

CALENDAR—WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2010

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 9:40 - Adult Assembly
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 9:45 - Edith Freeman Class to Guardian Care
- 10:00 - Radio Bible Class, WQDK-FM 99.3
- 11:00 - Morning Worship, WQDK 99.3
- 5:30 - Chancel Bells
- 6:30 - Youth Snack Supper
- 6:50 - Youth Discussion

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- 9:00 - Church Staff Meeting
- 5:15 - Girl Scout Troop 1702
- 6:45 - Girl Scout Troop 672
- 7:00 - Building & Grounds Committee, FH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 9:00 - POPS
- 5:30 - Sanctuary Bells
- 7:30 - **Deacons' Meeting**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 5:00 - Music Friends and Children Choristers
- 6:30 - Mid-Week Prayer
- 7:00 - Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 - Vocal Ensemble

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00 - POPS
- 6:30 - Cub Scout Pack 129
- 6:30 - Girl Scout Troop 244
- 7:00 - WMU Leadership Team, FH
- 7:00 - Relay for Life Team

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Margaret and Peggy Springfield in the death of brother and uncle, James N. Earley of Chesapeake; and to LuAnn, Don, Win and Elizabeth Joyner and Family in the death of LuAnn's father, H. W. 'Pete' Whitley Sr. of Murfreesboro.

Stewardship Statement	
For Sunday, January 10, 2010	
Budget Offerings	\$10,465.07
YTD Target Offerings	\$18,322.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$19,457.04
Global Missions Offering to Date	\$12,950.25

IN SERVICE—WEEK JANUARY 17, 2010

DEACONS ON CALL

Jan 17-23: Mary Baker and Charles Hughes

MINISTER ON CALL

Jan 15-17: Rev. Anita Thompson (395-0061)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GUARDIAN CARE

Edith Freeman Class

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

- Babies: Stephanie Rose
- 1-2 yrs: Lee & Melanie Byrum
- 3-5 yrs: Gayle Mizelle and Mary Myers

USHERS

Alan Myers, Debbie Daughtridge, Jamie Burns, Brian Outlaw (balc.), Keith Rawls (balc.), Chip Rose, Lee Wilson, Carolyn Arrington

AUDIO SYSTEM OPERATOR

Louis Mizelle

FLORAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY

Is given by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Ward in honor of the church staff.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS—JAN 18

CLOSED—Martin Luther King Birthday

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS—JAN 22

Myrtie Britton and Virgia Nichols

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Sunday, J anuary 17, 2010
11:00 am

The Ordination of
Nancy G. Freeman
to the Diaconate



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OUR CHURCH STAFF

- Mr. W. Bland Baker Music Associate
- Mrs. Carolyn A. Burke Custodian
- Mr. Charles J. Byrd Custodian
- Rev. Daniel E. Glaze Pastor
- Dr. Charles Hulin Music Associate
- Rev. Kathy Hulin . .Assoc. Pastor/Music & Worship
- Miss Judy G. Pierce Church Secretary
- Mrs. Martie Tayloe Financial Secretary
- Rev. Anita Thompson Associate Pastor

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CHANGE OF SERVICE REQUESTED

2009 YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The year 2009 brought numerous financial challenges for our community, our nation and our world, and it challenged many of us personally, no doubt. It should be noted, however, that the community of faith at First Baptist Church of Ahoskie met those challenges with faithful stewardship. Although the 2009 Ministry Plan (or Budget) anticipated spending 3.3% more than our actual revenues were for 2009, staff and church leaders responded as that trend became apparent and kept expenses *under* revenues for the year. *Translation:* we lived within our means, and we finished the year with actual budget expenses being \$1118 under actual budget revenues.

A detailed Financial Statement of Budget Revenues and Expenses is prepared monthly for the Deacons and members of the Finance Committee, and is available from the church office at the request of any member. Further questions may be addressed to Finance Committee Chair Phil Sisler, to any member of the Finance Committee, or to Martie Tayloe, Financial Secretary.

From the Associate Pastor

OLD TESTAMENT SCHOLAR TO LECTURE AT ECU

On Tues. evening, Jan. 26 at 7 pm, Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, will present a lecture on "Christianity and Culture: Recovery from the Long Nightmare of Amnesia" as part of the 2009-10 *Voyages of Discovery Lecture Series* at East Carolina University. "Dr. Brueggemann's lifework has been characterized by a passionate and imaginative exploration of Old Testament theology. 'No one writing on the Bible is more consistently provocative, interesting, challenging, and imaginative than Walter Brueggemann. ... For those Christians who yearn for serious, biblically informed engagement with our contemporary world there is no one more stimulating to read than Brueggemann.'" - Mark Thiessen

I've had the pleasure of attending a Bible study led by Dr. Brueggemann and am thrilled he's going to be in our area. I'm planning to attend and would love for you to join me. The cost is \$10 per person. Please let me know if you're interested.

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SUMMER MISSION EXPERIENCE

Our Missions Committee is in the process of planning for a mission experience in Quebec, Canada this summer and invite you to prayerfully consider participating. FBC, along with Murfreesboro Baptist Church, has been invited to partner with French-speaking churches of the Baptist Union of Canada to provide a Bible school for children in a city park.

In December, our Missions Committee met with MBC's Missions Committee and all agreed to take the next step toward making this dream a reality. That step was to extend an invitation to Patrick Deneut from the Baptist Union of Canada to come and preach at both churches. Mr. Deneut has accepted our invitation and will be our guest preacher on Feb. 28.

You will receive more information as the situation develops. In the meantime, please pray for our Missions Committee and MBC's Missions Committee as we work toward this mission partnership with the churches in Canada. And prayerfully consider your participation.

WEEKLY PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

Most of you are aware that Daniel, Kathy and I use the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) as our guide for worship planning. The RCL is a 3 year cycle (Year A, Year B, Year C) of lections which provide 4 scripture readings for each Sunday of the year: (1) Old Testament Lesson, (2) Psalm, (3) Gospel Lesson, and (4) Epistle Lesson. It occurs to me that our corporate worship experience might be enhanced if we would spend time meditating upon each Sunday's lections before we come together for worship on the Lord's Day. Below are the lections for the next 2 Sundays. I hope you'll spend some time meditating upon these passages in preparation for our time of worship together. And if you'd really like to get into the spirit of this kind of worship preparation, I have lectionary-related devotional materials that I'd be glad to introduce you to.

January 17
Isaiah 61:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
John 2:1-11
I Corinthians 12:1-11

January 24
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
Luke 4:14-21
I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Grace & peace,
Anita

From the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship

I continue to be encouraged by our worship service last Sunday. I continue to think about how to be more mission oriented in my own life and hearing from our missionaries fed those thoughts and dreams. I told Charles a couple of weeks ago that I need to go on a mission trip this year. To **"need to go" may sound strong or strange, but I know how** my spiritual life has been enriched by previous mission experiences, and I want to nurture my soul in that way again.

I've been dreaming of far away lands, but I also have read of opportunities here in the states. Our recent CBF national and CBFNC publications have wonderful articles and descriptions of ministry opportunities. Because of an opportunity described in the *CBF fellowship!*, **I've thought of turning a summer vacation into a time to serve a week overseas in teaching English. Wouldn't that be enriching?! I've also wondered if our music ministry program could go on mission somewhere where the culture is noticeably different—here in the states or overseas.** We could share what we do, and then learn and be inspired from what others do in worshiping God. Or what if a group of us took off a week to partner with CBF missionaries like Ben and Leonora Newell who serve in Arkansas to see how they have helped build community and hope in one of the 20 poorest counties in the nation? Perhaps what they are doing there could inspire us to do anew work here in Hertford County? Or we could partner with our neighbors at Murfreesboro Baptist and missionaries in Montreal and help lead Bible stories and crafts and games with children?

If you're reading all these ideas and they sound too grand or too far away for you to consider, I'd ask you to pray about it and think again. But if you really can't go away but have a servant heart, what about partnering with CBFNC in the Spring NC Mission Initiative on April 30th-May 2nd, 2010 in the Murfreesboro area? I've been reading about it in *The Gathering* published by CBFNC and I hope that you'll take the time to read the January/February edition as well as the *CBF fellowship!* Winter 2010 edition. There are copies on the credenza at church if you don't receive them at home.

