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# The Messenger

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I went to a Christmas party that had a fun way to exchange gifts. Each of us brought a gag gift or a "for real" gift. Then we picked a number out of a basket. The person with number one picked out her gift first, and so on. After each selected his or her gift, they had a choice. They could either keep their unwrapped gift or exchange it for a gift someone had already received and opened. You can imagine how the "good" gifts got traded over and over again. You were never sure what you were going to keep and end up with.

To make things more interesting, the last person to select a gift was given the choice of three cards from which to select. They had to choose without looking. The cards read, "Pass your gift to the person on your right," "Pass your gift to the person on your left," or "Keep your gift."

As we come to a new year, the game reminds me of life. You never know what life is going to hand you or how things will turn out.

This past month, I visited a dear friend who had a severe stroke. When I visited her on Saturday I discovered that she had lost her speech and was paralyzed on one side. When I returned to visit again the following Monday, I was shocked. She was sitting up, talking, laughing, eating and moving about with no apparent handicap. The family and I were struck with amazement. Our prayers were answered in a way we had hoped. No, you never know what lies ahead.

I hate to say this but as you look ahead to 2011, you're going to have some problems. You say, "Oh no! Not the same old problems!" No. Some new ones. There will be even better ones. And there will also be blessings!

Here's a couple words of encouragement. First, remember to count your blessings! An attitude of gratitude will make your day and your life more joyous. Try it. Second, remember God never puts more on you than he puts in you. (1 Corinthians 10:13) And in Lamentations 3:20 we read: The mercies of the Lord are new every morning. Our faith and trust in Jesus Christ give us the gift of confidence in life.

As you face the new year remember the attitude of gratitude and the assurance of God's grace which gives us the confidence we need to move ahead in our personal lives and as a church.

Happy New Year!

Blessings!



Pastor Michael





### HEARTFELT THANKS

We would like to thank the congregation for the generous love gift as well as the other gifts and cards we received in celebration of Christmas.

— Michael, Erin, David & Eleanor,  
Bob, Ginny and Vaughn

### CALENDAR MEETING

There will be a calendar meeting on January 15, 2010 at 9:00 AM to discuss the 2011 calendar. All Board & Committee Chairs (and other interested parties) are invited to either come themselves or send a representative. Please mark your calendars now. Coffee and sweets will be available.



Calendar Meeting



### Tour of the Holy Land!

Sponsored by First Baptist Church

Leaving June 25, 2011

A Life-time Opportunity Information on  
Chapel table or  
call Pastor Michael today!

### BYF CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

There are Christmas Cards waiting to be picked up! Please check the box to see if any of them are yours. Thank you again, for your participation!



### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

The Men's Bible Fellowship meets in the Lounge at 7:30 PM (unless otherwise noted) on: Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> (No study on 1/18 due to the Annual Business Meeting)

Come and join us as we follow the life of our Lord in the Book Matthew! For more information, please contact Jim Dennion (609-267-7208).

### WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP/DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

★ **Friends in the Spirit:** Join us in the church boardroom as we begin a new study by Charles Stanley, *Practicing Basic Spiritual Disciplines* - a focus on the foundational principles of Christian living. The meetings in January will on the 6th and 20th at 1:30 PM. Bring your Bibles and we will provide the study guides. If you have any questions or childcare needs, please contact Saowanee Sweeney 751-6416 or Sandra Mezger 429-7540. Blessings!

★ **The Mustard Seed** will meet on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 PM at the home of Diane Meredith. Please call Jan Gardner at 856-858-1091 for more info.

★ **Friends in Faith** - We are studying a guide by Cynthia Heald - *BECOMING A WOMAN OF GRACE*. It is introspective and uplifting. We gather at 9:30 AM for fellowship, study and prayer. You are invited!! Mon., Jan. 3 at the home of Sue Nazak and Jan. 12 at Eileen Black's home. Please call Sue (856-321-9360) for directions and with any questions. Women of all ages are invited for Christian fellowship and Bible study.

### WOMEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP

On January 14th, the book discussion will be on *Brooklyn* by Colm Toibin. If you have any questions, please contact Sandra Mezger 429-7540 or Saowanee Sweeney 751-6416. Location of gathering is the Jersey Java & Tea Cafe, 140 Haddon Ave., Haddonfield at 10:00 AM.

### HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The Historical Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 18 at 1 PM in the church lounge. If you are interested in learning about the history of the church, please join us. For information about the group, contact Margaret Hunt 428-9717.



### FAMILY NEWS - PRAY FOR...

Joyce Carr; Ruth Ford; Hugh Creegan; Amy Halsted; Peg Redman's granddaughter; George Clauston; Amy Melichad; Connie Asquith; Jean Matthew's son, Bob Reagan; Robert & Diane Redman; Susie Offenback; Kacie Livingston Speed; and Yulia & Jesse Bagwell. To place some one on the prayer list, call Linda Jacobson at 354-1031.

### FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

The new 2011 Flower Calendar is now available! It is recommended that you sign up for your "Special Days" soon. Flower arrangements cost \$40 for 2 vases of flowers. Flowers are delivered to shut-ins or someone that is ill, however, you if you would like to take a vase of flowers home please indicate so on the sign-up sheet. Payment is not required until just prior to the date requested. Side flowers are available if the date you want has already been taken.

### FROM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP "GOD'S GREEN HOUSE"

*The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.* — Psalm 19:1-3 "God speaks to us through two books: the written Word of God and the masterpiece of creation."

The Environmental Group will meet on Monday, January 24th at 7:30 PM in the church lounge. We invite you to attend if you have a concern for this area of ministry.

**CARING MINISTRIES** Need meals, errands, transportation, etc? Please call Sandra Dennion, Margo Schreiber or Sue Nazak.



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## QUIZZIE HADDON

Quizzie Haddon Trivia Night will take place on Tuesday, January 25th at 7PM. Remember: Fourth Tuesday for Trivia. Come solo or bring a small team of family and friends for a night of friendly competition. Snacks and beverage will be provided. A freewill donation will be taken for the benefit of the Shine Forth Renovation Campaign.

Samples of questions at November's competition: Who wrote "The Road Not Taken?" What was the name of Elle Woods' dog in "Legally Blonde?" What is the capital of Afghanistan? Answers: Robert Frost; Bruiser; Kabul



Winning team for November, the "Pumpkins" are pictured above. (L to R) Chip Chapman; Mark, Chris and Emily Guerrieri; Marian Haigis and Jan Gardner. Their winning streak continues!

## MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Each month the Mission Board would like to highlight one of the many mission outreaches that the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield supports. Our focus will be on a wide variety of local, national and international mission efforts.

One of these local outreach programs is the Caring Hearts Ministry. As you may know, the Caring Hearts Ministry helps families with HIV-positive and AIDS patients.

Our church has supported the Ministry over the years through the Mission Board and through personal support of our members. Currently we support Caring Hearts through direct financial contributions from the Mission Budget, through donations of clothing and personal items from the congregation and through church member volunteer work at their various functions.

For example, caring Hearts held their annual Thanksgiving Meal Delivery Project in November, and we used Missions funds to provide 30 dozen dinner rolls for the meals. In December the Caring Hearts Holiday Give Away Party was held at Malandra Hall Community Center in Camden. A few members of our church volunteered to take the Church's donations of socks to the event and also helped with setting up for the party.



The Mission Board would like you to be more aware of the many mission efforts of the First Baptist Church of Haddonfield. We also pray that you will actively support such efforts with your time, finances, and other resources.

The Caring Hearts Ministry is just one of more than twenty such efforts, many with very extensive programs. If you would like more information of this or any other Mission project, please contact one of the members of the Mission Board.

## Adult Inquirers and New Members Class

- Interested in finding out more about First Baptist?
- Considering joining First Baptist Haddonfield?

You are invited to attend the Pastor's Inquirers and New Members Class.

**WHEN?** We begin Sunday, January 23.

**WHAT TIME?** We meet at 12:30 PM on Sunday.

**WHERE?** Second floor in the "Skylight" room.

**HOW MANY CLASSES?**

You are invited to attend 4 classes January 23 to February 13.  
(Come even if you can't make all of the classes)

**WHAT?**

Find out about the Church  
Cover the essentials about being a Christian  
Discover the American Baptist identity  
Meet new friends  
Ask questions  
Enjoy a worthwhile experience

**WHO?**

*You!*

Plan to come 12:30 PM, Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>!



Living Nativity  
December 10, 2010



# January 2011

ALL INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Church (SL) 11:00 AM Worship w/Communion 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School	3 Office Closed for Holiday 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	4 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study (L)	5 7:00 PM Newcomers	6 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	7	8 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Mt Olivet) 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir) 1:30 PM ESL Class
9 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Church (SL) 11:00 AM Worship 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School 12:30 PM CE Board	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:30 PM Finance Board Meeting	11 Annual Meeting Reports Due - 10 AM 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM Garden Club (SH) 7:30 PM Executive Bd. 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study (L)	12 4:30 PM LOGOS (SH, BR & 3rd floor)	13 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:15 PM Bear Den (SL) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	14 Deadline for Messenger 7:00 PM Cub Pack Committee (SR)	15 9:00 AM Calendar Meeting 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir) 1:30 PM ESL Class
16 20 Year Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Feicht 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Asian Baptist Church (SL) 11:00 AM Worship 11:10 AM Children's Sunday School	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Office Closed for Holiday 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Committee (SH or other) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	18 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Annual Business Meeting	19 12:00 PM Artisans (SH) 4:30 PM LOGOS (SH, BR & 3rd floor) 6:30 PM Tiger Cub Den (SR)	20 9:00 AM Brass & Beat (SH) 12:00 PM AA (BR) 6:45 PM Carillon 7:30 PM Webelos (SR) 7:45 PM Chancel Choir	21 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Pack Meeting (SH)	22 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM StageCoach Schools (SL, G, Bell & Choir) 1:30 PM ESL Class 2:00 PM Eleanor Shockey Student Recital
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KEY: S - Sanctuary, L - Lounge, C - Chapel, BR - Boardroom, N - Nursery, SH - Social Hall, K - Kitchen, SR - Scout Room, ABC - ABC Room, SL - Skylight Room, G - Green Room, B - Bell Room, M - Music Room



# Birthdays

## Happy Birthday!

### January

- 2 Jean Matthews
- 4 Jan Gardner
- 5 Bill Hoeberg  
Madeline Yezzi
- 8 David McCullough
- 12 Eric Fagin
- 13 Natalie Stewart
- 14 Christopher Heslin
- 16 Paul Stewart
- 17 Philip Thomson  
Robert Redman, III
- 19 Aimee Heslin
- 20 Keith Hurley
- 24 Karen Hoisington
- 26 Sue Waleski
- 27 Betty Willingmyre
- 28 Kylie Carr  
Wesley Pipes

# Anniversaries

## Happy Anniversary!

### January

- 11 Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Jones

### **PLEASE NOTE**

If the church office does not have the birth dates and anniversary date of your family members, or if you've recently changed addresses or phone numbers, please call (856-429-2326) or drop a note in with your offering and we will make sure you get on the list! Thank you!

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM  
REPORTS DUE JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**ONGOING FOOD DRIVE**

We are collecting for the Greater Delaware Valley Association. The goal is to collect 100 items of non-perishable goods a month. That means if we all brought in one can a month that we would make our goal. This is an ongoing ministry throughout the year. A collection crate is in the hallway across from the nursery.



**TOP SIGNS YOU MAY NOT BE READING  
YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH**

- You open your Bible and a dust cloud rises.
- You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob had a few hit songs in the 60's.
- You announce your favorite Old Testament Patriarch is Hercules.
- A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
- You are frustrated because you cannot find Charlton Heston in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents in your Bible.
- You open the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- You think the *Minor Prophets* worked in the quarries.
- You keep falling for it every time when the Pastor tells you to turn to Second Opinions.
- The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "*Jonah, the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors.*"

**IS THIS THE YEAR YOU READ  
THROUGH THE BIBLE?**

You can read the entire Bible in about eighty hours at "pulpit" speed. Want to read the Bible in a year? Pick up a Bible reading schedule from the table in the chapel or call the office and we'll mail you one. The readings take approximately 15 minutes a day. Read God's letter to YOU!



**LOGOS IS STARTING...**



ministry is Bible Study, Crafts/Recreation, Worship Skills, and Family Time (dinner). This ministry is so much fun for everyone involved. Please visit our website for more information or call Pastor Erin Phillips.

LOGOS will begin on Wed., Jan. 12 and run for ten consecutive weeks. LOGOS is a family based ministry for children. We meet from 4:30 - 7:30 PM. Included in this

**FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR ERIN PHILLIPS**

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity..." Ephesians 5:15-16

As we enter into 2011 we are reminded to make the most of every opportunity. We all live busy lives . . . work, family, extra-curricular activities . . . if it is not one thing, it certainly will be another. But as we rush from work to soccer pick-up to McDonald's we lose sight of the opportunities that are right in front of us. We lose sight of the important opportunities.

Important opportunities are those that change not only our own lives, but also of the lives of the people around us. These life-changing opportunities are given to us by the wise choices we make as Christians. As New Year's resolutions are being jotted down I would like to offer some suggestions for ways to make a difference in your life and the life of a child/youth here at FBC:

1. Volunteer to teach Sunday School. Each of you has a gift (talent) given from God. During Sunday School you can teach about that gift and use your testimony to teach the children, or you can use the curriculum and teach a planned lesson.
2. Volunteer for the LOGOS ministry. LOGOS is our mid-week program that runs twice a year. This session begins on January 12<sup>th</sup> (we will be taking off for Ash Wednesday) and runs for ten weeks. There are many opportunities to make a choice to make a difference: teach a class, cook a dinner, shop for supplies, be a comforter, or a table parent. You can also sponsor a child for the ten week program.
3. Host a youth evening at your home or the church. The Middle School and High School youth are looking for some activities to attend in 2011. Some ideas may include a movie night, game night, or craft night. If you do not have room in your own home, host it at the church. Share the fun that you remember having in your youth with this generation.

(Please see me to volunteer or if you have other ideas or suggestions)

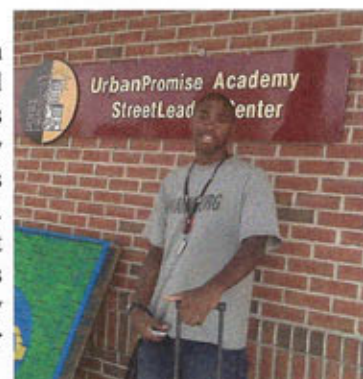
There is a lot to accomplish in each of our individual lives, but when we choose to make the most out of every opportunity we may be transformed while blessing others.

In His Service,  
Pastor Erin

**FAMILY NEWS**

Our own Will Gass (who lived in Camden for four years as a child) helped in an UrbanPromise Ministries Christmas shopping spree for 100 inner-city children. UrbanPromise paid for the gifts the children chose for family and friends.

He's been quoted as saying "I got out. I moved up. But I know what it's like for these kids. It brings a lot of joy to my heart to see the smiles on their faces. It's all about the kids."



Please remember First Baptist in your will.

— Memorial Committee



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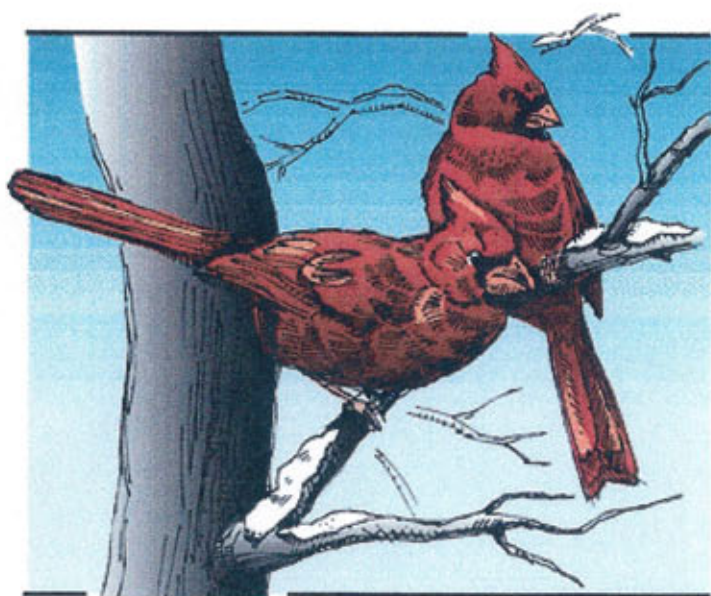
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## PLEASE RECYCLE THIS NEWSLETTER

The Rev. Dr. Michael J. Feicht, *Pastor*  
The Rev. Erin Phillips, *Assistant Pastor*  
Dr. David Shockey, *Director of Chancel Choir*  
Eleanor Shockey, *Organist*  
Robert Gardner, *Director of Handbells*

Sunday Services (mid-Sept - mid-June): 11:00 AM  
Sunday Services (mid-June - mid-Sept): 10:00 AM  
Children's Sunday School: 11:10 AM (Summer 10:10 AM)  
Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM & 1:30 to 2:30 PM  
Summer Office Hours: M to F – 9 AM to 12:30 PM

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# JANUARY

### EMBRACE THE SPIRIT IN THE NEW YEAR AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF HADDONFIELD

#### Sunday Schedule

Adult Sunday School at 9:30 AM  
Worship Service at 11:00 AM  
Children's Sunday School at 11:15 AM

#### **For Men**

Men's Weekly Bible Study  
Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast

#### **For Women**

Three Women's Fellowship Groups  
meeting various days and times

#### **For Children**

##### LOGOS

(meets for 10 weeks, Spring & Fall)  
Baptist Youth Fellowship (BYF)  
(meets weekly)  
Summer Enrichment  
(meets first full week in August)