

the
FIRST Edition

AT THE HEART OF THINGS DOWNTOWN



✘ **From the Pastor** ✘

“Every word of God is flawless” Proverbs 30:5

In the movie “2012”, the end of the world based on the Mayan calendar and a Hollywood interpretation will be December 21, 2012. This craze will provide great opportunity for conversation about this and other Biblical topics. How can we prepare to make 2012 the greatest spiritual year of our lives thus far?

First, we as Christians should have confidence in a sovereign God and His plan for the future. We should never be overwhelmed with anxiety about the future, but live in peace. As we grow in our love and knowledge of our great God, our faith and trust in Him will also mature.

Second, we as Christians should always run to the Word of God for truth. “Every word of God is flawless.” I pray that this year will be one in which we are truly students of the Word of God. On January 8, I will introduce my Biblical challenge for the year. It is a Bible study plan called E100. We will corporately read through the essential 100 Bible stories during the year and make this a discussion. Also, I have selected the book of Proverbs for our Sunday night sermon series. This will be an incredible study looking at the wisdom of God and applying it to our daily lives.

Third, I pray that we will ask God to give us the courage to be bold for Him in 2012. I was challenged recently by the testimony of one of our IMB missionaries. He is seeing incredible outpourings of the Holy Spirit as the church boldly proclaims the Gospel even in difficult and threatening cultures. This sounds like the early church in Acts. God blessed their boldness. Would you join me in praying for greater boldness in speaking the truth of the Gospel? May it be true that we cannot keep quiet about the things of God.

Church, I am looking forward to 2012 and the great things the Lord will do!

In Christ,
Michael

Wednesday Evening Bible Study in January

Roy Lewis will be leading during the month of January and speaking on Angelology and Demonology. Topics will be:

January 4: Angelology — “What Angels Don’t Know and Can’t Do”

Mark 13:32; 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 2:4

January 11: Angelology — “When Is an Angel Not an Angel?”

Genesis 22:10-12, 15-16; 31:11-13

January 18: Demonology — “A Case of Hog Fever”

Mark 5:1-20

January 25: Demonology — “Devilish Religion”

Matthew 12:43-45; Luke 4:33-35





Children's Happenings and Updates

When I was in Bible Drill as a little girl, I learned hundreds of memory verses with Ms. Susan; some I've long forgotten, others I remember to this day. One verse that sticks in my mind even after almost twenty years is Luke 2:52, "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and man." This is a verse I find myself meditating on as we begin another year.

You see, our children are growing a little every day – they grow taller, stronger, and smarter at a very alarming rate. As their children's minister I often ask myself, "How are they growing spiritually, and what am I doing to encourage this growth?" There is so much that our kids face daily, and the spiritual strength they gain from walking with Christ is essential to facing those challenges. It is my dream to have these children grow in such a way that their lives will mirror that of Christ regardless of the circumstances.

Church, you have a role in the spiritual growth of our children. As these kids grow they watch the adults around them, they look to us for example and encouragement. It is a challenge for me to live a godly life that will be worthy of emulation. This year I pray First Baptist will grow stronger as a church, serving as a living example to the children within our walls.

Blessings,
Stacy Heaton

Music & Administration

As I sit here in my office trying to think of what to write for my article this month I am reminded of the accomplishments of the past year. Not my accomplishments but rather what God has accomplished in and through our church over the past twelve months. Let me just list a few of the more prominent items.

- A cold weather shelter was established at FBC for young men ages 16-21.
- Sunday School and Worship attendances have seen steady increases. We have added more than 50 new members.
- Lighthouse Child and Family Development Center has become an integral part of the ministry of FBC.
- First Baptist exceeded its Capital Campaign Goal of \$1,275,000 by \$137,450 making a total pledge of \$1,412,450. Furthermore, nearly \$600,000 of those pledges have been received through the first year of the campaign.
- Four of the Capital Campaign Projects have been completed.
- A new church website was launched in November.
- Voices of Christmas concert was attended by an estimated 1,300 people.
- Crescendo Music school currently has 15 young people enrolled and capacity for many more.
- First Baptist Church exceeded its' annual budget for the first time since anyone can remember.

First Baptist is a wonderful place to be. We continue to "press on" as we join God where He is at work, here and around the world.



Happy New Year & Blessings,
David

OVER THE TOP!

For the first time in many years First Baptist Church has met and actually exceeded its' budget for the year. The budget for 2011 was \$1,002,822, we received \$1,012,774 as of December 27, 2011. All praise be to God!



Valerie McBride Completes 25 Years of Service to First Baptist Church

January 2012 marks the 25th anniversary of Valerie McBride as an employee of First Baptist Church. In January of 1987, Valerie began her work with our church as offset press operator. She also worked as an office and recreation assistant from 1988-1992. In the summer of 1992, Valerie became the records secretary for the church and six months later she became secretary for the Christian Life Center and worked closely with the Children's Ministry. Since then Valerie has served in many varying capacities in our church office and currently serves as Office manager and Receptionist/Music Secretary. If you have ever called the church office, then you have most likely heard her friendly and professional voice as she answered the phone. Congratulations and thank you Valerie!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT FBCSPRINGFIELD.COM

Our church has a new website! We've been working on it for months, and it is finally online. While not all pages and functions are complete, the majority of the site is up. Take some time to visit the site. You will be able to view our most recent newsletters, watch Sunday sermons, download information about the different ministries of First Baptist and much, much more. Go to www.fbcspringfield.com.

REMEMBER, REBUILD...

RENEW, REJOICE!

CAMPAIGN UPDATE



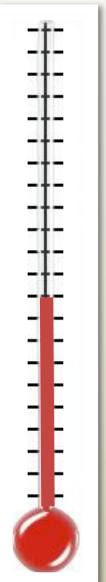
PLEDGES TO DATE - \$1,412,450

GIVEN TO DATE - \$604,371

*"The God of heaven will give us success."
Nehemiah 2:20*

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Mission Opportunities in 2012

WEEK OF HOPE

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA JUNE 24-29

\$25 DEPOSIT DUE BY MAY 1

During the week we will work in food pantries, Salvation Army, YMCAs, and other community organizations to give hope to the people of Indianapolis. Your deposit will help cover gas and any activity we choose to do on the way to or from Indianapolis. Open to any student, 7-12 grade. There will also be some spots for extra adults to volunteer to go. Contact Brock for more information.

CLARKSTON, GEORGIA

JULY 14-20

Clarkston is a designated refugee city. This is an international mission trip that doesn't need a passport. Anyone is welcome to go with us to Clarkston. We will have a chance to show the Love of Christ to hundreds of people from across the world.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our church has partnered with the Eastern Nebraska Baptist Association for several years. We will be returning to the area this summer. This trip is also very low in cost and open to any age. Any child below 7th grade must be accompanied by a parent.

50+ SPIRITUAL RETREAT

BRANSON TOWERS, JANUARY 27-28, 2011

Cost will be \$45 per room for two, \$52 per room for three, and \$59 per room for four. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, January 18. Please call the church office, 866-7202, to make your reservation and specify whom your roommate will be. Payment will be made directly to Branson Towers. Michael and David will be with us again this year.

CHURCH WEATHER POLICY

When the Springfield Public Schools are closed due to bad weather, the church offices will be closed and all evening activities cancelled. Check the FBC website, fbcspringfield.com.

JANUARY BOOK CLUB

The book for January is *Now I Walk on Death Row* by Dale Recinella. Our meeting is January 12 and will be hosted by Carlene Pennel and Becky Young. We will be meeting in the Meeting Room at the Cambridge, 2900 S. Jefferson. Our February book is *Heaven* by Randy Alcorn and will be hosted by Denise Overton, 2331 E. Edgewood. Both meetings are at 7:00 PM.

January Birthdays at First

January 1	Tim Killion	January 12	A.E. Harper	January 17	Riley Givens	January 24	Dillon Morrison
	Patrick McBride		Jerrie Hemingway		Jason Hahn		Rebecca Ready
January 2	Krista Armstrong		Janice Johnson		Deane Ruppert	January 25	Allen Penrod
January 3	JoAnn Norton		Madison Overton		Pam Stamps	January 26	Jim Boyt
	Greg Tenney	January 13	Pat Giberson	January 18	Jesse Hahn		Ray Louth
January 4	Ava Pearson	January 14	Betsy Christeson		Dan Mayfield	January 27	Hailey Forrester
January 6	Lucille Long		Denise Overton		Pam Robbins		Eva Hammons
	Irma Robbins	January 15	Bette Bogart	January 19	Leola Leek		Charles Pauls
January 7	Mildred Johnson		Jordan Butcher		Becky Young		Elane Viehland
	Stephanie Philpot		Amy Pinegar	January 20	Ruth Lott	January 28	John Jackson
	Charles Rader		Mary Jo Wilcher		Valerie Welch		Loren Stout
January 8	Jessica Hahn	January 16	Wanda Elliott	January 21	Ruby Bishop	January 29	David Forrester
	Beth Jones		June Hickey	January 22	Jim Carroll		Norma Wheeler
	Tad Pinegar		Joann Mallory	January 23	Emma Barker	January 30	Ted Bogart
January 10	Gordon Owen				Katy Campbell	January 31	Erica Murren

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Worship with us at 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM Sundays

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM - 5PM

Telephone: 417.866.7202, Fax: 417.862.4925

Check us out on the web at www.fbcspringfield.com

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THE RECORD SPEAKS

	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/25
ATTENDANCE	372	374	411	N/A
FINANCIAL				
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	\$34,521	\$20,216	\$16,803	\$29,165
MONTHLY TITHES TO DATE.....	\$100,705			
MONTHLY BUDGET TO DATE.....	\$74,657			
MONTHLY NEEDED TO DATE.....	OVER \$26,048			
RECEIVED YTD	\$1,011,984			
BUDGETED YTD.....	\$1,002,822			
YEARLY NEEDED	OVER \$9,162			
AS OF DECEMBER 27, 2011				

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

SENIOR PASTOR	MICHAEL OVERTON
PASTOR OF WORSHIP & ADMINISTRATION	DAVID NOLTE
YOUTH PASTOR.....	BROCK KENNEDY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER	STACY HEATON
FINANCIAL.....	RON CONN
PASTOR'S SECRETARY.....	JANE ADAMSON
ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY.....	BETTY AUSTIN
RECEPTIONIST/MUSIC SECRETARY.....	VALERIE MCBRIDE
ORGANIST.....	BLYE MOORE
PIANIST.....	JANICE BRANDENBURGH
MAINTENANCE.....	DOUG MCKINNEY
BUILDING SUPERINTENDENTS.....	DUSTIN GRIMES & CHARLES GOODWIN
CONTRACT CLEANING.....	JIM SMITH



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Springfield, MO 65806

January 2012 General Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No Pm Services -Baptism/Givens 10:45 AM -Lord's Supper/AM 10:45 AM	2 Holiday/Offices closed	3 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM	4 -50+ Committee Mtg 9:00 AM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM	5	6	7
8 -Finance Committee 5:00 PM -New Committee Orientation 5:00 PM -McAnallys Speaking 6:00 PM	9	10 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Roundtable Group 9:30 AM -Chapel Bible Class 11:00 AM -Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	11 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM	12	13 SPS school's out	14
15 -Bible Drill/Buddies resume 4:45 PM -Discipleship classes begin 5:00 PM -Business Meeting 7:00 PM	16 SPS school's out	17 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM	18 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Discipleship Classes begin 6:00 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus @ First 6:30 PM	19	20	21
22 Sanctity of Human Life.	23	24 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -MOPS 6:00 PM	25 -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus @ First 6:30 PM	26	27 50+ Spiritual Retreat	28 -Youth Quake 6:00 PM
29	30	31 -Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM	1	2	3	4