



FROM THE PASTOR:

In September, we started a series exploring the life of David. ".... After God's Own Heart" is what we titled it. The goal throughout the series has been to look into the life of David and recognize ways in which his life might influence our decisions in life. How do we become men and women after the heart of God?

In January, we'll transition into a new series. The David series was focused largely on individual spiritual growth. I think our new series will have a much more communal focus. As we look at the book of Acts, we will be looking together at the beginning of the church. We'll be identifying ways that they were a part of God changing the world and looking for ways that we can be part of that same work today.

I'm not sure how long we'll look at Acts. The length of the book has tempted me to shy away from this journey. The amazing acts of the followers of Christ, in the book of Acts, have tempted me to shy away. The inexplicable power of God in this book of Acts has tempted me to shy away. But we will not shy away. We will dive in head first. We will watch for God all along the journey. We will hopefully say yes as God calls us to new places in this journey together.

We are *Called to Be Church!* We are not called to be at church, or come to church. We are *Called to Be Church.* What does that mean? How do we do it? That will be our exploration over the time we are in Acts.

If you are interested in exploring some of the resources that are guiding this series, check out *Called to Be Church* by Anthony B. Robinson or *Thirty Years that Changed the World* by Michael Green.

Let me share with you a quote that has rattled me from *Called to Be Church*. "...there is a temptation to compartmentalize here. That is, "mission" is part of the budget, a particular program, the responsibility of a certain staff person or committee. On the contrary! The church is in its nature and its total life a mission and missionary endeavor, in its very essence it seeks to be, and is called to be, Jesus' witness in all its words and deeds, in all its life, whether gathered or scattered. The church does not exist to provide a congenial social experience for its members; nor does it exist to satisfy the ego needs of its leaders. The church exists to bear witness to the new creation in Jesus Christ and to be the beachhead of that new creation in the midst of the old." (p.44)

I pray we will be a church that does more than support missions. Let's be a part of the mission!

**BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2012
7:00 PM**

**PRIME-TIMERS' CHRISTMAS
UNCHEON**

Thursday, January 19th
12:00 Noon



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HAITI TRIP

FBC will be traveling with Hope Missions Outreach to Haiti June 20-27, 2012. Sign-ups are beginning now. Much will be required to be able to go, so it is important to start planning now. You will need immunizations, a passport, fund raising, etc. If you are interested in participating in the trip talk to Chad about more information. Note the following deadlines:

- March 15 registration deadline with \$500 non-refundable deposit due
- April 15 - \$500 additional due to solidify registration
- June 1 - \$1000 additional due to fulfill Hope costs for the trip

YOUTH NEWS

The youth will be attending "Acquire the Fire" in Kansas City, February 10th and 11th. I would really like to know who is going ASAP as the tickets need to be ordered now. Anyone Jr. High age and up is welcome to attend. Go to the Acquire the Fire web site to see what this event is all about. We will try to keep the cost to around \$30.00 or less for any youth who wants to attend. I urge you to GO!! Anyone who has ever been needs no urging to go back. YOU WILL LOVE IT!!

Winterfest, a concert and worship time of current contemporary Christian artists will be at the Sprint Center in February also. Cost is \$10.00. Look for upcoming information.

The Youth Group will be have a new starting time in January. We will meet at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday night. The Youth Group is open to anyone Jr. High through High School. This allows us to get out in time for any other services happening at the church on Sunday Evenings.

God Bless, Rick

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Due to lack of volunteers Children's Worship will move to twice a month. It will happen on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**PLEASE NOTE THESE EVENTS ARE WHAT WILL BE
HAPPENING IN**

FEBRUARY, 2012

Wed., 1 st - 6:00 p.m.	Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.	Acteens
- 6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Sun., 5 th - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Wed., 8 th - 6:00 p.m.	Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Thurs., 9 th - 2:30 p.m.	Birthday Party at Golden Living Center
Fri. 10 th & Sat., 11 th	Youth Acquire the Fire in Kansas City
Sat., 11 th - 6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Sun., 12 th - 4:00 p.m.	Wedding
- 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Mon., 13 th - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Day of Prayer
Wed., 15 th - 6:00 p.m.	Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.	Acteens
- 6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Thurs., 16 th - 12:00 Noon	Prime-Timers' Luncheon
Sun., 19 th - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Wed., 22 nd - 6:00 p.m.	Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
Sun., 26 th - 5:00 p.m.	Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Wed., 29 th - 6:00 p.m.	Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study

CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER

Monday, January 9th

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Come spend a few minutes in the sanctuary or the prayer room

FBC MINISTRIES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS

Kids 4 Christ - Contact Dean Gillespie - 726-5890

Children's Worship - Contact Karen Gillespie - 726-5890

Morning Worship Service Nursery - Contact Kelly Manning - 726-5876

Sunday School Director - Contact Rod Green - 726-3677

OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

If school is dismissed for weather on a Wednesday, there will be no Wednesday night activities.

DECEMBER, 2011

Regular Budget Offering

12/04.....\$4,324.00
12/11.....\$2,369.81
12/18\$5,580.85
12/25.....\$

Weekly Average \$4,091.27
Weekly Budget\$3,339.29

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Sunday School..... 134
Morning Worship..... 202

BUILDING FUND

12/04.....\$2,390.00
12/11 \$ 130.00
12/18.....\$ 443.00
12/25 \$

TOTAL \$2963.00

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF ALBANY

JANUARY, 2012



WOMEN ON MISSION JANUARY SCHEDULE

KITCHEN DUTY AND CAKES FOR BIRTHDAY
PARTY AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER -
LUCY WAGNER CIRCLE

Mon., Jan. 2nd - 6:30 p.m. M&M Circle, hostess, Linda Clifton
Tues., Jan., 10th - 7:30 p.m.-Lucy Wagner, hostess, Barbara Rainey
Thurs., Jan., 12th - 2:30 p.m.- Birthday Party at Golden Living Center

DEACONS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

JANUARY:

1st - Mike Owsley
8th - Bryan Prewitt
15th - Larry Allenbrand
22nd - Jason Newman
29th - David Hansel

FEBRUARY:

5th - Kevin Harding
12th - Dean Gillespie
19th - Kent Holcomb
26th - Mike Owsley

BACK PACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

For January, First Baptist Church is to donate
single serve Cereal and Instant Oatmeal
Questions, call Barbara Rainey, 726-3362.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

National Goal: \$175 million
FBC Goal: \$3,000
FBC Offering-to-date: \$2,195.00

LIBRARY

Several new books have been added to the Library for all those who
enjoy reading for a past-time. Be sure to check them out!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We want to thank everyone who contributed to Lottie Moon.
We will continue to receive offerings until the end of December.

ALL CHURCH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Sunday, January 29th
6:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

JUNE 26th - Jacy Gabriel - Baptism
JULY 24th - Ashley Hall - Baptism
24th - Kamren Shepherd - by Letter
OCTOBER 23rd - Kadi Byers - by Letter
23rd - Brandon Lyddon - Baptism
30th - Ann Hogue - by Statement