

## FIRST FACTS

Sunday, January 11, 2015

### The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	407
8:30 AM Worship	148
10:30 AM Worship	345
Total AM Worship	493
6:00 PM Worship	211

### The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	16,172.00
Legacy Receipts	\$	220.00
Bus Fund	\$	-0-
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	2,564.15
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	-0-
Total Receipts	\$	18,956.15
Budget Requirements to date	\$	43,461.54
Budget Receipts to date	\$	34,796.40
Budget Expenses to date	\$	11,786.35

Sunday, January 18, 2015

### The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	387
Weekday Small Group/Bible Study	260
8:30 AM Worship	164
10:30 AM Worship	314
Total AM Worship	478
6:00 PM Worship	194

### The People Gave...

Budget Receipts	\$	11,966.18
Legacy Receipts	\$	105.00
Bus Fund	\$	25.00
Other non-budgeted receipts	\$	900.75
Weekday Preschool Wage & Taxes	\$	-0-
Total Receipts	\$	12,966.93
Budget Requirements to date	\$	65,192.31
Budget Receipts to date	\$	46,020.33
Budget Expenses to date	\$	36,090.23

## CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Aaron D. Johnson, *Pastor*  
 Rev. Tommy Pierce, *Minister of Music*  
 Rev. Jonathan Lancaster, *Associate Pastor*  
 Jill Arrington, *Children's Minister*  
 BJ Faucett, *Student Minister*  
 Keith Dodd, *Minister to Senior Adults*  
 Pam Whitt, *Pastor's Ministry Assistant*  
 Mary Moore, *Financial Ministry Assistant*  
 Dana Hill, *Programs Ministry Assistant*  
 Renee Pierce, *Music Ministry Associate*  
 Carolyn Ledbetter, *Weekday Preschool Director*  
 Jason Lancaster, *Media Ministry Supervisor*  
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*A family committed to love God, grow in Christ, & live His mission.*

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...whatever you do,  
 do everything for God's glory.

1 Corinthians 10:31

*Priscilla Shirer*

LIVE

Huntsville, AL

April 25, 2015

Whitesburg Baptist Church

Cost: \$51/person

(\$39 for conference and \$12 for turkey sandwich lunch at church)

Leave 8:00 AM/Return 5:30 PM/  
 Church Bus

Sign up in foyer by January 25<sup>th</sup>

Scholarships available-  
 See Melina Diamond

Study the Bible  
 with us



Boaz Sr. Center Bible Study  
 led by Bro. Keith Dodd  
 Tuesdays at 9:00 AM

# PRAAYER BANQUET

“Rebuilding the Wall”

Tuesday, February 10

6:30 PM

Snead Cafeteria

This event is FREE!

(Donations will be accepted to offset cost.)

The Watchman Wall will be cleared and a new wall constructed! Some need to change their hour of prayer; many new members need to commit to an hour of prayer! We will renew our commitment to begin afresh at Midnight-1 am, March 1st!

**MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR DINNER NOW!**  
**CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 256.593.8580**  
**OR SIGN UP IN THE VESTIBULE.**  
**THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS FEBRUARY 8.**

### Thank You ...

Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for all the love and kindness shown to us during the death of our mother, Ruby Morton.

Randall & Cathy Morton

### Sincere Christian Sympathy is extended by the staff and church family to ...

The families of **Lee Dean**; and **Millard Arrington** (husband of Sarah, father of Steve, Neal, Glenn, Gerald & Nita).

**Deacons On Call Jan 25**

Adam Pierce and Damon Smith

**Deacons On Call Feb 1**

Matt Whiseman and Neal Arrington

# FROM THE PASTOR...

Aaron D. Johnson

Dear Church Family:

On Sunday night, January 11<sup>th</sup>, I shared a list of things that God has placed on my heart. Each of these things center on what God is doing and is yet to do in the life of His Bride here at First Baptist Church. You were kind in attending the meeting. You were overwhelmingly encouraging after hearing the revelations. Thank you for your prayerful support. Your winning attitude is infectious! We need a healthy outbreak of infectious encouragement! Join me in going viral!

Among the things shared was the POSSIBILITY of building a new building. Many years ago our church family embraced a multi-phase plan for building. The next phase in that process is a multi-purpose building. We are in critical need of more first floor space. The new facility will solve this problem along with a host of others. On Wednesday night the building planning committee will meet for the first time in years. Together we will seek God's will for His Church. Please join us in a season of prayerful seeking. We want nothing more, less, or other than God's full will for us at First Baptist Church.

Since that Sunday night a new development has occurred at Sand Mountain Cowboy Fellowship. From the start the concept was to move the meeting to Sunday morning when there were enough solid members to do so. It seems that the fellowship is content meeting on Tuesday night. That is wonderful news for us here at FBC. With the SMCF meeting on Tuesday night, there will be no great rush for me to preach here, then there, then back here on Sunday mornings. Keep SMCF in your prayers as we reach people for the Kingdom.

All the plans of man are for nothing unless God breathes them. Scripture says, "Unless the Lord build the house, the laborers work in vain. Unless the Lord protect the city, the watchman watches in vain." We want the fullness of God's blessing and providence on us with every step. The only way we can have this is with 1. A SEEKING SPIRIT and 2. A SUBMISSIVE SPIRIT. The best way to insure both of these is through prayer.

As I type, Paul Taunton, our church wide prayer coordinator and Robert Lancaster, the Watchman prayer ministry coordinator, are working on a plan. We hope to host a prayer banquet as soon as is absolutely possible. We are going to rebuild the prayer walls long before we build any other walls! Search this publication for more information. Above all else: Join us in rebuilding the walls that have crumbled. Join the most powerful and far reaching ministry our church has; the PRAYER MINISTRY!

Your Pastor,



## STUDENT MINISTRY

BJ Faucett

In youth we are studying the subject of prayer. Almost every church member can recite the Lord's Prayer from memory. Did you know it was not intended to be repetitious? We don't say prayers we pray prayers. Christ gave this prayer to us as a structure of how to pray.

**First**, it starts with "Our Father," notice this is the first time in history God is referred to as Father. In Romans 8:14-17, Paul tells us we are his children and to address him as Daddy. **Second**, it says "hallowed be your name". He is set apart as holy and we should honor his names. As you pray think about what his names mean to you personally. How about Peace, Provider, Banner of Victory, Forgiver, and Savior to name a few. His names encompass so much more than just words. The **third part** of the prayer maybe the most difficult, "your kingdom come your will be done". So many times I want to have God bend to my will but that's not the way it works. We are to bend to his will. When we do, watch out for a miracle because now in his will we can love, forgive, and put others first like He does. We start to realize that we possess the mind of Christ and it will affect our actions. **Fourthly**, we now make request for daily provisions. So many times we take our very food, water, and shelter for granted. Let's praise our Father for the necessities in life and realize that through food we are now strengthened in our bodies and can serve him with our strength. **Fifth** is "forgive us our trespass as we forgive those who trespass against us". It doesn't take the Holy Spirit long to point out where we've sinned but we must always be willing to forgive others. In Matthew 6:14-15, Christ tells us with the measure we forgive others is the measure of how he will forgive us. That's a scary thought for me but shows the seriousness of forgiveness and our relationship with others. **Sixth**, "deliver us from the evil one," we are told that the devil has come to steal, kill, and destroy. We know as God's children we are more than conquerors in him and he has given us our spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:10-18) that we must grab hold of in order to defeat the evil one. How crazy would it be for a soldier to go into battle without his equipment, but so many believers are spiritually naked in open firing range of Satan. **Lastly**, we end our prayer on his kingdom, power, and glory. These 7 steps that Christ gave us to pray is the perfect model.

Remember it's not the length of the prayer that matters but the attitude in which we pray. Prayer is not moving our lips but moving our hearts to align with our creator. I hope we as a church will get excited about prayer and look at it as a way of life, realizing that God uses the prayers of the saints to aid in carrying out his will.



## MUSIC MINISTRY

Tommy Pierce

Dear Church,

God continues to bless in our worship services. I look forward to the day when we will baptize people every single Sunday. That's what we are about. Let's all be faithful in our witness. Be a living testimony to everyone you meet. Lift up Jesus in your actions and words. I love you! God bless you!

We continue to enroll people in the Student Choir and Adult Choir each week. Why don't you come and join us. I have always found I am closest to the Lord when I am serving Him. Leading our people in praise every Sunday is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. As I've said before all you have to do is show up at our next rehearsal. There is no audition. You will not be asked to sing alone.

Why do you come to church on Sunday?

- To hear the music
- To hear the sermon
- To do your duty of being a Christian
- To fellowship with your friends

All of these are good reasons but the main reason we attend church on Sundays is to worship our Lord. It's not about us. It's all about Him.

.....copied

Bro. Tommy

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## March 6 - 8

### 7th-12th grade

### Cost: \$40/student

(Includes dnow T-shirt & a ticket to The Newsboys concert on Sunday eveninging 3/8 at Snead Bevell Center)

## Due by February 15

See BJ or Chastity Faucett for more information.

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jonathan Lancaster

Church Family,

We have been truly blessed! God continues to bring new guests to our corporate worship services each week. Many of our guests have chosen to become regular attenders, and some have even joined our church. God is bringing people to us through Cowboy Fellowship, CR, Student Ministry, College Ministry, Children's Ministry, our Sunday Worship, and other points of outreach. The question our church family must answer is how can we help them connect?

I recently read the findings of a study conducted by LifeWay. The study concluded that newcomers to a church are significantly more likely to connect with and remain active in a church, if they are part of a small group (i.e. - Sunday School). In fact, the study found that of those newcomers attending **only worship services**, only **16%** remained active in the church after 5 years. In contrast, **83%** of newcomers who became **active in a small group** were still active in church after 5 years. The author of the study report concluded that the small groups in the most effective churches were "aggressive about connecting new people to a group." Rather than simply encouraging new people to find a group, small groups in these churches found the people!

What about your Sunday School class? Are you "aggressive" about connecting new people with your class? Do you seek out new faces to invite them to be a part of your group? I hope you will be intentional about helping your class, and our church, connect with newcomers. God is providing us with a wealth of guests. Let's not squander this blessing!

Grace & Peace,



**College Ministry Spring Retreat**  
**Shocco Springs Baptist Conference Center**  
**March 13-15, 2015**

**Cost: \$60 (due by March 1)**

(includes lodging, food, transportation, & activities)  
For more information, contact Bro. Jonathan