

CALENDAR—WEEK OF JANUARY 10, 2010

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

- 9:30 - Youth & Parents Sunday School Breakfast at home of Rick and Jamie Burns
- 9:40 - Adult Assembly
- 9:45 - Sunday School
- 9:45 - Sallie Cherry 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 11

- 5:15 - Girl Scout Troop 1702

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

- 9:00 - Church Staff Meeting
- 9:00 - POPS
- 12:00 - **Keenagers' Lunch**
- 5:30 - Sanctuary Bells

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

- 6:30 - Cub Scout Pack 129
- 6:30 - Girl Scout Troop 244

IN SERVICE—WEEK JANUARY 10, 2010

DEACONS ON CALL

Jan 10-16: Claire Presley and Gloria Freeman

MINISTER ON CALL

Jan 8-10: Rev. Kathy Hulin (398-4738)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GUARDIAN CARE

Sallie Cherry Class

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

- Babies: Jean Parker
- 1-2 yrs: Michelle Boyd
- 3-5 yrs: Mission Friends

USHERS

Bill Magette, Roxie Daniels, Kay Byrd, Taylor Rose, Patricia Hughes (balcony), Elizabeth Joyner, Blake Outlaw (balcony), Pate Pierce

AUDIO SYSTEM OPERATOR

Henry Joyner

FLORAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY

Is given in memory of Dr. Robert Blackburn by Mrs. Linda Blackburn.

HOME DELIVERED MEALS—JAN 11

Mary Frances Johnson and Austine Evans

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS—JAN 15

Sarah Mizelle and Robert Earl White

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Emphasis on Missions



January 10, 2009

11:00 am

Woody Baker
will share a report about work in Australia
with Wycliffe Bible Translators

-and-

Mari Wiles and
Craig and Jennifer Janney
will share a report about their
South Africa Mission Trip



January 3, 2010

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| Budget Needs for Week | \$ | 9,138.00 |
| Budget Receipts for Week | \$ | 8,991.97 |
| Earned Income for Week | \$ | -00- |
| Over/(Under) Weekly Budget | \$ | (146.03) |
| YTD Budget Needs | \$ | 9,138.00 |
| YTD Budget Offerings | \$ | 8,991.97 |
| Earned Income YTD | \$ | -00- |
| Over/(Under) YTD Budget | \$ | (146.03) |
| Global Missions Offering to Date | \$ | 12,850.25 |

The 2009 Year-end report will appear in the next edition of *The Window*

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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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OUR NEWEST MEMBER. . . is Carol Paul. Carol is no stranger to FBC since she grew up in the fellowship of FBC. After several years away from the area Carol has returned and is teaching at Bearfield Primary School and in her spare time leads water aerobics at ViQuest. She has been a regular attendee here for some time and volunteers in Extended Session. Carol, we are delighted to welcome you back to FBC. We look forward to serving and worshipping with you for many years to come.

DEACON OFFICERS FOR 2010. . . **At the last Deacons'** meeting the following persons were elected to lead our diaconate in 2010: Chair - Chuck Revelle; Vice Chair - Mary Baker; and Secretary - Gloria Freeman.

Nancy Freeman will be ordained to the diaconate on Sunday, January 17th. Plan to be here for this service to support Nancy as she steps out to accept this mantle of service to God and his church. Nancy was elected to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Michael Basham.

TO THANK YOU. . . Notes of thanks and appreciation have been received from:

- Bud (H. Paul, Jr.) McCoy • Mary Baker and Family
- Sophia Sumner
- Jerome, Rosalie, Kerby, Kent, and Kelly Mercader

~ SERVICE ANNIVERSARY ~
Bland Baker—Music Associate
15 Years - January 6

From the Associate Pastor for Music and Worship

Happy New Year to you! Charles and I had a wonderful **trip to Florida to see family and we're glad to be home among friends.** We look forward to the year ahead and the **possibilities before us. We didn't come up with resolutions for the new year per se, but we do always use the holiday away to take stock of where we've been and dream about what could be in the future.**

Because of my openness to how God wants to use us in **the coming year, these following words from Daniel's sermon** resonated with me. I share them with you so that

you can ponder them again. As you ponder, think about this—What if our church would be known through the community as the church who *wonders* and *imagines* the mysteries of God and is willing to risk as the magi did?

We need to once again hear the songs of the soul, the melodies of faith and follow the stars and see the angels, but we're too respectable to follow stars or hear the angels. We're too sophisticated to believe such things—to see angels and follow stars. And so we plod along in our old and familiar ruts. But as for the crazy old magi, they trust their hearts. And they lay down before the child their gifts and they go home... "by another way" Matthew tells us. They go home by another way. In other words, they are changed.

I believe we live today in a world from which almost all of the wonder has been drained away. We tend to see religion as only a system of "rights and wrongs." We tend to have insulated and isolated ourselves from wonder...from imagination...from mystery...and therefore from hope and joy and possibility. But as the wise men decide to go back home by another way, so can we. We can resist the Herods of our time who try to kill the childlike wonder in us all—you know, those people and institutions that say: "It can't be done...there is no way...you must never take a chance...play it safe, don't risk...get your head out of the clouds...don't follow the stars." Yes, we can resist, we can be silent, we can dream, we can act like children, we can laugh, we can wonder, we can hope—if we choose to go home by another way!

Sanctuary Choir and Vocal Ensemble Members: We have the opportunity to participate in a choir festival at Chowan University on Saturday, February 6th. **I'd like to see both choirs participate, so please reserve the date and make plans to be there. It's a wonderful opportunity to be on musical retreat together with the convenience of being in our own backyard.**

Bell Rehearsals Resume: Chancel Bells will begin rehearsing on Sunday the 10th from 5:30-6:20 pm. I look forward to seeing everyone return! Sanctuary Bells will begin rehearsing on Tuesday the 12th from 5:30-6:20 pm. I encourage previously experienced ringers to consider joining us again. Just talk with me on Sunday.

From the Associate Pastor

I'm so grateful for the way the Christmas & New Year holidays fell on the calendar. With the holidays bookended to the weekends, I was allowed several back-to-back days off during which I set out to **de-clutter my house.** (Isn't it amazing how much stuff we can accumulate?) I think Martha would have been proud of my organizing; I tossed out, filled up (the recycle bin), boxed up and cleaned up. And it feels so good. Now if I can only keep it that way!

In this first week of the New Year, many folks are setting out to **de-clutter their homes and their lives.** They're making resolutions, setting goals, cleaning up, sorting, and throwing out. I pray that we all will include our spiritual selves in that de-cluttering process. Is there a need to let **a few things go so that we may have the time to "Be still and know that [God] is God?"** Is there a need to **re-establish Sunday as the Lord's Day in our homes and in the choices we make?** Do we need to engage in a small group **through which we may study God's word, pray together, and discern God's will for our lives?**

It feels really great to have made a good dent in the **de-cluttering of my house. But it's going to take discipline to keep it that way.** Same goes for the de-cluttering of my spiritual self. May God help me and you know how to sort through, clean up, throw out and add to so that we may be more faithful followers of Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!

Grace & peace,
Anita

THE YOUTH MINISTRY
Sunday Morning, January 10
9:30 am Sunday School Breakfast
At the home of Rick & Jamie Burns
140 Forest Dr., Ahoskie
Youth & Parents are Invited
Everyone will return to FBC for 11 am Worship

Sunday Evening, January 10
5:30 pm Chancel Bells—Grades 4-12
6:30 pm Youth Snack Supper—Grades 7-12
6:50 pm Youth Discussion—Grades 7-12
8:30 pm Dismiss