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## *From the Pastor . . . Daniel Glaze*

At the turning of another year, it's common for us to make resolutions for the coming year. Often we resolve to lose weight, organize our lives, or climb out of debt. I think the making of resolutions is commonplace because it's human nature to try to better ourselves. And a key part of being a person of faith is realizing where we've fallen short and resolving to do better.

As your pastor, I'd like to challenge you to make a resolution or two as it pertains to your faith and your church. These are simply my suggestions—ask God to help you formulate your list.

1. **Pray daily.** Please pray for your church, for its mission and ministries, for its leaders, for its finances. And please, please pray for me.
2. **Read your Bible regularly.** Until you try it, you will never know the difference it makes to read and experience the sacred stories of our faith.
3. **Commit to growth in giving to your church.** While giving ten percent of our income is the goal—some give more, many give less—the amount you give is less important than whether you are seeking to grow in your giving. Please pray about ways you can increase in your giving to your church's ministry.
4. **Commit to regular church attendance.** Digging deep in a community of faith is such a vital part of being a Christian. We must move from a take-it-or-leave-it attitude about church attendance to understanding that growing in our faith occurs best in the environment of a loving faith community.

These are lofty goals, but it's important to remember that the New Year comes right after Christmas. And the message of Christmas reminds us that as we face the challenges of 2012, we don't face them alone. Christmas reminds us that Christ, God eternal, became one of us and remains with us. That's what the name Emmanuel ("God with us") is all about.

Happy New Year!

*Daniel*

### Sunday Worship at First Baptist Church



January 8, 2012  
11:00 am Worship

*"Going Home by Another Road"*  
Matthew 2:1-12  
Dr. Daniel Glaze



## From the Associate Pastor . . . Anita Thompson

### THANK YOU

Thank you, FBC family, for helping to make Advent and Christmas 2011 one of the best seasons I can remember. Your thoughtful compliments and encouraging words about our worship experiences have been such a blessing. Thank you for supporting our Worship & Music Ministry with your presence and for inviting your family, neighbors and friends to come with you.

To the members of Chairo, the Children Choristers and their leaders, the Vocal Ensemble, and the Sanctuary and Christmas Choirs, I offer heartfelt thanks for sharing your gifts so beautifully. To Austine Evans and her fine group of actors who shared the Christmas story so marvelously in the Christmas cantata, thank you. It's been an amazing season; thanks be to God for all we've experienced together.

### IN THE NEW YEAR

As you've considered what New Year's resolutions you will attempt in 2012, I hope you've considered what steps you will take toward spiritual maturity in the coming year. I offer the following for your consideration:

• **Bible Study** – the Gospel of Mark is the primary Gospel we will be reading from this church year. Purchase several Bible studies on the Gospel of Mark and make your way through them throughout the year. If you'd like some suggestions,

please let me know.

• **Join the Music Ministry** – Our Sanctuary Choir could use some new voices. Really! With job related moves and some of the older singers hanging up their choir robes, we could use some more singers, especially men. We meet each Wednesday night at 7 pm for a fun hour of music-making, fellowship and laughter. It's a great mid-week boost. Come join us!

Or if not the Sanctuary Choir, how about trying out Chairo? This newer intergenerational ensemble sings mostly Praise & Worship music as well as multi-cultural Christian songs. We meet each Sunday at 5 pm. Children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through senior adults are encouraged to join us.

• **Respond to God's Prompting** – Has an idea for ministry been percolating in your mind and heart? Have you thought of new and different ways our church can minister? If so, I invite you to share that idea with Daniel or me. Let us pray with you about this, and let us help you find ways to make that idea grow into a ministry of our church.

### A LOVELY WORD

Each year, after I've journeyed through the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons, I like to rest in the words of Howard Thurman, a late 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian, who penned this thoughtful poem. I hope it inspires you as you continue your journey with Christ.

### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with the flocks,  
then the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal those broken in spirit,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the oppressed,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among all peoples,  
to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,  
every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.  
Then the work of Christmas begins.

-- Howard Thurman,  
The Mood of Christmas, 23

Grace & peace,  
Anita

**2012 Deacons Officers**

*Please be in prayer for:*

Mrs. Jamie Burns, *chair*

Mr. Bill Magette, *vice-chair*

Mr. Chip Rose, *secretary*



**Stewardship Statement**

**December 25, 2011**

Weekly Needs \$ 8,782.00  
 Weekly Offering \$ 8,269.00  
 (Under) Weekly Needs (\$ 513.00)

YTD Needs \$ 456,664.00  
 YTD Offerings \$ 420,770.86  
 (Under) YTD Needs (\$ 35,893.14)

BCH Offering to Date \$ 1,268.50

Global Missions  
 Offering to Date \$ 10,701.87

**January 1, 2012**

Weekly Needs \$ 8,548.00  
 Weekly Offering \$ 7,481.08  
 (Under) Weekly Needs (\$ 1,066.92)

YTD Needs \$ 8,548.00  
 YTD Offerings \$ 7,481.08  
 (Under) YTD Needs (\$ 1,066.92)

Global Missions  
 Offering to Date \$ 10,701.87

CBF *Offering for*  
**GLOBAL MISSIONS**

**FBC's GOAL — \$14,750**  
 RECEIVED TO DATE: \$10,701.87

*THERE'S STILL TIME TO GIVE!*



**2012 Altar Flowers  
 Giving Schedule**

The 2012 Flower Schedule has been posted next to the hospital board in the first floor hallway. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, please choose an open date on the calendar and pencil in your name by it. For any questions you may have, please call Sandra Pierce, Coordinator, at 332-3439.

Open dates include:

January 15, 22

February 26

April 1, 22, 29

May 6

June 3

July 15, 22

August 26

October 21

November 18, 25

December 9



**Beginning Wednesday, January 11**, and continuing each Wednesday (except First Wednesday) of January, February, and March—we'll provide a meal from 5:15-6:15 pm at a cost of \$4.00 per person. These meals are for seniors and others wishing to be a part of this fellowship time, or needing a quick meal between scheduled events that night. Please call the church office by noon Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, if you would like to come for dinner on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Transportation will be provided for those needing that service but you must let us know in advance. The menu will vary from week to week.

January 11 Menu  
 Spaghetti & Meat  
 Sauce, Tossed  
 Salad, Fruit,  
 Bread, and  
 Beverage



**CHURCH SERVANTS JAN 8-14**

**CHURCH SERVANTS JAN 15-21**

**Minister on Call:** Dr. Daniel Glaze, 862-5108  
**Deacons on Call:** Jim Wiggins and Scott Outlaw  
**Sun. School @ Guardian Care:** Hannah Brown Class  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Jean Parker and Peggy Springfield  
**1s & 2s**— Pat Byrd  
**3s-5s**— Susan & Ed Copeland

**Ushers:**

Eddie Allen, Kay Byrd, Roxie Daniels, Larry Freeman-balcony, Blake Outlaw-balcony, Edgar Swain, Carroll Thompson

**Sound System:** Rick Burns

**Floral Offering:** Linda Blackburn

**Home Delivered Meals 1/9:** Mary Frances Johnson and Margaret Winn

**Food Pantry 1/13:** Bess Leary/Judy & Charlie Pierce

**Minister on Call:** Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061  
**Deacons on Call:** Bryan Harrell and Julian Robertson  
**Sun. School @ Guardian Care:** Sarah Raynor Class  
**Extended Session:**

**Babies**— Linda Alexander and Claudia Morris  
**1s & 2s**— Lee & Melanie Byrum  
**3s-5s**— Trey & Harriet Byrum

**Ushers:**

Daryl Allen, Jean Dilday, Gloria Freeman, Patricia Hughes-balcony, Wally McKeel-balcony, Alan Myers, Lee Wilson

**Sound System:** Henry Daniels

**Floral Offering:** TBA

**Home Delivered Meals 1/16:** Closed-MLK Holiday

**Food Pantry 1/20:** Sarah Mizelle and Robert Earl White

# Calendar January 8-21



## Sunday, January 8

9:40 Adult Assembly  
9:45 Sunday School  
9:45 Hannah Brown Class to Guardian Care  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Chair Music Ensemble  
6:00 Youth Activities

## Monday, January 9

10:00 CWJC Board Meeting, FH  
5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702  
6:30 Girl Scout Troop 244

## Tuesday, January 10

9:00 Church Staff Meeting  
12:00 Keenagers' Lunch  
5:00 RCCHC Board Meeting, FH

## Wednesday, January 11

5:00 Library Committee  
5:00 Children's Music & Missions  
5:15 Fellowship Meal  
6:30 Mid-Week Prayer  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir  
8:00 Vocal Ensemble

## Thursday, January 12

4:00 WMU Leadership Team, FH

## Saturday, January 14

9:00-12:00 CWJC, FH

## Sunday, January 15

9:00 Adult Assembly  
9:45 Sunday School

9:45 Sarah Raynor Class to Guardian Care  
11:00 Morning Worship  
5:00 Chair Music Ensemble  
6:00 Youth Activities

## Monday, January 16

5:30 Girl Scout Troop 1702  
7:00 Building & Grounds Committee, FH

## Tuesday, January 17

9:00 Church Staff Meeting  
6:00 Missions Committee  
7:30 Deacons' Meeting, FH

## Wednesday, January 18

5:00 Children's Music & Missions  
5:15 Fellowship Meal  
6:30 Mid-Week Prayer  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir  
8:00 Vocal Ensemble

## Thursday, January 19

6:00 Edith Freeman Class Chili Supper, FH

### Item of Interest

- Notes of thanks have been received from Leslie Revelle, and the Don Viersen Family.



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### Office Hours:

8:00 am -5:00 pm Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am-12:00 noon Friday