

FEBRUARY 2011

# First

# LIFE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE PASTOR...



Happy February, everyone. Recent snow days in our area provided me with some unplanned "down time" which I used working on a little wood-working project in the garage—and reflecting. Then I got news that one of my seminary classmates (a pastor) had died. It all led me to rethink what I'm doing and why. I hope today will be a good day for you to do a little of that kind of thinking yourself. Since today's newsletter arrives at the beginning of February, a month that most of us relate with Valentine's Day, I hope that you will take stock of the people and things that you love. I hope one of the ones you love is our Lord and that you've told Him so lately (perhaps even right now). He's been pretty good to us, you know. Let's see now. God created us. God has blessed us to be born in this country (even though it isn't perfect). God has called us to be His

children. God has forgiven us of our sins. God has promised us eternal life (that has already begun). Shall I go on? No need to—just join me in expressing your love to Him. Now, join me in expressing your love for First Baptist Church. What a great church God has chosen for us to be a part. There are some really amazing people here—and I should know—because I've been watching! You just might be one of those people. If you don't think that you are one of them, there's still time for you to become one. Paul once said it best: "Owe no man anything, but to love one another..." (Rom. 13:8a). Isn't that an amazing verse? The only debt we should have to another person is to love him. What Paul knew was that the church at Rome to whom he was writing was filled with people who cared for and loved deeply each other. Let us do the same. Aren't you glad that we have passages of Scripture like that one in the Bible?

Come to think of it, do you recall that this year, 2011, marks the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible? Whether that great version of the Bible is your preference today or not, what a blessed people we are to have Holy Scripture available to us for guidance and assurance during unsettled (and settled) times. More impressive (to me, at least) is the reminder that, prior to 1450 when Johannes Gutenberg introduced the printing press and moveable type, there were no Bibles that anyone could read outside of church or libraries. Aren't we glad that we have personal Bibles to read at our work and our leisure and at church!

Love and Blessings to You and Yours,

Robert  
Dr. Robert Canoy  
Pastor in the Interim



## IN THE PULPIT...

**February 6** - 8:30 and 10:55am

*Love Endures*  
Dr. Robert Canoy

**February 13** - 8:30 and 10:55am

*The Human Face of Sin: Pride*  
Dr. Robert Canoy

**February 20** - 8:30 and 10:55am

*Another Deadly Sin: Lust*  
Dr. Robert Canoy

**February 27** - 8:30 and 10:55am

*Greed: Another Deadly Sin*  
Dr. Robert Canoy

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

**Wednesdays 6pm**

*Discipleship: A Study from the Gospel of Mark*  
Dr. Robert Canoy

## WMU NEWS

- ◆ During the month of February we will be receiving the Heck-Jones® Offering for the WMU of North Carolina. The missions and ministries of WMU NC are made possible by your gifts to the Heck-Jones® Offering. For more information please go online at [www.wmunc.org](http://www.wmunc.org)
- ◆ *Coffee Chat 1* will meet on the second Tuesday of each month in the Gray Building at 7 pm. Our newest group, *Coffee Chat 2*, will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Gray Building at 7 pm.
- ◆ We are still collecting schools supplies for our joint mission project for WMU. You may bring supplies to the church office.
- ◆ We are in need of an assistant to help with the Mission Friends on Wednesday nights. Would you consider helping with this vital ministry?

## CARE MINISTRY UPDATE

Jim Woolf will be coordinating our CARE ministry, which meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm to pray for CARE needs. If Jim comes to your class looking for volunteers, be prepared to say "YES!" Thanks to Greg Watson who has so faithfully coordinated this ministry in years past.

## FORMER FBC MEMBER PREPARES FOR MISSION FIELD

Charity Elizabeth Palmer, and her husband, Jason E. Palmer, have been commissioned as Southern Baptist missionaries with the International Mission Board. The couple will attend training at the Missionary Learning Center in Rockville, Virginia, for two months beginning in January, followed by deployment into their field of service in Bratislava, Slovakia, in March. Jason and Charity have been living in Durham where he was youth pastor at Ridgecrest Baptist Church, and she was a middle-school teacher. Charity and her brother, Graham, grew up at FBC. Charity is the daughter of Franklin and Elizabeth S. Lawson, the granddaughter of John and Joy Stroupe of Hickory, and the niece of Joy S. Hines of Florida.



# LETTERS TO GOD

February 25  
7:00pm

PG Parental Guidance Suggested  
Some material may not be suitable for children  
For Thematic Material

### Childcare Provided

(Sixth grade & under -  
Call the office for reservations )

### Movie is Free

Dessert Bar  
Suggested Donation \$5

## CAMP WABAK 2011

Refuge Student Ministry will be going to Camp Wabak February 18 - 20. Wabak is a wonderful place to reconnect with the God who created and loves us. Our 7th Time Band will lead us in worship each night and morning. There will be trail expeditions, marshmallows around the fire, and a little friendly team competition thrown in for good measure. **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser  
**RENT-A-KID 2011**

8am - Noon  
February 5, March 5,  
April 2, May 7

Sign-up in your  
Sunday morning Bible Study or call the church office.



## YOUTH SUNDAY

**March 6**

8:30am  
and  
10:55am

Speaker  
Katie Johnson

## BOOMERS GAME NIGHT

The Boomers fellowship group for folks in their 50's and 60's will meet for a night of fun and games on Saturday, February 19, in room 228. Game night will begin at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite board games to share. Snacks and drinks are provided. To help with the costs, monetary donations will be accepted.

## LADIES & GENTLEMEN, START YOUR ENGINES

The annual RA race will be on Wednesday, March 2, at 6:00pm. Boys and girls of all ages can participate. Trophies are awarded that night in various categories. Get your family "revved up" for this event.

## COMING IN MARCH LADIES' NIGHT OUT

Experience a night of Old Hollywood

**Friday, March 11**

**6:30 - 9:00pm**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Tickets \$10**

*on sale February 13*

**Dinner, Entertainment,  
Valet Parking, Childcare**

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS

Each Sunday, your child's teacher (grades 1 thru 6) provides a ***FaithSteps take-home sheet*** which includes some great ways for you to followup with your child and discuss the Bible Study lessons each week. It also includes things he or she can do ***during the worship service each Sunday*** to learn about worship. Please encourage your child to use this sheet each Sunday in worship, and also please use these sheets during the week with your child. God bless you as you allow us at FBC to partner with you in impacting your child for Christ.



## RAs TO HICKORY DICKORY DOCK

Don't miss the fun we will have at Hickory Dickory Dock on Friday February 11. Meet at 6 pm for play, game time and supper. Then we will all head back to the church where we will have our annual camp in. Dads are encouraged to join us! There will be a small cost for this.

## HEARTLAND NEEDS YOU NOW MORE THAN EVER

The leaders in our "Heartland" preschool ministry at First Baptist Church continue to be increasingly aware of changes in our society which require us to constantly evaluate the ways in which we provide a safe and secure environment for all children who come to Bible Study, worship, and music and missions activities at FBC. Thank you for your assistance in helping make sure we are providing for the safety and security of our children. Many of you have helped us redirect foot traffic so that only parents of preschoolers enter the "Heartland" preschool hallway on Sundays and Wednesdays. Thank you. A few of you have volunteered to help at our preschool registration area so that it is staffed the entirety of each Sunday morning. Thank you. Others have volunteered to lead or teach so that we always have a minimum of two adults in each preschool classroom. Thank you. Many of you volunteer to help with extended teaching care during our two worship services. Thank you. Without the help of everyone at FBC, we cannot effectively provide that which our children most need. So, thank you for continuing to put children first here at First Baptist. You are needed now more than ever. - Rendell

**welcome**

**New to our family:**

As you see these **NEW MEMBERS** around FBC, be sure to welcome them to our family.



Richard and Becky Reese  
Joined 1-2-2011

## NOW IS A TIME

Our music ministry ensembles rehearse throughout the year. Some take a summer break but still provide music to enhance our worship and aid in bringing each of us into the presence of our God. We welcome new members to become a part of an ensemble at any time but August / September or January / February are great times to start. During these two times of the year each group is beginning preparation for the upcoming Christmas or Easter celebration, respectively.

If you have questions about being a part of an ensemble, you may contact Andrew Lewis or one of the members of the choir you are interested in. You are welcome in the music ministry of FBC.

