



# Faith Is Alive

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## Pastors Desk

*Dr Clarence E Williams*

Grace and Mercy has brought us safe thus far and this very same blessing will lead us on to victory. Thanks be to God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit for the great things that he has done here at First Baptist. Our strength and help have been overwhelming and the church is spiritually growing. I am so grateful to my wife and family for their support throughout this year and to the many ministries that have worked so hard within church and the community. We have had great success during our annual ministries along with being blessed in joining an association for further structure and guidance. Our children and families are being fed spiritually and physically in the outreach as well as internally. God has just truly smiled on us. Even after a few storms in our Media ministry, God has prevailed and allowed us to continue this ministry to benefit the good of those who listen and view the broadcast as well as the bless time we have in service as well. There is much more to come, as the training and consecration and ordinations for those who have walked faithfully to

show themselves approved as the Lord walks with them. I am so proud of the work that has been done, and as we prepare ourselves for the next task that lies ahead of us, May the Lord be with us. ◇

## Editors Thoughts

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There were very exciting times during the last few months. The Body had a lot going on. Just look at some of the things that happened over a short period of time. May God Bless and keep you and your family safe at all times. ◇

*Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid of standing still.*

## Good News

Well to start with the Pastor's and 1<sup>st</sup> Lady Grandson Ryan is in town for a visit. He visited from July 2<sup>nd</sup> until July 10<sup>th</sup>. He attended Kid's café' while he was here. Okay business at hand started with a church meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We are praying that more people come to these important informational meetings about the church. This is where we make different decisions about the present and future of our church body. Pastor preached at a Homecoming-Revival at St. John Baptist Church in Cobham, VA on July 13th. This is located outside of Charlottesville. It was a 3 PM program and we were blessed with "I Never Could Have Made It." It was a spirit filled service. Several members followed the pastor to the program. It is always good when the Pastor looks up and sees his own church body following him for fellowship outside the box. Evangelist Debra Washington Thornton gave the morning message entitled "Trapped in the Closet" on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Those words gave inspiration and healing to many people that day. The greatest surprise was when Evangelist Thornton joined the First Baptist body as a member. Our Pastor spoke at North River Baptist Church for Homecoming on July 20th. This was a 3PM service. A Taste of Spirit provided the music. On July 26<sup>th</sup> the Virtuous Women's Seminar resumed. We were

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blessed on July 27<sup>th</sup> because our own 1<sup>st</sup> Lady brought the morning message entitled "Faith is Never Feelings and Feelings are Never Faith." This message taught us about more spiritual things surrounding our lives. Also the afternoon at 3PM our Missionary Ministry had a special service. Even though they are hard working please let them know about any sick and shut in so that those persons can feel the love First Baptist has for them. One of Pastor's sons in the ministry rev. Donnie Robertson gave the message entitled "A Plight of a Missionary". It taught us that we are all missionaries for Christ not just the few that actually work in the ministry within our church body. A Taste of Spirit provided the music for the service. Pastor preached at Mt Zion Baptist Church revival on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. A Taste of Spirit provided the music. Brother Cedric Thomas was visiting from Northern Virginia August 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a construction job. He blessed us by singing and playing the keyboards. This gave pastor a break from being the musician that day. The pastor message that day was "Lost and Can't find my Way." It was ironic because Bro. Thomas said he had missed going to church back home and needed to find a place of worship to keep his spirit up. During the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> Bro. JP worked on side of church getting hedges out so that new landscaping could replace it. A beautiful job was done on the new landscaping. The Rev. J. Kevin Mangram came back to visit us while in the area. Sadness struck our church body Rev. Alfrides Brandon Jr. mother passed after a long fight. We know that she is home with the Lord and that can be some comforting to the family. The repast was held in Richmond, Va. August 12<sup>th</sup>. Some people from First Baptist went to give Rev. Brandon support at his time. New Hope Baptist Church of McGayhesville, VA held Homecoming services on August 17<sup>th</sup>. The pastor and church body was in charge of the service that afternoon. The Pastor, Deacons Bailey & Rogers went to a meeting with the Brackett MORRELL Church Association in West Virginia on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was done due to a former church meeting where it was decided to join a church association again. The most joyous nupals of Anthony & Theresa Boyd took place on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor proceeded over the ceremony of matrimony. On August 24<sup>th</sup> we were blessed by recording artist Angie Pretlow for our Gospel Extravaganza II. Bro. Michael Williams headed this program that revived a spirits and souls with song and praise. The Pastor finally met with WAZT Management in Woodstock on August 27<sup>th</sup>. He discussed about helping to get in Staunton-Waynesboro market. The visit to the Television Station was a good meeting from both sides. We were blessed by many ministers on August 31<sup>st</sup> about 5 people gave sermonettes. This replaced a main sermon. The sermonettes gave much inspiration and healing because they all touched the church body in different ways. ❖

## Deacon's Corner

The Deacons have been helping the Pastor stay abreast of the body needs and wants. Let's congratulate our newest Deacon Bobby Gunter. He went through trying times during his walk but the Lord saw him through all of his ups and downs. Let's remember to keep our deacons in prayer as they go about the lord's Business. Deacon Larry Rogers has been appointed the chairman of our Deacon Ministry. You may contact him for any needs or any of our deacons with problems, concerns and special prayer. ❖

## Media Ministry

Computer Recycling of Virginia LLC donated 15 requested computers and server. We received them July 1<sup>st</sup> as Kid's Café was starting. We applied for copyright protection of services video, audio, newsletters, and website through Legal Zoom. The package was mailed on Thursday before 4<sup>th</sup>. It will arrive at their offices next Wednesday July 9<sup>th</sup>. We are reworking on the Computer Lab for Church (10 computers up front). Package arrived July 10<sup>th</sup> and sorted thru and correcting items actually needed for copyright; will use date 5-25-08 and may newsletter. It is time for new contract with WAZT There is a 2% ^ (~\$155 per week). We had the new contract in hand on July 12<sup>th</sup> for church meeting discussions. The contract for TV runs out last Sunday of month on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Deacon Bailey asked the church body to pledge \$12 a month minimum to help pay for TV Broadcast. Legalzoom mailed Copyright to US Copyright Office in Washington D.C. on July 30<sup>th</sup>. We know have a number we can mail directly to US Copyright Office for further protection of Media Items. We are trying a new intro for TV by Cutting Intro & Credits of pastor speaking to viewers of the program. A Promotional TV Broadcast DVD for distribution to possible sponsors & partners to help with TV Broadcast cost. Deacon Bailey got 3 promotional DVD's to give to possible Sponsors on August 13<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any possible sponsors let us know so we can get them a promotional DVD so they can understand what they are supporting. ❖

## Kid's Cafe

Kid's Café Official Week started on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The camp runs Tues, Wed, and Thurs from 9AM - 4PM. Things went well on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Kid's Café with registration. Approximately 50 kids showed up on second day of camp. The children enjoyed a morning breakfast, hot lunch and afternoon snack. The cost of the camp is free to all able body children. We had children of different backgrounds and ethnicity from throughout the community. We had about 55 kids in attendance during the second week. The children learn about the bible, computer work and arts and

craft. We have approximately 9 adults and approximately 8 student aides to help with camp. Here are some of the activities the camp enjoyed: Westover Park on July 9<sup>th</sup>; Funzone skating on July 16<sup>th</sup>; Martin's Grocery Store on tour on July 23<sup>rd</sup>; Pump it Up on July 30<sup>th</sup>; Kid's Café Choir started practice for singing on church on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup> on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Kid's Café Choir Debut; Desiree, Shamika, Jeneen were choir directors. Kid's Café Closing Ceremonies where held at Ralph Sampson Parks (Lucy F. Simms) on August 7<sup>th</sup>. ❖

**The New Employee  
TGIF Today God Is First Volume 2, by Os  
Hillman**

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us (2 Cor 4:7).*

What would happen if Jesus took your place for a year in your workplace? Let's consider some hypothetical things that He might do.

He would do His work with excellence. He would be known around the office for the great work He did (Exodus 31:2).

He would develop new ideas for doing things better (Eph 3:20).

He would hang out with sinners in order to develop a relationship with them in order to speak to them about the Father (Mt 9:12).

He would strategically pray for each worker about their concerns and their needs. He would pray for those who even disliked Him (Mt 5:44).

He would rally the office to support a needy family during Christmas (Jer 22:16).

He would offer to pray for those who were sick in the office and see them get healed (Mt 14:14).

He would honor the boss and respect him/her (Titus 2:9).

He would consider the boss as His authority in His workplace (Rom 13:1).

He would be truthful in all his dealings and never exaggerate for the sake of advancement (Ps 15:2).

He would be concerned about His city (Lk 19:41).

He would always have a motive to help others become successful, even at his own expense (Pr 16:2).

Hmm. Sounds like some good ideas we could each model.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **SEPT 11 2008** **11 AM**  
Brackett Morrell Association Presentation.

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PLACE **WINCHESTER**  
TIME **SEPT 21 2008** **3 PM**  
Homecoming; Pastor preaching.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **SEPT 28 2008** **3 PM**  
Deacon, Deaconess & Trustee Day.

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PLACE **FIRST BAPTIST**  
TIME **OCT 2008** **3 PM**  
Church celebrating 137 years; Beauty Spot Missionary Baptist church conducting services from Fayetteville, NC.



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**Let's Never Forget Our Sick and Shut-in with Prayer.**

If someone is left off our sick and shut-in list please let the Deacons and Pastor know as soon as possible.

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