

**FEBRUARY
2006**

UPBEAT

a ministry of First Baptist Church, Sun City West
linking lives with God and others

LADIES....SOMETHING SPECIAL

**TAPESTRY WOMEN'S MINISTRY
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

"RIBBONS & LACE"

**A LADIES' COFFEE AND
STYLE SHOW**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
10:00 A.M.—NOON**

CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

**STYLE SHOW TO BE PRESENTED
BY DRAPER'S & DAMON'S
SUN CITY WEST**

During the coffee, there will be time to hear from the Tapestry Study Group leaders about the group studies that are beginning the week of February 5th. There will also be an opportunity to purchase the needed study materials for the upcoming groups.

If you have questions or need a free ticket, contact either Loretta Hornecker (623-594-9141) or Cherie Toon (623-875-0748), Tapestry Co-directors.

**WE HOPE YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
AND BRING A FRIEND**



**VALENTINE
BANQUET**
(catered dinner)

Tuesday
February 14, 6:00 p.m.
Christian Life Center
Entertainment by
Russ Reeves
Christian Comedian

FESTIVAL OF HOPE

MARCH 4-5, 2006

Dr. Landrum Leavell, II
Former President
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Featured Speaker

Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast in the CLC celebrating the ministries of our church and the blessings we receive from each other.
Dr. Leavell speaking.

Sunday 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Leavell preaches the good news of hope found in Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for the support that was given to the Johnson family while they were here on furlough. The house was completely furnished and met the needs of the Johnson's very well.

A special thank you goes to Wayne McCann for picking up most of the donated furniture and delivering it to the Chesson's; to Mike and Gail Chesson for allowing us to store the furniture in your house until we had the missionary house ready; to Pastor Larry and Wanda for loaning your van for over five months; to Virginia Eoff, Jeannine Olive, Rick and Karen Lackey and the rest of you who worked so hard to get the house ready before and after the Johnson's were here; and, thank you to all who donated/loaned furniture and all the things to make a house a home. The Johnson's are now in Nairobi, Kenya and getting settled in to their new home.

Happy Birthday

- 4 Maria Heibich
Francele Singleton
- 6 Bill Freeman
Lois Knoll
- 7 Anna Johnson
Roy Stanley
*Eric Flowers
- 8 Pat Moran
- 9 Martha Bonner
Lloyd Denton
- 10 Ann Zeffiro
- 11 Carl Cardinael
- 12 Sherwin Nichols
- 13 Walt Lehner
- 14 Bill Swinney
- 18 Ray Fann
- 19 Dr. Clydene Anthony
Doris Moye
- 23 Dr. Mike Chesson
Gladys Jones
- 24 Del Guengerich
- 25 Kara Hammer
- 26 Tim Schumacher
Cliff Whitehead
- 27 Charles Phillips
- 28 Aldyne Shaver

*Missionary birthday



Wedding Anniversaries

Linda & Mikal Haaheim
February 10

Earl & Twila Wellborn
February 11



Condolences and Christian love are expressed to

Carolyn Etzel and Family in the death of her mother, Ethel Peacock; Correne Newton and Family in the death of her husband, Bill; Lyda Dubberstein and Family in the death of her sister in Nashville, Tennessee; JoeAnne Hamilton and Family in the death of her husband, Chuck; Florence Stephenson and Family in the death of her husband, Bill; Pat Moran and Family in the death of her mother, Edna Gaither, and Don Bertrand and Family in the death of his brother, Roy.



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CALENDAR

- 1 9:30 a.m. Samaritan Visitation
(each Wednesday)
- 2 9:30 a.m. Bldgs. & Grnds.
- 3 10:00 a.m. Tapestry
- 5 10:30 a.m. Lord's Supper
- 6 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group
(each Monday)
9:30 a.m. Outreach
(each Monday)
- 7 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting
- 14 9:00 a.m. Missions Com.
6:00 p.m. Valentine Banquet
- 16 10:00 a.m. Partners On
Mission
- 23 2:00 p.m. Samaritan Com.

MUSIC NOTES

Barbara and I are overwhelmed by your gracious reception of us into the fellowship of FBCSCW. And we are excited about the opportunity to help lead in worship through the music program. This is something we have been involved in our entire life together, and are grateful to the Lord for continuing to give us both opportunity and strength to do this.

I want to invite members and friends of FBC to consider joining the choir right now. We will soon begin preparation for the Easter season and the presentation of DuBois's "Seven Last Words of Christ", which is a classic of church music literature. Being a part of the music ministry is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. So, welcome!

Thanks for your confidence in us,
Paul Barnes

FROM THE PASTOR

2005 was quite a year for First Baptist Church!

In early January, we welcomed the Interfaith Community Care Helping Partners Ministry for developmentally disabled adults into our facilities and our ministry family. **During December**, we exceeded our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.

We began the year with an outstanding Winter Bible Conference and wrapped it up with a wonderfully inspirational Advent Season, Choir Concert, and Service of Thanksgiving and Hope. We also

- Celebrated a great Spring Banquet in February with record numbers of people.
- Shared the inspiration of Holy Week, a Spring Choir Concert, and Easter Sunday worship in the R. H. Johnson Social Hall during March.
- Launched our Women's Ministry, Tapestry, in fine fashion.
- Leased, funded and furnished a house for missionaries on furlough and welcomed the Wayne Johnson family into our lives.
- Took a significant step forward as we followed the Deacon's lead and broadened the statement of qualifications for deacon service.
- Hosted a superb Missions Fair, shared a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner, and conducted the Baptist Women's Word Day of Prayer and World Missions Sunday during November.
- Celebrated professions of faith and welcomed others into the church by transfer of membership.
- Welcomed Paul Barnes as our Interim Minister of Music.
- Added the ministry of the Desert Pines Baptist Association in northeast Arizona to our mission commitments.
- Kicked off our expanded outreach ministry with an all-day workshop in October.
- Gave generously – to meet budget needs and to special offerings. What a story!

Benevolence Offerings	\$ 2,508.10
Feed the Hungry Offering	3,509.75
Annie Armstrong for North American Missions	6,174.58
Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions	16,141.00
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	155.00
Tsunami Relief Offering	4,840.00
Katrina Disaster Relief Offering	10,676.00
Gideon Ministry	1,818.00

These gifts are **in addition to the \$499,795.26** for our church's budget needs!

- Took part in the "Read through the Bible" emphasis throughout the year.

And those are but a taste of what God and our people have been doing this year. We have seen "the undeniable fidelity of the people of God."

2005 was a very good year in the life of our church!

I know: we've had some less-than-ideal moments, some steps backward when we should have been moving forward, and some trying times. Death journeyed with us through the year. But, through the strength of God's Spirit and your wholesome ministries, we came to year's end as a vibrant fellowship.

How grateful I am for you and your partnership in ministry! The mission of the church and the ministries of our Lord rely on the many, not the few. As I look at what we're about, I see the fingerprints of a host of you. Here's one example: at the conclusion of Advent, I wrote a short "Thank You" note to those who had helped make the season beautiful and inspirational – and sent it to more than six dozen people! As you read, please hear me say, "Thank you for your hands at the tasks and your fingerprints on our shared ministries!"

2006 has begun beautifully! In January we welcomed seven new members into our membership. We called Paul Barnes to serve as our Minister of Music. Paul Kinnison led us in an exceptional grief ministry workshop. And we had an inspiring Winter Bible Conference with Dr. Louis Cobbs. We launched our emphasis on faith-sharing – How to Become a Contagious Christian and Jesus: One-to-One – with marvelous Sunday night messages by Harry Bonner and Melvin Ratheal; we look forward to hearing messages from Dan Rainbolt, Charlie Brannon, Wade McKinley, and Gene Runnels this month.

We have wonderful doors of opportunity for Christian growth and service open to us!

My prayer for our church: "God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power, Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, For the living of these days."

! MISSING TABLE CLOTHS !


The decorating committee would like to ask that the white banquet table cloths which were taken home to be washed and ironed be returned to the church. There are several that are still missing. We ask that you please drop them off in the church office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you,
Janice Brummett,
Mary Wulitich,
Diana Hopp, and
Shirley Domilise

THANKS PRAYER WARRIORS!

This is a small way of thanking the 2005 Warriors for their dedication to the "prayer chain". You have been a steady companion in prayer, which has touched the needs of our Church Family. We also extend a big "thank you" of appreciation to Gladys Leach, who is our silent partner behind the scenes, filling in when there has been a need to keep the prayer chain going during the absence of chair leaders. Welcome to the Warriors for 2006 who have come together in the need of prayer. Thank you from your Chair Leaders, Marie and Ginny, and also from Dr. Paul, the "root" of it all!

God bless you and keep you in His care.

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★ Please continue to pray for our ★
★ extended family serving in the ★
★ United States Military at home ★
★ and abroad. ★

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