

# *The Epistle*

**JANUARY, 2012 - VOLUME 40, ISSUE 1**

## **A PERSONAL NOTE ...**

Happy New Year! It is a new year, a new day, and a wonderful time to celebrate what God has done in 2011 and praise Him for what awaits us in 2012! I want to praise the Lord for what He has done at First Baptist Weber City in my first two months as pastor. We have twenty new additions to the church family with twelve of those coming by baptism and eight by letter!!! Please make every effort to welcome these new members to the church family. Our average attendance is well over three hundred in worship and Sunday school is increasing as well. I am so excited for what awaits our church in the coming year. Remember, I love you and I am praying for you but the most important thing to remember is that God loves you and He will never leave you!

*Ps 118:24 This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Pastor Lester

## **“THE CROSSWALK” MINISTRY**

(A ministry to students, grades 10-12, and college & career age)  
will be hosting an evening of worship in the sanctuary

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 7 P.M.**

### **GUEST WORSHIP LEADER**

Byron Tolley, Worship Leader

from

New Victory Baptist Church in Jonesborough

### **MESSAGE**

Dr. Kevin Morris

Pastor of Greenvale Baptist Church

There will be a time of fellowship in the FLC following the service.

For further information, call Pastor Lester at 423-384-8281

## **CHURCH STAFF**

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**Assistant Pianist:** Elizabeth Snapp

## **DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday School Average Attendance - 161 (3 Sundays)

Morning Worship Average Attendance - 318 (3 Sundays)

Sunday Evening Average Attendance - 80 (3 Sundays)

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 250

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. Worship - 195

Wednesday Evening (Ad. & Youth) Aver. Att. - 53 (2 weeks)

AWANA Aver. Att. - 68 (24 leaders & 44 Clubbers) (2 weeks)

### **Regular (Budget) Checking Account**

Weekly Average Undesignated Offerings - \$6,474.87

\*Total Designated Offerings (regular checking) - \$5,274.73

\*includes \$108.00 World Hunger loose change

### **Total Regular Budget Offerings (undesignated & designated)**

Received through end of December, 2011 - \$395,424.46

### **Special Programs Account - End of December, 2011**

8006-Phase 1 Building Fund (TTT) - \$116.66

(In addition to the regular payment of \$1,774.33,

\$7,600.00 was paid on the principal of the loan in December.)

Balance owed on loan at the end of December - \$171,865.96

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

By Letter: Ms. Peggy Lane

By Baptism: Mr. Doug Mann, Holly Hagy,

Lexie Lewis, and Martha Amburgey

## **PARISH NURSE NOTES...**

### **HELP WANTED!**

All applicants will be given equal consideration

### **Water: A Job Description**

- Transports nutrients.
- Carries away waste.
- Moistens eyes, mouth, and nose.
- Hydrates skin.
- Ensures adequate blood volume.
- Forms main component of body fluids.
- Protects against heat exhaustion.
- Acts as insulation in the cold.
- Helps carry medicines to the proper places in the body.

—Carol McConnell, RN

SOURCE: The American Dietetic Association's Complete Food and Nutrition Guide

## **DEACON TRAINING-JANUARY 22**

### **6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)**

Pastor Lester will be leading the deacons in training using the DEACONS GROWING IN CHARACTER AND COMMITMENT leadership training material by Jim Henry.

## **LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**

**Our Goal: \$2,500.00; Total Received: \$2,656.00**

Thank you for your support of International Missions.

## **2011 RECORDS OF CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Records of Contributions have been handed out or mailed. Contact the church treasurer, Glenda Clemons, at 386-7750, if you have any questions. She can only post offerings to your Record of Contributions that have been placed in an envelope.

## **2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

See Christine if you haven't picked up your new envelopes or don't find them in your Sunday School classroom. When looking for your box, remember - numbers above 260 changed.

## **2011 CARING MINISTRY REPORT WITH AN EXPRESSION OF "THANKS"**

The Baptist Women II Group is responsible for carrying out the Caring Ministry of the church which is supported by donations. Thanks to the generous giving by the ladies of the Witness Every Day Sunday School Class, the WinSome Sunday School Class, and other individuals, the group was able to provide church ministry to the following people during the year and at Christmas ... Flood Victims in Glade Springs, 2 urgent needs for food (families included 3 children), food and other needs for 5 families at Christmas involving a total of 10 children, provided poinsettias and helped the pastor, deacons and wives, and others deliver them to our shut-ins, healthcare facility residents, widows and widowers. A total of \$1,521.78 was spent for these ministries. Again, thank you to all who gave to make this ministry possible.



## CHURCH MEDIA LIBRARY

The church library staff, Sharon Ford, Frances Ratliff, Jan Stokes, and Jessie Hill, invite you to come by and pick up a good book or two to read during this cold winter weather. Several new books have been processed recently.

## BASKETBALL GAME

### GATE CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL vs ABINGDON

Scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 5:00 & 6:00 p.m.

Come out and meet the families and enjoy the game.

Kitchen Staff will have concessions available.

## CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADS

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

Jacob Carter - Bachelor of Science in environmental science and wildlife

Carson-Newman College: Denares Waites - Master of Science in education

## EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

*Our sympathy is expressed to the families who have lost loved ones recently ...*

*The Tim & Pamela Munsey family - Tim's father, Rev. Elbert Munsey*

*The Ann Dougherty and Terry Broadwater families - Ann's brother and Terry's uncle,  
Mr. Fred Broadwater*

*Matthew Schnepf and Jacqueline Schnepf - grandfather, Mr. Gene Schnepf*

*Edsel & Arbutis Hilton and Jessie Lee Bellamy - cousin, Mrs. Willie Fink*

*Mr. John Flowe - sister-in-law, Mrs. Frances Flowe (North Carolina)*

*The Nancy McElroy and Velma Vicars families - sister, Mrs. Tally McClellan*

*Mrs. Kathy Hodges and family - Mr. Foyster Mullins of Clintwood, VA*

*Mrs. Melinda Taylor and family - grandmother, Mrs. Mary Sheets (Chilhowie, VA)*

*Mrs. Hilliary Phillips and family - grandmother, Mrs. Myrtle White*

*The Darryl Johnson, Paul Henry, and Eddie Henry families - Darryl's aunt and Paul  
and Eddie's first cousin's wife, Mrs. Meredith Johnson*

*The Jeff & Carolyn Hamilton, Mike & Beth Tate, and Aaron & Cara Noe families*

*- Carolyn's mother and Beth and Cara's grandmother, Mrs. Dorothy Gilliam*

*To Jolena Blair and Carolyn Kilgore family - Jolena's mother and Carolyn's sister*

*Ms. Helen Kilgore*

*Mrs. Reba Stokes and family - sister-in-law, Mrs. Shirley Stokes*

## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

*Given in memory of Mrs. Maybelle Jessee by Janet Weber, Mrs. Frances Ratliff, Melvin  
& Jo Ann Mitchell, and the Baptist Women I Group of the WMU*

*Given by Mrs. Frances Ratliff in memory of Mr. Chester Shell, Mr. Jim McElroy,  
and Mrs. Jane Owens*

*Given in memory of Mrs. Jane Sutton by Gaines & Lynda Dickenson  
and Mrs. Frances Ratliff*

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ethan Josiah Mitchell** (7 lbs./13 ozs.), son of Austin and Stephanie Mitchell, born November 14. Grandparents are Roger and Lisa Mitchell; great-grandparents are William "Bill" and Peggy McConnell.

**Elizabeth Vandecraaf** (8 lbs./11 ozs.), daughter of Tom and Traci Vandecraaf, born December 13. Grandparents are Greg and Beth Crane; great-grandmother is Mrs. Wanda Lane.

## \*FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Laurie Beth Ervin  
Charles Noe
- 3 Hank Cohen  
Levi Herron  
Scott L. Wood
- 4 Caitlyn Cox  
Melody Fritze  
Alex Mullins
- 5 Taylor Evans
- 6 Ashton Bishop  
Jimmy Lane  
Christy Miller
- 7 Devin Wood
- 8 Chris Hilton  
Sally Starr
- 9 Colin Heaton
- 10 Carol Culbertson  
Leona Jones
- 11 Hazel Godsey  
Jonathan Light  
Stephen Sutphin
- 12 Sammie Jo Baker  
Patricia Lemmel
- 13 Fonda Edwards
- 14 Millie Cassell  
Amber Vicars  
Kolton Helms
- 15 Lisa Bishop  
Emilee Phillips  
Mike Starr
- 16 Candace White
- 17 Carol McConnell
- 18 Kevin Cobb  
Mark Fish  
Hannah Musick
- 19 Lisa Castle  
David Hill  
Wendell Jones  
Aaron Noe
- 20 Sherri Devine  
Tonya Kerney  
Khris Morelock
- 21 Peggy Edwards
- 22 Wesley Godsey
- 24 Dorothy Bledsoe  
Hannah Edwards  
Cindy Lee  
Andi Murray
- 25 Tammy Carter  
Michael Lane  
Melinda Taylor
- 27 Wayne Miller  
Kent Snapp  
Brevan Spivey
- 28 Anthony Hass  
Kenneth Snodgrass  
Allen Mullins

\*Those listed are church members & children enrolled in S. S. through 6th grade.

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**THE GOAL OF  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
To build the Kingdom of God  
in Weber City, the Tri-Cities,  
and around the world

**SEE CHILDREN'S CHATTER  
FOR INFORMATION  
AND DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR  
CHILDREN'S CAMP,  
AWANA SCHEDULE,  
AND MISSIONS MANIA  
INFORMATION**

**EMAIL NEWSLETTER GROUP ESTABLISHED**  
The new email group has been set up. Please call the church office if you signed up for the email group and have received this issue in the mail.

**Note:** It is not too late to request that you receive *The Epistle* by email rather than the postal service. Names can be added to the group at any time. Just contact Christine at the church office or send your request by email to...  
[secretary@fbcwebercity.org](mailto:secretary@fbcwebercity.org)

**Mark your calendar!**

**“SUPER SUNDAY” - FEBRUARY 5, 2012**  
**Special Evening Service at 6:00 p.m.**

Music will be led by the Choir and Spirit Wind

Pastor Lester will be preaching

Let's make this a “SUPER” Sunday evening for Christ!