

## TODAY AT FIRST BAPTIST:

### MORNING WORSHIP:

We gather in worship as we join together to sing:

Hymn #197 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"  
Chorus "Step by Step"  
Hymn #586 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"  
Hymn #275 "I Surrender All"  
Hymn #457 "Lord Be Glorified"

The Praise Ringers will ring "Acclamation on AZMON and "Here I Am to Worship" and the Sanctuary Choir will sing "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" prior to today's message by Pastor Bill.

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## DEACONS....Dedicated To Serve By Bob Cochran

The church at Jerusalem chose from among themselves seven men, full of grace and power, and well thought of by the congregation, and put them in charge of business. This measure was done so that the apostles might give themselves to the work of God and prayer. "These seven were presented to the apostles who prayed for them and laid their hands on them in blessing." Acts 6:6

The mode of appointment should conform to the example of the first church. In our church today, all ordained men, whether chosen by our congregation or another, are considered deacons of the church. An active body of twenty-eight men serves as ministers to our congregation. This body is elected for rotating four-year terms. Each deacon is assigned a group of families to minister to during the year. They also assist in the serving of the Lord's Supper and as an advisory body for the church and its staff. Each year, seven men are elected by our fellowship to serve a four year term to replace those rotating off the active body. The active deacons elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary, to serve a one year term. All committees are authorized by the deacons and appointed by their chairman.

Although our church has been in existence since 1826, it was not until 1910 that the first "Chairman of Deacons" was referenced. This was Mr. W.E. Adams, and he served as chairman until October 1935, at which time the rotation plans were adopted. The fact that Mr. Adams served as chairman for twenty-five consecutive years is reflective of the love and respect the congregation and elected deacons had for this man. Today, with the rotation system in place, most chairmen serve one or perhaps two terms during their service on the Board of Deacons.

The present method of electing deacons has been in place for many years. The names of all male members of our church, twenty-one years of age or older, unless for some reason they request not to be considered, and the current active board members will be printed on a ballot and the congregation is requested to vote for the seven men of their choice. The seven men receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to serve for a four year term. Our fellowship has experimented with other methods of electing deacons; however, the current method has served us well and continues to be the method of choice.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

The **FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Mr. Wallace Joiner placed by Eloise.

**THANK YOU:** For the cards, calls and concern. I will be here at Warm Springs for at least another month. Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Keith McAlum

**GLOBAL FOCUS:** Sign up continues for our Personality Profile studies. Come learn how you are spiritually gifted and how your personality interacts with those gifts.

Round #2 August 31, September 7, 14, 21, 28 5:30-7:00 pm

Round #3 November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 5:30-7:00 pm

Sign up as well for any of the ministry events in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria & Ends of the Earth areas. There are a lot of great opportunities to serve our Lord through hands-on ministry. Sign up is located on board outside Sanctuary on piano entrance.

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS:** For the Colon, Panama trip in November will be held this Sunday, April 20, at 5:00 pm and Sunday, May 18, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**MOLDOVA MISSIONS:** Dannie and Vicki Smith will be heading to Moldova next Thursday, April 24. If you would like to assist them in their mission efforts, they are in need of the following:

1. Reading glasses: Dollar Store is good for this.
2. Sunglasses
3. Artificial Tears
4. \$5.00 will buy a Bible which will be purchased in Moldova

Please bring items to the church office by April 20, or contact Dannie & Vicki @706-647-6218. Thanks!

**ATTENTION MEN OF THE CHURCH:** The House of Care is in need of men with trucks to haul furniture. If interested please call Bobbie Johnston at 706-647-9896.

Our **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER** is now available online each Friday at fbcthomaston.org. Click on "Connections Mailout" then SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS. If you would prefer to view the newsletter online and NOT receive one in the mail, please call the church office and have your name removed from the mailing list.

**JERUSALEM MISSION EVENT JUNE 21, 2008:** We are taking referrals of widows, widowers, or single parents who own or are buying their home. We will be doing minor repairs on the home and/or yard work. Please contact Vicki Huckaby at 706-647-1857 or vichuck@aol.com.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 19 HAS A NEW SCOUTMASTER!** David Newman has accepted the position as Scoutmaster and is looking for young men age 11 and older to join him and his assistants on an adventure of a life time. If you are interested contact him at 706-648-4489.

The **WMU SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING** will be held Monday, April 28, 2008 in the Fellowship Hall in Building C beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our program will be on the House of Care after which a tour will be given. A salad supper will be served. The cost will be \$5.00. All women of the church are invited to attend. Call the church office to sign up.

**A BIG THANK** to all donors and auction winners of the Student Ministry Silent Auction. Through purchasing a Spud Ticket and giving, the auction raised over \$5,500. Thank you for your participation.

**WHERE IN THE WORLD IS FRANKIE THE FLAMINGO?** There is a flamingo walking the streets of Thomaston promoting our Vacation Bible School coming up in June. Be on the lookout for Frankie and make sure you tell others to be on the lookout.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY :

**April 20:** Mr. Greg Cromer, Mr. Benjamin Trice, Mr. Shad Hasty

**April 21:** Mrs. Gay Medcalf, Mr. Neill Sanders

**April 22:** Mr. Ray Corley, Mr. Alex Bowles, Miss Chasity Spires, Mr. Bob Shepard

**April 23:** Mrs. Eula Ree Brewer, Mrs. Marsha Landers, Mr. Mack McDaniel, Miss Lisa Ann Butts, Mrs. Dianne Chastain, Mrs. Rosemary Nelson, Rev. Mark Matson

**April 25:** Mrs. Saleeta Roberts

**April 26:** Mrs. Linda Miles, Mrs. Janet King

### OUR EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS ARE:

**April 20:** Terri Franklin, Kristin Pasley, Candi Daniel, Lisa Caldwell, Tricia & Madison Williams

**April 27:** Joan Matthews, Jesse Evans, Frances Trice, Jeanie Broom, Anna Davis, Connie Nossett

### T.V. PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**April 20:** Larry Kennedy, Kathy Hendrix

**April 27:** Kyle Fletcher, Lori Tyson

### DEACON OF THE WEEK: Mr. Jackie Arnold : His Families Are:

Ms. Patsy Jo Clay, M/M Greg Daniel, Mr. Will Daniel, Mr. Drew Daniel, Mr. David Eubanks, Miss Carly Gill, Mr. Marc Goins, M/M Cam Huynh, Mr. Bailey Huynh, Mr. Grey Huynh, M/M Levann Lynch, M/M John McGuffey, Mr. Trent McGuffey, M/M Walt Patterson, Ms. Kathy Rogers, Mr. Andrew Rogers, M/M George W. Ruff, Mr. Gary Self, Mrs. Claire Warren, Mr. Jim Woodall

### Upcoming Music Ministry Events

**April 20, 8:30 AM & 10:55 AM Worship**  
Praise Ringers

**April 25-26**  
Praise Ringers Attend  
Handbell Festival  
First Baptist Church  
Canton, Georgia

**April 27, 6 PM Worship**  
Children's Choirs Spring Program

**May 4, 6 PM Worship**  
Community Adult and Youth Choir Festival  
Hosted by First Baptist Church

### MIDWEEK FELLOWSHIP SUPPER:

**April 23:** Baked pork chops/gravy, rice, green beans, rolls, tea, coffee, apple salad and gooey butter cake.

**Weekly cancellations and/or changes are due in the church office no later than NOON on Tuesday. Payment for meal(s) is expected if cancellations are not made.**



**UR EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS ARE:**

**February 3:**