

This Week's Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

- Gideon Sunday**
 9:30 AM Library Open
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 New Member Class (Library)
 11:00 AM **Morning Worship/Pastor Jim**
 5:00 PM Youth Ensemble
 Women's Ministry Meeting
 5:30 PM Youth Choir
 6:00 PM Awana
 6:30 PM **Evening Worship/The Goldsmith's**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012

- 6:30 PM FBCS Basketball Game
 No Upward Practice
 6:45 PM Church Wide Outreach

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

- 6:00 AM Men's Prayer Time
 (Conference Room)
 9:00 AM Jail Ministry
 Ladies Prayer Time in Prayer Room
 5:00 PM Youth Praise Team Practice
 FBCS Basketball Game
 6:30 PM Upward Practice
 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting
 Morrison/Byrd/Bridger Circle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012

- 12:00 PM Missions Luncheon
 2:00 PM Nashaat/Daniel Circle
 5:00 PM Family Night Supper
 6:30 PM Bible Study
 Children's Choir
 Lost & Found

- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
 8:05 PM Orchestra

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012

- 6:30 PM Upward Practice

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012

- 4:00 PM FBCS Basketball Game
 5:15 PM FBCS Basketball Game
 6:30 PM Upward Practice

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2012

- Upward Basketball Games



FBCS NEWS

***We are now collecting Farm Fresh receipts. Please drop those off in the church office.**

Help Wanted

Substitute teachers needed at both locations - contact the lower school at 539-3163 or the upper school at 925-4461 for more details.

FAMILYLIFE presents



Date: March 9 & March 10, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm on Friday & 9:00 am on Saturday

Where: The Historic Obici House, Suffolk, VA

First Baptist Church of Suffolk will host this interactive workshop for couples. Cost will be \$85.00 per couple – includes two workbooks and Friday's dinner and Saturday's Continental Breakfast. For More Information: See Pastor Jim for registration card on Sunday or Yvette during the week in the church office.

There were several items left in FLC after the pot luck luncheon. Please check the church office to claim your items.

Interested in a mission trip to Romania July 7-14?
 Please sign the "interest only" sheet located on the bulletin board outside of the church office.



Congratulations to...
Leon & Pat Knight
 on the birth
 of their grandson, **Luke**

EMPLOYMENT

From time to time our church members or relatives of, ask about job openings. If you know of or your company has openings please contact the church office so we can pass that information along.



February 8

Lasagna & Salad



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This Sunday's Worship, February 5



- L.J. Smith with Gideons International will be with us during the morning service. We will take up a love offering for the Gideon ministry, so be in prayer about your donation.
- Pastor Jim will bring us the message at 11:00 am.
- Chuck and Irma Goldsmith will share Israel stories with us during the evening service.

LifeChange Baby Bottle Campaign



Pick up a bottle from the table outside of the church office and support the CPC. Fill in your name on the line that corresponds with the number on bottle. When your bottle is full please turn in to the church office.

- 200 QUARTERS** = one hour of ministry services
- 48 DIMES** = literature to women about their alternatives to abortion
- 50 NICKELS** = a pregnancy test
- 172 PENNIES** = a Bible to those in need of hope

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 Transitional Pastor: Dr. Don Solomon
 Associate Pastor/Music: Rev. Michael Turner
 Associate Pastor/Students: Rev. Marty Terrell
 Interim Associate Pastor/Education: Rev. Jim Rizer
 Children's Director: Mrs. Paty Blanchard
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 Weekday School Supervisor: Mrs. Trudy Harris

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Our February calendar and parent newsletter is coming soon! This month's topic is hardships. The Bible says Christians should approach struggles with joy because they produce endurance, character, and hope. Trials also help us turn back to God and offer us the privilege of strengthening other people - including our teenagers. This month's newsletter shows how parents and their kids can make the leap from struggling with trials to embracing them as an important part of the faith journey.



Highlights include:

A counselor's insights about finding "trails" along the journey.

Thoughts from the new book Sifted, which explores the heavenly purpose of earthly trials.

A column about the ups and downs of traveling the faith journey.

Spotlight features on rock duo The Black Keys and band The Fray.

Summaries of the new movies *Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance* and *Gone*, as well as the new video games *SSX* and *Mario Party 9*.



Family Day at Camp

When: Saturday, April 21, 2012
 Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Where: Camp Kerr Lake
 Eats: Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Chips and Soda



In July, we will be taking our children who have completed 2nd - 6th grade to camp at this location. So, we wanted to invite our families with children out to visit the camp, meet the camp staff and have a fun time.

Bring your Frisbees, soccer balls, volleyballs and lawn chairs for a fun day together.

Please sign up on the bulletin outside of the office. We need a definite head count for this trip. Directions and a map will be given out in April.

For more information, please see Pastor Jim or Patty Blanchard.

Save The Date Kidz Camp

When: July 22-25, 2012
 Where: Camp Kerr Lake

Hey Kidz, we are heading to camp. Are you ready? We will spend an exciting 3 nights and 3½ days at camp, swimming, paint balling, box hockey, tether ball and other stuff...

Camp will be for children who have completed 2nd - 6th grade
 More details to come...

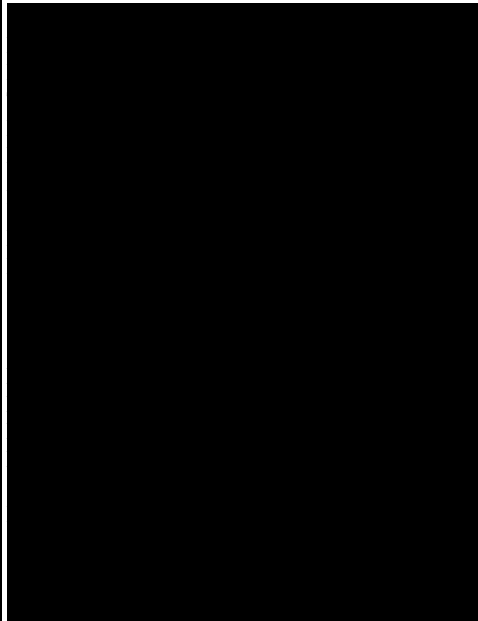


If you have an ongoing or emergency prayer request, please call our Prayer Team leader, Barbara Bridger at 539-2014

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 29, 2012

Sunday School...293
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service...315
 6:30 p.m. Worship Service...42
 AWANA...53
 Youth Home Group...31



TELLERS FOR MONDAY

Merle Kay (Group Leader),
 Jean Draper, Catherine Hollowell, Lena Small

Media Ministry Schedule

SUNDAY 2/5

(G) Graphics (S) Sound
 (V Dir) Video Director (VS) Video Sound
 (1, 2, 3) Camera 1, 2, 3

11:00 a.m. (G) Teresa Sabato (S) Ray Cobb
 (V Dir) Warren Agey (VS) Wayne Lathrop
 (1) Leon Knight (2) TBD (3) Scott Emerson
 6:30 p.m. (G) Randy Cox (S) Ray Cobb

**Church Wide Outreach
 this Monday night,
 February 6 at 6:45 pm
 (in prayer room)**

Prayer Warrior Ministry
 Anyone interested in praying for our service can do so in the conference room on Sunday mornings from 10:35 - 10:50 am

Lay Leadership

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Phil Bess

GREETERS FOR SUNDAY
 11:00 am

Piano Door: Al Farrenkopf
 Organ Door: Bob Herring
 Front Door Piano: Kermit Hobbs
 Front Door Organ Side: Andy Wright

USHERS FOR 1st & 3rd SUNDAYS
 Head Ushers: Russell Nickerson & Alan Harris

11:00: David Arnold, Gary Baker, Mike Bigony, Charlie Blanchard, Bobby Buck, Donald Byrum, Cola Cobb, Gary Crenshaw, Ed Feeney, Earl Heffington, Kermit Hobbs, Wes Hunt, Randy Jackson, Johnny Leggett, Mark McGahee, Mike Parris, Scott Roop, Ronnie Rountree, Bobby Saunders, Wilson Turner, Sammy Wheeler
 6:30: David Arnold, Mike Bigony, Donald Byrum, Ed Feeney, Kermit Hobbs, Wes Hunt, John Parr, Mike Parris, Ronnie Rountree, Bobby Saunders

NURSERY WORKERS-SUNDAY 2/5

10:45 am:
 Babies: Kay & Katie Howell
 Toddlers: Yvette & Brianna Farrenkopf
 2 Yr olds: Jennifer Davis
 3 Yr olds: Johan & Maryanne Conrod
 6:30 pm: Kim Taylor, Steve & Lynda Windon

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for, call, write, or visit these people this week.

Military

Michael Palmer-Marines
 College & Career Student
 Erin Bess

ODU

4605 Elkhorn Ave.
 Norfolk, VA 23508

Convalescent Resident

Louise Whitt
 Nansemond Pointe Rm. 311A
 200 W. Constance Rd.
 Suffolk, VA 23434

Homebound Member

Annie Heffington
 327 Highland Ave.
 Suffolk, VA 23434

Missionaries

Laurie Gardner
 Southeast Asia

Deacon

Phil Bess
 1133 Longstreet Lane
 Suffolk, VA 23437

Have you ever walked into a Wal-Mart or Target that you have gone to for years and realized they remodeled the store. Now you can't go directly to the thing you came to the store to get. I'm sure many of us have the inclination that they changed the store "for the sake of change." But if you were on the other side of this you would realize that change in a store is motivated by good business practice. It's just a matter of marketing.

First of all, new stores often have higher profits than existing stores. It's expensive to build new buildings all the time so remodeling is a good method to help achieve this effect. Secondly, people will spend more time in a remodeled store finding out where things have been moved; therefore they will spend more money. Last thing is that the higher profit margin items tend to be near the front of the store and often to the right. Most people actually go to the right when they enter a store. (Where did I learn that bit of trivia?) Hence, the store is trying to tempt you with deals that bring them higher margins.

Just like new paint on a room at home, or new furniture, we all like the appeal of change and refreshing effect it has on our lives. But businesses never forget that the purpose of change is to serve customers and make a profit. And hopefully when we change things at home we remember that home is more about family and relationships than a new coat of paint.

As for the church we always have this constant tug of war between change and no change. I came across a quote from Richard Baxter that states this very well.

"I can well remember the time when I was earnest for the reformation of matters of ceremony...Alas! Can we think that the reformation is wrought, when we cast out a few ceremonies, and changed some vestures, and gestures, and forms! Oh no, sirs! It is the converting and saving of souls that is our business. That is the chiefest part of the reformation, that doth most good, and tendeth most to the salvation of the people."

During the time of reformation, Baxter realized that things had to change, but changing externals was not the goal but the result of heart change. Change in the lives of people who have come to a saving knowledge of Jesus had to be the focus. Whatever side of the fence you come down on concerning this issue of change, we have to remember that our mission is to bring people to Christ.

Pastor Michael

Special Transition Fund

The Finance Committee has established the STF to assist our new pastor in the temporary expenses he will incur as a result of accepting God's call to FBC. These expenses include such things as having financial obligations for both his house in Atlanta and his living arrangements in Suffolk until his Atlanta house sells. Please designate your contribution by writing "STF" or "Transition Fund" on your offering envelope and in the memo of your check.

MISSIONS LUNCHEON

with Chuck and Irma Goldsmith
 Wednesday, February 8
 12:00 pm in adult 7

Interested church members, men and women are invited to attend.
Please sign up on bulletin board in church office hallway.
 (mission circle members do not need to sign up)