



# The Lighthouse

*Illuminating the mission and ministry of*

**First Baptist Church**

**Swainsboro, Georgia**

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### **Special Points of Interest**

- Tune in to 97.1 FM, Radio, at 11 AM for "live" Morning Worship each Sunday!
- Watch Ch. 2, TV, each Sunday morning for a service of worship, 8:30 AM!
- A Tape Ministry of Morning Worship - - copies of sermons are available!

*Calling All ...*

*WOMEN OF FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH TO  
ATTEND THE*

## **WOMEN'S EVENT**

**Guest Speaker  
RAMONA LORD**

Women of the Emanuel  
Association Are Invited

**APRIL 24**

**6 PM  
Sanctuary**

**7 PM  
Salad Dinner  
Fellowship Hall**

## **REMINDERS**

**April 23-27**

Spring Break - County Schools

**April 24**

Women's Event

6 PM - Sanctuary

*Guest - Ramona Lord*

7 PM - Salad Dinner

**April 25**

No PM Activities

**April 29**

Youth Sunday

*Senior Recognition*

Senior Luncheon

Fifth Sunday at FUMC

**May 6**

6 PM

GA/Acteen Recognition

**May 9**

Family Night Dinner

*Music Recognition*

**June 4-8**

VBS

5:15 PM - Meal

6-8:30 PM - VBS

### THE PASTOR WRITES

The opening of our Family Life Center, "Faith, Family, Future," has begun. FOCUS, our youth gathering on Wednesday, has been held twice, now. As planned, youth activities, aside from music and basic meals, will be held in this most functional arena! Paul Leigh's office is located in the building. Within the next two weeks, other activities will be held, in accordance with other equipment-needs for viewing in exercising, walking, and playing! Also, within the next two weeks, those who have signed up, and will sign up, to be *daily volunteers* will have a meeting for guidance and sign-up schedules.

What a wonderful complex you, as a "family of God," have provided for ministry and for people of all ages! (One example is for walking! If one walks around the gym eighteen times, one will have walked about a mile. Reverse the walk by view and perspective, and one will walk two miles--all in good conditions of heating and cooling.) A standardize level of temperature will be kept for cost and basic comfort! The realization is that the building is now actuality, in mind, heart, body, and soul! All ages can use the rooms! Basic hours for ministry/activity/program meetings and gatherings will be established. Signing up in the Office for use by groups will be necessary and foundational for proper scheduling and non-conflicting personal group desires. Church functions of scheduled activities for groups and open activities will take first place. At certain times, physical activities in the gym or exercise rooms will not be allowed. Such directives will guide all participating to fulfill many teaching, training, and leisure functions! For example, there will be no "playing" on Sunday morning! Basic guides will arise from an on-going and developing ministry!

Please drop by and visit your facility of ministry to all ages of people. One asked, "Can we come and walk?" Yes, come and walk after 8:30 AM!

As you notice, grass has been laid and the appearance is more inviting and gives the image of completion. Grass was needed for "less dirt," less erosion, and for proper appearance! Grass was not included in the basic cost the church approved. The building is nice, but not extravagant. You decided for such a building to enhance, enlarge, and encompass ministry, development, and growth of the total person to all ages of people! *You have done well!*

With you, I share in the challenge before us to grow and develop as "a people of God." The facility will provide a wonderful arena for "keeping our bodies strong and healthy" and for personal and group development in our "total spiritual pilgrimage of mind and heart"

through study, worship, development and fellowship!

Within good conscience of commitment, you and I will continue to fulfill three things. First, we will continue to develop (enlarge and enhance) ministries to all ages of people! Two, we will operate and maintain the building in cost, up-keep, and security! And three, we will complete paying for the building in a timely manner. Thanksgiving is needed! One, thank one another for decisive efforts of ministry! Two, thank the Building Committee (Bill Sasser, Chairperson) for their timely and persistent efforts. Three, thank the Capital Funds Committee (Dr. James Ray, Chairperson) for their continuing guidance and encouragement in funding the cost of our efforts! "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!"

-RJB

### WOMEN'S EVENT SPEAKER

Ramona Harrison Lord lives in Watkinsville, Georgia. She is a WMU Equipper for Georgia Baptists. She is a member of Briarwood Baptist Church in Watkinsville. She has been a studio piano instructor for thirty-five years, and served as a church organist and pianist for thirty-five years. She is a member of the Music Teacher National Association. She serves the community in which she lives in cultural and social affairs. She is a conference leader, retreat facilitator, and speaker. Hear Ramona Lord on April 24!

### FBC MEMBER!

Will you:

Be present on April 22?

Prayerfully engage in deeds for the poor?

Positively express your faith?

Give proportionately?

Be a lifestyle witness?

Fulfill membership through ministry?



### Sanctuary Flowers

Flowers will be placed in the church this Sunday in loving memory of Nora Ogburn and Frank Ogburn by Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Ogburn.

### "COURAGEOUS"

This film will be shown May 20  
at 6 PM!

Make Your Plans to Attend!  
No Charge for Admission!

# Music Notes



## SUNDAY MORNING

- Thank you, Adult Choir and Al Lawson, for taking care of beautiful music making while I'm away. I am most grateful for your fine work.
- Thank you, Joy Craft and Susan Westberry, for your excellent contributions to worship in my absence.
- **NO** rehearsal next Wednesday, April 25, due to the public school spring break week.
- I am very much anticipating being back with you on Sunday, April 29!

## YOUTH MUSIC

- ◆ There will be choir and bell rehearsal on April 22.
- ◆ We're still working on new music for a spring project as well as on music for the youth Sunday that has been rescheduled for April 29. I certainly would like to see a large number of you participating with us.

## CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Our annual children's choir recognition service is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 9 at 6:30. We'll be doing family dinner that night before the service. Stay tuned for more details.

## SONS OF JUBAL

As you are reading this, we are back in Beijing and singing concerts in churches and other venues around the city. We'll be on our way home on Monday, April 23.

I'm sure that there will be "lots to tell" when I return. I look forward to seeing you in worship on April 29!

## FIRST FAMILY NEWS

**Anniversaries:** April 22-Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Clark. April 28-Mr. and Mrs. James Lovins.

**Birthdays:** April 22-Dorla Clark. April 23-Beth Adams, Mildred Lovins. April 24-Agnes Ellis. April 25-Martha Jane Lawson, Jimmy Murphy, Jessica Simmons, Wade Williams. April 26-Jimmy Morgan. April 28-James Brown, Carlie Dixon, Heidi Hall.

**Sympathies:** To Harold & Audrey Knowlton in the loss of their sister-in-law, Helen Knowlton. To Pete & Jo Boatright in the loss of their niece, Diane Boatright.

## THIS SUNDAY AT WORSHIP

April 22, 2012

*Morning Worship, 11:00 AM*

*Earthiness of the Divine*

*1 John 2:1-10*

*Vespers, 6:00 PM*

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS - Week of April 22, 2012

**Hospitality:** Nick Herrington, Chm., John D. Scott, PM Chm., Greg Barwick, Marcelle Brannon, Barry Burrell, John Claxton, Bill English, Danny Greenway, Glenn Hendrix, David Kent, Jerry Lawson, Jr., Freddie McVey, Bessie Neele Rich, Johnny Roberts, Bobby Sasser, Don Wilkes, Doug Wilkinson.

**Greeters:** Wayne Cannady, Chm., Barry Burrell, Gene Fields, David Kent, Jerry Lawson, Jr., Don Wilkes.

**Tape, Audio, TV:** Carroll Gambrell, David Morgan, Julian Sconyers, Garland Thompson.

**N2Y Children's Worship (Pre-K - Grade 5):** Jodi & Alton Reynolds. *April 29-Angela & Marty Ray.*

**Nursery:** Glinda Sasser, Norma Sconyers. *April 29-Mary Welborn, Tammy Wilkes.*

**Offering Counting:** Al Lawson, Sr., Wayne Cannady, Rod White, Chm. *April 29-Greg Barwick, Chm., Martin Bridges, Edwin Canady, Jim Free.*

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday, April 22

8:30 AM-TV Cable 2, Northland

9:45 AM-Sunday School

11:00 AM-Worship (Radio, 97.1 FM)

4:30-5:15 PM-YAP

5:45 PM-Youth Meal

6:00 PM-Vespers

6:15 PM-Youth Small Groups

### Monday, April 23

5:30 AM-Exercise Class

8:15 AM-Fit for Life I

7:00 PM-Ladies' Bible Study

### Tuesday, April 24

3:00 PM-Fit for Life II

6:00 PM-Women's Enrichment Event (Salad Supper, 7 PM)

### Wednesday, April 25

#### Administrative Professionals Day

5:30 AM-Exercise Class

7:30 AM-Youth Prayer Breakfast (McDonald's)

8:15 AM-Fit for Life I

### Thursday, April 26

3:00 PM-Fit for Life II

7:00 PM-Church-wide Visitation

### Friday, April 27

8:15 AM-Fit for Life I

## PAUL'S PORCH

**FOCUS Student Spotlight**  
**Caitlyn Wheeler**



Caitlyn is the daughter of Tom & Heidi Purvis, has three brothers Redford, Jacob and Thomas and her step-grandparents are Tommy & Edna Purvis. She is a 11th grader at David Emanuel Academy this year. Her hobbies are working, tanning, running and just hanging out with friends. Caitlyn is involved in Sunday School, FOCUS, Youth Trips & Activities. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 4:23. Take time this week to get to know Caitlyn.

### Youth/Graduation Sunday

Sunday, April 29th

11 AM Worship Service

If you are graduating this year from High School or College, please let the Church Office know by Monday, April 23rd.

### Sunday, April 22

There will be a shower held for the FBC Nursery in the Fellowship Hall after the 11 AM worship service. We are registered at Wal-Mart & Target. **The login information for both is: First name: First Baptist Church; Last name: Swainsboro.**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Vacation Bible School

June 4th-8th

Schedule - 5:15 PM - Meal

VBS - 6-8:30 PM

### VISITATION

Visitation is a good, positive, and personal word and deed! Caring for others is "visitation," not a "cold" experience to someone you don't know! "Visit!" Each Thursday night is marked; however, visit any time! But do we?

### MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a Christ-centered community, guiding people to a life-changing relationship with God in Christ through Worship, Discipleship, Ministry, Missions and Fellowship.*

### OUR STEWARDSHIP for 04-15-12

Sunday School	174
Worship	190
This Week	\$7,046.50
Rcvd. T/D	\$376,877.01
Needs T/D	\$433,953.09

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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**MIN. OF STUDENTS:** Rev. Paul Leigh

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