

## “Faith Connection”

### We Assemble in God's Name

#### THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

“Go home and prepare a feast, holiday food and drink; and share it with those who don't have anything: This day is holy to God. Don't feel bad. The joy of God is your strength”.

Nehemiah 8:10, *The Message*

#### MUSIC FOR GATHERING

“Prelude” Lucy Cash  
(Glover)

“I Will Celebrate”  
“Since Jesus Came Into My Heart”  
“Glorify Your Name”

“Old Ship of Zion” Joyful Ringers  
(arr. Venita MacGorman)

[Please sign and pass the pew registration pad to those seated next to you. Prayer cards can be found in the pews. You may place these in the offering to share with the church staff.]

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP** “Prayer for Illumination” No. 307  
Lance Alexander, Asst. Treasurer

**\*HYMN** “Standing on the Promises” No. 306

#### \*INVOCATION

**ANTHEM** “Rejoice, the Lord is King” Chancel Choir  
(Arr. Keith Christopher)

**SCRIPTURE** Nehemiah 8:1-10

**\*HYMN** “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” No. 263

{During the Hymn, children age 4 through Grade 3 are dismissed to Children's Worship.}

**\*OFFERING PRAYER** Jeff Caldwell, Council Chair

**ORGAN OFFERTORY** Carla Williams

#### THE CONGREGATION'S PRAYER

**MESSAGE** “Recovering a Faith Connection” Pastor Dan Cash

**\*HYMN** “My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” No. 495

- During the hymn those who would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ or transfer church membership to First Baptist are encouraged to come forward.  
The Pastor will meet you at the front of the sanctuary. -

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### RESPONSE

#### POSTLUDE

### We Depart to Serve

**\*All who are able may stand**

**(Please remember to turn off your cell phone.)**

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**The Body of Christ Prays For...** Military Personnel & Families & Homebound Members

**Also remember...** Myrna Shane, Kathryn Young, Peggy Ganus, Joyce Crowder, Paula McGuire, Helen Kirk, Nancy Baumann, Carl Harlow, Margo Hughey

We celebrate with Paul Kirk who turns 82 on January 26.  
Please join us in wishing him a happy birthday!

We rejoice with the following couples as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries:  
Paul & Myrna Shane – 51<sup>st</sup> on Jan. 25; Shorty & Ro Whittington – 42<sup>nd</sup> on Jan. 27

**Emergency Responder** – Betty Harrison

**Cookie Ministry** – Dale & Betty Harrison

**Pastoral Care Team for this week:** Janet Bailey, Grace Marshall, & Juanita Adkins

THIS WEEK

**TODAY, January 24**

9:30 a.m. – Worship  
10:45 a.m. – Sunday School  
11:45 a.m. – First Baptist Youth Bowling Outing (JR. ABY & ABY)  
6:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

**MONDAY, January 25**

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (prayer room)

**TUESDAY, January 26**

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting  
11:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:00 p.m. – Jubilation Ringers  
2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers  
2:45 p.m. – Joyful Ringers  
5:15 p.m. – Bell Quartet  
7:00 p.m. – Abigail Circle

**WEDNESDAY, January 27**

6:15 p.m. – Awana (K-6)  
6:30 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study  
7:45 p.m. – Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, January 28**

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers  
5:30 p.m. – Women's Exercise Group (Chapel)  
7:00 p.m. – Health Team (lower conference room)

**FRIDAY, January 29**

6:15 a.m. – Men of Faith Bible Study (at Sadie's Restaurant)

**NEXT SUNDAY, January 31**

Deadline to submit deposit for Mexico Mission Trip  
9:30 a.m. – Worship – “Hometown Hero”, Jer. 1:4-10; Luke 4:21-30, Dr. Dan Cash  
10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Fellow Strugglers)  
11:30 a.m.–Children's Ministry Meeting—for those interested in helping children learn/grow in Christ

**Looking Ahead**

February 2 – Hannah Circle (2:00 pm)  
February 2 – Children's Ministry Team (5:00 pm)  
February 2 – Foundation Meeting (6:30 pm)  
February 3 – Alpha Course begins (introduction night – 6:00 pm)  
February 7 – Children's Discipleship Class begins (2:30 pm)  
February 7 – ABY & Jr. ABY (3:30 pm)  
February 7 – Adult Christian Education Team  
February 10 – Four Seasons Mending  
February 14 – Blood Pressure Screening (before/after worship)

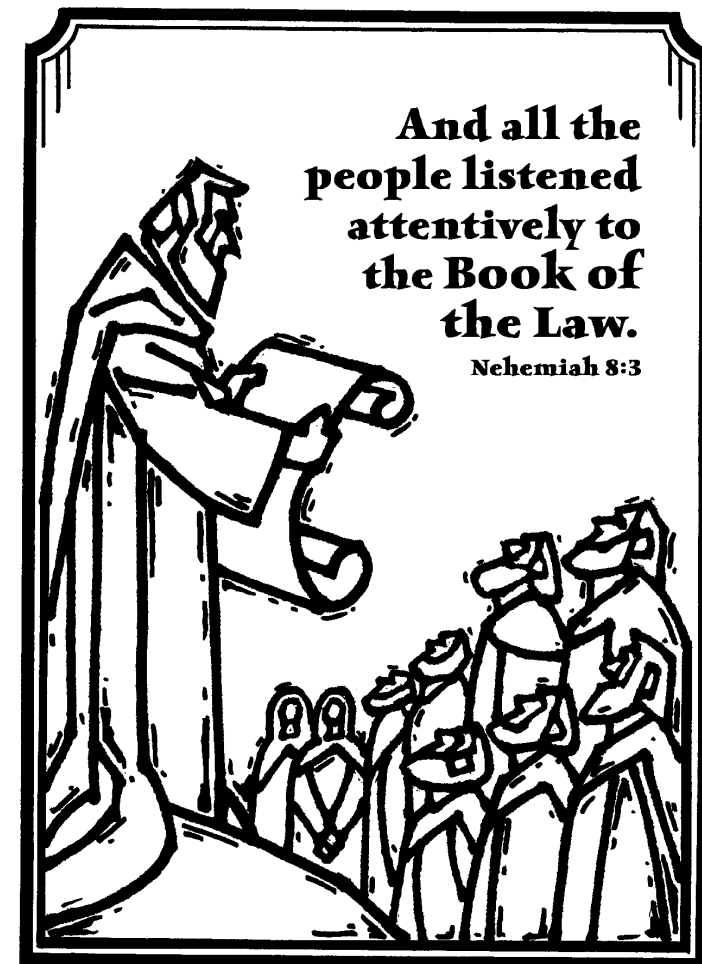
**Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor  
Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Lauren Skelton, Children's Minister;  
Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant;  
Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians  
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“Practicing Our Faith”

January 24, 2010



**THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES  
IS WORKING HARD TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET!**

Jennifer Sharp, a senior at East High School is helping to collect new and gently used toys to replace what they lost in the United Way fire as part of her senior project.

They are looking for:

- Pre-school puzzles
- Play dishes & Play food
- Card Games – such as Uno or Go Fish
- Toy Cars/trucks (not Matchbox)
- Blocks (medium sized)
- Kids' board games (without a lot of pieces) –  
-- such as Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders, Trouble, or Aggravation
- Baby Dolls
- Baby Doll Accessories
- Crayons
- Paper

Please bring your donations **before** Monday, February 15, and place them in the box near the kitchen or the office. Also, if anyone has any Little Tykes products such as a picnic table or slide that has been outgrown and would be willing to donate it, that would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Jennifer at sharp.jennifer@gmail.com with any questions, or if you have a picnic table or slide you would like us to pick up. Thank you!

**EMPTY BOWLS 2010**

Empty Bowls 2010 will take place this Sat., January 30, at Central Middle School starting at 5:30 PM. Michael Kelsey will again supply musical entertainment. There will be great food, beautiful handmade bowls and breadboards for those who purchase "bowl" tickets, a raffle, and lots of friends and neighbors. It promises to be another great evening!

If you can help by preparing food for the event, please email or call Susie Sawin-Johnson (rsgi.johnson@sbcglobal.net, 343-7060, or 342-0789). It takes a lot of soup and bread to feed the 500-800 guests. They need soups (all sorts – chicken soups and chili are most popular, but a variety is appreciated) with the approximate number of gallons; breads – how much (and what type if you know); and desserts. More detailed instructions will be sent for any or all of the above that you would like!

**POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL:** We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

**MESSENGER EXTRA**

**FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH (JR. ABY & ABY) BOWLING OUTING**

**\*\* TODAY \*\***

We'll meet for lunch after Sunday School today, around 11:45 AM. Then we'll head out to the bowling alley and bowl from 1:00-3:00 PM and return to the church by 3:15 PM. Cost is \$10 per person.

**WOMEN'S EXERCISE GROUP** is meeting Thursdays at 5:30 PM in the chapel! Bring your favorite workout video to share!

**ATTENTION!!!!**

All interested participants in the mission trip to Calnali, Mexico in early June, a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 made out to **First Baptist Church** is due by Sunday, January 31. Be sure to write "Mexico Mission Trip" in the memo line of the check. Please contact Marcia Cheek if you have any questions.

**2010 FOOD FOR FISH**

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...” (Matthew 25:35)

During these difficult economic times, Love Chapel has seen a significant increase in the number of families needing assistance. Love Chapel is supported by the Ecumenical Assembly and is a significant source of supplying food, help with utility bills, rent, prescription drugs, and emergency need to those in our local community. They also assist with overnight shelter and temporary housing for those needing short-term shelter with case management. A job search desk provides leads for employment and stresses responsibility and self sufficiency. **This month we ask you to give to the FOOD FOR FISH program.** 100% of your donation will go to those in need. Please place your donations in the blue envelopes and mark them FOOD FOR FISH. Thank you for giving generously. (Missions Committee)

**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The ABWM is collecting non-perishable food for the Edna Martin Christian Center through February. Monetary donations are also appreciated (the money will be used to shop for food to take to the center). Checks can be made out to FBC and put in the blue pew envelopes. Please designate "Edna Martin Center Food" on the envelope.

**2009 GIVING RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE ON WELCOME DESK IN THE NARTHEX.**

**WEDNESDAY PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY:** *Journey Through January In The Psalms*  
This Wednesday, January 27, we will finish up the Bible Study with Psalms 96 and 139.

**THE ALPHA COURSE  
BEGINS ON FEBRUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Do you know someone you can invite to this introductory night? Now is the time to extend that invitation. Alpha begins at 6:00 PM and includes a meal. Please sign up yourself and your guest at the Welcome Center today!

**CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS**

The Children's Discipleship Class, taught by Pastor Dan and Lauren Skelton, will meet 2:30-3:30 PM on Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 in the conference room. This class will introduce participants to the basics of Christian discipleship and offer an opportunity to consider their own profession of faith and baptism. The class is geared toward children in grades 3-6. If you have questions or wish to have your child participate, email Lauren at [lskelton@fbccolumbus.org](mailto:lskelton@fbccolumbus.org) or call the church office at 376-3321.

**YOU have a skill or talent that can help our children learn and grow in Christ!**

Children's Sunday School Rotation – Delivered by God: Moses and the Passover

The upcoming rotation will run from February 21 through April 4  
and include activities such as:

Art, Bible Knowledge, Games, Drama, Media, Production, and Puppets.

Please join us in the Children's Drama room after Sunday School on January 31<sup>st</sup>  
and learn more about how you can help!

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Contact Laura (church office) if you are interested in applying for any of the following scholarships:

**American Baptist Women's Ministries Of Indiana:** for graduating high school seniors & college undergraduates. This is a need-based scholarship for \$500. The application and all accompanying information must be **postmarked by February 15**.

**E. Don Tull Memorial:** for graduating high school seniors. Deadline: April 1.

**Foundation:** for graduating high school seniors & college students. Deadline: April 1.

**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF OFFERING**

American Baptist Churches are responding to the Haiti Earthquake. If you wish to contribute toward this need you may do so by giving through the blue pew envelopes and marking your gift "Haiti Earthquake Relief". All gifts will be forwarded through the One Great Hour of Sharing relief offering to the need in Haiti.

Presenting . . .

# *The Alpha Course*

*A 10-Week Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith*

- *Dinner*
- *Small Group Discussion*
- *Group Teaching*
- *Day Away*

*A 10-week program for those who wonder:*

*Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?*

*Who is Jesus?*

*Why Did Jesus Die?*

*How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?*

*Why and How Do I Pray?*

*Why and How Should I Read the Bible?*

*How Does God Guide Us?*

*Who Is the Holy Spirit?*

*How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?*

*What Does the Holy Spirit Do?*

*How Can I Resist Evil?*

*Why and How Should We Tell Others?*

*Does God Heal Today?*

*What About the Church?*

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – February 3 through May 5  
**Where:** First Baptist Church – Chapel

**Sign up at the Welcome Desk**

**WHITE CROSS GIFTS OF THE HEART**

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need. Please include ONLY the items listed.

**BABY KIT (Layette):** Six cloth diapers; Two washcloths; Two diaper pins; Two T-shirts or Undershirts (NO onesies); Two gowns or sleepers; One sweater or sweatshirt; Two receiving blankets (One can be knitted/crocheted). Wrap the baby items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

**HEALTH KIT:** One hand towel 16” x 28”; One wide-tooth comb; One bath size bar of soap; One toothbrush (original packaging only); One washcloth; One nail clipper; Six band-aids. Place all items in a one-gallon Ziploc plastic bag. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added just prior to shipment.

**SCHOOL KIT:** One pair blunt scissors (round tip); Three spiral or tape-bound pads of 8.5x11” ruled paper or pads with 70 sheets each. (NO loose-leaf or filler paper); One 12x14” to 14x16” cloth bag with cloth handles; One 30 cm ruler (12”); One hand-held pencil sharpener; One large eraser 2.5”; Six new pencils with erasers; One box of 24 crayons. Bundle these items in the cloth bag, fold top over, and secure with two large rubber bands.

Kits should be turned in by March 1 - they may be left on the Kitchen counter. It costs Church World Service \$2 to process and ship each kit, and we need to send that amount to them. Any money toward that cost may be given to Judy Alexander.

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