

January 2017

Faith Family Messenger

Happy

NEW YEAR

START THIS YEAR WITH JESUS



“A Fresh Start”

We are all looking for fresh starts when it comes to a new year. Whether we are looking for an overhaul in our life or simply tweaking one or two facets of our life, the process is still the same. Set a goal. Devise small, attainable mile-markers or goals based upon our bigger goal. Develop action steps to achieve the small goals. Start working toward our small goals. Evaluate our plan along the way to set ourselves up for success.

The church starts into another year with the same process in mind. What should be our focus for our goals as a church?

Our goal...to become more like Christ.

Mile-Marker #1: We resolve, as a church body, to know what Christ instructs.

We Seek His teaching together each week as we worship God together.

Action Step #1: Make weekly worship a priority as we learn what Christ instructs of us together. By worshipping together we find ourselves walking along the same path...together. (Hebrews 10:25-26)

Action Step #2: Make daily worship a priority by each church member's life, seeking God's guidance as our way we should go. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Mile-Marker #2: We resolve, as a church body, to live out what Christ instructs us, based upon our daily and weekly teaching.

Action Step #1: Make a journal entry of weekly teachings. List what God taught you in weekly corporate worship and daily individual worship.

Action Step #2: Spend time with other spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ talking about what God is teaching you. You can start conversations with “*Where are you seeing God at work in your life?*”

This might sound uncomfortable for some of us. However, as we continue to grow into the ambassadors Christ called us to be (that better-embodying His image), we must see Jesus' instruction to “*Go and teach them everything I have taught you*” (Matthew 28:16-20). We cannot teach without interactional steps taken each day.

As we talk with other Christians (our spouse, parent, children, co-worker, etc.) about what we are hearing from God's Word and His Spirit dwelling within us, we find ourselves developing accountability in our life. We develop support by motivating one another to apply what we are learning from God's teaching to our life. By applying God's teaching, both individually and corporately as a church, we will reach our goal of becoming more like Christ in 2017. With this church-wide goal, both in mind and in action, God will surely receive the glory He so richly deserves.

Love,

Jon

PARENT LINK

THE HUB STUDENT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



**University of Alabama, Huntsville
versus
Michigan Tech Huskies**

**Von Braun Center
Saturday, January 28
7pm
Tickets \$10
Sign up by January 8**

D N O W

DISCIPLE NOW



February 24-25, 2017

A weekend just for students 7th-12th grades.

Worship & Teaching, Mega Relay & other exciting games,
an overnight with friends, an encounter with Jesus
that will challenge you to live differently.

Registration by Feb. 1 includes t shirt.

Parents- workers and host homes needed! Please see Chad for more info.

First Kids

FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY

Parents, get the year started off right by getting your child plugged in to a Wednesday night Bible Study.

All classes will be from 6:30-7:30.



Faith Weaver Friends

Children 3yrs - Kindergarten

Meet in the Preschool Dept.

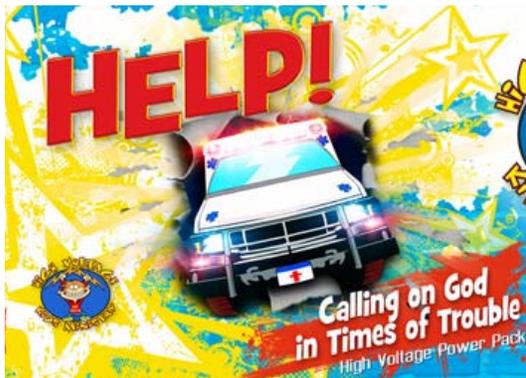
Studying the Life of Christ

The Edge (Fifth & Sixth Grades)

Meet in Power Lab

"Crazy Little Thing Called Love!"

Study of First John



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First Kids (First - Fourth Grades)

Meet in The Barn

Bible Study: HELP! Calling on God in Times of Trouble

save the dates!

William Carey Baptist
Association
Children's Camp
July 5-8

For children
going into
4th -7th
grades.

Vacation Bible School

June 12-16

Please be in prayer
for how God will work in and
through VBS this year.



*FBC Women on Mission
will meet January 19 at 1:00
in room 121.*

The church office will be closed

December 26 - 31

If you have an immediate need, you may
contact one of the staff members below:

Monday - Chad @ 931-625-7187

Tuesday - Donnie @ 931-625-7888

Wednesday - Jon @ 423-368-2500

Thursday - Amie @ 931-227-8468

Friday - Sherry @ 931-625-1561

YY Chili Supper

January 13 at 6:00

Games, Bingo, Prizes, & FUN
There will be a sign-up sheet for
chili, crackers & dessert.



YY Valentine Banquet

February 14

Details to be announced at a later date.

Let's Do Lunch

*Ladies, you are invited to join
us for lunch on Thursday,
Jan. 19 beginning at 12:00.
We will have soups and dessert
and our speaker will be
Stephanie Hathcock.*

*Please call the church office by
noon on Tuesday, Jan. 17
to make reservations.*

Everyone 55
and older is in
invited to join us
for YY Brunch
Tuesday, Jan. 3
at 10:00 a.m.



Anyone interested in helping with ESL
(English as a Second Language) classes,
please contact Amy Leimer at
931-252-1211. Classes will meet each
Tuesday night beginning in January.
You do not have to speak a foreign
language to help.



Johnny Hunt Men's Conference

February 3-4, 2017 First Baptist • Woodstock, GA
 Early Bird Pricing (available through Dec. 31)
 \$60 plus lodging. Jan. 1-15 \$70 plus lodging.
 See Mark Rascoe or Mike Sowder to register.

Dear Men:

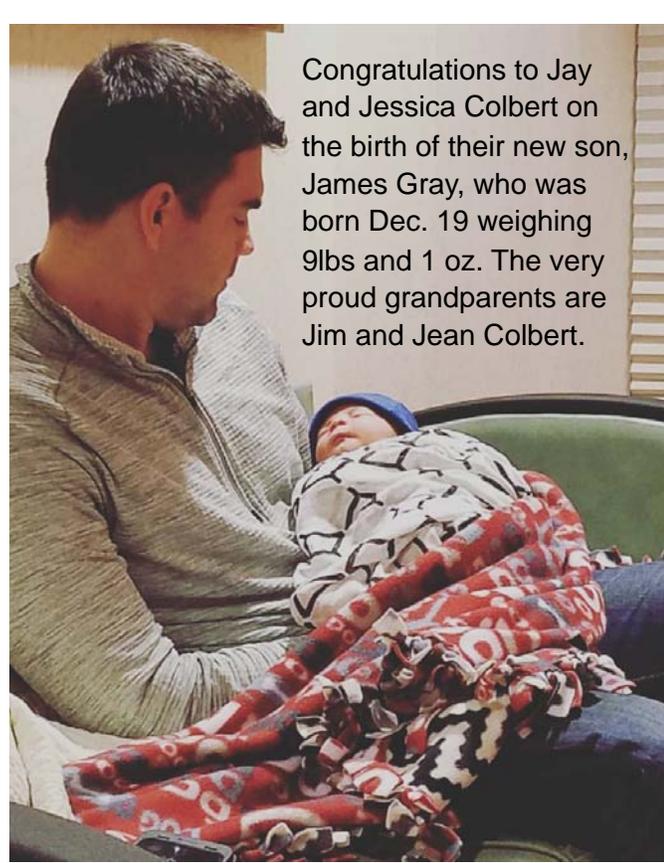
A war is waging, a daily battle for our hearts, our minds and our souls. You are stuck behind enemy lines. Before you swore allegiance to Jesus, the enemy had nothing against you. Now a servant of the King, you are the primary target of an enemy bent on the destruction of you and your family.

Fortunately, God has given us the tools to be Battle Ready! But we have to take hold of them. He's given us armor, but we have to put it on...before the attacks begin. We can't afford to lose any more ground.

Join me and thousands of men as we suit up with the "whole armor of God" and prepare to face head on the spiritual warfare that rages within us and around us.

In His Grip,

Johnny M. Hunt



Congratulations to Jay and Jessica Colbert on the birth of their new son, James Gray, who was born Dec. 19 weighing 9lbs and 1 oz. The very proud grandparents are Jim and Jean Colbert.

Women's Prayer Breakfast
 Saturday, January 7 at 8:30 a.m.

WCBA Ministry Center
 34 Simmons Circle

Ladies are invited to come bring a breakfast dish and join for a time of fellowship with God and one another.

For more information, contact Amy Leimer.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

"Watching for Wisdom"

a 5-week Study of Colossians

Each Sunday at 10:45 beginning January 8
 in room 133

Led by Beth Baker

FBC Men,

We had a great time of fellowship at our Men's Breakfast in December and we are planning to hold these on a monthly cycle. The plan is to hold them on the 3rd Saturday of the month, so our next Men's Breakfast will be on January 21st starting at 7:00 in the fellowship hall.

So, go ahead and put it on your calendar a recurring meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month throughout 2017 starting at 7:00 am! Let Dave O know if you are planning to attend the breakfast on January 21, so he can know how much food to purchase. 931-259-6050, nelanadavidowens@gmail.com

Dear First Baptist Church of Fayetteville,
On behalf of Zoar Baptist Church, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your donation to the flood victims. Because of your generosity, numerous flood victims are receiving help. The flood has been a devastating event for our community and surround areas. Please pray as we continue recovery efforts. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Kevin Hand, Senior Pastor
Zoar Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA

Dear Friends at First Baptist Fayetteville,
Thank you so much for your help with the law enforcement officers and families dinner. We were able to let them know how much we appreciate them for their dedication to our community. Not only could we witness to them, but some of them were great witnesses to us. It is because of our churches working together that we fed not only law enforcement officers and their families (75-100 people), but had enough food to send to those incarcerated in our local jail. I'm sure it made Thanksgiving a little better for them and hopefully ministered to them in a big way.

Thank you again,
Roy Butler, Park City Baptist

Dear Faith Family,
Words cannot begin to express the appreciation I have for this church family. Your kind words, the visits, phone calls, and just the outpouring of love I have felt during this time of loss is incredible. Since this journey began in July, your attention to my daddy, Lewis Forrester, was so appreciated. He was always telling me who had been by to see him, and most of the time it was a member of FBC. My daddy loved his church family. It was obvious that his church family loved him. A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to feed our family after the funeral. The food was absolutely delicious and very appreciated. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. I'm proud to be a part of such a caring church family.

Thank you again,
Phyllis Counts and Family

Dear Faith Family,
Thanks to all of you for your prayers, visits, calls, food and many many cards and all of the ways you showed your love for us in the loss of our wonderful husband, daddy and Papa - Bill Green. He loved his church so much and he loved to worship there. Thanks to all of you who prepared the wonderful meal for us and our family after the funeral. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we adjust to our life without Bill. We know he is in a wonderful place.

Our love to all of you,
The Bill Green Family



WOW! What an exciting year for shoeboxes. We took 1,821 shoeboxes collected from this area to the collection center in Tullahoma. Of those, 286 came from our church. Thank you to all who brought boxes to help spread the gospel to all nations, including our own. If you still want to be entered into the drawing for tickets to Dollywood and haven't entered yet, please email leimer.amy@gmail.com with your name, phone number, and number of shoeboxes you donated.

Dear Faith Family,
We would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the cards and gifts we received for our 67th Wedding Anniversary. We love and appreciate you all very much. May God bless each of you.

Love, Forrest & Mary Ann Chapman

Our family does not have the words to express to you our appreciation for all the love shown to us by your prayers and sacrificial giving during our difficult journey. Please continue to pray that we will look to HIM for our strength and peace and that we will trust Him. Thank you so much!

The Sims and Simms Family

Dear Faith Family,
Nelana and I would like to thank everyone for their support as we raised money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital. Over \$10 million was raised during the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend and you helped us raised \$3600 for the children.

To God be the glory!
Dave O

Please send a card to the following shut-ins this month.

January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Maxine Thornton 2933 Pulaski Hwy Frankewing, TN 38459	Jenny O'Hara 304 Elm Avenue Fayetteville, TN 37334	Mary Tipps 102 Morton Drive Fayetteville, TN 37334	Ed & Vicky Taylor 28 Taylor Dairy Rd Fayetteville, TN 37334	Willa Jo Dye 82 Simmons Circle Fayetteville, TN 37334
Ruth Roles 1681 Winchester Hwy. Fayetteville, TN 37334	Wanda Spray 1681 Winchester Hwy. Fayetteville, TN 37334	Agnes Barnes 115 Medical Center Blvd. Fayetteville, TN 37334	Marilyn Parks 115 Medical Center Blvd. Fayetteville, TN 37334	Anna Marshall 109 Bright Avenue Fayetteville, TN 37334

For the Record October

Bible Fellowship Average	402
First Service Average	229
Second Service Average	158
Third Service Average	174
Children's Church Avg.....	47
Regular Giving Total....	Available in the office

ALL Sermons are now available on the church website:
fbcfayetteville.com



Deadline to submit information for the February issue of *The Messenger* is Jan. 23.

Welcome to the Faith Family



The Cunningham Family
Eddie, Erinn, Reese & Heath



The Northrup Family
Calvin, Penny, Kenzie & Kacie