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A place to belong... a place to become.

JANUARY 29, 2012

OPPORTUNITIES

January 29 - February 4, 2012
Deacon on Call: Dr. Erik Dukes

Sunday, January 29: Baptist Men's Day

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

**Commissioning Service for Belize
Medical/Dental Mission Team**
(WBIP-AM 1400)

5:00 p.m. Youth Choir Supper/Rehearsal,
Ladies Bible Study

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Associational Discipleship Rally (FBC)
(WBVV-FM 99.3)

Monday, January 30:

1:30 p.m. G.R.O.W.

6:30 p.m. G.R.O.W.

Tuesday, January 31:

8:00 a.m. Ladies Handbells

6:30 p.m. Men's Bible Study begins ("21
Irrefutable Laws of Leadership)

Wednesday, February 1:

9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs, Wednesday
YT, College Bible Study, Prayer Meeting,
Called Business Meeting, Bible Study

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2:

3:15 p.m. Young Musicians Handbells

Friday, February 3:

8:00 p.m. Sunday Morning Worship
Service Broadcast (Cable 21,
www.ubntv.org)

Visit our church website (www.fbcbooneville.com)
for upcoming events, previous editions
of the newsletter, and sermons.

2012 Proposed Budget

Copies of the proposed budget for 2012
will be available in the foyers after morning
worship service this Sunday, January 29th.

This budget will be voted on at a called
business meeting on Wednesday, February 1
at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

It's happening here...

Sunday, January 29

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

Our men will be filling the choir loft during
the morning worship service.

All men are invited and encouraged to be a
part of this special choir and service.

Don't miss it!!

and

Special Commissioning Service for our Belize Medical/Dental Mission team

11:00 a.m.

This will be a special service as we
pray for and dedicate those who will be
a part of the

Belize Medical/Dental Mission team.

One of the Kingdom's Most Common Requests

By: Dr. Lynn Jones

One of the earliest requests ever made in the kingdom was the request made by James and John. They said to Jesus, "Grant that we may sit." That is a very common request, and folks continue to make it today.

"Grant that we may sit." Or, "Lord, we really don't want to do anything in the kingdom. We have been afflicted with tired blood, and we had really rather sit and rest than get up and do something."

I heard of one employee who retired after being with a company for 20 years. The company wanted to give him a going-away present that was related to what he had done at the company. So, at his retirement ceremony, they gave him a watch that was not working.

A boss told about one of his employees. He said, "They say that nothing is impossible. That's not true. He's been doing nothing for years."

Some have the impression that a call to the kingdom is a call to do nothing. Just the opposite is true. A call to the kingdom is a call to ministry and to service. It is a call to activity and involvement.

Some evidently have not gotten the memo. They had much rather sit than serve.

Jesus has called us to activity and work. He said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." Whatever else that challenge says about discipleship, it says that discipleship involves activity, sacrifice, and staying busy.

On one occasion a would-be disciple came to Jesus and said, "I will follow you, but first let me go bury

my father." Jesus rejected his offer of discipleship. The fact of the matter was that the man's father probably had not died yet. He just wanted to go home and wait until he did die. Then he would come and follow Jesus. The man seemed to be grasping for an excuse that would prevent him from following Jesus now, and serving Him now.

Jesus rejected the man's excuse by saying, "Let the [spiritually] dead bury the [physically] dead. You come and follow me." Discipleship that offers to follow Jesus and then goes home and waits for a more convenient season to do so, is not Jesus' idea of effective discipleship. This man's offer of discipleship, later on—after his father's death, and James and John's request that "we may sit," were both rejected.

Now, to be completely fair with James and John, their full request was, "Lord, grant that we may sit, one on the right hand and the other on the left hand when you come into your kingdom." The problem is that the full statement does not improve on the partial statement. It was still a request that gave expression to selfishness and "one-upsmanship" over the other disciples. Jesus has called us to genuine discipleship, not "one-upsmanship."

What requests have you made of the Lord lately? For goodness sakes, do not make the following request: "Lord, grant that we may sit."

--Sunday's Sermons:

AM: "Followers of the Way"
John 14:1-6

PM: Associational Discipleship Rally — Dr. Sammy Gilbreath

COUNTING COMMITTEE:

JoAnn Long

USHERS:

AM

J. W. Jennings, Billy Crabb,
Jerry Ivey, John Hanley,
Brian Horn, "Pepper" Clayton

PM

Marshall Dickerson, Ricky Ford

EXTENDED SESSION:

January Coordinator:

Ann Inman (728-4452)

January 29:

Mercy Cook
Wanda Cox
Katie Conn
Sean Reynolds

February 5:

Jane Billingsley
Andrea Mathis
Heather Matthews
Holly Downs



Pray for Our Homebound:

Mrs. Louise Sherrill
Mrs. Hazel Stephens

GIFTS RECEIVED

*Gifts have been received by
First Baptist Church in
memory of
Sidney Green
Kathleen Manley
Mary Barron
Robert Tennison
Kathryn Houston*

Winter Bible Study

Sunday nights beginning in
February
Classes for all ages!!

January 22, 2012	
Sunday School	250
Budget	\$ 5,141.42
Designated Offering	<u>1,114.60</u>
Total	\$ 6,256.02

MUSIC NOTES



MANY THANKS...

To all who helped bring food to host the NEMCC athletes last Sunday night. The food was plenteous and wonderful!!!
May God bless you for your hospitality!

New Bible Studies Ladies Bible Study

Beth Moore's
"James"

Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
in the New Young Adults Class

Ladies Bible Study Priscilla Shirer's "One in a Million"

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
in the New Young Adults Class

Men's Bible Study John Maxwell's "21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership"

Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.
beginning January 31
This is a video series and classes
will be one hour long.

Unwanted Items Lying around the House!!

Find them a good home,
Bring to the church for our annual
"Super Cell" Auction



Please call the church office if you would like to donate any
items, need assistance, or have any questions.

Youth Choir
Sunday, January 29



5:00 p.m.--Supper
***Preparation for Valentine Banquet**
5:30 p.m.--Choir
6:00 p.m.--Associational Discipleship Rally

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Dear Dr. Jones,

Please communicate our family's appreciation and gratitude to the First Baptist family. Expressions of thoughtfulness come daily. Mother would be pleased as well as humbled. She sought to serve Christ, usually in her fashion, and wanted Him extolled among men.

The staff of FBC performed efficiently and effectively to which Sandra and I are deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

The family of Kathryn Houston



Winter Bible Study beginning in February

During evening worship. Come to the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.
The last 30 minutes, children ages 4 - 6th grade will go with
Mrs. Laurie to the Golden Rule Room.

Mission Kids will NOT meet this coming week due to the
Discipleship Rally.

Camp Good News 2012 Announced

All 8-12 year olds are invited to attend Camp Good News with us July 8-14. Applications are available at bulletin boards by both the Sunday School desk the church office. Please turn you completed form in by February 15th! This fun-filled week will include swimming, field games, team competition, missions and Bible classes, skits, great food, picnic, a bonfire, tetherball, stick hockey and more! Join Mrs. Laurie (who will serve as one of the Bible teachers) for this fun-filled week at a Child Evangelism Fellowship-sponsored children's camp at Chickasaw State Park Group Campgrounds.

**"Disappointments are
inevitable;
discouragement is a
choice."**

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2012 Discipleship Rally

Sunday, January 29

6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Dr. Sammy Gilbreath, Director of Evangelism for the Alabama Baptist Convention, will be our speaker.

Please join the other churches in our association as we host this annual event at our church this year.

Belize Medical/Dental Mission Trip (2/2-5/2012)

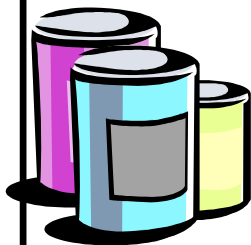
The mission team going to Belize is in need of hard-sided luggage that will be used to transport medicine and equipment. If you have any luggage that you are willing to donate (since it will not be returned), please drop off at the church office.

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5th Sunday Food Pantry Collection

This week is the last week for collecting. Food will be delivered to the Association Office on Monday, January 30th.

Marked boxes at church entrances are available for collection of non-perishable food items for the Associational Food Pantry. We will be collecting through January 29th.



Suggested items include:

peanut butter, crackers, cereal, self-rising flour, self-rising cornmeal, pasta/sauce, macaroni and cheese, rice, dried beans, ramen noodles, canned tuna, granola bars, and canned fruits and vegetables

Please, no glass containers or out of date food.

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