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There's a lot of worrying going around! We worry about important things and unimportant things. We worry about things we can do something about, and things we can't do anything about. Worrying seldom leads to anything positive. One of the main problems with the average worrier is the inability to make decisions. Being indecisive increases stress, gives us an additional problem about which to worry, and leaves us ill-equipped to face the normal living of the day. With this in mind, I offer some "do's" and "don'ts" about decision-making.

1. Don't make a decision in anger. Wait until your anger has subsided, your mind has cleared, and your emotional make-up is back to normal. Anger will often distort your perspective. It was in anger that Esau decided to kill his brother Jacob, though later they were reconciled.

2. Don't make a decision when discouraged or fatigued. Again, when you are emotionally or physically under par, you are more capable of poor judgment and faulty reasoning. Being discouraged makes it hard to see the positive and the bright side. When the prophet Jeremiah was discouraged, he tried to quit preaching.

3. Don't make a decision when overenthusiastic. When things go well, it's tempting to think that doing great things is easy. But it often happens that the person who says "yes" in times of encouragement is the same one who gives up in times of discouragement. The easily enthused person often forgets to count the costs of his decision.

4. When making a decision, think of the consequences. Can I live with my decision? Am I willing to accept the results of my decision? Would I be willing to make the same decision again, given the circumstances?

5. Make a decision with your priorities in mind. Your decision will never please everyone; that's not the point of making a decision anyway. The important thing is that first, it pleases God, that it serves others, and that it leaves you without regret.

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Check Out Our Website

www.firstbaptistwinchester.com

We continue to work at building an interesting and helpful church website. If you have any suggestions for additional material please let us know. The **Tie** and the **Church Calendar** are now available online from the **News** page. Audio files of the previous **Sunday's Worship Services** are now available online from the **Worship** page.

ATTENDANCE				CONTRIBUTIONS						
DATE:	8:30AM	11:00AM	TOTAL	NEEDED WEEKLY	RECEIVED TODAY	NEEDED TO DATE	RECEIVED TO DATE	BUDGET OVER(UNDER)	RESTRICTED GIVING	RESTRICTED TO DATE
DEC. 8	53	Canceled	53	\$ 12,096	\$ 7,866	\$ 592,704	\$ 558,988	\$ (33,716)	\$ 22,145	\$ 79,904
DEC. 15	Canceled	250	250	\$ 12,096	\$ 14,291	\$ 604,800	\$ 573,280	\$ (31,521)	\$ 3,473	\$ 83,377
DEC. 22	89	216	305	\$ 12,096	\$ 24,131	\$ 616,896	\$ 597,410	\$ (19,486)	\$ 2,130	\$ 85,507
DEC. 24	5PM 177	11PM 90	267							
DEC. 29	73	124	197	\$ 12,096	\$ 18,655	\$ 628,992	\$ 616,016	\$ (12,976)	\$ 455	\$ 85,962
JAN. 5	58	152	210	\$ 12,346	\$ 11,224	\$ 12,346	\$ 11,224	\$ (1,122)	\$ 2,064	\$ 2,064
JAN. 12	78	195	273	\$ 12,346	\$ 9,756	\$ 24,692	\$ 20,981	\$ (3,711)	\$ 1,340	\$ 3,404

Bible Friends Schedule

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:



Jan 26	Nan Pell	Aimee Holgate
Feb 2	Sarah Kite	Judy Hylton
Feb 9	Peggy Fletcher	Sandy Whitesides
Feb 16	David Smith	Milton Aquila
Feb 23	Heather Wilson	Linda Ebersole

Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers for the 11:00 am service for the coming Sundays are:

Jan 26	Sue Spangler
Feb 2	Marian Owings
Feb 9	Cheryl Jones
Feb 16	Donna Walter
Feb 23	Eileen Fluelling



Children's Story Time Speakers

Volunteers for the coming Sundays are:

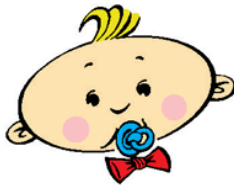
Jan 26	Kim Riley
Feb 2	Sherry Headley
Feb 9	Marge Davia
Feb 16	Laine Everhart
Feb 23	Mattie Fries



Heartfelt sympathy goes out to Sandy Whitesides and family in the death of his father, **Bob Whitesides**, on December 12, 2013.

Our sympathy is extended to Don Lewis and family in the death of his brother, **Linden Lewis Sr.**, on December 22, 2013.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of **Dottie Grim** who passed away on January 8.



Congratulations to Joe & Mandy Simons on the birth of their son, Quentin Joseph, on December 22, 2013.

Congratulations to Julie and Nick Simmons on the birth of their son, Ryan Paul Simmons on December 30, 2013



Tie Publication Schedule

We are continuing with a monthly publication schedule of the TIE which significantly reduces communication costs. The website and online calendar will continually be updated and bulletin announcements will be updated each week. Each Tie will be a calendar Tie for the subsequent month and will be published later in the month. March Calendar Tie – February 19

SOUPER BOWL

The youth will be hosting the Souper Bowl on Sunday, February 2nd after the 11:00 service in the CEB. We invite you to bring your favorite soup, stew, chili, or chowder to share!
This year we will also be holding our "Tongues of Fire" chili cook-off during the meal. Winners will be chosen for the hottest chili and the most flavorful!

All proceeds from donations and from the purchase of our recipe booklets will be given to Bread for the World, which works to end hunger in the United States.

Thank you for your support! For more information, contact Rev. Whitesides at the church office.



Volunteer Opportunity



The Safety and Security team is asking for volunteers to serve Sunday mornings on two-person teams to monitor the area in and around the church buildings. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Jim Hollinger or Pastor Fletcher.

Watch for your Year End Statement

Year end contribution statements will be mailed out shortly. Please review the statement and contact Sharon (Financial Secretary) in the church office if you have any questions.

Women's Bible Study

The Wednesday Evening Women's Study is exploring the book of 1 Peter. We break down each chapter and examine and discuss its meaning and relevance to us individually and as a group. Please join us Wednesdays at 6:30pm. It's an enjoyable time of connecting with each other as we learn more about God's Word.



Learn & Grow

FBC Snow Policy

Sundays – Every effort will be made to hold services. The early service will be canceled first to allow the weather to improve.

Weekdays – We will make a decision regarding the day's activities as soon as possible.

Listen to the radio stations 1400AM or 92.5FM after 6:00am or go on their website (<http://www.winc.fm/>) We will also have an updated message on our church voice mail and our website.



{youth} SCOOP

January 2014 Newsletter of First Baptist Church Youth Group

Mark Your Calendar

{WEDNESDAY NIGHTS}

Youth Group

{1.24-26}

Winter Retreat

{2.2}

The "Souper" Bowl/Chili Cookoff

{2.5}

Youth Sunday Practice

{2.9}

Youth Sunday

{2.16}

Youth Council/Youth Leader

Lunch

{2.26}

Apple Blossom Prep Party

DETAILS

Passport Sign Up's: We have registered for 10 girls and 10 boys spots for Passport. Our spaces are already filling up. If you plan to attend, please sign up and pay your \$75 deposit ASAP to hold your space! Passport Missions will run from July 7-12 in Danville, VA this year.

Youth Group: All youth are invited to join us for youth group every Wednesday night! We will share a meal at 5:45 in the CEB and then join in Bible study, fellowship, and fun together from 6:30-7:30 in the 301 House.

Winter Retreat: The Winter Retreat will take place at Hunting Ridge. We will meet Friday evening, January 24th and return to the church after lunch on Sunday, January 26th. The theme is Grey Areas: Finding our Identity in Christ.

The "Souper" Bowl: The youth will be hosting our annual "Souper" Bowl of Caring to benefit national hunger relief efforts after the 11:00 service on Sunday, February 2nd. We will also be awarding prizes for hottest and most flavorful chili and a chili cookoff!

Youth Sunday: The youth will be leading both worship services on Sunday, February 9th. We will practice on Wednesday, February 5th during youth group.

Youth Council/Youth Leader Lunch: Please plan to attend youth council on Sunday, February 16th if you are a rep during our Sunday school hour. All teachers and leaders are asked to RSVP if you will be able to attend our leader lunch following the 11:00 service that day in the 301 House.

Apple Blossom Prep Party: All youth and parents are invited to join us during youth group on Wednesday, February 26th for our annual Apple Blossom Prep party. We will cut and file tickets and make chair labels to be used at Apple Blossom. All who attend and help will earn money for their youth accounts!

Questions? / Contact

Rev. Kristin Adkins Whitesides

church: 540-662-5367

e-mail: kristin@firstbaptistwinchester.com

Medical Releases and Trip Covenants are available in the 301 House or on our website: www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/youth



February 2014 Birthdays



2	Gail Hollinger	8	Joseph Ford	16	Anthony Puglisi
2	Ronald Garrison	9	Barbara Hovatter	17	Margaret McClanahan
2	Michelle Gordon	9	Nelson Isenhower	18	Jo Anne Long
2	Dean Smith	9	Callie Poole	19	John Spangler
3	Brady Adams	9	Connor Simmons	20	Ali Archibald
3	Debbie Marr	9	Teresa Rhodes	20	Jerry Grim
3	Linda Fletcher	9	Leslie Robertson	20	John Habeck
3	Madison Clark	9	Kevin Wilkins	20	Bill Headley
4	Brea Maclsaac	10	Annika Whitacre	20	Kitty Shendow
4	Emma Simmons	11	Susie Canupp	20	Jeffrey Smith
4	Jim Zombro	11	Linette Spicer	21	Tim McKee
5	Margel Wilson	11	Logan Thompson	22	Lorna Houston
5	Mark Zombro	12	Woody Sirbaugh	22	Dudley Pearce
6	James Hollinger	14	Netty Hottel	23	Maxine Barnett
6	Grace Billings	14	Allyson Luttrell	24	Betsy Geronimo
6	Sandra Boudier	14	Michael Risinger, Sr.	25	John Fries
7	Lyn Bowles	14	Gary Saunders	26	Mary Viperman
7	Niki Crabill	15	Debbi Kirkpatrick	27	Kyle Saunders
7	Bob Stainback	15	Greg Maclsaac	28	Landon Dahlinger
8	Marge Davis	16	Tyler Curren	28	Lydia Esslinger
8	Ronald Lloyd	16	Lori Isenhower	28	Lynne Esslinger
8	Jacob Lewis	16	Corey Kite	28	Bill Simmons
		16	Peggy May	29	Sharon Santmyers

New Opportunity 2014 for Children and Youth to study music!



M.H. Barr, a member of our congregation and accomplished, professional instrumentalist, is offering to teach young students, starting at age 8, in group setting to learn an instrument. The instruments are: trumpet, trombone, saxophone, and percussion.

There is an option of renting instruments from a local music store for those involved. There is no cost for the lessons. The goal would be to learn to use music to glorify God in Worship.



If you are interested please call M.H. Barr at 550-1296.



E.T. Clark Men's Bible Class Breakfast

On Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 8:00a.m. There will be a breakfast hosted by the Men's Bible Class that is open for anyone to attend. The topic that will be discussed is National Defense and the Christian's responsibility. We live in a dangerous and unpredictable world, and have been involved in the longest war in our nation's history. As believers in Christ, we are citizens of perhaps the greatest, most powerful nation that has ever existed- yet we are also "citizens" of another world, a spiritual world that calls us to be a people of peace and hope. The speaker is Mark Peterson, a retired Naval Aviator, who spent over 17 years in the Pentagon working on the complex challenges facing National Defense. Mark is also a Christian. He will lead us in a discussion of the Christian's responsibility to our Nation and to God. Please call the church office to sign up at 662-5367.



Youth Library

In an effort to provide our youth (ages 11-18) with Christian-themed books, movies, and music, we are developing a library in the 301 House. If you have items you would like to donate, please leave them in the church office. Of course, monetary donations are welcome as well. Thank you so much for helping to foster the Christian growth and development of our young people. Contact Kristin Whitesides in the church office or Kathryn Mayberry for more information or if you have questions.

FBC Telephone Directory

Need an electronic copy of the church telephone directory for your computer desktop? Email the church at tie@firstbaptistwinchester.com and we'll be happy to email you the current version.



Miss Something?

Missing church no longer means missing out on the Worship Service. The services are now being recorded in .mp3 format which means they can be loaded to the website and available for listening at your convenience from your PC or smart phone. Simply click on the link, adjust your volume, and you are good to go!

www.firstbaptistwinchester.com/worship

AGELESS ADVENTURER VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON

Friday, Feb. 14, 2014

On Friday, February 14, 2014 we will meet at 10:30a.m. to depart for the Bavarian Inn at Shepherdstown, WV. Make plans to come join us for a lovely lunch! We should return to the church by 3:00p.m. Please call the church to sign up by Friday, Feb. 7th at 662-5367.



Sunday
Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday

Absolute Love

Love is the power to grant freedom without desiring to limit or inhibit its exercise. It is the power to give freedom without any will to take it back. Only God can give and not take back ... [God] suffers within himself the entire consequence of allowing man absolute freedom. That is his love. Thus, the existence of evil and suffering in the world is a proof, not that God is either good but powerless, or all-powerful but not good. Only unhindered freedom, and only omnipotence can endure the operation of that freedom.

—D.R. Davies

<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM "Souper" Bowl 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>SLC Community Registration Begins 9:00 AM SLC (CEB)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 6:30 PM AMC (CO)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Preschool Program 7:30 PM Deacons Meeting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:30 AM 2nd Sunday Fellowship (LA) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service 2:30 PM Hispanic Service (CEB)</p> <p>Children's Ministry Sunday School Valentine's Party</p>  	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:30 PM Personnel Committee 6:30 PM SLC Committee (CEB) 7:00 PM FBC - WOM (CEB)</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 10:00 AM Puppet Show 1:30 PM Staff Meeting 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Preschool Program</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:00 AM Praise Chorus 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Sunday School - Youth Council Meeting 11:00 AM Bible Friends 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:15 PM Youth Leader Meeting 2:30 PM Hispanic Service and Dinner(CEB)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC CLOSED</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Presidents' Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301) 7:00 PM HRR Committee (HRR)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM SLC (CEB) 5:00 PM Homebound Teaching 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Preschool Program 7:30 PM Planning Team 7:30 PM Stewardship & Finance (CO)</p>
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WEEKLY FEBRUARY SCHEDULE 2014

Sunday

8:00 AM Praise Chorus
 8:30 AM Worship Service
 9:30 AM Church Library Opens
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service
 Nursery (1's - young 3's)
 Bible Friends (older 3's - 1st Grade)
 2:30 PM Hispanic Service

Monday

9:00 AM SLC (CEB)

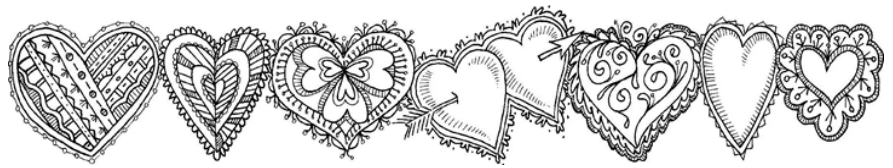
Tuesday



9:00 AM SLC (CEB)
 11:30 AM Al-Anon (301)

Wednesday

9:00 AM SLC (CEB)
 5:45 PM Fellowship Dinner
 6:15 PM Youth Fellowship
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study
 6:30 PM Women's Study Group
 6:30 PM Preschool Program

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Abbreviations in the Tie

... (CEB)	Thursday
... and Bible Study (301)	9:00 AM SLC (CEB)
... (CEB)	6:00 PM Handbells (Sanc.)
... group (Philia)	7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanc.)
... m/Choristers	Friday
	9:00 AM SLC (CEB)
	12:00 PM Al-Anon (301)
	7:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Meeting (CEB)
	8:00 PM Al-Anon, Al-Ateen (LA)

AMC	Admin. Management Com.
301	301 House
CEB	Children's Ed. Building
CO	Church Office
HRR	Hunting Ridge Retreat
LA	Lower Auditorium
MBC	Men's Bible Class
Sanc.	Sanctuary
WOM	Women on Mission
SR	Schoolage Room
BSC	Bible Seekers Class

Bible Friends Ministry Volunteers Needed

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children" Matthew 19:14

Volunteer helpers are needed for the Bible Friends Ministry in 2014 (thank you to those of you that are already volunteering)!! We need to have two non-related volunteers for the Bible Friends Ministry during our eleven o'clock service.

As coordinator of this wonderful Children's Ministry, I hope we can get at least five additional volunteers to either teach or help our teachers. It is truly a blessing to teach and work with the children ages, older three's to first grade. The lessons are prepared for us to read over and are geared to their learning level. To see the art work they make about God and Jesus or for special occasions for parents and siblings, demonstrates the true blessings we have in our life!

Please help us in this worthwhile ministry for the young children at First Baptist Church and contact me as soon as possible at (540) 664-3135 or email lgfletcher@comcast.net to volunteer in 2014!

God bless you as we continue with this ministry.

In Christ's love,

Linda Fletcher



Wednesday Night Activities

Wednesday night activities continue with dinner and fellowship at 5:45pm in the CEB. Permanent reservations can be made by calling the Church Office or filling out a dinner reservation card and marking it "permanent." Then you only need to call the Church Office if you *cannot* come. If you expect your attendance to be irregular, please call the Church Office for a weekly reservation by the preceding Monday. Noon that day is the deadline!

ADULTS: \$5.00

YOUTH: \$4.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10: \$3.00

CHILDREN'S PLATE (CHICKEN NUGGETS): \$2.00

MAXIMUM FAMILY TOTAL: \$15.00

Youth Bible Study/Fellowship begins at 6:15pm in the 301 House. Adult Bible Study, Women's Study Group, and Preschool Program and Choristers begin at 6:30.

Please Join Us For Good Food & Fellowship

"Son" Shine Learning Center Registration 2014/2015 School Year

REGISTRATION FOR CURRENT STUDENTS/SIBLINGS: JANUARY 11-31, 2014

REGISTRATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY: FEBRUARY 3, 2014.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED: 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon Monday-Friday

If you are interested, Please Respond Quickly

Please note the changes to the schedule for one Four Year Old class and the Pre-K class for the 2014/2015 school year.

Four's will meet-Monday through Thursday and Monday through Friday (new)

Pre-K will meet-Monday through Friday (new)

QUESTIONS??? Call Sherry Schryver @ 662-1071



O Come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. ~Psalm 95:1

Here are **8** health benefits of singing:

1. Boost our immune system
2. Lowers blood pressure
3. Improves breathing
4. Reduces stress levels and improves mood
5. Forges comforting memories
6. Promotes communal bonding
7. Provides comfort
8. Motivates and empowers us



Grace Notes

By Lori

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul which thou hast redeemed. ~Psalm 71:23


My Dear Friends at F.B.C.

I rejoice every time I think of you. As I read the scripture in Romans Chapter 12, it is true to me this is a church of believers who truly believes in prayer. Thank You so much for sharing my sorrow and the celebration of joy. No doubt in my mind I was healed by the power of Our Lord with your constant prayer. Romans 12 says, "Be patient in trouble and prayerful always. When others are happy, be happy with them, if they are sad, share their sorrows."

I will always be grateful to you.

In His Love,
Lucy Cohen





Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the lovely gifts you brought me.
It is nice to have such a warm, caring church family.
Thank you for remembering me this holiday and for your thoughtfulness.

In Christ,
Kathleen Davis

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who extended sympathy, care, and meals to our family at the death of Sandy's father, Bob Whitesides on December 12th. We are so thankful for the extended family we have here at First Baptist.

With thanks, The Whitesides Family (Sandy, Kristin, Isaac, and Samuel)



A Special THANK YOU

To all the volunteers from Women on Mission and "Son"Shine Learning Center who made soup and sandwiches for CCAP. The group made 132 pints of soup and 755 sandwiches, which have been delivered to CCAP.

To all who participated in the Red Cross Blood Drive this past week at FBC and to those who donated. We were able to donate 17 units of blood.

Special Note from Kristin & Family:

We are so thankful for all the remembrances, cards, and special notes we received during the holidays. We continue to be blessed in our life and work here at First Baptist. As we began receiving forwarded mail at Christmas, we realized that many of you do not yet have our new address. We now live at:

116 Jutland Court
Stephens City, VA 22655

We hope this will provide you with an opportunity to update your directory or address book if needed!



The Helping Hands Ministry needs "more hands" than it currently has. This ministry sends cards to members of the church who are ill or are in the hospital. If you have a little extra time on your hands, call Elma Morrison, 662-0666.

Thanks for Caring



This e-mail was sent to Courtney (Morrison) McCalley from Missy Ward following our donations to her ministry in Uganda to refugee women. The donations from Game Night on February 14 will go to this same ministry.

Hello Courtney!

I hope you and your family are doing well!! Thanks so much to you and your church community for your donations this year to the women's ministry medical fund. It has made a HUGE difference within our community. Thanks to your gift earlier this year, we were able to send a sexual assault victim from the DRC to the hospital for medical and psychological treatment that she DESPERATELY needed. She was attacked and tortured in September of 2012 in the DRC by rebel soldiers. She experienced complex medical complications and PTSD as a result of this attack. For a year she experienced physical and psychological suffering. Her husband died around the same time, leaving her a single parent of her six children. Unfortunately, she remained unable to freely move and went long periods without speaking. Her children went through a very difficult time with the trauma of the attack their family experienced and seeing their mom continue to suffer. They felt helpless.

As a result of the medical care, their mother has healed a lot physically and emotionally. She is now able to speak and is able to move more freely (she has even started walking again). Her recovery was really amazing and could not have taken place without you all! From the bottom of my heart, thank you!!!

This medical care has given this family renewed hope. They are Christians. When I visited the mom after she got back from the hospital, she sang songs of praises and talked about God for over an hour!!! Just a few weeks before, she was not even able to speak! She saw the love and hope of God through this action. She noted that it was God's miracle to bring hope, restoration and healing to her life and the lives of her children. Thank you for sharing the love and hope of Christ with this family!!

Love,

Missy

A Little TLC from the SLC

Winter Family Fun From Early Years

When you look back on your childhood, a few favorite memories probably stand out. Consider one of these ideas for making new memories with your child.

Family Journal

Learn about family members' days by keeping a shared journal. Once or twice a week after dinner, pass around a notebook, and have each person write a sentence or two about something funny or interesting that happened recently. (If your youngster isn't writing yet, let him tell you what to write on his turn.) On the last day of each month, relive memories by reading the journal together.

Old Fashioned Games

Introduce your child to traditional games like marbles, jacks, and croquet. You might ask older relatives to teach you their favorites, or get a book like *The Games Book: How to Play the Games of Yesterday* (Scholastic).

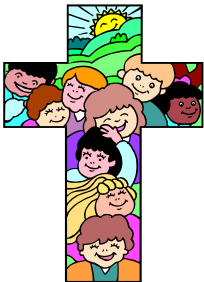
New Places

Look for places your family has never been before. You could try a hobby shop, fire station, or different playground. Let your youngster keep a list of the places they like best so you can visit them again.

Weekend "Campouts"

One weekend a month, hold a family campout. It can be indoors when it's cold out and in your backyard during the warmer weather. Set up a tent, or drape a sheet over some chairs for a makeshift fort. Then, put sleeping bags and pillows inside, and snuggle up to tell stories.

A column for parents of young children, brought to you by the "Son" Shine Learning Center



The Word Class

The Word Class began a new study on January 12th based on the book Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People? by Melvin Tinker. It looks at Job, Psalms, Luke, I Peter, and Revelation. It promises to be a thoughtful study.

Contact Jan Habeck for more information at:
(540) 336-5158



To Our Church Family,

We want to thank everyone who visited, sent cards, and called, during this time of Annette and Linden's passing and also Don's heart attack. Your thoughts and prayers have helped more than you know. We have been so lost and overwhelmed during this time. And everyone's support has gotten us through.

In Christian Love,
Sherry and Don Lewis



The Chancel Choir

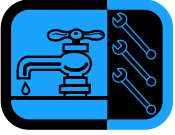
rehearses

On Thursdays at 7:00pm

in the Sanctuary.

We lead in Worship from September through June. Please join us!

The Chancel Handbell Choir practices on Thursdays at 6:00pm in the balcony.



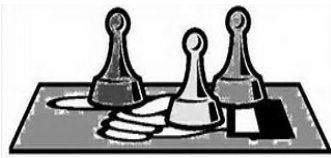
AMC Volunteers



The Administrative Management Committee is looking to recruit volunteers to help fill a need for support in various capacities throughout our campus on an as needed basis. Skill sets needed include light plumbing, electrical, and mechanical among others. Currently, these responsibilities fall on the few that are available on the Committee before being outsourced to private firms. Interested individuals will not be required to attend meetings, create reports, or have any administrative responsibility. Please contact the Church Office if willing to serve in this much needed way.

Women On Mission

Sponsoring A



GAMENIGHT



Valentine's Day

February 14, 2014 ♥ 7 PM

Hosted by Kim and Scott Ball

315 W. Whitlock Ave., Winchester - 662-4055

All Adults come and enjoy a night of games and fellowship.

There will also be a special feature: watch as three pre-selected FBC couples face off in the first (and maybe last!)

“Love and Marriage Challenge”. Inspired by *The Newlywed Game*, this highlight of the evening promises laughs and fascinating revelations!

Come and Enjoy the Fun and Fellowship...

Mission Outreach Project

Missy Ward is the Refugee's Advocacy Coordinator for *Refuge and Hope International* in Kampala, Uganda. Missy ministers to refugee women who are victims of violence and abuse and human trafficking. All donations will go to support this mission.

WATTS

Is providing shelter for the homeless from November 25 through March 31. Our week begins March 10, 2014. Jobs and responsibilities of WATTS Teams include: delivery acceptance teams, greeters and crowd control, evening meal teams, entertaining, socializing, and monitoring of guests during smoke breaks, overnight shifts, breakfast meal teams, AM clean-up, and pack-up teams. A training session will be held for all volunteers on Sunday, March 2, at 12:15 in the Lower Auditorium. Sign-up sheets are in the New Narthex. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in both narthexes.



A Warm Welcome is extended to **Michael Shifflett** who made his decision for church membership on January 12.

A Warm Welcome is extended to **John Darsie** who made his decision for baptism and church membership on January 19.



Children's Ministry of First Baptist Church

children's news

Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Evenings Pre-school Program/Choristers

2/9

Sunday School Valentine Party

2/13 & 2/27

Bible Study for 4th and 5th Graders

Wednesday Evenings

The pre-school program will continue with their new structure; enjoying free play with their peers and a bible story with related activities. They will also continue to have "fun" nights to celebrate holidays etc.

The Schoolage program will experience a slight change. Their Wednesday evenings will be split between a lesson and activity, and chorister's rehearsal. They will also continue to have "fun" nights to celebrate holidays etc.

Bible Study Opportunity!

We have started a Bible Study for 4th and 5th graders!!

The purpose of the Bible Study is to help bridge the gap between their time in the Children's ministry program and youth group. It is also an opportunity to build confidence, as they are the older children in the children's ministry program. I am really looking forward to this additional opportunity with them!!

Bible Study will be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month, from January to May. We will meet in the 301 House at 6pm.

February 13th & 27th 6 PM

Light snacks are provided.

February 9th, Sunday School Valentines Party!!

The children will be provided with class lists, and can exchange valentines with each other. Each classroom will also enjoy a craft and goody bag . Please contact your child's Sunday School teacher if you would like to contribute snacks.

PASSPORT KIDS INFO MEETING:

Sunday February 9th, 12:15 (Following service) in CEB

FBC Children's Ministry would like to take a group to enjoy PASSPORT Kids this June. This is a 4 day, 3 night children's camp for children who have completed 3rd - 6th grade.

FBC Children's Ministry New Year's Resolution

We are taking our New Year's Resolution, to learn the books of the Bible, seriously! The children can look forward to games, activities, and songs, which will all help them reach this goal!

Volunteer!

As 2014 begins, we will be creating a new schedule for the following volunteer opportunities; Nursery 2nd service, Bible Friends teachers and assistants, and Children's Time speakers. Volunteers are incredibly important to the success of our Children's Ministry at FBC. Please let us know how you can help! Contact Alison Wright at awright@firstbaptistwinchester.com.

Look for more exciting opportunities for your family, coming soon!



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The Church Bulletin is printed **EVERY Thursday Morning**. Please submit content to **Kathy** by **noon on Wednesday**. Email is fbcwinc@firstbaptistwinchester.com

Prayer Chain



First Baptist Church Prayer Chain Ministries

Direct your prayer request(s) to:

Daytime Hours: Donna Walter @ 722-2230 or Linette Spicer @ 662-1120
Evening Hours: Janet Luttrell @ 667-8758 or Laura Beavers @ 667-3191



Remember Our Homebound

Homebound Spotlight

Ray & Deane Chapman
Spring Arbor
2093 Northwestern Pike
#321 and # 312
Winchester, VA 22603

We encourage everyone to send a note to Ray & Deane Chapman.
In His Love, Lori & the Homebound Team



Flower Power

Sanctuary arrangements are needed for the 2014 calendar year. If you would like to place an arrangement in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out a Flower Calendar form found in each narthex or the Church Office. You may also call the Church Office to place your request.