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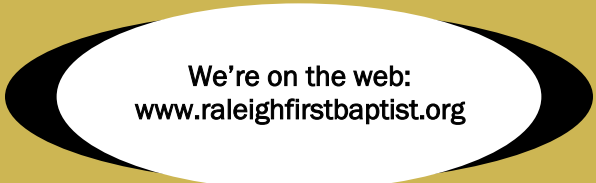
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First Baptist Church.....
Your Point of Contact For The Kingdom of God

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NEWSLETTER

From Spirit to Spirit

Dear First Baptist...

What a blessed joy it was to attend the 113th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention in Columbus, Ohio, August 9 - 13, 2010, representing First Baptist Church with our Missionary Circle delegate, Mrs. Velma Bullock. The fellowship was rich with disciples of Jesus Christ with a heart for mission from churches all over the United States, and mission partners from around the world.

Our Mission Curriculum this year was to explore

the *missionology* of the late Dr. Wendell Clay Somerville, an awesome servant of the Lott Carey Convention for more than 50 years. Also, it was a joy, to share from the book, *A Divine Assignment* written by our current Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. David Emmanuel Goatley, highlighting the enormous impact this giant-of-mission made during the 20th century.

We learned that the church of Jesus Christ exists to share the gospel to the entire world. Therefore, as a *missional church*, we are called upon by our Risen Lord to world evangelism, and to preach conversion through Christ. We also learned that this conviction is best displayed when members of the church are *missional* in their personal lifestyles, i.e. the *missional life*.

This reminds us that after we have experienced personal conversion, we should develop a heart for others who have not received salvation through the gospel message of hope.

We further learned about the critical importance of the church developing and implementing efforts for mission work (locally and abroad) and the importance of strong *missional strategies* used by the leadership of the Holy Spirit. This effort will change the world during the 21st century as Dr. Somerville, and the Lott Carey Convention did in the 20th century.

It was a wonderful study and a great time of

Christian fellowship for us who gathered in the name of the Lord. In addition to the ongoing commitment of the Missionary Circle, we want to share these principles with all members of First Baptist Church.

Yours in Christ,
Dumas A. Harshaw, Jr.
Pastor



"Your Point of Contact for the Kingdom of God!"

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Theme for 2010:
"Let Us Begin 2010 Prioritizing Dynamic Worship as a Body of Christ with Grace, Praise, Power and Mission"

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name. Bring an offering and come before Him; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.
~1 Chronicles 16:28-29

WORSHIP TIMES

8:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, September 5, 2010
Music: Ward Ingram Gospel Choir

Sunday, September 12, 19, 26
Music: Praise Team

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, September 5, 2010
Holy Communion
Music: The Senior Choir

Sunday, September 12, 2010
Music: Youth & Chancel Choirs

Ward-Ingram Gospel Choir
40th Anniversary—4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 19, 2010
Music: Senior Choir

Sunday, September 26, 2010
Music: Ward-Ingram Gospel Choir

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Senior Ministry
- 4 Women's Fellowship
- 6 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- 7 Missionary Circle Meeting
- 9 Senior Ministry
- 11 Get Acquainted Lunch w/Pastor
- 12 Fall Musical - Ward-Ingram Gospel Choir
- FBC Ushers Monthly Meeting
- 13 Executive Trustee Board
- Christian Education Ministry
- 16 Senior Ministry
- 20 Trustee Board
- Health Ministry
- Prayer Ministry
- Adult Sunday School Teachers
- 23 Senior Ministry
- 25 Laymen's League
- 27 Deacon Ministry

OCTOBER

- 2 Women's Fellowship
- 4 Missionary Circle Meeting
- 7 Senior Ministry
- Membership Ministry
- 10 PASTOR'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY
- FBC Usher's Monthly Meeting
- 11 Executive Trustee Board
- Christian Education Ministry
- 14 Senior Ministry
- 17 WOMEN'S DAY
- 18 Trustee Board
- Prayer Ministry
- 21 Senior Ministry (Fall Cookout)
- 22 Layman & Sports Ministry host SOUTHEAST RALEIGH VARSITY DINNER
- 23 Laymen's League
- 24 SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE DAY
- 25 Deacon Ministry
- Deaconess Ministry
- 28 Senior Ministry (Business Meeting)
- 29-31 WOMEN'S RETREAT

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Women's Fellowship is embarking on a journey to study what it means to "wait" on God—Sacred Waiting: Waiting on God in a World that Waits for Nothing, David Timms.

Introduction

This study will focus on six different biblical personalities as the elements of *presence* and *service* unfold in their lives. Biblically speaking, the essence of waiting on God requires two elements, *presence* and *service*. To understand these elements, the author used an analogy of having dinner in a restaurant with waiters. The waiter has two main tasks: (1) making us feel

welcome and at ease, which requires an element of our "presence;" and (2) serving us, which requires attending to our specific requests.

As we'll see throughout this study, waiting on God produces different experiences for each person and shapes each one differently. Each person learns unique life-altering lessons as they wait on God. For example:
Chapter 1 Noah learned endurance
Chapter 2 Abraham grew in his trust for God
Chapter 3 Moses emptied himself
Chapter 4 David discovered new depth of worship
Chapter 5 Jesus learned obedience

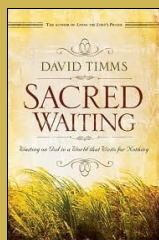
Chapter 1—Noah: Wait and Endure

"Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord....Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God" (Genesis 6:8-9). When God called Noah to build an ark—Noah had no doubt who was speaking. Noah's story shares the three facets of waiting on God: (1) recognizing the voice of your Master (2) moving immediately when He says "Go!"; and (3) trusting that His sense of timing is better than yours.

Noah's story calls us to re-establish the dimensions of waiting that makes endurance truly possible—

presence, then service. We walk with God so we can serve Him well. Our walk with the Lord begins and sustains the process.

God of the ages, slow me down to walk with You; not rushing to achieve my own projects, but content in Yours. Grant me the courage to wait on You when ridicule or confusion comes, and the endurance to persist when the end is not clear. Amen



HEALTH MINISTRY

This month our focus on ways to relieve stress. When stress occurs do you know how to handle it? Here are four (4) ways to handle stress:

Positive Self-Talking:
† We all talk to ourselves, whether out-loud or in our heads. During highly stressed times talk positively to yourself, such as "...I can do this", "...things will work out", "...this will not last always" or "this is just my season". Do not let negative thinking

cloud your thoughts. That creates additional, so stay positive.
† Use Emergency Stress-Stopppers: These will help address your stress on the spot. Do things like:
⇒ Counting to ten (10) before you speak
⇒ Take three or five deep breaths
⇒ Walk away from a stressful situation and come back later
⇒ Go for a walk
⇒ Break down big

problems into smaller parts
† Finding Pleasure
⇒ Start a project that you have wanted to start
⇒ Read a good book
⇒ Listen to music
⇒ Take a walk
⇒ Watch a good movie on TV or rent a movie
⇒ Hang out with friend
⇒ Going for a drive
† Daily Relaxation
⇒ Prayer
⇒ Begin exercising, i.e.

Tai Chi or Yoga
⇒ Sit in a comfortable position and close your eyes
⇒ Picture yourself in your favorite place, like the beach, mountains or just alone in the house with no noise
⇒ Inhale and exhale
⇒ Breathing slowly for 10 minutes

You can find more information about "de-stressing" on www.heart.org

Happy Birthday!

1—Jessica Whitaker, 2—Evelyn Davis, Willie Henderson, Jamenia Morgan, Marie Palmer 3—Clarence Saulter 4— Lauren Johnson 6—Earlene Hicks, Ephriam Johnson, Angel Vaughan 7—Camille J. Fitzgerald 8—Theodore Haywood, Sonya Mims, Clennis Noble 9—Martha Mitchell 10—Mary Saulter 11—James Howard, 12—Troy Dolby 13—Annie Ellerbe, Diane Bass 14—Adam Dolby, Rev. Muriel Dunn, Bridgette Newsome 15— Charon J. Hughes, Alexis Lawson, Jeanelle Lindsay, Linda Washington 18—Denise Shaw 19—Paulette Smith 20—Heath Marsh, Theodosia Vines 22—Sandra Holden, Adrienne Perry, Louise Scott 24—Allison Dolby, Darryl Walker 26—Merry Samantha Maxwell 27—Brianna Fairley, Brianna McManus, 28—Leola Davis 30—Raquel Mason. **If you are celebrating your birthday during the months of September and it was not announced, please inform the church office and we will correct, accordingly.**

SENIOR MINISTRY

The First Baptist Church Golden Agers celebrated the induction of nine (9) new octogenarians on Sunday, August 15, 2010 in the Church Sanctuary. The First Baptist Church Family is blessed with fifty-one (51) members who are eighty years old and above (80 + yrs) in age. Three out of the 51 members are in their ninth decade of life and Mrs. Hazel U. Thomas who is beyond the century mark. Truly, God is good and His promise is written in the 91st Chapter of Psalm which addresses to our Golden Agers:

"With long life will I satisfy Him and show Him my salvation." Psalms 91:16.

Looking out from the pulpit, the Seniors looked like a field of beautiful lilies, all arrayed in white garments adorned with golden corsages and/or boutonnières created by Mrs. Bobbie Artis. Dr. Harshaw's sermon "What

Can We Say About Faith?" reminded the Golden Agers that Christ is our great High Priest. Reading from the twelfth chapter of Hebrews, he reminded us that God will add to the litany of Hebrews 11 through the individual testimonies of our Golden Agers. Our honorees were reminded not to give-up in the face of persecution or illness but to count on God to help run life's race. Run on with Faith and Perseverance. Don't get caught up in the materialistic side of life – Live your Faith! The testimonies of First Baptist's Seniors bless us... they give us Hope for our personal lives.

Mesdames Eva Gwynn and Cardienne Gill were Co-Chairs for this event. Their outstanding planning and preparation was evident as the spirit of Joy and Dignity reigned over the 11:00 A.M. church worship service and the luncheon. The meal was catered by Meadow Village Catering which was served immediately following the worship service in the Fam-

ily Life Center. **What a fellowship, what a Joy Divine!** Pulpit participants included Deacon Randolph Bazemore, Scripture reading by Mrs. Leola Davis, Memorial Tributes by Mrs. Mozelle Weldon and Deacon George Flemming. Mrs. Zettia Carson served as candle lighter for the memorial tributes. The following have gone to be with the Lord since last year's service: Mrs. Matilda Blount, Mrs. Elizabeth Burton, Mrs. Naomi Debnam, Mrs. Barbara Ligon, Reverend Paul Bridges and Reverend Daniel Dale. Certificates were awarded to the new inductees by Dr. Harshaw who was assisted by Mrs. Velma Bullock, Senior Ministry Assistant Director. The nine new inductees are: Mrs. Beulah Bates, Mrs. Ozelle Burgess, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie (Doris) Burke, Dr. Frederick Burroughs, Mr. Aldon Carson, Mrs. Ora M. Jones, Mrs. Annie Bates Montgomery and Mrs. Clifflonia Wimberley.

Beautiful music throughout the worship service was pro-

vided by the Senior Choir; Mrs. Cheryl Caldwell, the organist and Ms. Anne Lott, pianist. Mrs. Susie Hunter developed a team of hostesses to serve lunch to the Golden Agers: Mrs. Sarah Brown, Mrs. Louise Dingle, Mrs. Jacqueline Dolby-Jones, Mrs. Letha Lett, Mrs. Louise Scott, Ms. Clennis Noble and Mrs. Doris Spencer. Mrs. Hattie Bazemore presided over the luncheon festivities with Deacon Bazemore serenading the Golden Agers as they dined. Thanks be to God for His continued, providential care over us all and for allowing us to share sweet, sweet moments of worship/ fellowship in His presence.

Blessed be the Lord who daily loaded us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. O God, thou art awe-inspiring out of thy Holy places; the God of Israel is He who giveth strength and power unto His people. Blessed Be God. ~Psalm 68:19 and 35

COVENANT IN ACTION

First Baptist Church...In the Community

Baptist was grateful to be included in this effort. On Saturday, August 21, 2010, the Southgate Community in Southeast Raleigh was blessed to have numerous First Baptist Church volunteers who were committed to helping to build a one-day playground park for children ages 5-12 years old at the Southgate Park, located on the premises of "The Sgt. Courtney T. Johnson Community Center."

The City of Raleigh Parks & Recreation Department partnered with the Kaboom and Foresters Company to recruit 100 + volunteers to complete this extraordinary project. First

The primary goal of the First Baptist Covenant in Action Ministry is to reach "beyond the walls" of the church to provide pertinent services and support in the community. Along with First Baptist, it was evident that many of the represented Church Ministries were fulfilling their duties as pillars of the community.

FBC Volunteers Mr. Charlie Booth, Mrs. Francene Booth, Deacon Davidsene Fuller-Brown, Deaconess Larah Fuller, Mrs. Velma Gay, Mrs. Cardienne

Gill, Senior Ministry; Master Evan Haynes, Mrs. Karen Haynes, Miss Myah Haynes, Trustee Earlene Fuller Hicks, Master Chadd Hockaday, Miss Zena Hockaday, Mrs. Fern Hockaday, Deacon Allan Judkins, Miss Briana McManus, Miss Britney McManus, Dr. Sarah McManus, Ms. Zenobia Fuller Rogers. Ms. Robyn Hicks, Deacon Kristi Tally, Mrs. Virginia Tally.

Near the close of the afternoon, Master Evan Haynes presented an impeccable speech entitled, "IF NOT NOW, WHEN?" to the entire audience, which included many youth.

First Baptist Church is very proud of Evan and of our volunteers who were well-represented in volunteerism/ mission of the Covenant in Action Ministry.

