



February 2
John Love

February 3
John Roy Gough
Jerry Ridings

February 4
Jan Beckley
Nicole Drake

February 5
June Kelley

February 7
Rick Justice

February 8
Juana Maria
Coronado
Charles Shackelford

February 9
Dana Bostick
David Singletary

February 10
Addison Aubry
Abby Clark

February 11
Leanne Moore
Daniel Permenter
Kristen Rivas

February 12
Fay Dickens
Kelley Miller

February 13
Lori Molina
Emily Sheffield
Jim Stallings

February 14
Lex Albritton

February 16
Susannah Belflower
Pat Davis
Joe Sanchez

February 17
Cade Alexy
Dottie Conerly
Shelby Spencer

February 18
Bettye Deloach
Anna Melendy
Matt Tinsley

February 19
J.R. Gough
Courtney Green

February 20
Pam Justice
John Parker

February 21
Dana Conley
Justin Davis

February 22
Ross Hendry
Glenda Irby
David Royal

February 23
Kevin Moore

February 24
Kirk Thompson

February 25
David Green

February 26
Emily Albritton
Jimmie Harrison
Mary Roberts

February 27
David Durando
Adam Pazzaglia
Karley White

February 28
Lindsey St. Romain



February 5
Jerry & Vickie
Conerly (40)

February 6
George & Peggy
Helms (57)
Dale & Sarah
Johnson (41)

February 11
Jerry & Ruth Effner
(6)

February 12
Dewayne & Carolyn
Wyatt (46)

February 15
Clayton & Fay Evers
(54)

February 16
Lisa & Mark McGee
(21)
Joel & Debbie
Sanchez (10)

February 17
Ronnie & Priscilla
Kelley (17)

February 19
Wayne & Dottie
Conerly (36)

February 24
Noey & Jennifer
Flores (18)

February 28
Lee & Marcia
Minear (9)

“The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings . . . If God be near a church, it must pray. And if he be not there, one of the first tokens of his absence will be a slothfulness in prayer.” quote from Charles Hadden Spurgeon. This quote is from the book Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire by Jim Cymbala. We are using this book, as well as the Bible, as a foundation for our discussions during prayer meeting on Wednesday nights. We have been experiencing a great freedom from the Holy Spirit in our prayer times. Prayer meeting is held in the chapel on Wednesday nights from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. This meeting is a time for people to come together to call upon the Lord for our church, for families, for our community, for the lost, and for personal struggles. Join the body of Christ as we call upon the Lord together. We take time to pray for individual needs and take seriously the promise of God that when His people pray He brings salvation and deliverance to those who call out to Him. We look forward to a packed room as time develops. Join us.



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@FIRSTGLANCE

We exist to reflect the character of Christ in such a way as to make a worldwide impact. Our mission is to be an avenue for the Holy Spirit to draw people into and grow people in a relationship with Jesus Christ. We accomplish this mission by creating environments for faith and family to collide for Spirit-filled growth.

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Ministry Opportunities

The ministries of FBC have many opportunities for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and worship. Find a place where you can plug into the body of Christ to grow to be more like Him.

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SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

MAY 6, 2012

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SEDER MEAL

APRIL 5, 2012

SECOND ANNUAL SEDER MEAL. . TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE NOW AT THE WELCOME CENTER AND IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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CENTRI-KIDS

Registration is now open for kids completing 3rd-6th grades.

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2012: THE YEAR OF THE CHURCH

In the Old and New Testaments the number 12 is the number for the people of God - Israel in the Old Testament and the Church in the New Testament. This year we are celebrating the year of the church all year long. On Sunday mornings in worship we will be taking a journey through the progress of the early church in the book of Acts. The early Christians experienced amazing power as they stepped aside and allowed

the Holy Spirit to work signs and wonders to draw people into a relationship with Christ. Over the next few months we will spend time seeing how the church gathered together. During the summer months we will watch what happens as the church scatters after persecution leads the way to the missionary journeys of Paul. Then during the last trimester of the year we will experience the overwhelming truth that the church matters - to God and to the world.

We also want 2012 to be the year of the church in our actions. This

year we are looking forward to more church wide fellowships and community mission projects. The church will have a chance to gather together for some fun times that will remind you of special times from the past and that will challenge us to grow an even better future.

Join us on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights for more times of learning and fellowship. 2012 is going to be a great year.



"Be imitators of me as I am of Christ" 1 Cor. 11:1

FROM THE PORCH

Acts 28:30-31 tells us that “[Paul] lived [under house arrest] two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.” When I read that I can’t help but think of Hardee County and citrus. We are one of the major, if not the major, providers for major orange juice companies that ship orange juice across the globe. In a sense the juice from our groves goes into all the world unhindered.

As the body of Christ we are filled with the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is in our lives, and we are called to obediently submit ourselves to the transforming power of the Spirit of God. As we allow the Spirit to transform us the result of the harvest is that we will have an impact on the world for Christ. The “juice” from the fruit is consumed by a world desperately in need of a Savior. This month focus on the transforming power of God in your life, and let’s see what God will do in our world - unhindered.



S.A.L.T.S. Senior Adults: Loving, Teaching, Serving

Join us for Wednesday morning Bible Study led by Pastor Bob Winne. We come a little before 10 a.m. for fellowship and are done by 11 a.m. We look forward to seeing you each Wednesday in the Mary Martha Sunday School room.



On February 14 we will travel to the Florida State Fair. Everyone is invited to join us. More details to come.

PRN (Parent Right Now)

Parent ministry is an important part of who we are at First Baptist Church, and we have begun a series of ministry opportunities for parents - as needed. These opportunities will be available based on the busy schedules of parents, so keep a close watch on announcements so you don't miss a thing.

On Wednesdays from 6 to 7:00 p.m. in the FBC Library you have a chance to interact with other parents, as well as those who have already been through the parenting phase of life. The group is taking a closer look at who God is with the help of author and speaker Francis Chan.

MEN AT FIRST

Beginning Sunday, February 12, the men of First Baptist Church will gather for a prayer breakfast and fellowship time in the fellowship hall at 7:30 a.m. We will be finished by 8:30 a.m. (in time for our younger men to get home to help with the kids for Sunday School). We will meet on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Please make plans to join us.

CLUB 56 & THE BACKYARD CENTRI-KIDS is upon us. This year our outgoing 3-6 graders will be going to Lake Yale Baptist Assembly July 31-August 3. Cost for the trip is \$150 (all inclusive except for traveling meals) with a \$50.00 deposit due to your group leaders by March 1.



YOUTH MINISTRY

God has blessed us with an awesome student center called the ROCK. From the ROCK food services station we serve free breakfast every Sunday from 9:30-10AM and pay-per-slice pizza, snacks and drinks every Wednesday 5:30-6:30.



Students gather at the ROCK each Sunday for ROCK D-Groups @ 9:45, ROCK Connect on Wednesdays @ 6:30PM, ROCK Worship Wednesdays 7-8PM, and a variety of other special ministry activities throughout the year.

BIBLE STUDY

On February 21 join women for The Prodigal God led by Jean Mulder. This study takes a closer look at one of the most famous stories from scripture. The study will be held at First Baptist Church at 10:00 am in the Mary Martha Sunday School room. You can sign up for the study by calling the church office and paying for your book in advance. The cost for the materials is \$15.00.



Senior Adult Sunday

We are already looking forward to celebrating with our Senior Adults on MAY 6, 2012, for Senior Adult Sunday. The day promises to be filled with excitement as we celebrate the ongoing ministry of our Senior Adults at FBC, Wauchula. You may not realize that our seniors are involved in missions, fellowships, Bible study, trips, and more. No one can figure out how any of them had time to work with how busy they stay in retirement. We are blessed at First Baptist Church to have the greatest Senior Adults anywhere. Everyone in our church needs to make plans to be here on May 6 for this special day. Come honor your parents, grandparents, mentors, trailblazers, family and friends - just a few of the names that make our senior adults stand out. We will have a senior adult choir and a special luncheon for the seniors. What an amazing day that will be!!



UNHINDERED

This spring our church will be hosting a revival meeting that we pray will turn into a revival experience in our lives and in our community. March 18-21, 2012 will be a big week in our church. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tom Kinchen, President of the Baptist College of Florida. Dr. Kinchen is an inspirational Bible teacher with a gift for relating to everyday folks like us. He loves Hardee County, and we love him, so I know you will be blessed. The guest worship leader for the week will be Rev. Ricky Clark, minister of music at West Jackson Baptist Church in Jackson, Tennessee. Gifted in leading choirs, orchestras, handbells, and congregational worship, Ricky will bring to us a worship experience that we can all be involved in. Many of you will be called on to participate with you gifts in making this week one of the most memorable weeks of the year. Please make your plans now to be here on March 18-21. Main services will begin at 6:00 p.m.



Second Annual Seder

Join us on April 6, 2012, for the second annual First Baptist Church Seder meal. Last year we had a great time of fellowship as we learned about the tradition of the children of Israel and the significance of the Passover meal to them and to us. With over 80 people attending last year we recognized that this should be an annual experience. Make plans now to attend. You can purchase tickets for the experience on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center and in the church office. Tickets this year will be \$15.00 to cover the entire cost of the meal as well as some traditional items for you to take home. If you are interested in bringing a child with you to the dinner they are welcome. Please know that the experience takes about two hours to complete.