part and share your thoughts with someone new.

Remember the Wednesday night suppers have started back. C.R. has 2 men step studies still

growing each Wednesday night also. Come and help us welcome new folks into the program. Ponder this quote from one of our guest last month..."I feel so welcome here, I want to think of FBCO as my home church". A smile, a hand-shake, a hug...it could be the encouraging turning point in someone's life, maybe our own...and as I thought about it, that's one reason why we were called here!

Love you all,
In Christ
Bobo