



# THE TORCH

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Communion Sunday, Black History Month, Men's Month

February 7, 2010

### MEN'S MONTH NOTICE

February is American Baptist Men's Month. We are excited to announce the speakers for the month. They are: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Rev. Dr. Arrold N. Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Rev. Morris Tipton, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Rev. Jerry L. Maynard and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday speaker is Rev. Randall Webb. Each First Baptist Man is asked to donate an amount up to \$100 during the month to support the activities of Men's Month.

We ask that, the men and young adults to contribute their time and labor each Saturday between 8:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. during February to assist with the work being done in the lower level of our Church. Let's make this February our greatest Month.

### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SIT-IN EXHIBIT

The Tennessee State Museum is hosting an exhibition on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sit-in demonstrations in Nashville. The predominately African American churches were very involved in the desegregation effort, including First Baptist Church and Clark Memorial Methodist Church. The exhibit, "***We Shall Not Be Moved: The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tennessee Sit-Ins***," opens February 4<sup>th</sup> and continues through May 16<sup>th</sup>. The museum will offer guided tours for groups of ten or more, Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Self-guided tours will be open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

A one-act play, "***Sittin' In for Civil Rights***" adapted from Congressman and civil rights leader, John Lewis' book, ***Walking with the Wind***, will be offered Tuesday through Friday starting at 10:00 a.m. with the last show to start at 1:00 p.m.

Scheduling and reservations for groups of 10 or more for the tours and/or play must be made in advance. Reservations can be made through the Public Programs Department of the Tennessee State Museum at (615)741-0830. **It's free to the public.**

### CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. in the TSU Avon Williams Building. The Sit-In Movement will be discussed. Lunch is included in the \$18.00 registration due by January 29, 2010. For more information call (615) 862-7970.

### PENNY ROUND-UP

More than a year ago the Cresa Lenox Circle announced plans for a "Penny Round-Up" fundraiser. One year should have given everyone ample time to round up many pennies/loose change.

You may bring your pennies/change each Sunday from February 7 - March 21. There will be two containers in the lobby each Sunday for you to deposit your monies. Take a few minutes each day and actively search for pennies/change in your home, clothing, place of work, parks, parking lots, or wherever you go. Many persons (especially men) don't like the "jingle-jangle" of loose change in their pockets; so, here's the perfect solution: give it to a really-good cause—the **Building Fund**. This project wants everyone to participate. You may drop in one penny, nickels, dimes, quarters, gold coins, half-dollars, or a gazillion pennies!

**REMEMBER: PENNY ROUND-UP  
FEBRUARY 7 - MARCH 21.**

Elizabeth M. Backus and Lenore Crutchfield  
Project Coordinators

Carole McDaniel, Cresa Lenox Circle Leader

**OFFERING FOR HAITI**

FBCCH will collect an offering (One Great Hour of Sharing) for Haiti on this Sunday, February 7, 2010.

### **BLACK HISTORY TOUR**

Black Family Heritage Conference of the African American Genealogical and Historical Society of Tennessee will hold its 14th Annual Conference on February 13, 2010. The Conference will convene at Bordeaux Library, 4000 Clarksville Pike, at 8:00 a.m. and will journey to Hamilton County, Tennessee.

The focus of this year's Conference will be "Exploring Black History and Contributions in Hamilton County, TN (Chattanooga)." The "sojourn" will include visits to the Black History Museum in the city, school and park named for black heroes, sites of underground railroads, lecture on Bessie Smith and Roland Hayes, Chattanooga legends, and dinner at the famous rail car, the "Chattanooga Choo Choo." A local family will join the group and share insights on the Black family in the area. Videos will be presented enroute, and snacks will be served.

The event enriches Black History Month, and provides an opportunity to gather new information and insights. The one-day conference is also a great opportunity for a "great get-away" day. And it is especially meaningful for youths as well as adults.

For further information contact:  
AAGHS (TN), P. O. Box 281613, Nashville, 37228.  
Phone: 615.299-5626. (**Donation of \$45.00 will cover round trip, snacks, and lectures**).

### **THE CIRCLES**

The Circles of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill receive new members according to the Sunday a woman joins our church family.

February 7	Jones-Work
February 14	Matrons
February 21	Harris-Dawley
February 28	Helen
Kincaid	

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

If you should need pastoral assistance during this time of transition, please contact the Deacon for the Week for assistance.

February 7	Ronald McFarland, Sr. (331-0564)
February 14	Ernest Rhodes (712-8903)
February 21	Chester Crawford (361-6155)
February 28	Martin Currie (832-9662)

### **MINISTRY COUNCIL**

The Ministry Council will meet on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ennix-Jones Center.

### **MATRONS CIRCLE MEETING**

The Matrons Circle will have its Annual Valentine Party at the Kelly Miller Smith Towers on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, 5:00 p.m. Members are requested to be there by 4:30 p.m. to help with the preparations.

Alice Smith Risby, Circle Leader



Committee Chairpersons – Clara Elam, Matthew Kennedy, Virginia Westbrook, and Evelyn Gaines

### **EXTRAMURAL COMMUNION**

Members who are desirous of receiving communion at home due to illness and who are not listed on the Prayer List in the **Torch**, please notify your Watch Care Deacon or the church office. The Diaconate will be glad to serve you upon notification.

### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

The Concord/Chancel and Carol choirs rehearse on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church.

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. The Men's Chorus rehearses Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church.

### **LET'S CELEBRATE**

*"Sing Unto Him a New Song,"* Psalm 33:3

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill continues to receive blessings from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, collectively and individually. I am honored, on behalf of Deacon Emmitt Hayes and The Spiritual Revelators, to announce the production and availability of a CD entitled, *"I'm Going Up to Glory."* As a Church, we experienced the melodies that came from their hearts with such grace on the Fifth Sunday in November, 2009. Listening to The Spiritual Revelators reminds one of the many legacies of our Black American Heritage. Why not make these CDs a gift to you and your loved ones?

*"I'm Going Up to Glory"* CDs will be available on this Sunday after the "Hour of Power" and the 10:00 a.m. services for \$15.00. Portions of the \$15.00 donation for each CD will go to the Renovation Fund. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill.

Patricia Rowe Lane

### **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COOKBOOK**



The First Baptist Church Cookbook is still available. The cost is \$15.00 per book. **The cookbooks will be available after worship service today.** This book will make a good gift to friends and family for all occasions.

The Cookbook Committee,  
Matrons Circle

### **ABCOTS AREA 6**

On behalf of the **Valley Queen Baptist Church**, and the **American Baptist Churches of the South Area**

6, I would like to invite you to attend our Mission and Leadership Conference. The Conference will impact your life, your ministry, and leadership in the church. We have great classes designed to inspire and enlighten you to the promise of God.

Our Conference will take place at Valley Queen Church, 404 Humphrey Ave, Marks, MS., February 20, 2010, from 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. Deadline for registration is February 10, 2010. For additional information, please call 662-326-0381 or 662-326-7093. Registration forms available in church office.

### **SESSIONS**

#### **8:45 A.M. SESSION I**

Class #1: "The Shape of Living – Spiritual Direction for Everyday Life"

Class #2: "Energy Zappers – Dealing with People Who Drain You"

Class #3: "A Seeking Heart – Rediscovering True Worship"

#### **10:45 A.M. SESSION II**

Class #1: "The Next Level – A Parable of Finding Your Place in Life"

Class #2: "Taken by Communion – How the Lords Supper Nourishes the Soul"

#### **12:30 P.M. CLOSING WORSHIP**

Yours in Christ,  
Bernard Handy, Pastor



### **YOUTH ON THE MOVE**

Tricia Jackson will be studying at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, Scotland during the spring semester of her junior year, January 9 - May 9, 2010.

Tricia is an English Literature major at Agnes Scott College and Music minor (violin). She completed her fall semester coursework with a 3.85 grade-point average. Tricia was also listed in the September 4, 2009, edition of Williamson A.M. section of *The Tennessean* indicating her selection to the Dean's Honor List. Agnes Scott is a highly-selective liberal arts and science college for women. We are proud of Tricia's accomplishments!

Lueatrice Green Lovett

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Habitat for Humanity is seeking applicants for its home ownership program.

Basic requirements:

- 1) Housing need
- 2) Ability to pay a total monthly mortgage of \$450 - \$550
- 3) Willingness to partner
- 4) Live in Davidson or Dickson Counties in Tennessee

Applicants should fill out a questionnaire at [www.habitatnashville.org/homeowner/](http://www.habitatnashville.org/homeowner/).

### **NOTICE- NOTICE- NOTICE**

To all groups needing entry and use of the church sanctuary during the week, please call the church office at 255-8757 in advance of your event. This is to ensure personnel are available to allow entry and to have a record for security purposes. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

Paul E. Robertson, Chair  
Board of Trustees

### **TAPE MINISTRY FUNDRAISER PROJECT**

For your enjoyment, the Tape Ministry is selling "First Baptist Sings" and "First Baptist Sings Again" CDs for \$20.00 each. All funds received will go toward the renovation project.

### **First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill 2009-2010 Church Calendar & Directory**

Please carefully review the 2009-2010 Church Calendar & Directory and contact Marcia Mitchell at 226-7859 or [cherrym5@aol.com](mailto:cherrym5@aol.com) for any corrections, omissions, or additions.

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

The Alive Hospice is offering a free grief support group to those who have lost a parent, a child, a spouse, or other loved one, as well as children ages 6-14 who may be experiencing the loss of someone. Call 963-4737 for more information or to register.

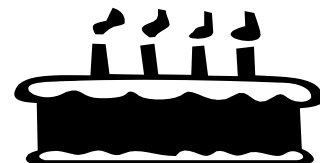
### **KROGER GIFT CARDS**

The Endowment Board wishes to thank you for your continuing support and wishes to remind you that the Kroger Company contributes to the church's Endowment Fund each time we use our Kroger Gift Card to make purchases at Kroger stores. The Endowment Board's goal is to get 100% of the congregation participating in this important program. When our Kroger Gift Cards' reload reaches \$5,000.00 or more, the church receives a check from Kroger for 4% of all associated reloads. Below is a YTD summary of Kroger Card Activity:

Reporting Period	Total Sales/Reloads	Rebate
11/29/09-12/26/09	\$9,183.01	\$367.32
12/27/09-01/23/10	\$5,919.99	\$236.80

We also encourage you to use the Kroger Gift Cards to purchase gasoline. If you do not have a First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill Kroger Gift Card or if your card has expired, please see or call Deacon Ronald McFarland or Trustee Paul Robertson.

### **BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY**



2 Geri Easley  
 2 Valinda Burks Sidney  
 3 Sabrina Daughtdrill  
 4 Wesley Currie  
 4 Howard Gentry, Jr.  
 4 Jeffrey B. Wood, Sr.  
 5 Morris Haddock  
 5 Thomas Swanson  
 6 Billie Calloway  
 6 Nichole Whitworth  
 7 Richard Ewing, IV  
 7 Constantine Fenderson  
 8 Benita Lynch  
 9 Aderonk Okediji  
 10 Golda B. Franklin  
 12 Tamara Berkley  
 12 Paula R. Edmundson  
 12 George Timothy Haynes  
 14 Stephen Daniel  
 15 Shondela Bass  
 16 Helen P. Smith  
 17 Michelle T. Bruce  
 17 Hortensia H. McFarland  
 18 Tammye W. Hawkins  
 19 George C. Hill  
 20 Quanette Beard  
 20 Marlena G. Wood  
 21 Karen Avant  
 22 Andreana Booth  
 22 Patricia E. Rowe Lane  
 23 Kenneth Cory  
 23 Mary N. Wood  
 24 Christopher Beard  
 24 Christopher Bright  
 25 Danyeal Patterson  
 25 Bertha Taylor  
 26 Kathleen Wilkinson  
 27 Christopher Demonbreum  
 28 Naomi Blair

*“Bear Fruit of Repentance”*  
February 9: Acts 26:19-23  
*“Paul Calls for Repentance”*  
February 10: Psalm 1:1-6  
*“Choose God’s Way”*  
February 11: Psalm 25:1-10  
*“Prayer or Humility”*  
February 12: Luke 14:1-6  
*“Jesus Heals on the Sabbath”*  
February 13: Luke 14:7-9  
*“Disgraced at a Banquet”*  
February 14: Luke 14:10-11  
*“Exalted Though Humble”*  
February 15: Luke 14:12-14  
*“The Guest List”*  
February 16: Ephesians 3:1-10  
*“A Life of Humility”*  
February 17: I Peter 5:1-5  
*“Tending the Flock with Humility”*  
February 18: Psalm 139:1-6  
*“You Know Me”*  
February 19: Luke 14:25-27  
*“Conditions of Discipleship”*  
February 20: Luke 14:28-33  
*“First, Count the Cost”*  
February 21: Luke 18:18-25  
*“The Rich Ruler’s Response”*  
February 22: Luke 18:28-30  
*“Rewards of Discipleship”*  
February 23: Luke 5:1-11  
*“First Disciples Called”*  
February 24: Acts 9:1-6, 11-16  
*“Saul Called To Be a Disciple”*  
February 25: Psalm 150  
*“Praise the Lord!”*  
February 26: I Chronicles 15:1-3, 11-15  
*“The Ark of God”*  
February 27: I Chronicles 15:16-24  
*“Music, Joy, and Celebration”*  
February 28: I Chronicles 15:25-29  
*“Bringing the Ark of the Covenant”*

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
**MUSTARD SEED HOUR**

**KMS CHAPEL**

**6:00 p.m. EVERY WEDNESDAY**

February 10	Rev. Martin	Philemon
February 17	Rev. Martin	Hebrews 1
February 24	Rev. Martin	Hebrews 2



**BIBLE READINGS FOR FEBRUARY**

February 7: Luke 13:1-5

*“Repent or Perish”*

February 8: Luke 13:6-9



### PRAYER LIST

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 Dr. Kermit Brown TN State Veterans' Home  
 2865 E. Main Street, West #23  
 Humboldt, TN 38343  
 Mrs. Dorothy Crippens #114 Schrader Acres  
 1204 Schrader Acres Dr. 37208  
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 Nashville, TN 37218  
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 Chattanooga, TN 37421  
 Mr. Alfonso B. Patton 2711 Overhill Circle  
 Nashville, TN 37214  
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 Rehab, 2733 McCampbell Ave. 37214  
 Mrs. Margaret Sims 2509 Gardner Ln. 37207  
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 Ms. Betty Wilson 7430 Bridle Dr. 37221

**In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you, or someone you know, has changed address, or if someone should be added or removed from the prayer list.**

### BLACK HISTORY FACTS

Carter G. Woodson – Known as the “Father of Black History.” In 1926 Dr. Woodson initiated the celebration of Negro History Week. In 1976, this celebration was expanded to include the entire month of February; and today Black History Month garners support throughout the country. In honor of all the work that Dr. Carter G. Woodson has done to promote the study of African American History, an ornament of Woodson hangs on the White House’s Christmas tree each year.

Dr. Charles Richard Drew – Pioneered research on the use of blood plasma, established first blood bank.

Hiram B. Thomas – Invented the potato chip.

Augustus Jackson – Invented ice cream.

Benjamin Banneker – Wrote first American Almanac.

George Washington Carver – Invented 100 different products from the sweet potato and 150 products from the peanut.

Dr. Daniel Hale Williams – Performed the first successful heart surgery.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS FOR  
 FEBRUARY 2010**

**February 7, 2010**

Lesson 10: "Recognized by a Canaanite Woman"

Devotional Reading: Isaiah 42: 1-9

Scripture: Matthew 15:21-28

"The Canaanite woman knew that Jesus could heal her daughter of the demons that possessed her body. She approached Jesus with respect and called Him Son of David. Upon assessment of this woman, Jesus knew that she had faith and healed her daughter. Would you be as persistent as this woman was for healing from Jesus?"

**February 14, 2010**

Lesson 11: "Declared by Peter"

Devotional Reading: John 10:22-30

Scripture: Matthew 16: 16

"This lesson explores the true meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. Further, we see Peter in two different perspectives: one, Jesus praises him for his divine revelation, and, the other, that Jesus has to rebuke him for seeing only the human side. This lesson explores self-denial, obedience and death."

**February 21, 2010**

Lesson 12: "Witnessed by Disciples"

Devotional Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-12

"This lesson is a record of another grand and glorious mountaintop experience. From the lesson, we will learn about the Transfiguration and its lasting impact on the lives of Peter, James and John. We see that these are moments in life when God speaks to us to confirm His presence, give us a new assignment, or empower us for periods of greater spiritual growth. These are some of the results that Peter, James and John may have experienced on the Mount of Transfiguration" (Commentary page 173).

**February 28, 2010**

Lesson 13: "Anointed by a Woman in Bethany"

Devotional Reading: Deuteronomy 6 15:7-11

Scripture: Matthew 26:6-13

"In today's lesson, Jesus commended a poor woman for an act of extravagant love. The disciples became indignant that such priceless oil was seemingly

wasted. Yet Jesus commended her because she had done a good work. In this final lesson in the quarter, we want to see the extent of this woman's sacrificial love gift through the eyes of someone who had the least to give, but gave more than all of the disciples combined." (Commentary, Page 180).

Mary O. Pleas

Superintendent of Sunday School

**NELSON G. MERRY (1824-1884)**

After being examined by local Baptist ministers, Merry became in 1853 the first ordained Negro minister in Nashville. Immediately he took charge of the 100 members of the First Colored Baptist Church. Under Merry, the First Colored Baptist Church became the state's largest church, with over 2,000 members. It became independent of the white First Baptist Church in 1866. By 1872, the membership of First Colored Baptist Church of Nashville had experienced tremendous growth. They moved to North Spruce Street (now Rosa L. Parks Blvd.) and erected the largest brick and stone church edifice owned by blacks. That church is now First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill.

**THE CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY, 2010****Every Sunday:**

Sunday Church School	8:45 a.m.
Worship Service	10:00 a.m.

**Every Wednesday:**

Torch Editors	10:00 a.m.
Mustard Seed Hour	6:00 p.m.
Concord/Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.

**Every Thursday:**

Torch Proofreaders/Typist	9:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.

**MEN'S MONTH AND  
BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7-**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2010**

Communion Sunday

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

Strategic Planning Meeting

6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010**

Joint Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010**

Ministry Council Meeting

10:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14-**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010**

YOUTH SUNDAY

Valentine's Day

Clark-Smith-Stokes Circle Meeting

11:30 a.m.

Harris-Dawley Circle Meeting

11:30 a.m.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2010**

PRESIDENT'S DAY

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Matrons Meeting

Kelly Miller Smith Towers

5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

Ash Wednesday

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

Finance Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

ABW Executive Committee Meeting 9:30 a.m.

Cresa Lenox Circle Meeting 11:00 a.m.

Jones-Work Circle Meeting 3:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21-**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2010**

MEN'S DAY

BIG BROTHERHOOD SUNDAY

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010**

Deacons Board Meeting

6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010**

Helen Kincaide Circle Meeting

9:30 a.m.

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