



Your church staff invites you to take the challenge with us!
Commit today to reading the Bible "beginning to end" in 2010.

Go to www.fbcsulphur.org/take-the-challenge to indicate
your commitment and download the 2010 Bible Reading Plan.
Children's reading plan also available.



*Jesus returned in 30 days
How would you live life differently?*

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As we enter the new year, I ran across these words from a pastor who many years ago, penned them to his congregation. They express my sentiments exactly, thus I quote his letter:

Dearly beloved and longed for,

I now begin another year of ministry among you and I am resolved, if God give me health and strength, that I will not let a man or woman or child among you alone until you have at least heard the testimony of God concerning His Son, either to your condemnation or salvation.

And I will pray, as I have done before, that if the Lord will indeed give us a great outpouring of His Spirit, He will do it in such a way that it will be evident to the weakest child among you that it is the Lord's work and not man's. I think I may say to you, as Rutherford said to his people, 'Your heaven would be two heavens to me'.

And if the Lord be pleased to give me a crown from among you, I do here promise in His sight that I will cast it at His feet saying, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain! Blessing, and honour and glory and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb for ever and ever.'

Glorious!

Beginning To End In 2010 - In other news, I am excited for the 100 plus people who made the commitment to read the Bible through in 2010. We call it "Beginning To End in 2010." It is not too late to get a copy of the reading plan and follow along with your fellow church members as we read together. You may access a copy at www.fbc sulphur.org/take-the-challenge, pick one up at the church office, or request a copy by email. How's that for "full service?"

Do you want to see where God wants to take us? The first Sunday of this year was our Vision Sunday. On that day, I challenged First Baptist Church to build Christ's glorious church. Here's a recap on the challenges I issued for the year 2010:

The Foundation is Prayer. Wednesday evenings will be for prayer meeting. We will pray specifically for outsiders to the Christian faith. We will also pray for various classes, groups and church organizations. We will focus efforts on outreach and pray for those efforts as well.

The Front Door is "GPS." "GPS" is "God's Plan For Sharing." It is a strategy backed by our Louisiana Baptist Convention to share Jesus with our neighborhood. We will be prayer walking and sharing the love of Jesus in our "Jerusalem."

The Back Door is Small Groups. Sunday School classes and eGroups remain the small group backbone of the church. Every church member needs to plug into a small group for discipleship and spiritual growth.

The Framework is the "Second Century Fund." As we conclude construction on our "Rise And Build" project, we now face other remodeling and refurbishing needs. It has been well over a decade, and in some cases many decades, since some areas of our buildings have been addressed for things like painting and flooring. I could list the entire project wish list, but I'll summarize by saying that the price tag runs over \$675,000. The "Second Century Fund" will be established to fund these capital improvement projects.

Read my blog at: www.drdave3.blogspot.com. and my George W. Truett quote blog at: www.gwtruett.blogspot.com.
Listen to Sunday sermons online or download them to your portable mp3 player at www.fbc sulphur.org.

¹ McCheyne, quoted in Memoirs and Remains- Bonar, p116



Charles & Doris Wright

The Dalton Family:

Robert, Martha, Alison, Shannon & Jamie

THANKS THANK YOU THANKS THANK YOU THANKS THANKS THANK YOU THANKS

Dear FBCS - Thank you so much for allowing our team to come to your church for a second time. Just like last year, we have had such a great time worshipping with you all. It has been so good to see familiar faces. Thank you so much for your hospitality and for not making us feel like strangers. God bless - The White Team - **Life Action Ministries**

Dear First Baptist - Please accept our sincere thanks for the show of love, food and Christian friendship during the loss of our mother, Lillian Akins. Sincerely - **Peggy Akins Bridges & Jerry Akins**

Dear Church Family - Our family is very appreciative of all that you have done for the McIlwain family in the loss of our mother, Sallie McIlwain. Thank you so much for the food, visits and words of encouragement. Sincerely - **Family of Sallie McIlwain**

Dear FBCS - Thank you to Fawn O'Gea and all who planned the Single Faith Sunday School party! Sincerely - **Dorothy Deason**

To the Church Family, the Deacons & my children - You have made my 100th birthday the most special one yet. The flowers were beautiful and the cake was delicious. A special thanks to Gilbert Tennison for being my deacon. Sincerely - **Ora Lee Eubanks**

Dr. Holder & the FBC Family - Thank you for the wonderful book of Proverbs for our staff. This is a true blessing for us all. We value and appreciate you as our partner in prayer. We truly are a blessed family to have you on our side. We also want you to know we pray for all of you daily. Once again, thank you for all that you do. Sincerely - **Tony McCardle** - Frasch Elementary

Dear FBCS - I would like to thank the Homebound Committee for the goodie bag they gave me for Christmas! Much love - **Pauline Hooper**

Dear Folks of Prayer Ministry - Thank you for your prayers and for caring enough to let us know about it! Love - **John & Trixye Rich**

Dear FBC Members - Mom (Gilda Prine) loved First Baptist Church so much. During her time of illness & death you all showed so much love back. Thank you for everything - **Neil Prejean**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

	<u>Enrolled</u>	<u>Present</u>
December 6, 2009.....	940.....	228
December 13, 2009.....	939.....	257
December 20, 2009.....	941.....	221
December 27, 2009.....	941.....	213
Unique Attenders in December 2009.....		357

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

December 6, 2009.....	\$29,779.85
December 13, 2009.....	\$25,028.03
December 20, 2009.....	\$19,537.89
December 27, 2009.....	\$22,980.92

IN MEMORY OF...

Lottie Moon: Lillian Akins, Gilda Prine, Velda Barrett, George Robinson, Sallie McIlwain, Ernest Crouch, Jr., Cheryl Crouch Ezell, Willa Vee Beyeaux, Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Crouch, Sr., Dillon Prine, Thomas & Margaret Lamont, Leroy & Adelia Adams, Glen Chamblee, Rev. Joe Bartlett

Rise & Build: G. L. Burgess, Luna Bennett, Billy Ray Smith

IN HONOR OF...

Lottie Moon: John Watson, Harvey & Sissy Jones, Willie & Shirley Broussard, Terry & Susan McMillin, Joyce Moses, John & Elsie Moak, Jerry & Ann LeBrun, Kenneth W. Crouch, Lewis & Wanda Hall, James & Glynis Gaskin, Ora Lee Eubanks, Pete & Dale Salter, Bill & Bettye Landry, Francis Lyons, J. D. & Liz Robinson, Betty Crouch



RISE & BUILD

Given to Date - \$819,280.65

Commitments to Date - \$746,553.00



OVERVIEW OF VAN POLICY



We are excited to announce the addition of a 2009 Ford van to our fleet! The Transportation Committee has set the following guidelines for the use of our vans to help maintain good working conditions.

Chevy

Recommended for trips no longer than one hour one way.

2003 Ford

Recommended for trips between one and three hours and local trips if Chevy is unavailable.

2009 Ford

Recommended for trips greater than three hours and local trips if Chevy & 2003 Ford are unavailable.

Call 527-5231 to obtain the full version of the van policy.

For all kids, age 3 years to 5th Grade



January SCHEDULE

1/13/10 - Twin Night - Bring a friend as your twin & get 700 points.

1/20/10 - Avalanche Night - Bring white items for the Food Pantry.

1/27/10 - D. I. M.E. Night

2/3/10 - Pastor's Popcorn Night



There will be NO Musical Mondays rehearsal on the following dates.

January 18 - Martin Luther Jr. Day

January 25 - Teacher In-Service

Zag... Parables of the Kingdom

Winter Bible Study for First Kids

K - 5th Grade

Every Sunday Night - Game Room

6:00 p.m.



Speaker - Dr. David Holder

Save the dates - 3.26-3.27!

Look for more information soon!

Contact Amy Bruce - 527-5231

Student Ministry

Last year flew right by us! It has been a wonderful time in the student ministry and we are looking forward to a God-centered future.

Our schedule for this semester is:

SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School – 9:00 AM

Sunday Service – 10:30 AM

SUNDAY NIGHT

Dig Deeper Bible Study – 6:00 PM

SNAC – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Grounded Café – Middle School – 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Grounded Café – High School – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Middle School Dodge Ball – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

LiFE Youth Group – 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

High School Dodge Ball – 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

There are many areas to help serve in the student ministry. If you are interested in one of the areas below please give me a call and you can try it out once with no strings attached. If you decide you'd like to continue helping then I'll make sure you get the training and materials necessary to be successful.

AREAS OF HELP NEEDED

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR – Oversees a small group of Sunday school teachers.

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBER – Aids in the prayer and decision making process of the various aspects of youth ministry planning.

SNAC PARENT MEAL VOLUNTEERS – Brings food and serves on Sunday nights every 6 weeks or so on a rotating basis.

GROUNDING CAFÉ SERVER – Serves coffee, snacks, and builds relationships with students during grounded café.

GROUNDING CAFÉ GAMES SUPERVISOR – Builds one on one relationships with students and oversees the game equipment.

HIGH SCHOOL RECREATION SUPERVISOR – Helps to organize recreation on Wednesdays from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM for high school students.

I look forward to serving your family this year! If you need anything at all, give me a call.



John Hutchinson

Missions Ministry



Support missions like the Navajo Project
& Frascch Friends by getting FULL!!!
That's right!

You can support missions simply by purchasing a meal during
The Wednesday Connection every Wednesday
night beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Kids \$2 / Adults \$5 / Family Maximum \$20

Reservations by Monday week of supper by:

Connection Card or Phone - 527-5231.

Menu

1/13/10 - Regular: Red Beans & Rice / Kids: Pizza

1/20/10 - Regular/Kids: Chili Dogs

1/27/10 - Regular: Baked Chicken / Kids: Corn Dogs

2/3/10 - Regular & Kids: Spaghetti



SPRING MISSION TRIP

March 27 - April 2, 2010
Nahodishgish, New Mexico
Navajo Indian Reservation

Save the dates and be praying
about joining us as we
minister to our Navajo friends!

More details soon.

Contact Tom Bruce @ 527-5231.



	<p><u>3F GAME NIGHT</u></p> <p>Friday, January 15, 2010</p> <p>@ 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>FBCS Fellowship Hall</p>
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Music Ministry



Agin' Cajuns Choir
55 years young & older
Rehearsal every Monday - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Choir
8th Grade & older
Rehearsal every Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

Contact Donald Dukes @ 527-5231.



Caught Doing Something Good!

We caught you, Marcy Byrd!

Marcy was caught by Robbin Vincent donating blood at our last blood drive. The effort left her a little light headed in the end, but she persevered! Thanks, Marcy for giving!

If you're interested in donating blood, our next blood drive is Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

If you catch someone doing good, email their picture and story to loist@fbcsulphur.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2010 @ 4:45 P.M.
HOSPITALITY ROOM
~FOR ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP~

All Committee
Work Night - Gym
1*31*2010 @ 5:00 p.m.
All committees to meet
briefly to elect officers &
set next meeting date.
NOTE: Be there or be chair!

Join us for Winter Bible Study Zag... Parables of the Kingdom

Sunday Nights @ 6pm

Adults & Youth
Sanctuary

Children
K to 5th Grade
Game Room

Birth - Preschool
Nursery provided.



11	Monday	DEACONS MEETING	6:30 p.m.
16	Saturday	Upward Games Begins	9:00 p.m.
20	Wednesday	Monthly Business Meeting	6:00 p.m.
24	Sunday	Sunday School Leadership Meeting	4:45 p.m.
31	Sunday	All Committee Work Night	5:00 p.m.

OUR STAFF

Pastor
Dr. David Holder
 274-1195

Minister of Education,
 Missions and Outreach
Thomas Bruce
 274-1970

Minister of Praise,
 Worship & Senior Adults
Donald Dukes
 274-2226

Minister of Children
Amy Bruce
 802-0894

Interim Youth Minister
John Hutchinson
 274-1919

Contact Numbers

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Mother's Day Out:
 (337) 527-5534

Visit us on the web at www.fbcsulphur.org

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Sunday School*
 10:30 a.m. Blended Worship*
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship*

MONDAY

3:00 p.m. Musical Mondays Choir
 6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION

3:45 p.m. Grounded Cafe'
 4:30 p.m. Connection Meal & Fellowship
 Outreach Express
 5:00 p.m. Awana
 Middle School Dodge Ball
 L.i.F.E. Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Connection Prayer Service*
 7:00 p.m. Worship Choir & Orchestra

*Childcare provided.

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