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Monday, January 5, 2015

Bonnie Barnes, Joanne Cadieu

Monday, January 12, 2015

Mary Joyner, Judy McEntire

Monday, January 19, 2015

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, January 26, 2015

Sally Pierce, Beverly Carnes

Attendance Report

Sunday, Nov 30, 2014

Sunday School-88

Worship Service-90

Sunday, Dec 14, 2014

Sunday School-81

Worship Service-101

Sunday, Dec 7, 2014

Sunday School-86

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Sunday School-93

Worship Service-115

Sunday, Dec 28, 2014

Sunday School-59

Worship Service-78

Serving on Sunday, January 4, 2015

Nursery: Diane Stokes

2s & 3s: Peggy Scott

Children's Church: Leah Melvin & Vivian Hilton

Security: Steve McIver

Deacons of the Week: Ken Robinette, Charles Harrill

Serving on Sunday, January 11, 2015

Nursery: Virginia Auman

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette

Children's Church: Steve McIver

Security: Kenneth Robinette

Deacons of the Week: Don Auman, Judy McEntire

Serving on Sunday, January 18, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Wilson

2s & 3s: Terry and Susan Brown

Children's Church: Linda Byrd

Security: John Ray

Deacons of the Week: Gene Barnes, Steve Bullard

Serving on Sunday, January 25, 2015

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: Twyla Nelson

Children's Church: Bobby Sue Ormsby

Security: Chris McDuffie

Deacons of the Week: Chris McDuffie, John Ray



On New Year's Day, 1929, Georgia Tech played UCLA in the Rose Bowl. In that game a young man named Roy Riegels recovered a fumble for UCLA. Picking up the loose ball, he ran 65 yards toward the goal line. Unfortunately ... he had gotten confused ... it was the wrong goal line. One of his teammates - Benny Lom - ran him down and tackled him just before he scored for the opposing team. Several plays later UCLA had to punt. Georgia Tech blocked the kick and scored a safety further demoralizing the UCLA team.

From that day on, Roy Riegels was branded “Wrong Way” Riegels. Unfortunately, there are many people who live their lives that way. They go the wrong way, because they've lost sight of - or never had - a goal.

As someone once noted: “Many people are what you might call directionally challenged.”

Well, the Bible has a remedy for those who may be directionally challenged. Proverbs 3:5-6 states “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to Him and he will make your paths straight.” That's good news for a new year! With straight paths, there will be no confusion. We will not get lost. We will find our way. We will move in God's direction, and if we move along God's path ... if we follow the directions He has laid out for us, we should have a beneficial and spiritually profitable new year. Here are 5 straight paths for us to follow in 2015:

1. Use your time wisely. It is a valuable gift. Seize every opportunity to honor and glorify God. “Be very careful how you live - not unwise, but wise, making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:15-16.



“First the good news...the youth raised the money to go to camp this year, now the bad... they did it by selling the church van.”

Happy Birthday!

1-1 Lucille Smith
 1-1 Peggy Harris
 1-1 Gabrielle Goodwin
 1-2 Fumiko Davis
 1-3 Louise Ervin
 1-3 Michael Beale
 1-4 Del Lucas
 1-5 Betty Stogner
 1-5 John Dawkins
 1-6 John Ormsby
 1-13 Vivian Hilton
 1-14 Doris Hamilton
 1-15 Sarah Featherston
 1-15 Richard (Dicky) Smith
 1-15 Wanda Bullard
 1-16 Judy Marks
 1-16 Jerry Garris
 1-17 Mark Cockerton
 1-20 Laura Cox
 1-24 Linda Teal
 1-28 Laurene Ennis
 1-30 Susan Brown
 1-30 Kimberly Byrd
 1-31 Corey Davis

Happy Anniversary!

January 15th
 Charles and Bobbie Harrill
 65 Years

Tithes & Gifts

Giving Summary	November	Dec 7, 14 & 21
Gen. Fund	33,902	19,368
Chall. to Maint.	1,200	400
Memorials & Honor	325	233
Radio Ministry	850	800
Oper. Christmas Child	110	
Missions		1,312
Military Bible Sticks	350	
Baptist Men's Fund/ Wheelchair Ramp Fund		1,829
Katie Yates Fund	600	25
Total Gifts	37,337	23,967
Wednesday Fellowship Meals	426	351
Budget req. to date	376,637	
Gifts to date	372,357	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(4,280)	
% giving to req.	99%	

2. Learn from the past, but don't allow it to determine your future. Move forward with faith and anticipation for what God has in store for you. "I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me ... Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:12-14.

3. Set proper priorities. Expend your resources on the most important things ... things of greatest value. "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33.

4. Demonstrate an attitude of thanksgiving, no matter what! "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

5. Above all, love as Christ loves. "A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34

If you and I follow these directions, we won't get lost, but will arrive safely at our God ordained destination.

Have a Happy New Year!



As a new year dawns, my prayer for each of you comes from Numbers 6:24-26. No doubt, these words are familiar to many of you. "May the LORD bless you and keep you. May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the LORD lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace." Surely these words of blessing are words that have the power to bring comfort and assurance to us today. They are words that I treasure, for through these words we are asking God to surround another person in God's own light and love. And we ask the same for ourselves. Whatever this year holds for you – in all its joy and grief, in all its laughter and pain, in all its sunshine and storms – "May the LORD make his face to shine upon you...and give you peace."

I am excited about the coming year and the undeniable ways God will continue to move in our midst. May it be a year in which we draw closer to God and to each other. May it be a year in which we find hope and beauty in the ordinariness as well as the extraordinariness of life. May it be a year in which we grow in love, and grace, and joy. As we walk this road together, may God bless and keep each and every one of us.



In Loving Memory

Mr. Bronson Brim, Sr.

Mr. Taylor Brim, Sr.

Mrs. Bobbie Capps

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mrs. Blanche Elmore

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mr. Douglas Greer

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis

Ms. Carol Chappell

Mr. Samuel Greer

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis

Mr. Charles Munn

Mr. Sam Brigman

Mrs. Grace Riggan

Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle Marks

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Davis

Mrs. Ola Mae Yates

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grady

Mrs. Peggy Percival

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis



In Honor

Mrs. Jennifer Byrd

Ms. Essie Byrd

Mr. Dennis Holloway

Anonymous

The Deacon's Corner



**During the month
of January:**

1. We will be collecting gently used Bibles at the church to be taken to Our Daily Bread. Please bring these to the office.

2. January 24th is the Deacon's Retreat at the church from 9:30 am till 2:00 pm.



A BIG thank you to the choir members who sang in the Christmas program this year! A special thanks also to Twyla for bringing us in at the correct times. December 7th was a night of good music and excellent food! The adult choir Christmas party will be on Sunday, January 4th at 5:00 pm at the Shuler's. Choir rehearsal will resume on January 7th.

Evelyn Marks' 90th Birthday Party

All are welcome to help celebrate Evelyn Marks' 90th birthday! Saturday, January 31st, 2015 at First Baptist Church in S150. Drop in from 2-4 pm. Thank You.

Abbey Jenkins Sykes



Poinsettias given in Memory Of

Sybil Easterling - J. Neal and Joanne Cadieu

Bobby Rainey - Baracca II Class

Harold Matthews - Baracca II Class

Ken Melvin - Baracca II Class

Herman Seawell, Ellon Seawell - Beverly Carnes

Mary Seawell Ratliff, Jenny Seawell Donald - Beverly Carnes

Harry "Butch" Jones - Jill and Scott Emerson

Clyde and Ruth Jenkins - Graham Jenkins

Cedric Todd - Hazel Todd

Tom and Junita Yates - Cathy Hill and the Children

John and Katie Yates - Leroy Yates

Ola Mae Yates - Leroy Yates

Margaret Yates Maples - Leroy Yates

Sam Greer - Charles and Bobbie Harrill

Douglas Greer - Charles and Bobbie Harrill

Henrietta M. Bryant - William Bryant

Eugene Harold Matthews - His Family

Virginia Phillips - B.T. Phillips

Betty Garris - Debbie, Steve, Jerry and the Grandkids

Poinsettias given in Honor Of

Tess Ann Jones - Jill and Scott Emerson

Lucille Smith - Jill and Scott Emerson

Lazelle and Judy Marks - Graham Jenkins

Evelyn Marks - Graham Jenkins

Patsy Jenkins - Graham Jenkins

Robert and Nora Smith - Baracca II Class

Janice Coen - JOY Fellowship Group

Don Auman - JOY Fellowship Group

Dr. Jim Nelson - Baracca II Class

Rev. Patricia Greene - Baracca II Class



Welcome! 2015!

The book club will not meet until the second Friday of January. We don't know yet who the hostess will be. We will send an email as soon as we have it worked out. Sandra Elliot

JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER!

January 1 - New Year's Day

January 4 - Adult Choir Christmas Party at the Shuler's, 5:00 pm

January 16-19 - Youth Ski Trip, Winterplace

January 19 - Finance Committee Meeting, FBC 5:30 pm

January 19 - Deacon's Meeting, FBC 6:30 pm

January 24 - Deacon Retreat at FBC, 9:30 am until 2:00 pm

January 31 - Evelyn Marks 90th birthday celebration - Drop in from 2-4 pm FBC S150

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