

We Welcome Jennifer Jefcoat this Sunday

New Minister of Preschool & Children



Jennifer, Jude 2, Hanna 6, & Jake Jefcoat

Jennifer is a native of Missouri and has been married to Jake for seven years. Jake and Jennifer have a six year old daughter, Hannah, and a two year old son, Jude. Jennifer has an associate's degree in business management, a certificate in preschool and children's ministry from Leavell College of New Orleans Theological Seminary, and in May will earn a bachelor's degree in Christian ministry with a minor in preschool and children from New Orleans. Jennifer has served three churches as a minister of preschool and children.

You will want to be here Sunday, January 4 to welcome Jennifer, Jake, Hanna and Jude to First Baptist Church. We will be giving the Jefcoat Family an "old-fashioned pounding" at this time. A special table will be set up in the atrium for your donations. (See pastor's column)

Discipleship Fair

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4 @ 5:30 PM



COME GET
a PREVIEW
OF THE...

- ✓ Winter 2009 Discipleship Studies
- ✓ Take a look at the study materials
- ✓ Meet the instructors and sign up for what interests you most.

See page 2 for some GREAT study topics!!





How many times do you think that you'll do it? Five, ten, maybe even twenty. I tend not to do it as badly as I once did, but still probably I will write 2008 instead of 2009 for at least a couple of weeks. Despite all of the fanfare and celebrations of the New Year as well as the resolutions that accompany it, I'll struggle to make that little change quickly and consistently.

The New Year always brings about change doesn't it? Some, like changing the year date, happen beyond our control while others come about because of choices and decisions we make. We see the New Year as a time to make some necessary adjustments in our lives, so we make resolutions to improve in various ways.

This morning I want you to consider a couple of changes coming at First Baptist Church with the New Year. First, Jennifer Jefcoat begins serving as our Minister of Preschool and Children in 2009. I am excited to have Jennifer and her family become a part of our church family and community. I believe that she is the right person to lead our children's ministries and look forward to her joining our ministry team.

Jennifer and her family will start the process of getting to know all of us. They are going to be very busy becoming acquainted with new surroundings in many ways. We can assist them greatly in this venture in a couple of ways. One way to help the Jefcoats to get to know us involves wearing nametags on Sunday mornings through the month of January. We will have nametags and markers available in the atrium every Sunday during the month for us to fill out and wear. By the end of the month they will begin to put names and faces together.

Another way to help them get settled involves a pounding. Back in the good old days of ministry, churches used to help new ministers and their families get settled by bringing many of the staples that they would need. For example, folks would give a pound of flour or a pound of sugar or a pound of butter to the new minister's family to help them through the transition.

Our family has received poundings in the past. They help a lot because so many tasks must be accomplished in a short period of time. Not having to go to the grocery store in the midst of all the other commotion helps a lot. So, let me encourage you to bring a staple or some other kind of food item with you to church this Sunday as your contribution to a pounding for the Jefcoat family. Just think about what you and your children or grandchildren enjoy eating and bring some of it with you this Sunday. It will be fun and helpful.

Another important change involves our Sunday evening schedule. I have shared with many of you how important I believe having Sunday evening ministry opportunities are to the vitality of our church. Without having Sunday evening studies or worship services, the church is forfeiting some great chances for fellowship and discipleship. When you consider that the church traditionally has met three times a week (Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening), not offering Sunday evening opportunities greatly reduces fellowship and discipleship chances.

Even though we began having Sunday evening worship services again last year, we still are struggling to do more than just have a meeting. So, in order to better meet this need, our Sunday evening schedule is changing somewhat. We are holding a Discipleship Fair this Sunday evening to introduce some new opportunities and lay out some new ideas. I am hopeful that the new approach will

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Gripped by the Greatness of God

by James McDonald



Rediscover the wonder of God's attributes. Be gripped by His greatness as you come to know Him better leading you to favor His will over your own.

Financial Peace University

by Dave Ramsey

Change the way you think about personal finance. Through this life-changing study learn to manage your money in a Godly manner.

first place 4 Health

Be a **LOSER!** Losers are winners with this Christ-centered health and weight-loss program. A health plan centered on the power of prayer and putting God first to help you become more fit emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually.

3:16—The Numbers of Hope

by Max Lucado

Take a fresh look at John 3:16! Get new insights on what "that God so loved the world" and gaining everlasting life really means for you. Great stories and real-life illustrations are used to drive home points about God's love, justice and determination to save.

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman

by Beth Moore

Think it's tough being a woman today? It *was* tough being a woman in Esther's day! Esther's story contains treasures to help contemporary women in our hurried, harried and pressured lives.

help us accomplish the discipleship and fellowship goals of our church. These two ministries are very important to building a stronger community of faith. So, please make plans to check out the growth opportunities for you and your family.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday as we start the New Year together.


Pastor Butch



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Pastor

ON-GOING SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:00am-Bible Study
10:30-11:30am-Worship Service
5:30pm-6:20-Worship Service
6:30-8:00pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

ON-GOING WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE
5:15-Children's Choirs
5:30-6:20pm-Family Night Supper
6:30-7:20pm-Prayer Meeting;
IMPACT (Student Worship)
Missions-RAs, GAs,
Mission Friends (Children);
7:30-9:00pm-Praise Team Practice

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
He who forms mountains...who treads the high places of the earth—the Lord God of hosts is His name. Amos 4:13				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 11:00 The Father's Kitchen
4 Regular Sunday Activities Resume 5:30-Discipleship Fair	5 Upward Practice Resumes	6 Preschool Resumes	7	8	9	10 9:00-2:00 Upward Games
11 10:30-Guest Preacher DR. TIM LANE 5:30-Baptism	12 7:00-Women in Christ	13 9:30-Women on Mission	14	15	16 Youth Ski Trip 	17 9:00-2:00 Upward Games 11:00-The Father's Kitchen
18 Youth Ski Trip 4:00-Easter Production Crew Meeting	19 Preschool & Church Office Closed	20 6:30-Deacon Supper & Meeting	21 7:30-Properties Committee	22 8:30-3:00-Priority of Worship Workshop	23 MBA Ministry/Fairgrounds	24 9:00-2:00 Upward Games
25	26	27 11:30-Mallary Minister's Fellowship	28 6:30-Church Conference	29	30	31 9:00-2:00 Upward Games



Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 31

Church Office Open from 8:00-5:00
No Evening Activities

Thursday, January 1, 2009

Church Office Closed

Sunday, January 4, 2009

Youth & Adult Choirs Resume

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

All Wednesday Activities Resume
Including Children's Choirs

JANUARY STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Brenda Cowart

Financial Secretary — 7 years

Congratulations and may God bless you in the new year as you continue your service to Him!

Office Volunteers

- Mon. Jan. 5**
9am-1pm—Rosemary Barfield
1-5pm—Chas/Janice Sheppard
- Tues. Jan. 6**
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm—Dellen Lyall
- Wed. Jan 7**
9am-5pm-Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. Jan 8**
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Doug Boss
- Fri. Jan. 9**
9am-4pm-Ann Sims

NURSERY WORKERS

Sun. Jan 4
Carolyn Gill
Bobbie Hobby
Laney Corley

Lil Big House
Jenni & Jay Carpenter

Big House
Jane Germany & Joy Dutton

ATTENTION ALL LADIES...

The Book Club is Meeting

Monday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.

At the home of Elizabeth Loosier, 622 Russell Road Close

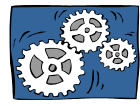
Hear a book report by Nancy McDonald

Pig in a Taxi

A unique (to say the least) Missionary Experience—Don't miss it!

Come On Back!

Wonderful Wednesdays "gear back up" January 7



5:15 pm..... Children's Choirs

5:30-6:20 pmFamily Night Supper

Check out this menu:

Country Fried Chicken; Black Eye Peas; Turnips; Cornbread;
Dessert; Coffee; Tea

6:30-7:20Prayer Meeting w/Dr. Butch

..... Missions (RAs, GAs, Mission Friends)

..... IMPACT-Students

This Week at FBC

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

9:00am- Bible Study
 10:30am-Worship Service
 11:00am-Korean Worship Service
 4:30pm-Youth Choir
 5:30pm-Discipleship Fair
 6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JANUARY 5



Upward BB Practice Resumes
 7:00pm-The Book Club/Eliz. Loosiers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

FBC Preschool Resumes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00am-2:00pm—Upward BB Games



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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER
Resumes Wednesday,
January 7—5:30-6:25



Country Fried Chicken; Black Eye Peas
 Turnips; Cornbread; Salad; Dessert; Coffee; Tea

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

MEMBER IN HOSPITAL

Phoebe—Lois Middleton

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to...
 ...the family of Delvin Dorminy who died Dec. 21.
 ...the family of Cody Corliss who died Dec. 27.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee. Isaiah 26:3

TWO FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS IN THE SANCTUARY THIS SUNDAY

- (1) Given to the glory of God and in honor of the Jefcoat Family as Jennifer joins the FBC staff as Minister to Preschool & Children
- (2) Given to the glory of God and in honor of Brenda & Wayne Cowart on their 28th Wedding Anniversary

*The flower calendar is open for 2009. We are now allowing **TWO arrangements in the sanctuary each Sunday.** Rick Barrett of The Flower Gazebo will furnish these beautiful arrangements at a cost of \$40 per arrangement. Call the church office, 883-8000 if you would like to schedule flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one.*

Bits & Pieces



Melissa A. McDonald graduated with honors from Georgia Tech with a Masters Degree in Bio-Chemistry. Congratulations!

Melissa is the daughter of Nancy & Winston McDonald.

SUNDAY REPORT—12/28/08

Adults	162
Students	23
Children	42
Preschool	38
TOTAL	265
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM	357

FINANCIAL REPORT December 28, 2008

Budget Received This Week	\$ 18,763.48
2008 Budget Needed Y.T.D	\$ 1,313,408.95
2008 Budget Received Y.T.D	\$ 1,141,880.06
CNN Received This Week	\$ 155.00
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 45,385.00
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 9,695.00
Balance on Hand This Week	\$ 45,034.59
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 385,839.64
Total Received to Date	\$ 952,897.57
Designated Gifts Received This Week	\$ 5,818.58
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 115,524.05
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 34,432.06
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 1,688,107.10
Lottie Moon to date	\$ 15,511.73

FINANCIAL REPORT December 21, 2008

Budget Received This Week	\$ 21,604.06
2008 Budget Needed Y.T.D	\$ 1,288,008.70
2008 Budget Received Y.T.D	\$ 1,122,116.58
CNN Received This Week	\$ 280.00
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 45,230.00
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 2,942.00
Balance on Hand This Week	\$ 24,961.33
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 376,144.64
Total Received to Date	\$ 943,202.57
Designated Gifts Received This Week	\$ 4,363.00
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 109,705.47
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 29,189.06
2008 Received Year to Date	\$ 1,653,675.04
Lottie Moon to date	\$ 14,931.73

MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. “Butch” Knight, PhD Senior Pastor
 Jimmie Nettles Pastor of Worship & Music
 Brian Scott Pastor of Students & Activities
 Kathy Mims, PhD Director of Sr. Adult & Women’s Ministries
 Jennifer Jefcoat Minister to Preschool & Children
 Ray Kirk Business Administrator

MINISTER ON CALL JAN. 3, 2009 BUTCH KNIGHT—888-9197

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and choose Option #7. You will hear instructions for having our Minister on Call page.