

# The Connection

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with Russellville on its heart"*

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## **FOCUS: Resolution! No, Commitment!**

Here we go again. What will be my New Year's resolution this year? Lose weight or save money are good ideas, but none of these ever work out for me. What about making a commitment to be a better Christian instead of making a resolution? I can lose weight, save money, spend more time with family, and become active in some

area of church work. All things are possible when we turn it all over to God. Yes, a commitment to God is a much better choice than one of those resolutions that are almost certain to fail.

It's cold outside, not much to do in the winter months. What a great time to get involved in the Sunday school ministry at SBC. Many good things will come and even the sad, troubling times will be so much easier to bear when we are close to God and worship weekly with our SBC family.

*Gaylen Baugh*  
SBC Sunday School Director

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."* —Philippians 4:13 NKJV

*With  
Sympathy*



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Garland Drake in the loss of his father, James Drake.  
To Faye Page in the loss of her husband, John Page.



## **Wedding Anniversaries**

John & Kathy Dworske 04  
Don & Wanda Ballard 05



## **FROM YOUR LIBRARY**

Hope everyone had a wonderfully safe and healthy holiday. Have you made your New Year's resolutions? Make one of them to come into your library and see what all is available. See you at your library.

Librarian,  
Suzann Coles

## **KIDS Korner**

Happy New Year! After all the holiday activities it's time to get back to our Wednesday night schedule. Unlike many clubs, it's never too late to join us. We invite all the preschoolers and children through sixth grade to participate. While they are with us, parents and grandparents are encouraged to stay for prayer and Bible study in the sanctuary. This month we will begin collecting items for Operation Christmas Child 2011. Each month a different item will be designated, with the list posted. Collection boxes will be in both buildings. This may seem a long way off, but the Logan Todd Association, led by Kentucky WMU Camp Staff, will be hosting a Missions Adventure Day Camp July 18-22, 2011. So mark your calendars! This is an exciting opportunity for children to attend an affordable camp, meet missionaries, and much more. I will be working with KY WMU and our Association WMU Council, and will be able to give you more information in the next few months. In February, Children's Ministry Day is Saturday, February 19th. We may be involved in an activity that day...more info to come.

Love in Christ, Konnie





## Pastor's Ponderings

Another year has come and is almost gone! And with the new year 2011, comes new opportunities for service in the Kingdom of God.

Thank you so very much for the wonderful outpouring of love shone me and my family during this Christmas season. Thank you for the love offering, the gifts, the food, cards, and all the other ways you have shared! It is a joy to serve with you here at SBC.

2010 has been a great year to the glory of the Lord here at Second Baptist. I want to say a special thank you to all of those who have served the church in any way this past year. Thanks also the church staff, who does such a great job with all that we are faced with each day, much of which no one ever knows but the Lord.

We also have many volunteers who work tirelessly to assist in all the ministries here at Second Baptist. Thank YOU!

James writes, *'whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.'* — James 4:14.

Life is short, and time is passing us all away. Jesus is coming soon! So if we are ever going to do anything for the Lord, WE NEED TO DO IT NOW!

I will be praying for you each day throughout the new year 2011. Please pray for me and our church. God bless you and yours and Happy New Year!

## Mike's Minutes



Well, as I write this article, I'm thinking 2011. Sounds about as odd as 2010 did a year ago, huh?

Thank you for all the compliments on the programming for this Christmas season. It was a wonderful year for the SBC Music Department. I told Sue Wood as she complimented the choir's musical one night, "You say every year it's the best ever! Now the pressure is really on for next year." And Sue, I believe it was our best. So, thanks to all the choir members, Carol McEndre and Ricky Stoker for all your hard work to make it so special. Once the last practice was over, it went off like a rocket soaring to new heights!

What can I say that hasn't been said already about the new audio/video system we have now? It is wonderful to have the equipment and the media team we now have in place to help make worshipping at SBC extra special for all of us. It's taking some time to learn the new equipment, but over all, it hasn't been that bad. If you haven't gotten to view the services via internet, whether live or archived, go online at [www.secondbaptistrussellville.org](http://www.secondbaptistrussellville.org) and view a service or two. I believe you'll be impressed with the quality. Now, if we can only get the radio station to update their equipment for our radio audience. Lord, don't let me go there..."Thank you, Jesus, we have radio! Amen."

Let me get back on track now. Here's a thought for the new year! Let's fix our eyes on God's unshakable Word. That's a good thought!

People of the world are feeling hopeless as the systems of the world go up & down. We hear on our radios & televisions & read in the paper, "Unemployment is at an all time high". My friend, God doesn't want you to feel helpless because you are not of the world. Whatever the world's situation is, fear not because "God SHALL supply ALL your needs (not some), ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES in glory" (Phil. 4:19). It's not according to the riches of the company you work for, or how well the economy is doing. No, it's according to His riches in glory!

So in closing, how can you stop feeling helpless in uncertain times? It's kinda like when you go deep sea fishing. I've been, so I know this first hand, believe me! Ok? You don't look at the waves around you going up and down, but you fix your eyes on the horizon far away. When I fixed my eyes on that unshakable, unwavering line, even though the ship bobbed up and down in the rough waters, I did not get seasick anymore.

So let me encourage you about this new year we're facing. Don't look at the circumstances and the bad things happening in the world because it will only make you "earth-sick". Instead, look at the unshakable, eternal Word of God. Your heart will become stable and you will see our God supplying all your needs according to His riches in glory through Jesus Christ! God bless, and I hope you have a very Happy New Year!

# January 2011

December 2010

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February 2011

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Christmas Holidays-Office Closed <	GYM-Volleyball Baptist Hour- WRUS	GYM-Basketball	GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm Deacons Mtg- 6:15pm	GYM-Volleyball	New Year's Eve- Office Closed	
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	GYM-Volleyball Building & Grounds Committee Mtg- 7pm Baptist Hour- WRUS	GYM-Basketball	Brotherhood-6pm  Business Meeting- 7pm	GYM-Volleyball		
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	GYM-Volleyball Baptist Hour- WRUS	Nursing Home Visitation-7pm GYM-Basketball	GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm Church Council- 6:15pm	GYM-Volleyball		
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	GYM-Volleyball Baptist Hour- WRUS	GYM-Basketball	GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm	GYM-Volleyball		
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Lord's Supper-5pm	GYM-Volleyball Baptist Hour- WRUS	GYM-Basketball	GO Visitation & Meal-5:30pm	GYM-Volleyball		

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## January Birthdays



Thomas Kash	01	Helen Ashby	18
Taylor Chambers	02	Sharon Sprouse	18
Ray Schweinebraten	03	Jonathan Blick	18
Margie Brown	03	Joyce Harper	19
Johnny Anderson	03	Christian Bibb	20
Dylan Offutt	03	Michael Bibb	20
David Wood	05	Garnett Page	22
Tony Sawyer	05	Charles Davenport	22
Ron Miller	06	Wallace Whittaker	22
Thelma Grayson	07	Holly Kash	23
Bill Skipworth	07	Marilyn Collier	24
Dan Clark	10	Brittany Dorris	24
Chucky Woods	10	Eugene Ashby	25
Sarah Swett	10	Chrystal Tichenor	25
Taylor Cross	10	Joe Davenport	26
Angie DeBerry	12	Tyler Santiago	26
Michael Wright	12	Noah Whitley	26
Michael Clinard	12	Russell Poore	27
Bailey Bird	12	Brenda Arnold	28
Chaun Cheaney	13	Steve Wood	28
Luke Hooper	13	Michelle Gant	28
Ron McPherson	15	Cody Yell	28
Luke Whittaker	16	Lori Holloway	30
Frances Cooper	18	Lori Tomes	30