

The Messenger

Celebrating Our Heritage, Embracing Our Future
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A Stewardship Thought

Our Billfolds Go Along for the Ride

I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD.... 1 Chronicles 28:2

Recommended Reading
[Matthew 25:14-18](#)

According to economists, some industries seem virtually recession proof. During the current downturn, spending on pets has increased, as has spending on candy. Fast food hasn't taken much of a hit, nor has doling out money for entertainment and recreation. Despite some belt-tightening and lifestyle adjustments, we usually find ways of spending on the things that are important to us.

How we manage what God has given us is a leading indicator of our priorities.

In 1 Chronicles 28, King David had a leadership conference for his government officials. He rose to his feet and addressed the group, giving them a vision of the temple he longed to build for the Lord in Jerusalem. It was in his heart. As a result, he dedicated his own fortune to the project, and he challenged his leaders to do the same, saying, "Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?" (1 Chronicles 29:5).

When we consecrate ourselves to the Lord, our billfolds go along for the ride. When it's in our hearts to support God's work, we'll always invest in things eternal.

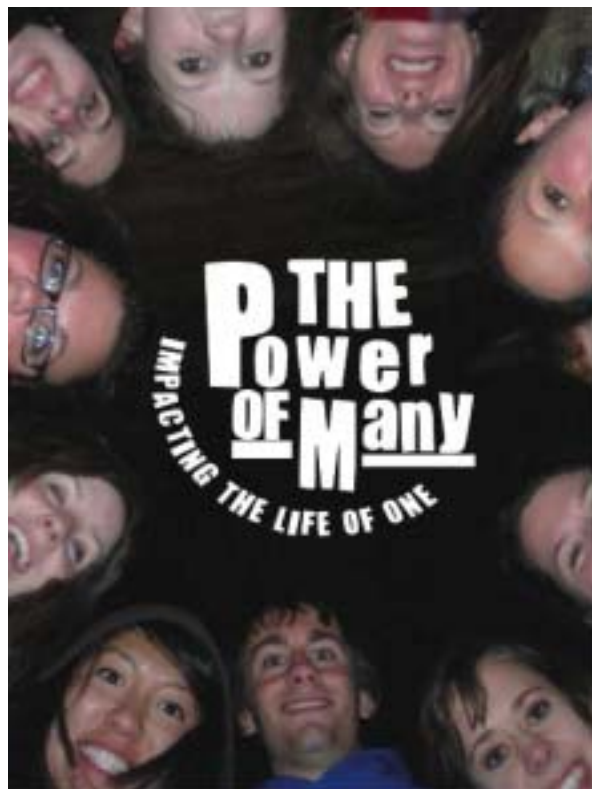
Money requires discipline, as do the decisions that money makes possible.

**Welcome,
New Sunday
School
Members**



**Adult 4
Faith Explorers Class**

**Ron and Judy
Daggett**



**South Carolina
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
General Assembly
April 23-24
(The Power of Many)
Pelham Road Baptist Church
Greenville, South Carolina**

*Our annual gathering will be a time of fellowship,
worship, networking, education, and more.
Come and make a difference!*

Mary Carol Anderson and David Brown from Oakland Baptist in Rock Hill, will help us view student ministry in a new light as we understand the *POWER of MANY* impacting the life of *ONE*.

For more Information, you may go to:
<http://www.cbfofsc.org/>

Our *Thoughts & Prayers* are with...

AIKEN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTERS:
David Gilmer; Leonard Myers
MEDICAL COLLEGE OF GEORGIA: Joe DeVore
DISCHARGED: Evelyn Moore
OUR SYMPATHY TO: the family of Rose Marie
Eagerton in the death of her sister, Katherine Tumbleston;
the family of Kristy Haddock in the death of her grandmother,
Helen Cade; the family of Helen Long
(As of March 8)

Bible Study at First Baptist ~ March 7

Members Present 285
Guests Present 2
Total Present 287

Make Sunday Morning Bible Study a Priority!

Giving to God

Weekly Ministry Action Needs: \$24,094.83
This Week's Budget Receipts: \$24,069.75
Ministry Budget Needs to Date: \$240,948.27
Receipts to date: \$234,525.93

A Financial Snapshot
Weekly Ministry Needs:
\$24,094.83

Received:
March 7 \$24,069.75

Month to date: \$24,069.75

Monthly Ministry Needs:
\$104,411.00

Week of March 14

Sunday, March 14	Numbers 10:1-11:35
8:45 a.m.	Early Morning Worship Service
9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Prayer (College Class)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service
Monday, March 15	Numbers 12:1-14:25
10:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Tuesday, March 16	Numbers 14:26-15:41
9:00 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study (Church Parlor)
Wednesday, March 17	Numbers 16:1-17:13
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Lenten Luncheon (St. Thaddeus)
5:15 p.m.	Supper
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Prayer Quilt Team (Family Life Craft Room)
6:00 p.m.	Children's Music Groups
6:30 p.m.	Youth Bible Study
6:40 p.m.	TGIF (To Grow In Faith)
6:45 p.m.	Children's Missions Groups
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 18	Numbers 18:1-20:13
Friday, March 19	Numbers 20:14-22:1
Saturday, March 20	Numbers 22:2-23:26

Missions Weekly Prayer Focus



The American Red Cross in Aiken assists families after disasters and house fires. A small group of local women gathers regularly to knit blankets or shawls for victims of these sad events. The group creates 3 sizes: adult, child, and infant. First Baptist youth have assisted the Red Cross by collecting yarn for this project. Please pray that the blankets and shawls provide warmth and comfort to the recipients.

Please pray that our youth, as they reach out as the hands of Christ, will understand how a small effort can be important in the lives of hurting people.

Worship on March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Scripture Joshua 5:9-12
II Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon "Coming Home"

Music "At The Cross"
Sanctuary Choir



Baby Presentation

Katelyn Elizabeth Serber was presented to the Lord on Sunday, March 7. Her parents, Luke and Karen, publicly committed themselves to provide a Christian home and nurture for Kate's spiritual growth and development.

In Memoriam

Helen A. Long

March 28, 1926 -
March 2, 2010

Senior Adult Birthdays for March

Please remember these church members who are no longer able to join us in worship on a regular basis.

March 14

Mrs. Flo Shellhouse
Eden Gardens, Room 210
1385 Silver Bluff Road
Aiken, SC 29803



JASON RANKE...

continues his Master of Divinity studies at the McAfee School of Theology in Atlanta. As he settles into life and theological training there, Jason has begun to serve part-time as an interim in children's ministries at First Baptist Church in Decatur.

Jason is also volunteering a few hours per week in a chaplain capacity at downtown Atlanta's Midtown Assistance Center, an organization similar in mission to ACTS in Aiken.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for Jason-- and for Joel Campbell at the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary.

Congratulations, Church Staff



Joyce English -- 4+ years
and
Leonard Redd -- 24 years



Lenten Bible Listening or Reading Schedule

Day 25 Romans 11 – 1 Corinthians 1
Day 26 1 Corinthians 2 – 9
Day 27 1 Corinthians 10 – 15
Day 28 1 Corinthians 16 – 2 Corinthians 9
Day 29 2 Corinthians 10 – Galatians 4
Day 30 Galatians 5 – Philippians 1
Day 31 Philippians 2 – 1 Thessalonians 2

The Women's Ministry Team would like to invite all women college age and up to our next TAG (Touching Another Generation) event

Movie Night

Showing of the USC Aiken-produced documentary, "Edgewood: Stage of Southern History."

Tuesday, April 13 ~ Fellowship Hall
Dinner -- 5:30 p.m.
Movie -- 6:00-7:00 p.m.
\$5 per person

Please call the church office or put your name on the sign-up sheet to reserve your seat and request childcare.

"Edgewood" was built in 1829 and over the years has served as the stage for many important periods in the history of South Carolina. Originally built for secessionist governor Frances W. Pickens in Edgefield district, the house was home to two remarkable women, Lucy Pickens and Eulalie Salley.



Ladies,
You are invited to a
Baby Shower for
Sally Tice

It's a
Girl!

Saturday, March 27 ~ 10 a.m.
First Baptist Church Parlor

Given by Ladies of the Church.
They are registered at: Target and Buy Buy Baby



Children's Worship Bags

If you have accidentally taken one of the children's worship bags home with you on Sunday, please bring it back the next time you are here. We have a number of bags missing and we want to have enough for every child to have one during the worship service. Thanks for your help.



Clemson
University

College Student of the Week

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EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 28
Following 11:00 a.m. Worship
Hot dog Lunch
\$2.00 per person

Please contact the church office to make your reservation by March 24.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED (no chocolate, please)

Please place your donations in the designated area outside the church office.



Easter Lilies

ORDER
DEADLINE
March 28

If you would like to place an Easter lily in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the Easter Lily Form (located online at www.fbcaiken.org or in the Literature Rack outside the Church Office) and return it to the Church Office with your payment. Please make all checks payable to First Baptist Church and designate "Easter Lily" by March 28. The cost is \$10.00 per plant and they may be picked up following Easter Sunday morning worship.



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TO GROW IN FAITH

Join us at 6:40 on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall for our *To Grow in Faith* Adult Discipleship Series.

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White: Thoughts on Religion, Morality, and Politics
Led by members of the Adult 1 Sunday School Class



March 17 How Should We Live? The Ethics of Jesus
March 24 Spiritual Maturity and Seeing Gray
April 14 What Would Jesus Say to America?

ACTS

(Area Churches Together Serving)
Senior Food Ministry

March
Tuna and Salmon
(due by March 17)



April
Peanut Butter
(due by April April 21)

Please place your donation in the marked cupboard outside the church office.

Wednesday Supper Menu for March 17

(5:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall)

Adults
Texas Stack Up--
Big Salad Bar with Chili
Nacho Dip and Chips
Corn Bread Muffins
Key Lime Pie
Tea/Coffee



Children
Hot Dogs with Chili
Nacho Chips and Sauce
Salad
Dessert/Tea/Milk

Please call the church office to make or change your reservation by Monday, March 8. Cost is \$5.00 per person with a \$20 family maximum.

Special Collection for ACTS (Area Churches Together Serving)

Sisters-in-Action is collecting **hand soap** and **toothpaste** during March and April for ACTS. Please place your donations in the box outside the church office.

COMPUTER LAB NEEDS COMPUTERS

If you are updating your computer system, we might can use your old computer in the children's computer lab. In order to run our software, we need Windows 2000 or above. If you have questions or have a computer to donate, please talk with Martha Haynes or Vicky McCullough.

