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featuring...



In 2011, FBC hosted the Walk Thru the Bible & Kids in the Book Old Testament Seminars and had a wonderful experience!

We are excited to announce that on **February 26, 2012** we will host the Walk Thru the Bible and Kids in the Book the **NEW TESTAMENT!**

More details to come...

“DISCOVER WHERE GOD IS LEADING. ARE YOU WILLING TO FOLLOW?”

Bible Study Leadership Training

Sunday, January 22

4:00-5:30 pm

Locations: Adult Leaders: Music Suite

Youth Leaders: 301

Preschool & Children Leaders: 220

How does Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Influence our Sunday School and Church?

Get Your...

Read Through the Bible in One Year Guide

Guides can be found in the following locations: Garden Foyer, Sanctuary Entrance, ROC Entrance, & in front of the Church Office.



MOVIE SHOWING!



FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF

COURAGEOUS

HONOR BEGINS AT HOME

Sunday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

Tickets for the First Baptist Church presentation at the Princess Theatre will be available beginning Sunday, January 22 for \$1 each.

Preschool Child Care (Birth through Kindergarten) will be available at the church by reservation only.

SHINING STARS MINISTRY

Shining Stars Ministry



"Family Night Out"
January 6
6:00-9:30 pm
First Baptist ROC



Please contact Hedy Pickering at 256-341-9308 or rhpickering@charter.net to volunteer.



UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING GAMES START SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Volunteers are still needed for referees and half time devotions. Training will be provided for referees. Contact the ROC for more information on both!

MISSIONS CORNER



"I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." John 14:18

Children's Promise, our newly begun Orphan & Adoption Ministry, will host Andy and Tanya Birchfield of Children's Hope FBC Montgomery, on Sunday, January 8 from 4:00 -5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

They will share the different facets of their ministry including adoption, foster care and Children's Hope Orphanage in Jacmel, Haiti. This is for anyone that is interested in the NEW Adoption, Foster Care or Orphanage Ministry.

Please make plans to attend the fellowship. Several of our church members have visited this orphanage and others plan to visit and minister on future trips. This will be an afternoon of sharing about God's goodness and faithfulness. You won't want to miss it!

Contact Reese & Lisa Hamn or Mark & Emily Corzine with questions!

ADOPT A MISSION

In 2012, you may give to our "Adopt a Mission" fund. This fund is set up for those who are not able to go on a mission trip themselves, but would like to sponsor someone else to go.

Contact Paul Radosevich in the church office for any questions.

Our NEW Global Missions offering is set up to encourage year round giving to our Missions budget. When you give in 2012 here is what your money will go toward:

Lottie Moon: 50%

Lottie Moon is an offering taken up which goes toward supporting our missionaries who live throughout the world in foreign countries. Your giving helps them with their living expenses and materials as they share the gospel in developing new churches.

Annie Armstrong: 15%

The Annie Armstrong offering goes toward supporting missionaries in North America. Support is needed for their living expenses and materials as they share the gospel.

FBC Mission Experience: 35%

Giving to the FBC mission experience provides our people to have the opportunity to travel in North America and also foreign countries to share the gospel. This money also goes toward the materials needed for these trips.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Gifts can also be given in the form of an Endowment fund. This allows Church members and others to make gifts to the Church and its ministries in honor or memory of loved ones. These gifts can continue to give for extended periods of time, even beyond the donor's lifetime. This is a great way to honor someone you love because the money will be used to share the Gospel through the missions ministry.

FAITHFUL HEARTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Thursday, January 5

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Conference Room 121

DAY TRIP TO "HUNTSVILLE MUSEUM OF ART"

Thursday, January 12

Cost: \$10.00 plus lunch at Bridgestreet Mall

Time: Leave the Church at 10:30 am/Return around 4:30 pm

Church Bus Transportation

The museum itself houses a 2600 piece permanent collection.

On this day, the Museum will have the special display

"In Company With Angels: Seven Rediscovered Tiffany Windows"

The seven angels are based on the seven letters written to the seven churches of Asia Minor identified in the Book of Revelation.

Reservation and payment deadline: Monday, January 9

Call the church office to make your reservation!

"EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY PARTY"

Monday, January 16

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: ROC

Cost \$5.00

Meal prepared by Sue Strickling with Special Birthday Cakes

Entertainment: "Minute to Win it" games

Call the church office or use the worship bulletin insert to make reservations

"READING BUDDIES" MINISTRY

Monday, January 30

Meet at Somerville Road Elementary School at 9:45 am

We read with the children until 10:30 am

More readers are needed, so please come join us!

Wednesday Nights in January (starting the 11th)

5:00 pm Meal (with reservation)

6:00 pm Wednesday WORDS Bible Study (Chapel)

NEW: Learn the Bible in 24 Hours (Information Below)

Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (NEW Time)

IMPACT (7th-12th Grade)

FIX56 (5th & 6th Grade)

Church Street Kids Missions (2s to 4th grade)

Childcare provided for children under 2 years old

NEW Wednesday Night Study

Learn the Bible in 24 Hours

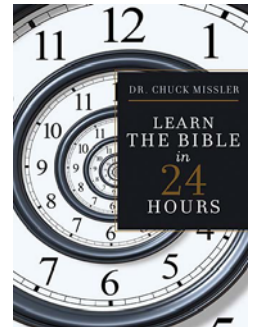
Beginning: January 11

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: 301

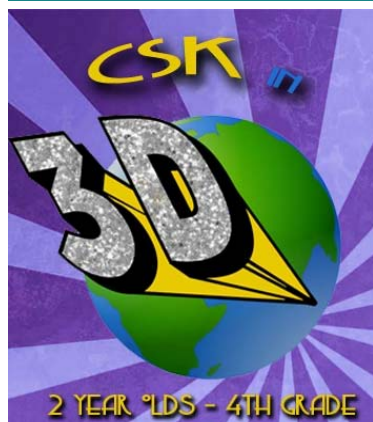
Cost: \$ 23 (for materials)

Facilitator: George Greer



Using sound scientific facts, historical analysis, and Biblical narrative, Dr. Chuck Missler weaves a rich tapestry of information – providing an accurate understanding of Scripture's relationship to itself, to us, and to the world at large. Examine the heroic tales of Exodus, the lasting wisdom of Proverbs, and even the enigmatic imagery of Revelation through his simple, Scripturally sound insights and fresh perspectives. In just twenty-four hours you can have an expanded, rock-solid foundation of the Bible for a lifetime of spiritual enrichment.

Preschool & Children's Ministries



2 YEAR OLDS - 4TH GRADE



5TH & 6TH GRADE

DIGGING

INTO GOD'S WORD

DOING

THE GREAT COMMISSION

DANCING

IN HIS JOY

COMING...
JANUARY
11TH!

YOUTH MINISTRY

BREATHE

Kick Off Rally: February 1

DNOW (for grades 6-12): February 3-5

Cost: \$45

Deadline to Sign Up: January 18

We are still in need of
host home volunteers!



Contact Donna Calvert in
the Church Office for more
details or to volunteer

LADES BIBLE STUDY

Study: "Mocha on the Mt." by Sandra Glahn
Tuesdays beginning: January 10 (ten week study)
Time: 9:30 am
Location: 301
Leader: Marganne Price



Mocha on the Mount is part of the *The Coffee Cup Bible Study Series*, a series of Bible Studies for women in a compact, workbook format that examines the "life and times" of the certain bible characters and the books of the bible that pertain to them.

This particular study walks readers through Jesus' famous sermon and helps them consider the radical practicalities of living in light of His words.

Imagine yourself having coffee with Jesus. What would you ask Him? What might He ask you? In this study we'll consider His words in the Sermon on the Mount and explore how Jesus set the bar so high that we see the key to entering the kingdom of heaven: realizing our deep need for grace and for someone else's righteousness to be credited to our account. That's the only way we get that kind of righteousness.

For more information on the activities listed in the January issue of the *First Word*, visit our website at www.fbcdecatur.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fbcdecatur.

SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Roland Guyse in the loss of his wife, Jacque and Wanda Harding in the loss of her mother, Orene Keown.

THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Thomas Wilson, Tim & Pamela Bolding, Alabama Baptist Children's Home, and Belinda Lowery-Banks-Caddell Elementary School. Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

MUSIC MINISTRY



CHRISTMAS on CHURCH STREET: *Share the Hope*

The 2011 presentations of *Christmas on Church Street* took on a different approach this year as we shared our music with an audience of 200 from the NCC on Friday night, hosted the Tour of Homes in the Stephenson Chapel on Saturday night, and then the presentations on Sunday with Worship Choir, Orchestra, Cast and the First Productions Team in a wonderful experience of worship! Approximately 350 FBC members were involved in serving, hosting, singing, playing, and presenting *Christmas on Church Street* and we are grateful to each one for their commitment and sharing the message of hope!

WORSHIP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA ARE MOVING!

That's right! We are moving the rehearsal times beginning January 11. This presents a new opportunity for more to become involved in the Worship ministry. Rehearsals for the winter/spring months will be at 6:00 pm. The new format will encourage more participation for many of you and allow us to be finished by 7:30 pm. Exciting new music and plans for Easter are just around the corner and now is your chance to be in on the beginning of a new season! Come and join us!

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