

Welcome New Members ~ January 1, 2012



Jeff (S) and Kathy (S) Boren
Wilson/Shaw ABF

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday, January 11

BBQ Brisket, Baked Beans, Veggies,
Coleslaw and Dessert

Please make reservations each week on the
Worship Registration Form or call the
Church Office by NOON Monday.
Cost: \$6: Adult, \$4: Children

This Week at FBC...

OPPORTUNITIES...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

5:00 PM Bible Fellowship

6:00 PM Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

7:45 AM Orchestra

8:30 AM Worship/Family Bible Fellowship

9:15 AM Library Open

9:45 AM Worship/Bible Fellowship

11:00 AM Worship/Bible Fellowship

4:00 PM Youth Choir

5:00 PM Kid's Activities

5:05 PM I.U. Classes

5:13 PM Youth 5:13

5:15 PM Men's Ensemble

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

9:30 AM Women's Prayer Band

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

6:30 AM Tuesday Men's Breakfast

8:00 AM Men's Prayer Band

9:00 AM Celebration Singers

7:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Women's Prayer Band

10:00 AM I.U. Classes

5:00 PM Library Open

5:00 PM Fellowship Supper

5:30 PM Ladies Ensemble

6:00 PM Worship Team Choir

6:15 PM Kid's Activities

6:15 PM I.U. Classes

6:15 PM Orchestra

6:15 PM Ntermission

6:15 PM DivorceCare

6:15 PM GriefShare

6:30 PM Military Prayer Band

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

7:30 PM Praise Band

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 PM Singles Book Study

WORSHIP CARE

JANUARY 15

9:45 AM

Annette Fielding

Matthew and Chablis Tate

Hope Fayard and Cindy LaCombe

Staci Coffey

Scott and Mandy Roye

Trey and Jennifer Ostendorf

Matthew and April Johnston

11:00 AM

Capri Brooks

Jonathan and Katherine Mitchell

Robert and Nicole Barkerding

Sharon Gauthreaux

Kristen Prestenbach and Chris Cruz

Dwayne and Rachel Carpenter

Matt and Kourtney Leto

Jessica Booker and Marie Brown

Kelly and Danielle Guillot

SPECIAL NEEDS ~ Hands in HAND

9:45 AM

Melinda Robinson

Melissa Babin

Gayle Pounds

Denny Bruhl

11:00 AM

Larry and Gloria Jones

Kerri and Klaire Fairburn

Susan Riche'

SYMPATHY TO...

Mark and Lynn Graham in the death of
their son.

Betty Hall in the death of her sister.

Nicole O'Brien in the death of her brother.

SERMON SERIES: Living in Turbulent Times

THE THINGS THAT MATTER INTURBULENT TIMES

1 Kings 16:29 - 17:1

What Matters in Turbulent Times?

1. _____ Matters.

- "Everything _____ and _____ on
leadership." ~ John Maxwell

- Leadership matters in every _____ and
organization.

2. _____ Matters.

- When we close the door on _____, we close the
door on God's _____ as well.

3. _____ with God Matters.

4. _____ on God Matters.

Please refrain from leaving the worship service
until after the Call to Commitment is over.

Thank you in advance for respecting this important part of the worship service.

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and through Him experience life-changing relationships.

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For These Upcoming Events!

LIVE at FBC
THURS, MARCH 29
Tickets on sale
beginning at \$15
See website for more info

VALENTINE'S Banquet
FBC Covington
February 12 - 6:00 PM
Ticket Sales
Begin January 8
\$10.00 each
Special Guest Comedians - Barnes & Miner
Presenting: "That's a Marriage"
Part Reality. Part Therapy. ALL COMEDY!

January 7 & 8, 2012
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COVINGTON

Transformed
2 Corinthians 5:17
www.FbcCov.org



I.U. Classes Begin
January 8 & 11

Sign up today in the
Steeple Foyer
or at
www.FbcCov.org

AWAKEN 2012

FBC Covington will be preparing, praying and fasting for a Spiritual Awakening in Louisiana and throughout the world. We will be participating January 11-31. You can pick up an Awaken 2012 devotional book in the church foyer to assist and encourage you in this time of preparing, fasting and praying for Spiritual Awakening. For more information please visit www.lbc.org/awaken.

Louisiana Life March ~ January 21 - 10:00 AM - Noon. The march is from the Old State Capitol up 4th Street to the current State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Guest Speakers include Pastor Fred Luter of Franklin Avenue Baptist Church and the Voices of Louisiana College. For more information you can contact our Associate Pastor Jay Johnston at jjohnston@fbccov.org, visit www.LALifeMarch.com, or call 866.463.5433.

MARDI GRAS FAMILY SKI TRIP

FEBRUARY 20-25, 2012 - COPPER MOUNTAIN, CO

Bring the family and have fun in the snow and sun. Enjoy 5 nights lodging and 4 days skiing some of the most beautiful terrain on earth. Great atmosphere for the family. Reservations are limited and time is of essence. Ski Package includes airfare, shuttle, lodging, lift tickets and rentals. Email Bill Boren at bboren@fbccov.org for more information and pricing for your family.

TWO NEW ABF CLASSES BEGIN JANUARY 15

Are you looking for a Bible Fellowship class at the 11:00 Hour? Then check out one of the following classes that begins next week.

(30's and up) - Led by Jeremy Windom - Room 508

(40's and up) - Led by Dale Padgett and Chip Carriere - Room 511

JANUARY 29, BIBLE FELLOWSHIP LEADERSHIP MEETING

Adults 55+ meet from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Preschool, Children, Youth thru Median Adults ~ 12:00-1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Please sign up in your Adult Bible Fellowship class, or online. Call Darlene for child-care.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

FBC offers a variety of activities for singles of all ages. Look for new opportunities in this section each week! For more information, contact Glynn Robinson in the church office at 892-2149.

MEN'S NIGHT - Tuesday, January 10 at 6:30 PM - Hogs at a Trough at Edgar's.

THURSDAY BOOK STUDY - New book study begins Thursday, January 12th at 7 PM in the ROC. Get your copy of "The Ragamuffin Gospel" by Brennan Manning and join the group for fun, fellowship and insight. For more info, contact Keeley.

SINGLE WOMEN'S RENEWAL RETREAT - Friday, January 27, 2012. Stay overnight at The Rivers Retreat Center on Highway 190 in Covington. Cost is \$85 per person. Contact Keeley at 504-494-2424 or keeley236@yahoo.com.

Contact b_harris63@yahoo.com to be added to FBC Singles email updates.

ADULT 55+ MINISTRY

YOUNG AT HEART ~ TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 ~ 10:30 AM ~ Cost: \$6

FELLOWSHIP HALL Sheila Stroup columnist for the Times Picayune is the guest speaker for the fellowship luncheon. Register in Sunday Bible Fellowship class, on the Worship Registration Form located in *The Vision*, online at our website FbcCov.org or by calling the church office. Reservation deadline - **Noon, Friday, JANUARY 13.**

NORTHWEST PASSAGE ~ JULY 25 - AUGUST 1

Join us for a trip to the beautiful Northwest and experience the best of Seattle, Victoria, BC and Vancouver, BC. Pick up a detailed trip flyer at the January 17 YAH meeting or online at our website FbcCov.org and register at the YAH meeting on February 14.

LAGNIAPPE

Each year at significant milestones, I report to the church where we are and where we are going. This allows the church to reflect and look back as well as look forward. Part of my responsibility is to lead the church in understanding God's vision.

The beginning of a new year is a perfect time to look back and to look forward. Anyone associated with south Louisiana understands that over the past few years we have deserved the designation of "Disaster Land." Hurricane Katrina ravaged the whole region and deeply affected First Baptist Church Covington. One-fourth of our congregation moved to other areas including twenty-five deacon families. Katrina was followed by The Great Recession of 2008--2011 including an oil spill and a moratorium on drilling in the gulf. All of this made our lives more difficult.

I am thankful to report that the year 2011 was our best year ever in terms of Bible Fellowship attendance. We averaged over 1200 in Bible Fellowship Groups. The previous best year was 2004 (the year prior to Katrina). I feel that we have finally recovered in numbers and leadership from the exodus following the hurricane.

2011 also was a year in which we recovered to a level of giving prior to the recession. Again, you gave the largest offerings in the history of the church and met budget expectations for the year, a first since 2007. Last year you gave over \$4,165,000 for budget needs as well as significant amounts to build The ROC addition. I am happy to report that our Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions so far has totaled over \$60,000. You also gave significant sums for local benevolence and for "Feeding the Needy."

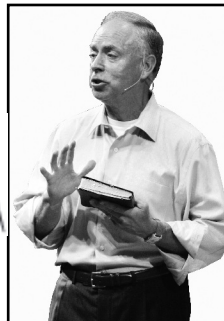
The following are projects that I hope we can explore in 2012: First, begin a full-blown recreation ministry utilizing our basketball and volleyball courts and our recreation fields. Second, explore the opportunities suggested by our Transformational Church consultants to establish satellite campuses to help reach our region. Third, push forward with our Foyer expansion to provide needed Bible Study space. These three goals take only one paragraph to list but will take prayer, planning, and perseverance to accomplish.

Please join me in thanksgiving for God's blessings in the past and in prayer for God's leadership and blessings in the future.

Sign up online @ FbcCov.org



Waylon Bailey



PASTORAL TEAM

Waylon Bailey, Th.D., Pastor

Jay Johnston, D. Min., Associate Pastor
Clif Smith, Education
Bill Boren, D. Min., Family Life
Jason Brooks, Music/Worship
Robert Hargrove, Music/Worship
David Rockett, Adults 55+/Pastoral Care
Glynn Robinson, Missions/Evangelism
Darlene Drivon, Preschool
Kevin Harless, Interim Kids
Shane Booker, Students
Josh Jordan, College/Young Professionals
Andrew Stoner, Associate Student/College

DEACONS IN MINISTRY January 8-14, 2012

Kevin Seal 630-6330
Bill Napier 845-0897
Don Saucier 796-5444

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Discovery Class



Join us for the next Discovery Class
Sunday, January 29
5-7:30 PM Fellowship Hall
Sign up online

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are excited to announce the addition of FaithWeaver Friends to our Wednesday night schedule. FaithWeaver Friends is a revolutionary program that allows kids to grow in their faith, apply Biblical learning through outreach and service opportunities, and make their faith their own through kid-friendly Discovery Centers. The Children's Choir program will continue to be an option for children to help kids celebrate and praise God through song. Get connected to one of these great Wednesday night ministries for kids K-6th grade.

KIDS ARE BACK ON SUNDAY EVENING!

Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills and Dig Deep will resume January 8th (this evening) from 5:00-6:30pm. In addition to the normal **Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills** programming for K-6th graders, we are excited to see our Bible Drill team begin preparing for the Church, Regional and State Bible Drill competitions. Also, our **Dig Deep** class for 4th-6th graders will be going through a great book called *Case for Christ for Kids*.

Ring in the New Year with something new! Teaching in the Preschool Ministry!!

We need you to teach one of the 9 teaching spots open at the 9:45 or 17 teaching spots at the 11:00 hour. For more information come by the Preschool Desk or contact Darlene at 985-892-2149 or ddrivon@fbccov.org.

CENTERSTAGE STUDENT MINISTRY

AFTER EDMUND in CONCERT ~ Wednesday, January 11 @ The ROC ~ 6:30 PM

COED 12TH Grade Bible Fellowship Class begins January 8

This is a new class for 12th grade guys and girls to help prepare them for college and the world beyond high school, both spiritually and practically. It will meet in R102 at the 11:00 hour.

Save the dates in 2012!

March 9-11 - Disciple Now Weekend

March 31- April 6 - Youth Choir Trip, Washington, D.C.

June 21-25 - Student Life (High School), Orange Beach, AL

July 9-14 - World Changers in Covington

July 17-21 - Centrifuge (Jr. High), Panama City, FL



COLLEGE/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

UPSTAIRS 745 is a worship gathering for college and 20 somethings, married or single, that meets on Wednesday nights at 7:45 in The ROC. For more information on how to get involved check our website fbccovcollege.com or text Josh at 590-9113.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY ~ Hurts, Habits and Hang-ups

Join us every Tuesday night at 7:00 in **Kids Worship** for a time of worship, teaching, and testimonies, followed by small groups. For more information contact our Associate Pastor Jay Johnston at jjohnston@fbccov.org or call 985-892-2149.

PRAYER BANDS

Do you want to learn how to pray? Join a prayer band and practice every week as you pray with others. For more information contact Associate Pastor Jay Johnston at jjohnston@fbccov.org or call 892-2149.