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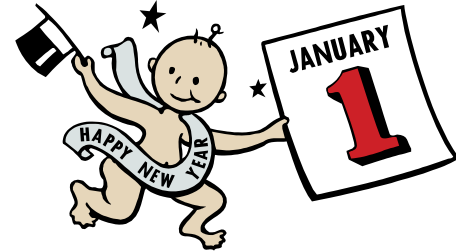
Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.



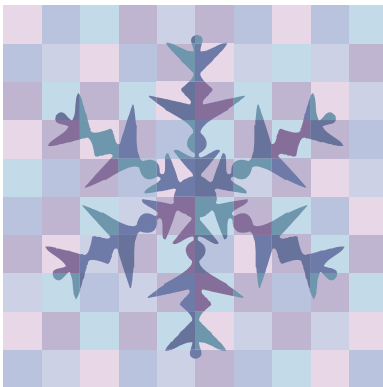
With Sympathy

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 Marvin Flatt in the loss of his sister, Stella Cheverere.
To Shirlee Yassney in the loss of his brother, Lilburn Justice.



WEATHER POLICY



In case of inclement weather our Sunday Services will be held as usual unless otherwise notified. We will announce any changes to our schedule in the following way by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. WRUS Radio, our website, and our Facebook page will all have any changes to our schedule. Please do not call WRUS Radio as only our Pastor, or the Chairman of the Deacons will be authorized to inform them of changes. They will announce any changes during their regular programming. Our Pastor will post on our Facebook page and on our website if there are any changes to our schedule of services.

KIDS KORNER

Happy New Year! Did you see ChrisMYTH Busters? We have a lot of budding singers, actors and leaders at Second Baptist Church. What an uplifting night! Many thanks to everyone involved...the children are already asking Mike if they can do something at Easter. This is as good a time as any to promote Music Week at Camp Joy. It's a Christ-filled week, with the children performing a musical the last night of camp. We'll soon announce the camp date, as well as other camp opportunities for children. Children participated in the International Mission Study: Peru, sampling foods and doing activities related to life and missions in Peru. Special guest in December for the GAs was Candice Coles, who helped re-start our GAs while she was in high school. She graduated from WKU in December and will soon begin her nursing career. On the first Sunday in January, we will resume Preschool and Children's Church. Please Note: we must have 2 adults in the preschool room. See Rhonda Reynolds about volunteering. In Children's Church, the first-fourth graders will continue learning, in order, about the books of the Bible. As with the preschool church, 2 adult leaders are required. Where are you willing to serve? Investing in your children or grandchildren's spiritual lives now will make a huge difference in the future.

In Christ, Konnie



Focusing on the Future

Another Christmas gone, another year gone by, what lies ahead? I'm no prophet nor am I a prognosticator, but we can have a vision of where God wants us to go in 2014. We can look toward the future, with dread, or we can look forward in faith, trusting and believing that God will do great and mighty things in our church if we will just be obedient to what He shows us. I have to wonder in the church in America today hasn't lost her focus. Are the things we focus on the things that are dear to God's heart. Let me share a few things that are on my heart and I think His for the coming year.



We need to focus on people more than programs.

Reaching people and ministering to them is all about relationships. I understand and realize that programs can be used to build relationships, but when the program becomes more important than the people; when we fret more over the program not going well than we do the people that are missing, it is doomed for failure and death. Bob Mayfield, who is the Sunday School, Small Group, and Discipleship specialist for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, made this statement, "You are in trouble when the people that attend your church's outreach ministry are more concerned about lack of participation by church members than their concern for the lost and unchurched." This could be said about any program in our church. We need to get our focus back on what Jesus called us to, that is, being burdened for people (see **Matthew 9:35-38**)!

We need to focus more on the substance of our worship than on the style of our worship. Songs and singing that honor Jesus are really what blesses the heart of God. Jesus said they that worship the Father must worship Him in spirit and in truth (**John 4:23**). God's word doesn't give us all the details of how His children worshipped Him, just that they did with songs and hymns and spiritual songs making melody in their heart to the Lord (**Ephesians 5:19**). We need to do likewise.

We need to focus more on our prayers than on our petitions. Are what we think of as prayers nothing more than our wish lists (petitions) to God? Prayer includes petitions, but it is more than giving God our lists of wants and desires. It is praising, thanking, and having a personal conversation with the Creator of the Universe. The last time I checked having a conversation meant to enter into a two way communication with someone. That is, talking and listening. And when it comes to having a conversation with God I don't know about you, but speaking for myself I probably need to do a whole lot more listening than telling. Maybe we need to be more like the publican who stood and prayed, "Lord, be merciful to me a sinner", or the apostle Paul who asked, "Lord, what would you have me to do?".

Let's get back to what God has called us to be, a church focused on people, praise, and one that seeks His face in prayer. He might just do something miraculous in us. I'm ready for a few 'God Moments' aren't you? — Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



I truly hope you had a merry Christmas with family and friends. By the time you receive this January newsletter article, we will have begun or soon will begin another calendar year. 2014! Again, some getting used to another number will take a bit. December will be a busy one and I don't want Cathy to be waiting on me. I'm typically in the habit of waiting until the last minute to write my articles, but I'm trying to do better.

I don't know about you but I don't like to wait. Now, it doesn't bother me quite as much to wait on someone else, but it drives me up a wall to think someone is waiting on me. Ask Pam. If we're supposed to be somewhere at 5p.m., I will want to be there thirty minutes early so I won't be late. I want to be "on-time!" I know you have heard the expression, "He'll be late for his own funeral." Well, I'll probably be early for mine, and I'll pack enough clothes for an extra day or two.

As you can tell by this little admission, waiting is not one of my strong points. But what does waiting have to do with worship anyway? Everything! Worship happens in the context of our living. If you were to look into the eyes of someone singing "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" when everything is going great with their family and work and health, you just might get a blank stare. But on the other hand, if you were to look into the eyes of someone singing that great hymn who just lost their job or their spouse of 40 years, and you'll see the power of the truth it contains.

It is for that reason God will often allow a circumstance to happen in our lives and hold us right in the middle of it, waiting on Him, until the worship and faith He requires is produced in our lives. It is in the waiting that we learn to trust. It is in the waiting that we learn what grace feels like and that we grow in understanding that His faithfulness is great. The worship that flows then has more depth, more honesty. Don't ever separate your life experiences from your worship. You will be robbing God if you do. Job 1:21 says, "The Lord gives, and He takes away." I know this means a whole lot more out of Job's mouth than it does mine. Because Job lived it he could still say, "Blessed be the name of the Lord," Through his experience, I can have confidence that his God, my God, will see me through every circumstance and that I can worship Him as He does. As we wait for the next worship service to come, don't wait to worship, but be sure you worship while you wait. It makes all the difference in the world.

Happy New Year!

Bro. Mike

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**Wednesday, Jan. 15th
2-6pm
FLC Gym**

All donors are welcome to enjoy
beans and cornbread after
donating blood to thank them
for giving the gift of life!



- 02 Taylor Chambers
- 03 Margie Brown, Johnny Anderson,
Dylan Offutt
- 04 Chastity Miller
- 05 David Wood
- 06 Rebekah Holt
- 07 Thelma Grayson, Bill Skipworth
- 10 Dan Clark, Chucky Woods, Taylor
Cross
- 12 Angie Chestnut, Michael Wright,
Bailey Bird
- 13 Chaun Cheaney, Luke Hooper
- 15 Ronald McPherson
- 16 Luke Whittaker
- 18 Frances Cooper, Helen Ashby,
Sharon Sprouse
- 19 Joyce Harper
- 20 Christian Bibb, Michael Bibb
- 22 Garnett Page, Charles Davenport,
Wallace Whittaker
- 24 Marilyn Collier
- 25 Eugene Ashby
- 26 Joe Davenport, Noah Whitley
- 27 Russell Poore
- 28 Cody Yell
- 29 Roy Farris
- 30 Lori Holloway



- 01 New Year's Day – Office Closed
- 05 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 08 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 15 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-6pm
Church Council, 6pm
- 29 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news
on WRUS-AM

Women's Exercise Class - Each Tues. & Thurs. 10am

GO Visitation & Meal - Each Wed. night at 5:30pm,
EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary!

- John & Kathy Dworske 04
- Don & Wanda Ballard 05
- Danny & Cindy Coffman 12
- Tom & Janie White 15
- Gene & Velda Sweeney 24