

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES

Today – 2/5

9:30 a.m. Worship Service & Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
3:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting

Monday – 2/6

3:30 p.m. Kid's Choir
6:00 p.m. Scouts in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Faith & Fitness in Teen Center

Tuesday – 2/7

9:00 a.m. Quilters
7:00 p.m. Narc Anon in Fireside Room

Wednesday – 2/8

5:30 p.m. Choppers
6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday – 2/9

4:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Praise Practice
6:00 p.m. Faith & Fitness in Teen Center
7:00 p.m. Narc Anon in Fireside Room

Friday – 2/10

6:00 p.m. Kid's Nite Out in Fellowship Hall

ATTENDANCE SHEETS

Please add your names to the Attendance Sheets found in each pew row and pass the pad down your row so everyone may sign. Remember to update your contact information if it has changed.

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Brent Meyer, Pastor	Don Carpenter, Youth Director
Beth Smilack, Administrative Assistant	Scott Quiller, Custodian
Cindy Minor, Choir Director	Sherilyn Jilg, Organist

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

The Choir will be preparing the meal this week. They will serve Chicken Casserole, Slaw, Rolls and Dessert. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$8.00 per one household family. Choppers begins at 5:30 p.m. with Bible Studies for all ages at 6:00 p.m. Please indicate on the attendance sheets the number of your family who will be attending dinner or call the church office by Tuesday afternoon to sign up. *If you are unable to attend after you have signed up, please call the church office as soon as possible so that extra food is not purchased unnecessarily.* A nursery is available on Wednesday nights as needed. See Dawn Olson or ask Pastor if you have this need on a Wednesday night.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The first session of Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace University* will be next Sunday, February 12th at 6:00 p.m. All the spaces are currently filled. The class will meet in the Harvest classroom on the third floor. Childcare will be available. See Pastor Brent regarding registration payments.

KID'S NITE OUT – THIS FRIDAY

This Friday, February 10th, in our Fellowship Hall there will be a special Valentine's Day themed Kid's Nite Out for kids Pre-K through 5th Grade. Come on out and bring a friend – the festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions, see Hannah Marshall.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A DIRECTOR FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 11th – June 15th. This is an awesome outreach to our community and brings in lots of kids to hear the gospel. The Board of Education is looking for someone to direct VBS this year. If you feel led to head up this program, contact Monica Eschbach or call the church office.

RADIO BROADCAST SLOTS AVAILABLE

There are radio broadcast sponsorships available for the 2012 year. See the church office if you would like to sponsor a broadcast. The cost is \$50.00 per Sunday. We appreciate your help with this vital outreach.

NO FUSION TONIGHT

Due to the Super Bowl there will be no Fusion tonight. Fusion will resume next Sunday!

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Red Cross is again joining with organizations and churches to encourage persons to donate blood. First Baptist Church will be hosting a Blood Drive for the American Red Cross dedicated to Helen Cox and Doris Shaw on Thursday, March 15th from noon to 6:00 p.m. All appointments are currently taken, but there is always a chance there may be cancellations. If you want to sign up for any open appointments due to cancellations, please contact George Labadie at 498-4071. We are also in need of a few volunteers to help set up and man the kitchen on the 15th. Call George if you can volunteer in this capacity. We could use some sweet bread to be donated on the day of the Blood Drive. Thank you.

MISSION BOARD MEETING

The Mission Board meeting for this week has been moved to next week. All members of the Mission Board: please plan on meeting in the conference room next Sunday at 11:45. Thank you.

MEALS ON WHEELS – LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Here is a great opportunity for you to serve in a local mission. There is a new format for Meals on Wheels which involves a smaller more centralized area for deliveries and no more than 20 houses to service which should take no more than an hour. The meals will be picked up at the Susnig Center. Our church will be responsible for one month a year and our month will be September. We are looking for at least four people/couples to take one day a week for one month (that's just four days). If you can help with this mission, please contact the church office.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING

This year's America for Christ offering theme is a call to be more Christ-like. The theme is "Engaging Discipleship: Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands" (Mark 10:46-52). Please pray about how God would have you give to this yearly offering opportunity. The distribution of the total America for Christ Offering is broken down into three parts: 29% supports regional ministries; 59% supports the ministries of American Baptist Home Mission Societies and 12% underwrites the offering's promotional and deputation costs. The offering will be taken up on the first Sunday of March.

CHARITY WORKS COLLECTING CELL PHONES

Charity Works is collecting used cell phones. You may bring them to the church office and we will pass them along to Charity Works.

PRAY 21 ADULT MENTORS MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Pray 21 adult participants on February 12, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to touch base, compare notes and follow up on your Pray 21 experience.

CALLING ALL SINGERS

The Chancel Choir is putting out a call to anyone who sings or has any interest in music to come join us for our Easter Cantata. You may come and sing only for the cantata if your schedule is too full for a full time commitment. We could use your help for this cantata as we would love to have a full choir to properly present the gospel message in song. Come on out on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for practice. Be praying about God using you in this capacity. Thank you!



For: Michelle (Embley) Dixon

Date: Sunday, February 19

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: FBC - Fireside Room

Registered at Target & Walmart

All ladies who attend First Baptist are invited!

RSVP: 618-580-9389

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND AND LAOS VISITING FBC

On Monday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. here at First Baptist Church, we will be hosting a visit from American Baptist missionary Matt Mann and his family. Matt and his family are missionaries to Thailand and Laos where they are very involved with orphans and the fight against human trafficking. You will want to come out and hear all about their incredible stories of working with street children, slum children and girls who have been sold or are at high risk of being sold to human traffickers. Stay tuned for more details!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS: [on two weeks unless office is notified]

Family of Becky M

Family of Tracy G (Neal G's brother)

Carrie R (Rodney's wife) – Jersey Community Hospital

Don L – health concerns

Marge W (Idella B's cousin) - leukemia

Dee H – health concerns

Mark H (brother-in-law to Pres and Trish R) – lung cancer

Ernie M – tumor has increased – gravely ill

Ron H (friend of Roxie & Chris M) – throat cancer

Sara H (friend of Roxie M) – diagnosed with cancer

Bob & Dee Dee G (friend of Marsha B) – breast cancer

Bob G (friend of Marsha B) – prostate cancer

Arthur F (Dale L's Uncle) – health concerns

Ed S (Steve S's father) – lung cancer, has spread to lymph nodes

Liz C (Ed and Judi P's neighbor) – stroke

Julie W – continued chemo and radiation

Ray B (Vonita Green's son) – Vipomas (a rare form of cancer)

Our country, military personnel and government leaders

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

[see your monthly Tower Talk for list of family and friends]

Colten Tracy Clinton

Brian Nancy Darla

Bev Rob

OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Wilma Virginia Mary

Peg Hubert Elaine

Dorothy Lois Charles

Alice

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES:

Mike Rob Erica, Billy & Carter

AJ & Emily Tony

Daniel Matthew