

**MARCH  
2006**

**UPBEAT**

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

## *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.**

Continental 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.**

### **CALENDAR**

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| 1  | 9:30 a.m. Samaritan Visitation<br>(ea. Wed.)<br>6:30 p.m. Bible Study<br>(ea. Wed.) |
| 2  | 9:30 a.m. Bldgs. & Grnds. Com.<br>4:00 p.m. Nelson Bible Study<br>(ea. Thurs.)      |
| 4  | 9:00 a.m. Festival of Hope<br>Breakfast                                             |
| 5  | 10:30 a.m. Festival of Hope                                                         |
| 6  | 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group<br>(ea. Mon.)<br>9:30 a.m. Outreach<br>(ea. Mon.)            |
| 7  | 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast<br>9:00 a.m. Deacons Meeting                              |
| 12 | 10:30 a.m. Lord's Supper<br>5:00 p.m. Deacon Installation                           |
| 14 | 9:00 a.m. Missions Com.                                                             |
| 16 | 10:00 a.m. Partners On Mission<br>2:00 p.m. Samaritan Com.                          |

**March 4-April 16, 2006**

# Happy Birthday



Condolences and Christian love are expressed to

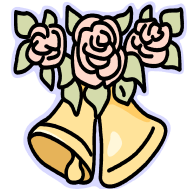
- 2 RoseMarie Isbell
- 3 Katie Eller  
Tom Pratt
- 4 John Elam
- 5 Marge Yaniro  
\*Matt McCord
- 6 Lucille Varenkamp
- 7 Raymond McClary  
Ed Olive
- 9 Liz Inman
- 10 Joan Boggs  
Bob Roth  
\*Steve Jackson
- 11 Frances Decker  
Charlie Toon
- 13 George Wulitich
- 16 Jean Miller
- 17 Betty Jones  
Chuck Love  
Donna Runnels
- 18 Paul Barnes
- 20 Guy Inman
- 22 LaDonna Love
- 23 Bruce Dubberstein  
Forrest Goff  
Willie Johnson
- 24 Wanda Baker
- 25 Ruth Weaver
- 27 Ivan Boggs  
Beverly Helton
- 28 Harry Heinrichs  
Siegi Maier
- 30 Harold Garnand  
Norman Kindley
- 31 Stella Taylor

Jim and Jon Morrill in the death of their father, Clarence, Gentsia Zimmerman in the death of her brother, Carolyn Maxfeldt in the death of her aunt, Lisa Wright and Rick Wright in the death of their mother, Kate, Francele Singleton in the death of her sister, and to the family of Dick Hartman.

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## Wedding Anniversaries

- 4 Clay and Anna Johnson
  - 8 Glema and Ken Weaver
  - 10 Gil and Ada Lloyed
  - 15 John and Sharlene Lyle
  - 17 Siegi and Tony Maier
  - 28 Fred and Marti Chapman
  - 30 Bruce and Lyda Dubberstein  
Ben and Ruth McCollum
  - 31 Harold and Mina Garnand
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## EASTER LILLIES



*If you would like to order an Easter lily in memory of or in honor of someone, please enclose \$10.00 in an offering envelope, mark it Easter Lily, include your name and the name of the one being remembered or honored, and place the envelope in the offering plate. The lilies will be displayed on the platform Easter Sunday morning and may be taken home after the service.*

\* Missionaries' Birthday



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

## FROM THE PASTOR

*JOURNEY TO FIRST LIGHT* will be the theme of our life together during the six weeks leading to Easter this year. Our sub theme will be *Traveling with Hope*.

*FIRST LIGHT*, without question, breaks at Joseph's tomb with Jesus' resurrection! At dawn, the women and the apostles discovered that God had brought Jesus back to life and had broken the power of sin and the darkness of death. "Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes." Not only so, but the light was the "first" and not the last; through faith, that light has shined on us and we are children of the light.

We begin our *JOURNEY TO FIRST LIGHT* with a kick-off weekend.

- On Saturday, March 4, Dr. Landrum Leavell, II, former president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will headline a breakfast celebrating what God is doing with us and through us in our church.
- On Sunday, March 5, Dr. Leavell will preach during both worship services. He will sound the magnificent message of hope that permeates the gospel of our Lord.

Dr. Leavell served as pastor of the First Baptist Churches of Gulfport, Mississippi, and Wichita Falls, Texas, before serving as president of New Orleans Seminary. He brings an engaging style, helpful understanding of the scripture, and the power to inspire listeners as he speaks. We will be wonderfully blessed by his ministry among us on March 4-5!

### *DURING THE FIVE WEEKS*

*FOLLOWING*, I shall preach each week on the power of hope in our lives. Together, we shall learn afresh what *Traveling with Hope* can mean for us. For example, on two of the Sundays, we shall listen to the Spirit speak to us about "Traveling with Hope When the Storms of Life Are Raging" and "Traveling with Hope When the Darkness I See." That's but a glimpse.

*SUNDAY NIGHTS* will be special, too! Take a look at what's in the making:

- March 12 Deacon Ordination and Installation Service  
Victor Gurule, Warren Isbell, and Rick Lackey will be ordained; Dr. Mike Chesson and Charles Melbye will be installed. All five were elected by the church and have begun three year terms on our Deacon Council.
- March 19 *His Messengers* in concert  
A men's ensemble of which Paul Barnes is a member.

- March 26 Linda Haaheim and Paul Barnes in a vocal music concert
- April 2 Wanda Baker, Organ, and Virginia Egli, Piano, in concert
- April 9 *The Seven Last Words* by Theodore Dubois  
The Sanctuary Choir in concert

### *A WEEK CALLED HOLY* follows!

- On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, we shall gather for one-hour luncheons at noon.
- Drs. Don Hammer, Ron Hornecker, and Stan Nelson, of our congregation, and Dr. Glen Saul, formerly a member, will be our inspirational speakers. Each day will include a special music feature.
- Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper Service at 6:30 p.m.

*ON EASTER SUNDAY*, we shall meet for worship in the R.H. Johnson Social Hall for soul-stirring worship that will help us celebrate the greatest event in human history – the resurrection of our Lord and its power in our lives.

*NOW, FOR YOUR PART.* Here's what I want you to do:

- Step 1 Turn to the back of the tear-off in this morning's worship guide and make a reservation (or reservations) for the breakfast on March 4.
- Step 2 Commit yourself to participate in every worship service during our *JOURNEY TO FIRST LIGHT*.
- Step 3 When you get home, mark all those dates on your calendar and remind yourself, "I am going to take advantage of every one of these services."
- Step 4 Think of people whom you would like to have share these services with you. Then invite them. Maybe even bring them.

Our *JOURNEY TOWARD FIRST LIGHT* will begin almost "before we know it." It's a journey you will not want to miss. And it's a journey made for companions. Let's make the most of it!

The following letter was received from The Richard Jackson Center for Evangelism and Encouragement

January 26, 2006

Dear Pastor Baker and Church Family

Back in September 1990, when this ministry was birthed on the Campus of Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, little could we have imagined what all God would do over the next fifteen years!! Thank you for making 2005 such a beautiful year filled with God's blessings! Because of your faithfulness to pray for and give to this ministry, we continue the versatile ministry that The Jackson Center for Evangelism and Encouragement was meant to be.

- We are shipping soul-winning New Testaments around the world!
- We receive reports on a weekly basis of scores of people coming to faith in Christ through the Use of *The Covenant of God's Love!*
- We are continually training clergy and laity of all ages to share their faith!
- We are teaching young men and women who are preparing for ministry!
- We are giving guidance to young pastors and church staff leaders!

You are a very real part of it all. You have made it possible for us to continue doing this work of evangelizing the lost, training believers to share their faith, and encouraging pastors and laypeople to stay focused on the Gospel of our Lord Jesus. Thank you and please know that we are praying for you as you pray for us.

Richard Jackson

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