

Opportunities For Next Week

Sunday, January 8

7:30 AM Java (Fellowship Hall)
 8:45 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:50 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Tuesday, January 10

11:45 AM BALL Club (Fellowship Hall)
 6:30 PM Women of Virtue Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
 8:00 PM Al-Anon (Beaty House)
 8:00 PM AA (Beaty House)

Wednesday, January 11 - ACTIVITIES RESUME FOR SPRING

5:00 PM Children's Choirs
 5:30 PM Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 PM Prayer Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 Moms Prayer Group (Rm 207, Education Bldg)
 Mission Friends (Ages 3-5)
 Spark (1st-5th grade)
 Youth Group
 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Contemporary Worship Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

By Appt. Pastoral Counseling (Fran Brown)

Friday, January 13

Youth leaves for Faith in 3D trip to Florida, to return January 16.

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Homebound Friend of the Week

Please remember **Esther Graham** with a card, call or visit this week. Her address is: Ross Memorial Health Care Center Rm 306, 1780 Old Hwy 41 NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152.



Operation Inasmuch will take place on April 21, 2012. Look for signups to take place later this month.

Attendance & Giving for December 2011

Worship Average, December (both services).....	320
Sunday School Average, December	241
Giving, December	\$101,997.75
Expenditures, December.....	\$106,547.58
Year-to-Date Contributions.....	\$786,781.89
Growing Strong, December.....	\$29,039.00
Growing Strong, Year-to-Date.....	\$139,496.34
Growing Strong, Total to Date.....	\$1,234,886.15.00

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Assignments for Sunday, January 8, 2012

Deacon of the Week: Berns Massey

Ushers for Sunday:

11:00 am: David Nye/Laura Edge
 Edsol Edge/Rand Reeder

Welcome Center Staff:

8:30 am:
 Ushers: Joey Smith (Jenni Harrelson)
 Scott Harrelson
 Tucker Cannon
 Arnold Houston

Greeters: Olivia Harrelson
 Jenni Harrelson/Olivia
 Sandra Sellers
 Teresa Houston & Youth

9:30 am: Gene & Nita Sparks
 LB & Betty Hyman

Children's Church:

8:45 am: Liz Smith

Nursery Workers:

8:45 am:
 Baby Room: Donna Massey
 Toddler Room: Brenda Graham

11:00 am:

Baby Room: Lyn Hernandez
 Toddler Room: Katie Jones

Every Member a Minister

Senior Pastor - Bob Guffey
 Pastor Emeritus - Andy Bass
 Min. of Music/Assoc. Pastor - Rocky Taylor
 Associate Minister of Contemporary Worship - Tommy Rowe
 Minister of Students - Patrick Jones
 Financial/Office Administrator - Stacy Barfield
 Ministry Assistant - Katie Powell

Building/Grounds Supt. - Donovan Ivey
 Chair of Deacons - Fran Summerall
 LWM Director - Betsy Waynick
 LWM Asst. - Elaine Montgomery
 Pastoral Counselor - Fran Brown

Return Service Requested

Assignments for Sunday, January 15, 2012

Deacon of the Week: Elwin Miles

Ushers for Sunday:

11:00 am: David Nye/Laura Edge
 Edsol Edge/Rand Reeder

Welcome Center Staff:

8:30 am:
 Ushers: Joey Smith (Jenni Harrelson)
 Scott Harrelson
 Tucker Cannon
 Arnold Houston

Greeters: Olivia Harrelson
 Jenni Harrelson/Olivia
 Sandra Sellers
 Teresa Houston & Youth

9:30 am: Robbie & Kim Thigpen
 Bill & Julia Long

Children's Church:

8:45 am: Liz Smith

Nursery Workers:

8:45 am:
 Baby Room: Sandy & Kristie Hendrick
 Toddler Room: Fran Summerall

11:00 am:

Baby Room: Carissa/Angie Guffey
 Toddler Room: Katie Powell

the Outlook

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A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Coming in January 2012

January 1	Lord's Supper Sunday
January 11	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
	Midwinter James Bible Study Begins
January 13	Youth leave for Faith in 3D
January 21	Deacon Retreat
January 22	Deacon Ordination
	Financial Peace University begins

NEW FOR 2012!

The Outlook will only be published every other week.
 Check the church Web site and Facebook page for updates in between issues!

PastorNotes: 2012 Prediction: Great Year for God's

People Despite the Mayans and Partisan Politics ♦Bob Guffey

As you read this, Angie and I are probably traveling somewhere between South Carolina and Mississippi. The holiday break has been good for reconnecting with family. We look forward to being back in place after this Sunday.

As for this Sunday, please be sure and reconnect with your church family after perhaps your own holiday. Todd Wood of Impact Myrtle Beach will be preaching for the first time at FBC. You will enjoy Todd's message delivered with a servant's heart and faithful life dedicated to God. (Be sure and remember the pledges we have each made to one another regarding ministry through stewardship of time, talent and tithe, too.)

As for 2012, I believe God has a great year planned for FBC in worship, ministry and outreach. Be sure and give priority on your calendar to the new MidWinter Bible Study, Operation Inasmuch, deacon ordination and new family ministry, a new worship experience on Maundy Thursday, soon to announced prayer retreat dates, praying for our search for a summer children's ministry intern, Friend Day and more.

In a new series of sermons to begin on Sunday, January 15, we are going back to beginnings by exploring the streams of God's presence in the life of the Lord Jesus. Richard Foster, author of *Celebration of Discipline, Prayer: the Heart's True Home*, and more, has done insightful work on Jesus' life of prayer, compassion, incarnational presence, healing, social justice and Spirit, when taken as a whole reflect the life of God. We will find reasons for unity in our diversity and how the very different persons we are will be used by God to change the world.

Lastly, I encourage you to not let yourself get sidetracked by speculation and rumor during this election year. Use that energy for ministry and caring instead. The Mayan calendar is only believable if you think the Mayans knew more about the end of time than Jesus. Over time we have learned that many people — not all, but many — will say anything to get elected. Bookmark www.factcheck.org, www.snopes.com and www.truthorfiction.org on your computer browser. If someone sends you an email saying they checked Snopes or the others, check it yourself. (You may even agree with the email, but if it isn't true it isn't worthy of a Christian.)

2012 is going to be a great year for God's people to be people of the Light, to hold ourselves and others to high standards of truth-telling and for letting Christ live in his people in action as Christ to the world!

Grace and peace, rwg

FBC Conway Students



Upcoming Passport Dates

Passport Missions: June 17-22, 2012

Middle School (Grades 6-8)
Macon, GA

Passport Missions 2: July 1-6

High School (Grades 9-12)
Washington, DC

PassportKids!: July 15-18

(Completed 3rd-6th grades)
Wingate, NC

Faith3D

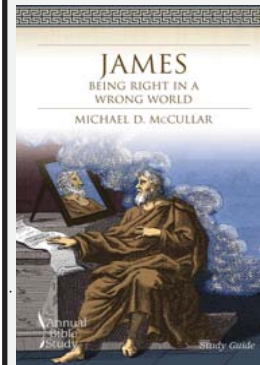
On **January 13**, thirteen of our high school students will be going to Disney World to attend a conference called *Faith in 3D*. They will be joining thousands of Baptist and Presbyterian teens from around the country to explore the similarities and differences of each other's faith.

During the weekend, students will be asked to imagine what it means to be made in God's image. To understand what it takes to create a life, a world and a faith that is meaningful and dynamic. To animate that faith so that it enlivens a weary and wanting world!

We ask for your support as we prepare and participate in this retreat. You can help by: 1) praying for each student and adult leader, and 2) considering making a financial donation to help defer the cost of meals during travel and during the retreat. Your support is truly appreciated.

Ethan Burton-Brooks	Eilee Burton-Brooks	Matthew Barfield
Laura Richardson	Marshall Hardee	Elle Griffin
Sara Prince	Laura Coker Edge	Jacob Livingston
Robbie Anderson	Ashlyn Hardwick	Emily Barfield
Madison Rayer	Julie Livingston	
Shannon Anderson	Scott Thompson and Family	
Patrick Jones and Family		

♦Midwinter Bible Study begins Jan. 11



Dr. Guffey will begin a six-week Midwinter Bible Study on Wednesday nights, beginning January 11. This is a renewal of what many of us grew up with as the annual "January Bible Study." This year's study book is *James: Being Right in a Wrong World* (Smyth&Helwys, 2011). The study guide will be available for purchase (and download, if you have a Kindle or iPad) on January 8. To purchase for Kindle, go to http://helwys.com/abs/james_abs.html. The printed study guide is \$6 and the Kindle version is \$3.99.

Opportunities for Ministry and Fellowship

♦Deacon Retreat and Ordination

New and returning deacons will be meeting together for the first time at the 2012 Deacon Mini-Retreat, taking place on Saturday, January 21, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. An ordination ceremony will follow in both services on Sunday, January 22, for new deacons not previously ordained.

♦Financial Peace University - Begins in January!

Want to get out of debt? Join us for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University class, beginning January 22, 2012. Call Patrick and Katie Jones for more information at 488-2102. Class cost is \$95 per couple.

♦Ladies, Learn More About "James" at WOV

The Women of Virtue group begins a new study by Beth Moore, "James: Mercy Triumphs" on Tuesdays, beginning January 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Registration fee is \$25. For more information, please contact Cindy Galloway(248-8996 or 465-8996) or cpgalloway59@aol.com.

♦ Todd Wood to Preach This Sunday

Dr. Guffey is away on vacation and will return to the office on Monday, January 9. During his absence we will hear the preaching of Impact Myrtle Beach's Missionary Todd Wood this Sunday, January 8.

♦ Worship Service Recordings

CDs and DVDs of both worship services are available by request. Please call Rocky Taylor at 248-4067 if you would like a copy.

♦ Offering Envelopes Update

Due to vendor error, personal offering envelopes have yet to arrive in the church office. As soon as we receive them, we will make them available to you.

♦ Singing Churchmen Concert

The South Carolina Singing Churchmen will have a concert on Thursday, January 12 at 6:45 p.m. at First Baptist Church of North Myrtle Beach. This will be their only concert in our area for the spring.

Wednesday Night Activities Resume January 11

Menu for January 11: Meatloaf

Please call the church office to RSVP by Tuesday, January 10 at noon.