

**FBC Calendar of Events**

<b>Sunday, March 7</b> 8:00a Men's Ministry Breakfast 9:30a Prayer/Prayer Room 9:45a Bible Study 10:55a Worship 5:30p SS Leadership Class/FH	<b>Sunday, March 14</b> 9:30a Prayer/Prayer Room 9:45a Bible Study 10:55a Worship 12:00n Wakeup Brunch/Youth Fundraiser/FH 5:30p SS Leadership Class/FH
<b>Monday, March 8</b> 1:00p Ministry Group 7:00p Deacons Meeting	<b>Monday, March 15</b> 3:30p Lou Demie Mein Group
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b> 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast/ Stew & Que 6:30p Handbells	<b>Tuesday, March 16</b> 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast/ Stew & Que 12:00n Benfield Group 6:30p Handbells
<b>Wednesday, March 10</b> Noon-1:00p Lenten Luncheon/ Cornelia UMC 5:00-7:30p Library Open 5:15p Supper 6:00p Mission Friends/GA & RA 6:00p Acteens 6:30p Bible Study 6:35p Youth Worship 6:40p Children's Music	<b>Wednesday, March 17</b> Noon-1:00p Lenten Luncheon/1st Presbyterian Church 5:00-7:30p Library Open 5:15p Supper 6:00p Mission Friends/GA & RA 6:00p Acteens 6:30p Bible Study 6:35p Youth Worship 6:40p Children's Music
<b>Thursday, March 11</b> 11:00a Helping Hands	<b>Friday, March 19</b> 12:00n PrimeTimers/FH

**ME, MYSELF AND LIES: A THOUGHT CLOSET MAKEOVER**

*Ladies – don't miss this opportunity to make a difference by knowing what to say when you talk to yourself!*

**Cost for Bible Study - \$15.00 per person**

This fee covers your personal member study book.



**Bible Study Dates**

**Morning Study**

Thursday Mornings 9:00 – 11:00  
A.M. March 4 – April 22  
(no Bible Study on Thurs., April 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Evening Study**

Sundays 5:30 – 7:00 P.M.  
March 7 – April 25  
(no Bible Study on Sun., April 4<sup>th</sup>)

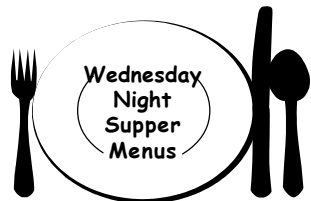
*Child care is provided for the morning sessions upon request.*

For more info contact Donna Trotter at 706-778-2893  
or email: [mdb@windstream.net](mailto:mdb@windstream.net)

**HAITIAN RELIEF GIFTS**

Thanks to the generosity of many in our church family, gifts designated for humanitarian relief efforts in Haiti totaling \$2,370.36 have been forwarded to the relief agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Thanks again to all who have shared in this special missions opportunity.

**March 10**  
Chicken & Dumplings  
Butter Peas  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls  
Gingerbread & Lemon Sauce  
Tea



**March 17**  
Lasagna  
Garlic Bread  
Tossed Salad  
Rolls  
Brownies  
Tea

**A WORD OF HOPE**

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 NIV

**FROM THE PULPIT...**

**Lenten Series:**

**"Following Peter: Finding Christ"**

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

"The Consequence of Our Confession"  
Matthew 16:13-28

**Sunday, March 14, 2010**

"Lessons From The Table"  
John 13:1-17

**Staff Anniversaries**

March

**3 years**

Mary Turner

**3 years**

Beatrice Dickerson

**The next publication date for Good Tidings will be March 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Announcements for publication must be submitted to the church office by Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Ministry Staff**

**Rev. David B. Turner**  
Pastor

**Chester King**  
Church Administrator

**Bobby Ivey**  
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**Rebecca Ray**  
Preschool Director

**Bobbie Foster**  
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**"HEAD OF CHRIST" SCULPTURE**



During the past several weeks, a number of our church family members have inquired regarding the sculptured head of Christ currently on display in the Sanctuary. The following brief history will bring recall to many and provide information to newer members.

For a number of years, First Baptist Church has observed a Holy Week communion service on the Wednesday evening prior to Easter. The worship theme in recent years has been "Christ and the Arts," and both resident and visiting artists have shared their varied talents with us. In April 2006, Dr. Samuel Gore, Professor of Art at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, was with us for the special occasion and, working from raw clay, fashioned the head of Christ during the worship service.

Although the sculpture itself was finished and placed in safekeeping, the painting and firing were delayed until only recently, at which time students and faculty of the Piedmont College Art Department graciously carried out the finishing processes as a gift to the church. Richard McMullan designed and built the display case and Ruth Cowan served as coordinator for the project.

While the sculpture is temporarily displayed in the Sanctuary to enhance Lenten Season worship, it will be relocated in the near future to a permanent display site for members and guests to visit and reflect on in the years ahead.

Chester King

**PASTOR'S THOUGHTS**

There are any number of concepts that carry meaning and value, yet provide us with some difficulty on the matter of definition. We use the term "spiritual renewal" frequently, yet an exact definition of what would constitute spiritual renewal isn't easy to ascertain. I believe that the greatest value found in providing emphasis on the Lenten season is its power to bring about this illusive experience of spiritual renewal.

For lack of a more exacting definition, I am satisfied to say that now is the time for every Christian to do a spiritual inventory. Now is our opportunity to ask ourselves if we are happy with the path of faith we are following. Are we doing all we can to make an impact upon our community for Christ?

Our involvement with spiritual renewal begins from the inside out. No one else can sit in judgment of the depth of your faith. You will not get thrown in jail because you do not maintain a vitality about your faith. But there will be consequences that you and only you will notice. You will find yourself with less enthusiasm for life. You will leave off certain commitments you once kept with regularity. Church will start to mean less to you and you just may find greater fault in the people who share church life with you.

My appeal to you, my promise to you, is that God never withdraws Himself from His children. The good news is that spiritual freshness is not some off-the-wall impossibility. Do this and see what happens: Read the New Testament accounts of what Jesus did for you. Ask God to give you places to minister to others. Pray that you will honor your Lord in your attitude and service. If those efforts prove to be unrewarding, I'm here to help you look deeper.

Spiritual renewal, however, must not be confined simply to our individual journeys. The church body needs to work together to revitalize our own goals and commitments. Use these days to talk to your fellow church members about our ministries. Take advantage of opportunities to meet together and pray together. Encourage one another. When we think beyond ourselves to the needs of others, God will use those efforts to bring the spiritual renewal we all seek.

My door is always open....

David Turner

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OF THE WEEK  
3L/VOLUNTEER**

<b>Teacher's Name:</b> Pat Martin	<b>Teacher's Name:</b> Jodie Burton
<b>Member of FBC:</b> 38 years	<b>Member of FBC:</b> 37 years
<b>How long teaching SS:</b> 25 years	<b>How long teaching SS:</b> 35 years
<b>How long teaching this class:</b> 8 years	<b>How long teaching this class:</b> 30 years
<b>Spouse's Name:</b> Curtis Martin	<b>Spouse's Name:</b> Shirley Burton
<b>Children:</b> 3	<b>Children:</b> 1
<b>Grandchildren:</b> 1	
<b>Occupation/Work:</b> Retired	<b>Occupation/Work:</b> Retired
<b>Hobbies/Special Interests:</b> Family, Church, Reading, Patio Gardening	<b>Hobbies/Special Interests:</b> Cooking for the Tuesday Men's Group, Reading, Watching Sports

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**March 7**  
Dennis Tedder  
706-778-9437

**March 14**  
Ed Vaughn  
706-776-7391

If there is a ministry need, please call the Deacon or the church office.

**March 7**

**SS Greeters:** Ben Brooks, Mozelle Carlan, Betty Murray, Charlotte Meister, Bascom Scroggs, Phil McClain  
**KidsChurch:** Jim & Carrie McLendon  
**Ushers:** Phil McClain, Rick Barron, Dalton Sirmans, Ed Vaughn, Nolan Nix, Brian Williams, Bill Tanneberger, Dennis Tedder  
**Patrol:** Ronnie Parham

**March 14**

**SS Greeters:** Mozelle Carlan, Betty Murray, Charlotte Meister, Bascom Scroggs, Effie Parham  
**KidsChurch:** Allen & Allyson Carter  
**Ushers:** Chester Skelton, Grant Bentley, Jodie Burton, Steve Doran, Greg Jenkins, Jarvis McFarlin, Larry Whitfield  
**Patrol:** David Foster

**Dear Church Family**

*Looking back on the year of 2009 we see God's miracles in our lives. Our son, Tommy, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage and, after much prayer, he has recovered without any permanent damage for which we are so thankful. In January I fell and broke my leg. After 10 months the bone had not healed. I was sent to Emory for more surgery so I would be able to walk. I am now learning to walk again on a walker.*

*Thank you for all the special prayers, the cards, flowers, food and every kindness shown to us.*

*In His love,  
Dot Poole*

**It's a Boy!**

*Congratulations to Dusty & Emily Balenger on the birth of their son, Irvin William Balenger, born January 12<sup>th</sup> and weighing 8 Lbs. 15 oz. He was welcomed by his proud grandparents Donnie & Jill Balenger and Jack & Dessie Irvin.*



**FIRST FACTS**

**Sunday, February 21, 2010**

**MINISTRY BUDGET**

Weekly Goal	\$13,576.85
Weekly Gifts	7,458.51
Y-T-D Goal:	108,614.80
Y-T-D Gifts	76,930.46
Y-T-D Loan Prin. Gifts	1,075.00
FMC Loan Balance	938,166.51

**Sunday, February 28, 2010**

**MINISTRY BUDGET**

Weekly Goal	\$13,576.85
Weekly Gifts	9,515.51
Y-T-D Goal:	122,191.65
Y-T-D Gifts	86,445.97
Y-T-D Loan Prin. Gifts	1,175.00
FMC Loan Balance	928,464.98

**MEMORIALS**

**Benevolence**  
Bud Parham

**Family Ministry Center**  
John Caudell, Robert Cook

**HONORARIA**

**Family Ministry Center**  
Bill Dillard

**BENEVOLENCE FUND  
February, 2010**

Received:	\$ 2,069.78
Shared:	\$ 1,409.89
Clients:	24

**Dear Church Family**

*Words are so inadequate to express my appreciation for all the care and concern shown during my recent illness. Your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food, and gifts were so encouraging. Thanks to all of you for always being there for me during the difficult times in my life as well as the good times. I love every one of you. You are truly "my church family." May God bless each of you and our church as we move forward in service to Him.*

*Love,  
Lil Reed*

*Thank you for all your prayers and concern you showed me during my illness. I know your prayers and the grace of God enabled me to recover.*

*Thank you,  
Jerry H. Hooper*

**UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

One of the things our committee has felt so strongly about is our duty and our privilege to listen to and to communicate with the congregation at every step of the way. Many of you have been asking when we would be going to hear someone who might be a candidate for our position of pastor. We have "heard" and "seen" a good number of preachers by way of God's wonderful new forms of media - websites, DVDs and CDs. Finally, we have reached the point where we will actually be visiting churches and hearing first-hand some real live candidates!

During this tedious process of searching for a new pastor, we have been encouraged and uplifted by many of you who have covenanted to pray for us and with us that God would direct us to the person He could use to lead FBC into the future. We thank you for your *continued* prayers as this process moves forward and — along with you — we wait in expectation to see what wonderful things God has in store for this congregation!

**MEN'S MINISTRY**

The Men's Ministry will meet Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 A.M. in Fellowship Hall for breakfast, followed by a message from guest speaker Rev. Mike Franklin, pastor of The Torch in Cornelia. All men of the church are cordially invited to attend this time of good food and warm fellowship.

**Missions and Ministry**



A Place for Spiritual Renewal  
**CAMP PINNACLE CONFERENCE  
& RETREAT CENTER**  
Clayton, Georgia

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills from which comes my help. My strength comes from the Lord who made the heavens and the earth."  
Psalms 121:1-2

Our Lord took time to draw away from the crowds for spiritual renewal. If He needed time to relax and be renewed, how much more do we. Situated at the foot of Pinnacle Mountain and overlooking a lake, Camp Pinnacle is the perfect place to relax and be renewed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Facilities are available for marriage retreats, Sunday School, deacon retreats, any type of special event.



**2010 SUMMER MISSIONS CAMP**

First class air-conditioned cabins are ready to receive excited girls attending missions camp in June and July. Week-long camp is available for girls, Teen Week, Mother/Daughter Overnight weekend, and Father/Daughter.

Camp Pinnacle Conference and Retreat Center is a ministry of Georgia Woman's Missionary Union.