

THE FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SPRINGFIELD

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Our Mission

- We exist to lead people into a relationship with Jesus Christ and to help them grow to become like Him.

Our Purpose

- We are called by God and empowered by His Spirit to fulfill our mission through worship, discipleship, fellowship, ministry and evangelism.

Our Vision

- We seek to be known throughout our community for our devotion to Jesus Christ and our commitment to share His love with all people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan 04** **Wednesday Evening Activities Resume**
- Jan 06** **PACE Trip to Folger Library**
9:15 am
- Jan 06** **Women's Bible Study Resumes**
9:15 am/C211
- Jan 08** **Deacon Council Meeting**
4:00 pm/C302
- Jan 08** **Next Generations Study/Work Group Meeting**
5:15 pm/OCR
- Jan 09** **PACE Choir Resumes**
10:30 am/Choir Room
- Jan 10** **Crafts**
10:00 am/C302
- Jan 11** **Café Moms**
9:15 am/Student Center
- Jan 12** **FACETS**
4:00 pm/Gym, Kitchen
- Jan 17** **Women on Mission**
10:30 am/CR2
- Jan 20** **Fabulous Friday Fellowship**
7:00 pm/Student Center
- Jan 22** **Joint Worship Service**
10:30 am/Sanctuary

Joint Worship Service

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 / 10:30 AM / SANCTUARY

Guest Speakers:

International Mission Board Missionaries

Mission Committee News

Shining Star Church members purchased gifts for 114 children that attend our neighborhood schools and provided the families with 136 boxes of cereal. The contact persons at both of the schools were so appreciative, and they said the parents were as well. THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED! Special thanks goes to Barbara Herriman who coordinated the project. Thanks to Donni Johnson, Margaret Osberg, Alison Priest, Irene Rosenbaum, Andrea Shimer, and Carol Sikora for helping with this ministry. Thanks also to Hammond Coates and Rick Priest for putting up the "star" tree.



Food Pantry Each Saturday from 9:30-11:00 AM we serve alongside members from our Hispanic fellowship to provide some assistance with food needs for people in our neighborhood. Many of these people walk over to our church and get in line early. They are able to choose the food they want, and most leave with around 20-25 pounds of food. In November, we averaged over 50 households each week and gave away over 2 tons of food during the month. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, financial donations are always appreciated. Please designate your contribution for the "Food Pantry." If you want to donate food, we can always use cereal, particularly corn flakes or Cheerios.



Operation Christmas Child Thanks to all who bought toys and other items and to those who helped pack our 202 shoeboxes. We have heard from Samaritans Purse that some of our boxes went to Zimbabwe. Check out the web site samaritanspurse.org to see videos of the kids in different countries receiving their boxes. How special to think we had a part in bringing the joy they show.



World Hunger FBCCS gave \$5,575 to the Southern Baptist World Hunger Fund; \$880 of this total was from the "Soup Cans" offerings.

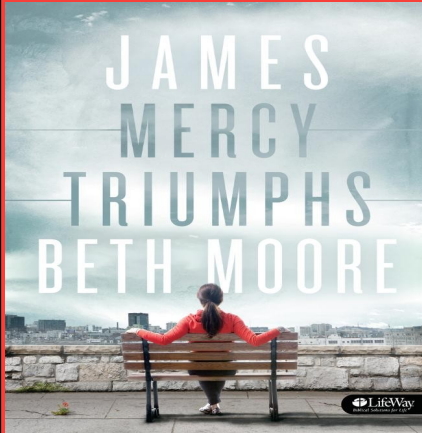


Mission Trip to Lake Placid, July 18-23, 2012

To volunteer with the North Country Ministries and the Lake Placid Baptist church in helping the over 2000+ athletes who participate in the Ironman Triathlon, please contact Barbara Herriman, 703-569-1684, or email barbwadeh@aol.com for more information.

Women's Ministry

Women's Wednesday Night Bible Study



6:45 - 8:00 pm, Room C302
Facilitated by Lisa Donovan.

Café Moms

for women at all stages of mommy-hood to interact, exchange ideas, and connect with other moms. Come enjoy brunch, a cup of coffee, conversation, and encouragement for our busy lives from God's Word!

**Meets 2nd Wednesday
Each Month
FBCS Student REC Room
from 9:30-11:30am**



Come Relax and let the kids play.

Call Jennifer 703-455-1536 or
Lisa 703-250-7280.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, January 20, 2012
FABULOUS FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP
Details to come!



**Friday Morning
Women's Bible
Study**
9:15 - 11:30 am
Room C211

Childcare provided.
Bible study resumes
January 6, 2012.

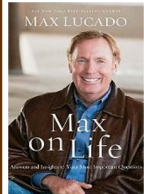
SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 11, 2012
(Rain Date 2/25)

PARENTS NIGHT OUT!

(Childcare provided for Grades 1-5.)
Details to come!

Men's Ministry



**NEW
Men's Study
beginning
January 4,
2012**

In *Max on Life*, Max Lucado offers thoughtful answers to more than 150 of the most pressing questions on topics ranging from hope to hurt, from home to the hereafter.

Eight week video driven study. Wednesday's at 6:45 pm in Conference Room #2 (next to elevator on 2nd floor). Hammond Coates will facilitate.

Children's Ministry

Thank you! Katie and Jim Stewart and the Venture Crew #4031 for their service in painting C106, used by Girls in Action and the Hispanic Sunday School.

Calling all Children's Ministry Volunteers and anyone interested!
We are meeting on Sunday, January 8, at 5:00 pm in the Children's Worship Center (C104) for prayer and discussion on our proposal for upgrading the Children's Ministry classrooms. Questions? Please contact Norina Treanor.

Sunday Nights for Children in January

Activities: January 8, 15, & 22

No Sunday Night activities January 1 and 29. Enjoy a family night!

Music and Worship News

A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS!

So many folks helped to make our recent celebrations of Advent and Christmas so very special. Both our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall never looked more beautiful as we prepared for the coming anew of the Christ Child at Christmas. Our children, youth, adults, and senior adults all presented outstanding celebrations of worship. Our instrumentalists and handbell ringers made such beautiful music. Our ministry teams worked so hard behind the scenes to make all this happen. We even had a wonderful time caroling for our homebound members. Thank you one and all for showing your love for our Savior and His Church!!!

Come Join the Sanctuary Choir !

Now is the perfect time to join the Sanctuary Choir as they will be starting work on special music for Holy Week and Easter very soon! This past year we lost a few very strong voices in this choir as families relocated out of our area for various reasons. This means that we have openings in every section for new voices. Why not make a commitment to sing God's praises during 2012 and join the Sanctuary Choir. Your life will be changed!

"I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness."

John 12:46 (NIV)

When we walk in the Light, we won't stumble in the darkness.

Our Staff

Pastor Jim Weaver
 Minister of Discipleship and
 Congregational Ministries Hammond Coates
 Minister of Music and Worship Chris Jenkins
 Interim Minister to Students Sylvester "Sly" Samudre
 Director of Children's Ministries Norina Treanor

Ministry Assistants:

Accounting Services David Roberts
 Interim Communications Sandra Smith
 Day School Director Marcia Lee
 Interim Organist Connie Jenkins
 Pianist Chris Kang
 Child Care Supervisor Jaime Gonsalves
 Lead Custodian Long Lam
 Custodian Santos Martinez
 Custodian/Security Luis Ponce

**Visit Your Church
 Library and Media
 Center**
 Sundays 8:45-10:30 am
 Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm



**Attendance
 and Giving**

**Sunday School
 Attendance**
 December 4, 2011: 255
 December 11, 2011: 268
 December 18, 2011: 241

Status of Income Received for 2011 Budgeted Expenses - 52 Sundays

For Week (Need \$20,601.92)		For Year-to-Date			
Date	Weekly Offering	Received	Budgeted	Over or (Under)	Percent
December 4	\$30,487	\$908,877	\$1,009,494	\$ (100,617)	90.0%
December 11	\$26,002	\$934,879	\$1,030,096	\$ (95,217)	90.8%
December 18	\$31,750	\$966,629	\$1,050,698	\$ (84,069)	92.0%
December 25	\$34,636	\$1,001,265	\$1,071,300	\$ (70,035)	93.5%

**Extended
 Session
 Volunteers**

January 1: Marcia Lee, Tina Hardy, Abby Cheek, Vangie Cheek, Patti Abernathy, Jeannie Carruth, Roger & Paula Price
 January 8: Judy Joiner, Victoria Obasum, Karen & Neil Couch, Sandra Molina, Wanda Guilbe
 January 15: Lisa Nelson, Mary Hertling, Linda & Alexis Burgess, Lenys Quinoz, Elizabeth Medina
 January 22: Meredith & Mary Lynn Parker, Christine & Glenn Hanna, Corey Hughes, Jessica Reidy, Ken & Marcia Gibson
 January 29: Renae Crawford, Shelley Ridenour, Fannie Cordon, Tiffany & Rob Venton, Beverly & Emma Finnen

**PRAYER INTERCESSORS
 SCHEDULE**

Sunday	Intercessor
Jan 1	Susan Jones
Jan 8	Bob Stockton
Jan 15	Dan Ahrens
Jan 22	Cheryl Halla
Jan 29	Betty Lou Gonnella

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
 Joe and I thank you for all the prayers, cards, phone calls and messages you filled our lives with. The prayers were felt so strong. We are blessed with a wonderful group of caring people. Special thanks to Jim and all his visits to see me while I was so sick.
 In Christian love, Joe & Peggy Rapert

Staff Vacancy

The Personnel Committee is accepting applications for a fulltime Ministry Assistant - Communications. Major duties include: receptionist responsibilities, coordinating information about church activities and schedules, and preparing and editing church publications and promotional material. A more detailed position description is available from the church office.

Individuals interested in the position should complete an application (available in the church office) and submit it to the Personnel Committee through the church office.

**Next Generations
 Study/Work Group
 Meeting
 Sunday
 January 8, 2012
 5:15 pm
 in the
 Church Office
 Conference Room**

Inclement Weather Guidelines

Winter will soon be here. In previous years we have had significant snowfall in the waning days of autumn, so we want to be prepared. Following are some general guidelines for cancellation or postponement of church services and/or activities due to weather. All announcements will be made through radio station WTOP-FM (103.5) and WTOP-AM (1500), television station WUSA-TV (Channel 9), our website (www.fbcspringfield.org), and on our weather-related information line at the church (extension 35).

Decisions about the cancellation or the schedule change of a church-wide activity will be made by the Pastor and ministerial staff, in consultation with lay leadership. Decisions about the cancellation or the schedule change of the activity of a ministry team, class, committee, etc. will be made by the leadership of that group.

Wednesday Schedule:
 When there is an early dismissal from Fairfax County Public Schools, all evening activities will be canceled. When Fairfax County Public Schools have been canceled for the day, evening activities may or may not be canceled, depending on the conditions anticipated for Wednesday evening travel. A decision about the cancellation of evening activities will be made by noon and announced as indicated above.

Alternate Sunday Morning Schedule (similar to the public schools' delayed opening):
 On Sunday mornings when early morning travel is not advisable but conditions are improving, our worship service may be held at 10:30 am. No other morning activities will take place. Implementation of the alternate Sunday morning schedule will be announced through the regular means of communicating cancellations or schedule changes.

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</p> <p>No Evening Activities</p> <p><i>New Years Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:15 am - PACE Tour 9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>8</p> <p>4:00 pm - Deacon Council 5:00 pm - Children's Volunteer Ministry Meeting 5:15 pm - Next Gen- eration Study/Work Group Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 am - Crafts</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 am - Café Moms</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 pm FACETS 7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p><i>Church Office Closed</i></p> <p><i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:30 am - Women on Mission</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p>19</p> <p>7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm - Fabulous Friday Fellowship</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>22</p> <p>10:30 am - Joint Worship Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Regular Wednesday Night Activities</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00 pm - ESL (English) Classes</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:15 am - Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am - Food Pantry</p>
<p>29</p> <p>4:00 pm - Church Council</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30 am - PACE Choir</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Next Newsletter will be published January 25. Deadline for submissions is January 18.</p>			