

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will begin meeting again on Wednesday, January 11 at 6 pm in the chapel. For more information about the Youth Group, contact Lauren Bolen or the church office.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

3RD SUNDAY @ THE MOVIES

We will resume 3rd Sunday @ the Movies on Sunday, January 15 at 2 pm. For more information, See Terry Mobley.

CAMO (Calling All Men Out)

MEN'S MINISTRIES

The CAMO Meeting will be on Monday, January 9 at 6 PM at Bolen Family Farm (2889 Old Gilliard Road, Holly Hill.) Contact Mike Bolen at 843.881.3348 for more information.

JOY GROUP

Join together for fellowship and food at Sequoyah's on Thursday, January 19th at 11:30am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning, January 8th, our adult classes will begin a study in the Book of Ephesians. The New Year is a great time to check out a Sunday School class. Focused Bible study is a wonderful opportunity to enhance your discipleship journey.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>ROOM</u>	<u>TEACHER(S)</u>
Children		
Infants-2K	101	Rotation
3K-5K	108	Lisa Bolen
1 st -5 th grade	111	Terry Mobley
Youth (6 th -12th)	115	Wayne Mobley
Adults		
Noah's New Life/Beacons (Co-ed)	113	Lynn Behr, Mary Mims, and Ann Reeser
Thomas Hart (Men only)	124	Robbie Mims, David Neal, Fred Crider, Bert Welch
Pastor's Sunday School Class (Men Only)	Social Hall	Shaun Daley
Agape class (Ladies only)	121	Geanne Behr, Julie Cramer
Just Us Class (Ladies only 20s-40s)	125	Sarah Anne Daley

CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING

Coffee Time 9:30 a.m. (Social Hall)
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Worship/Kid's Praise 11 a.m.

TUESDAY MORNING

Prayer Time 10 a.m. (Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

EQUIP Bible Study 6 p.m. (Adults)WOW Wed. (Crib-5th Grades)
 Youth (6th-12th grades)
 Choir Practice 7 p.m.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

DEACON OF THE WEEK:

1st Week – Matt O'Neal, 2nd Week – Bubba Harris
 3rd Week – Wayne Mobley, 4th Week – Mike Bolen

FLOWER MINISTRY:

If you would like to put flowers in the church, contact Nettie Gentry at hbbaptist@hotmail.com or by calling 803-496-3961. *Please let her know if you want a certain Sunday repeated yearly.*

MEALS ON WHEELS: January 3 & January 31

PRAYER ROOM: Aileen White, Maryann Bolen

SEXTON: Kelley Geddings

USHERS: Gil Martin, Jamie Courtney, Guy Travaglio, David Neal

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 Dr. Bert Welch, Pastor of Administration
 Dr. Wade Ferguson, Minister of Music
 Miss Lauren Bolen, Youth Director
 Mrs. Lisa Bolen, Children's Ministries Director
 Mrs. Nettie Gentry, Ministry Assistant

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POTLUCK BREAKFAST SUNDAY

5th Sunday is POT LUCK BREAKFAST Sunday. Meet in the Social Hall on Jan 29 at 9:30 for a pot luck breakfast. Bring a breakfast item (casserole, donuts, biscuits, etc.) if you would like, not required. Join in on the fellowship as we share a wonderful meal. After the meal, all adult classes will stay in the social hall and enjoy a combined Sunday school class time. Children will go to their regular classrooms.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

Our Wednesday evening activities will resume with **Family Night on Wednesday, January 4 at 6 pm.** Contact Sarah Anne Daley to sign up to bring soup, cornbread, or dessert to share. Also, EQUIP, WOW Wednesday and Youth class will begin again on Wednesday, January 11.



ANNUAL MEN'S BREAKFAST

The annual men's breakfast will be on **Sunday, January 15 at 9:30 am.** (There will be no Coffee Time.) Our guest speaker will be Rev. Clint Echols, the Area Director of the Low Country Fellowship of Christian Athletes. FCA's mission is to lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His church. Invite a friend and join us for a great breakfast provided by the ladies of the church. Also, all men are invited to sing in the choir!

PASTOR'S COLUMN by Pastor Shaun Daley

What's one thing that everyone looks forward to in January? It certainly is not the bitter cold. New Year's Eve is the big holiday that redeems January's otherwise long and bitter period.

The new year excites new hope and inspires determination to change in the year ahead, typically through major overhauls of diets, spending, and other habits. Zechariah 4:10 says, *"For who despises the day of small things? These seven eyes of the Lord, which scan throughout the whole earth, will rejoice when they see the ceremonial stone in Zerubbabel's hand."* "This is where Zechariah and the other returned exiles are encouraged through a vision to continue the rebuilding of the temple. **The encouragement and wisdom found in Zechariah 4:10 is to show us that starting small might be the better way.**

In *Atomic Habits*, James Clear writes about the power of small habits in our lives. One piece of advice he suggests is the two-minute rule. He says that anyone can build a habit by starting with a two-minute version of the habit. This rule means that a person will do an activity for only one hundred and twenty seconds. After that time, they must stop. Over the course of several weeks, they will establish the beginning ritual of the habit. Then they can increase the duration of the activity. Clear writes, "One of my readers used this strategy to lose over one hundred pounds. In the beginning, he went to the gym each day, but he told himself he wasn't allowed to stay for more than five minutes. He would go to the gym, exercise for five minutes, and leave as soon as his time was up. After a few weeks, he looked around and thought, 'Well, I'm always coming here anyway. I might as well start staying a little longer.' A few years later, the weight was gone."

It's about **small steps** that can bring about **big results**.

Your daily habits/routines impact your spiritual growth. Therefore, you should cultivate these routines to help us grow.

- Gratitude is an important daily routine. Your gratitude should be to God for who He is, not just for the things you have. (Ps. 105:1-45; 106:1-48)
- Having a daily routine of hearing, reading, studying, and meditating on God's Word is critical for spiritual growth. Start small. (Ps. 1;119:15-16)
- Encouraging and serving others is an important daily routine that reveals God's love to others. (1 Thess. 5:8-11)

I echo the words of Dallas Willard when he says, "I almost never meet someone in spiritual coldness, perplexity, and distress who is regular in the use of those spiritual exercises that will be obvious to anyone familiar with the contents of the New Testament."

May the year begin for you with small steps and end with big results praising God.

Happy New Year.
Pastor Shaun.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Designated</u>
Nov. 27	\$5,646	\$160
Dec. 4	\$8,027	\$5,970
Dec. 11	\$7,533	\$1,007
Dec. 18	\$5,819	\$1,120

FAMILY NEWS

Happy Birthday to...

Mary Watkins 01/06, Catherine Behr 01/08, Cathy McWaters 01/08, Tenley Courtney 01/11, J. C. Carroll 01/12, Charles Murphy 01/13, Sam Chance 01/17, Ann Huggins 01/18, Connie Locke 01/22, Coleman Mullan 01/24, Jo Crider 01/26, Helen Brown 01/28
Jack Wiggins 01/29, George Singletary 01/30

Ministry of Encouragement (Contact church office for addresses.)

Hettie Adkins, Ed & Beth Davis, Joe & Dana Hill, Tony & Lila Spell, Barry & Sarah Williams, Steve & Pat Yusko, Margaret Harris

UPDATED ADDRESSES NEEDED

The church office will be sending out contribution statements in January. If your address has changed in 2022, please contact the church office and update your information.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION by Dr. Bert Welch

I HEARD THE BELL! Kathy and I recently enjoyed the movie, "I Heard the Bells" which chronicled the life of the great American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Throughout the film one of his famous quotes was repeated several times. He said, *"For bells are the voice of the church; They have tones that touch and search the hearts of young and old."* That quote birthed the dearly beloved Christmas song, "I heard the Bells on Christmas Day" which was eventually set to music by a British organist in 1872. As you may well know, First Baptist Church has a bell that dates back to 1911 which now stands prominently in our beautiful courtyard. Our church bell was taken out of the belfry of the old sanctuary steeple whereupon it began a most intriguing journey that ended in the court yard. Then it dawned on me - "Why not crank the old church bell up again and let this community hear the voice of the church?" Don't you think our town needs to be reminded that Christ is alive and well and so is His Church? So, I have asked the youth of our church to ring the bell right after Sunday School and just before the 11 o'clock worship service. That will be their ministry!

- Dr. Bert Welch

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Volunteers

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship – 11:00 a.m.
<u>1st Sunday</u> Nursery: Dalton & Katharine Taylor 3K-5K: Lisa Bolen 1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley	<u>1st Sunday</u> Nursery: Stacie Walling 3K – 5K: Katie Courtney 1st-3rd Grade: Lauren Bolen
<u>2nd Sunday</u> Nursery: Glenda Fennessy 3K-5K: Lisa Bolen 1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley	<u>2nd Sunday</u> Nursery: Glenda Fennessy 3K – 5K: Susie Chance; Jessica Rawlings 1st-3rd Grade: Jennifer Thrailkill
<u>3rd Sunday</u> Nursery: Ryan & Reagan Anderson 3K-5K: Lisa Bolen 1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley	<u>3rd Sunday</u> Nursery: Matt & Sarah O'Neal 3K – 5K: Lynn Behr; Terry Mobley 1st-3rd Grade: Geanne Behr
<u>4th Sunday</u> Nursery: Alicia Chavis; Julie Cramer 3K-5K: Lisa Bolen 1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley	<u>4th Sunday</u> Nursery: Jack & Athena Wiggins; Alicia Chavis 3K – 5K: Marv & Mandy Brown 1st-3rd Grade: Travis & Suzanne Atkinson
<u>5th Sunday</u> Nursery 3K-5K: Lisa Bolen 1st – 5th Grade: Terry Mobley	<u>5th Sunday</u> Nursery: Garrit & Sylvianne Van Amerongen 3K – 5K: Sarah Anne Daley 1st-3rd Grade: Susan Harris

KID'S PRAISE - Sunday Mornings at 11 AM

The Bible is one story...God's story! Woven throughout the story is His plan to make His name great so that people might know and worship Him. God set His plan in motion before the creation of the world, and He will see it through to completion. We have the privilege of communicating God's story to your children each week in Kids Praise! Over the next year we will tell His plan from creation to our current part in this still unfolding story. This will help shape their view of God - His character, heart, and purposes - as well as their view of themselves - their identity, blessings, and purpose.

WOW Wednesday – Wednesdays at 6 PM

WOW Wednesday classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11 at 6 pm. This is for ages birth through 5th grade. We look forward to having your children in class on Wednesdays.