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One Mission, One Message, One More!

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Thank You

Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers and the many words of encouragement during the life and death of my sister. A special thank you to Mac who visited the nursing home and to Bro. Keith who took the time out of a very busy schedule to come by the funeral home. Your friend in Christ, Bobbie Middleton
Dear First Baptist Church,
I thank you very much for your wonderful prayers that helped me thru my recent heart issues. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.
Bob House

Upcoming Christmas Events

A Celebration of Light
Adult Choir – December 6, at 6 p.m.

The First Day of Christmas
Children's Choirs – December 13, at 6 p.m.

Carols and Ivory
Saturday, December 19, at 6 p.m.

*A Celebration of
The Lord's Supper*
December 20, at 6 p.m.

LÓÓK at THIS!

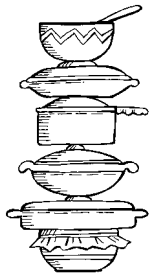
Starting January, the *First Word* will be published once a month.

**The next two newsletter deadlines are
December 8 & 21.**

Keenagers' News by Bill Johnson

Please note the day & date change of the December luncheon. The December Luncheon will be Thursday, December 10. This luncheon will be our Christmas Luncheon.

Mark your calendars to attend any of the luncheons and find out what the Keenagers will be up to next year.



Come and enjoy the fun!!



PROJECT THANKSGIVING

Thank you for your inquiries about the doctoral project. Since my last writing, it has been approved. Please let me include some of those previous remarks and if you would like to participate, please let me know: "...What I can say about it at this point is it will be a six week study I am required to write.



Participants will engage in the study much like a daily devotional guide. The impact of the study on the participants will be evaluated by the individual participants. Then, I will be required to assess the whole, cite

statistics, and generally ascertain whether the study met its intended goal. I have said all that in order to ask a question of you, our church family. If you would like to be a study participant, will you please let me know? I will be seeking whatever number of participants my supervisory panel requires. The project will be much easier if all the participants come from the same church. There are reasons for this which do not need to be stated here, but that is the case. From your point of view, you will be engaging in a six-week long daily devotional. Most of you probably have a daily devotional time already. This would simply be a change (or addition) in your devotional

material. Please consider helping out. You may have questions and you are certainly free to ask them. As the time approaches to begin the study, we will have a beginning session complete with explanations and question/answer time. It is my hope we can begin the study in early January. Please consider participating and I'd also like to ask you to pray for me as this gets underway."

THANKSGIVING CHALLENGE

A point of thanksgiving was brought to my attention several years ago and it has stayed with me. As opportunity presents itself, I have tried to share that point with others. As adults, we know what it is like to look out for a child. We have kept watch over our own, our nieces and nephews, or ministered to someone by watching their children briefly. We have made a room 'child proof' by taking things from the room a child might harm/break or things that might harm the child. Whatever our actions, they were done with the benefit of the child in mind and done without the child's knowledge. Here is the point: If we know how to protect a child without his/her knowledge, how much more does our Heavenly Father do that for us? We tend to thank Him for the things we know. Have you thanked Him for the many things He has done on your behalf without your knowledge? Think about it and give Him thanks for those things unknown to you! I trust you had a very happy Thanksgiving holiday and that your thanksgiving continues.

Blessings to you!
Bro. Keith



Saturation: Sunday Mornings, 9:45 a.m., in the Oasis
Quench: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., in the Oasis
Overflow: Sundays, 4:30 p.m., in the Oasis

STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY
Monday, December 14 • 6 - 9 p.m.

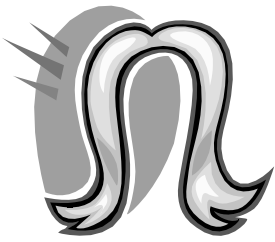
Last Overflow - December 13

Will resume in January - Watch your calendar for the date

Keep in **Christ** **Christmas**



WIGS



BREAKFAST CLUB

Saturday, January 9

9 a.m.

The Bake Shop on the square

On Friday, February 19, we will have our first WIGS surprise overnight retreat. Call or email the church office

to reserve a room. Our retreat focus will be on "Trust." I have to ask you to trust me to choose a great place for the retreat without telling you where we are going! You will need \$1 for gas money and money for supper and breakfast. Room rates are \$33 per person for 4 sharing a room, \$42 per person for 3 sharing a room, and \$60 per person for 2 sharing a room. Your room rate will be your deposit. You won't want to miss the unbelievable life story our speaker will share. All are asked to bring a snack food to share on Friday evening. Deadline for registration and deposit is Sunday, January 10.

W.O.M.



We will collect gifts for nursing home residents to give for Christmas. Our dedication of these gifts will be on Sunday, December 6, with a wrapping party at the nursing homes on December 8, at 3 p.m. As you are shopping for your Christmas gifts, remember these folks who are not able to get out shopping. Remember these gifts are for the

residents of the nursing homes to "shop" for their family. Any gift is suitable except sharp objects, candles, perfume or candy. Stuffed animals, board games, frames, or any gift your would to receive would be nice. Thanks for your generosity and thoughtfulness.



W.O.M. meets the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please join us in 2010 as we study missions and help help others as a mission project.

WHO'S 
**WHOSE MISSING?
 MISSION?**
 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 Our Goal: \$10,000

HELP A FAMILY
Christmas Charities

 Scottsboro - 256-574-0412
 or contact Madge Myers





Senior Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 4

6:00 p.m.

Make your reservations now for the Senior Adult Christmas Dinner hosted by the Deacons. Call the Church Office now!!

Children's Ministry
Children's Choirs
 Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
 Third Floor

Awana Clubs
 Sunday Evenings
 5:30 p.m. • Third Floor
 December 6: AWANA Store
 January 10, 2010: AWANA Resumes

\$50 Deposit Due January 17, 2010
 Dates: June 14-18, 2010
 Leader: Leasha Megehee