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Martha, Carrie Beth, and I are so very grateful for your generous Christmas gift. What a blessing! I know I also speak for our entire staff and their families in saying, thank you FBC faith family. We love you and are grateful for the opportunity of serving together in His Kingdom!

Last night (Tuesday) I was teaching a group of pastors in West Helena through the Delta Institute, a partnership between the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and Ouachita Baptist University to offer theological education to pastors in the Delta. At the beginning of the class I shared an embarrassing event that happened to me last week. I've learned that the best way to deal with such moments in my life is to be the one to let the proverbial "cat out of the bag" instead of waiting to have someone else share the embarrassing details in a group of people. Well, as most of you know, I was home much of last week being treated for the flu. On Thursday I decided since I was feeling so much better I would spend some time taking down Christmas decorations and storing them away in the attic. Our attic entrance is located in the garage. I pulled down the attic stairs and ascended. After throwing down a couple of empty boxes, I began to descend the stairs with a plastic storage crate in my hand. About half way down my descent quickened as two as one, then two ladder rungs broke loose. My legs went through the ladder; my back went down the ladder; and the plastic crate hit the floor letting me know that something inside the crate had broken. As I shared this story with this group of pastors, I told them I came to the shocking conclusion that the first thought I had while lying with my back and head the garage floor while my legs were on the other side of the ladder made me realize I'm getting older. The only thing that entered my mind was, "Oh, no. I bet I broke my hip!" I've fallen many times before and never has that thought crossed my mind.

I tell that story for two purposes. First, I wanted to make sure that certain members of my family have fewer opportunities to be the first to tell the story FBC members. And secondly, to say to you, I'm enjoying growing older with you! Thanks for being such a caring, encouraging faith family.

Our **Deacon Selection Team** recommends the following men to serve as Deacons of First Baptist Church: **Keith Glover, JW Green, Joe Overturf.**

A vote of affirmation will take place on during morning worship on **Sunday, January 25.**

Baptism is scheduled for **Sunday, January 25.** If you have trusted in Jesus for salvation but have not followed in believer's baptism, you are encouraged to speak with Dr. Sam or one of the pastors prior to this date.

Our 2015 **Mission Partnerships** include Valley Church (Vilonia, AR), Mosaic Church (Boston, MA), and Good News Church (Irbit, Russia). We are excited about the opportunities of serving with these brothers and sisters to share the Word in their communities. In addition to prayer and financial support, our partnerships include the opportunities to GO. Please pray about your involvement in one or more of the following opportunities.

Valley Church (Vilonia, AR)

April 25 (Saturday) Block Party

July 20-23 (6:00-7:30pm) Backyard VBS/Children's Camp

Construction Teams will also be needed throughout the year as they plan to have land purchased and a building in place by Easter. Teams will be needed for interior construction and painting.

Mosaic Church (Boston, MA)

July 26 – August 2 OR August 2-9

This week-long mission experience will include hosting a Children's Camp/VBS during the morning hours, canvassing neighborhoods during afternoons, assisting with their food ministry to the homeless on Wednesday evening, and a Block Party in the park to end the week.

Good News Church (Irbit, Russia)

Tentative date: mid to late **June**

Last Sunday I began a new sermon series: **Gospel Restoration.** God began moving in the hearts of people as several made their way to the altar. Join us this Sunday as we anticipate God to speak and people to respond!

Restore. . . Revive. . . Rejoice

Dr. Sam

First Baptist Church News & Events

Super Winter is almost here! We are getting geared up to leave this weekend for a great time at Super Winter! Please be praying for all of our students and adults that are going. Also, be praying for Scott and Preservation Theory as they lead worship and Scottie Johnson as he brings the Word. Our desire is to see God show off in a very powerful way!!

We are also getting ready for FUSE, and praying for adults and students already. We are in need of a few more adults to help us out this year, as we draw in students with the hopes of sharing the gospel with as many students as possible. Last year, we had over 200 students come through; several nights were over 130 in attendance! This year we are setting the goal of over 200 students in attendance and over 300 coming through. Thanks for your prayers and help. We'll also need snacks if you'd like to bring them. FUSE starts **Feb. 4th** and ends **March 18th.**

Super Summer sign up will start Feb. 1st and there is a huge discount if you sign up early. Please encourage your student in 6th-12th grade to get signed up quickly.

It's an exciting time of year and again I just want to say thank you, for all your prayers for our students. We are gearing up for a great year at Flipside and without God then it's pointless. Thanks!

Chris

Reaching Unengaged Unreached People Groups Event:

The IMB says that 3,027 people groups in the world are unengaged -- meaning there is no church planting strategy by any evangelicals among these 3,027 groups. In this one-day event, learn how your church can be involved in reaching out to a "UUPG." IMB Missionary "Kevin" will be our trainer. Three dates and locations for you to choose from in Spring 2015

February 19 – Jonesboro

March 5 – Little Rock

April 16 - Fayetteville



Medical Missions One Day Event –

All medical professionals and interested persons are invited to the Medical Missions One Day event at the Baptist Building on

Saturday, April 11, 2015, 9am to 4pm.

Dr. Rebekah Naylor and other IMB/BGR folks will be on hand for this excellent equipping event. The event is \$10 per person and lunch is provided.



See www.absc.org/uttermost for details and registration information.

Dear Church,

One of my favorite devotion books is Jesus Calling by Sarah Young. Each day there is something new to be discovered about God and His provisions for your life.

Every devotion is written like God is writing a letter to you. It is personal letter, like a love letter. He is sharing his heart with you. Starting each day with God transforms our days into His days as we seek how He would have us to live, what He would have us to do, and how we are to be His hands and feet.

It is never too late to start reading God's Word. I want to encourage you to start tomorrow spending time with HIM. Start with 5 minutes each morning. Soon you will want more and more time with your creator.

God is in the business of changing lives for "Earth has no sorrows that Heaven can't heal".

DEEPER bible studies start Sunday, February 8th. Posters will be up in the hallways this week announcing the different studies available. Please see the sign up table in the back hall of the sanctuary to register.

Have a blessed week.

Andrew Skinner

First Baptist Church News & Events

Pastor on Call

<u>January 11-17</u> Dr. Sam Roberts 870-830-6877	<u>January 18-24</u> Chris Roller 501-454-2317	<u>January 25-31</u> Scott Quimby 501-454-2012
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Deacons on Call

January 11-17
David Rodgers, Ward Smith
January 18-24
Chris Armstrong, Grant Beckwith
January 25-31st
Carl Humphrey, Ward Smith

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

01/16-01/19 *Super Winter*
01/19 *Martin Luther King Day*
01/18 *7:00 PM Church Business Meeting*
02/08 *12:00 PM 50 + Valentine Banquet*
02/21 *6:00 PM The Hunter's Feast*

Men's Ministry is currently seeking donations of door prizes for Hunters' Feast. If you are able to help Please notify Scott 501-454-2012

Worship Notes

I pray you all have had a great start to 2015! I just want to say a huge "thank you" to the Worship Choir of FBC! Thank you for all your hard work during the Christmas season. The musical couldn't have gone better. Thank you also to all those who helped make everything work, soloist, narrators and tech crew, you are all awesome. Finally thank you to all who attended, whether here at FBC, or at Southside. I pray you were blessed by the awesome story of Jesus. Due to all the hard work of all my music folks the Choir and Hand bells have taken a small break. We will resume rehearsals in February.

I am so thankful to start another year here, at FBC; if I've counted correctly, in March I will start my twelfth year as your Worship Pastor. To put things in perspective my first Sunday here I believe I was 28 years old and this month I turn 40!!!! I never expected to serve in the same place for over a decade. Amy, Jed, and I are truly blessed and love you all. Thanks for taking a chance on a kid with a ponytail, goatee, and a guitar. Thank you for putting up with me all these years.

I am excited to see where 2015 takes us. Especially in worship, I pray we are faithful to declare how much our God means to us and serve Him with our everything.

"Come as You Are!"
Scott

Happy Birthday

January 15th Thomas Coleman	January 25th Polly Alexander Josh Ashmore
January 16th Dale Jones	
January 17th Joey Moore Curtis Williams	
January 19th Brett Houston	
January 20th Regan Counce Eden Gebremariam	
January 21st Lisa Frazier	
January 23rd Jeff Ellard	
January 24th Will Hargis	

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Women Of The Word
All welcome
Topic: The Lord Our Shepherd
Every Tuesdays
12:15-12:45

Supper Menu

Supper at 5 PM and
Prayer Meeting at 6 PM

Wednesday, January 21
Baked Chicken, Brown Beans, Oven Roasted Potatoes,
Cole Slaw, Fudge Marble Cake/Chocolate Icing

Wednesday, January 28
Gumbo and Rice, Mexican Cornbread, Garden Salad,
Hershey Bar Cake

Weekly Activities

Sundays
9:00 a.m. _____ Sunday School Bible Study
10:15 a.m. _____ Morning Worship Service
5:30 pm _____ Club 1615

Tuesdays
12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m. _____ Women of The Word

Wednesdays
5:00 p.m. _____ Fellowship Supper
5:45 p.m. _____ Children's Program
6:00 p.m. _____ Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m. _____ FLIPSIDE 517 Youth Worship

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