



# The Beacon

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## A Note from our New Pastor!

Let me begin by saying what a wonderful job the Pastor Search Team has done in leading our church through this process. Having served alongside a number of staff search processes myself, the long hours of prayer and effort can be tiring, but in the end as God's will is discovered the results can be very rewarding. I have enjoyed getting to know each member of the search team and hearing their hearts through this process for FBC. I believe God has some amazing things in store for us all!

In many ways my prayer (as I am sure yours has been) has been for the team to make a right recommendation followed by seeing the process through to the call. I believe we saw the process come to a positive result in late November as you the church overwhelmingly approved of their recommendation. Honestly I feel very inadequate to lead such a fine church as New Boston's First but let me make a promise to faithfully listen to the voice of God whether through his Word or through his people as we move forward together. One of the things I have been clearly reminded of, particularly over the past six months, is God is still totally sovereign and his perfect providential will is clearly evident as we look for it.

When I preached in view of the call in late November I shared three simple words with New Boston's First Baptist Church: **Gather, Give, Go**. I believe these words will serve as an overarching theme whereby we consider where God is leading us as we move forward from here. Are we gathering together and gathering others unto the Lord and the church? Are we giving fully of ourselves not only in financial matters but in every aspect of our lives to the Lord and his church? Are we engaged in going to those outside of the kingdom of God in order to reveal Christ to them? I believe these three words can encompass not only who we are as a church but who we are as the individuals who make up the church.

As a family we are excited to make the transition over the week between Christmas and New Year's Day leading to us becoming part of family at New Boston's First Baptist Church. Through this process each of you have been so gracious and kind.

*Patrick Hunter*





# A Note From Harold

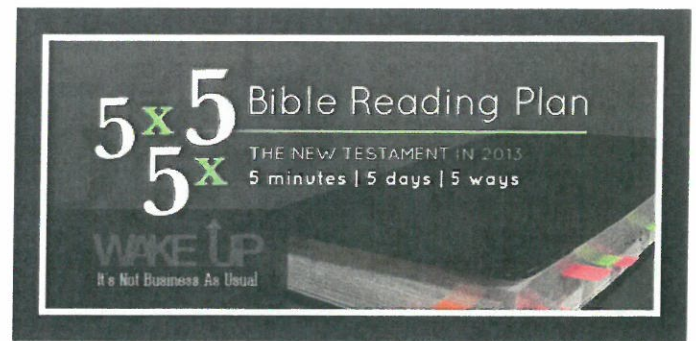
*Thank you, Shirley Brooks!* Another milestone in the life of our church is approaching as Shirley Brooks will be retiring as pianist for First Baptist Church at the end of this year. In my short time here, it has been a joy and a pleasure to have served along side a very capable and gifted pianist. Her spirit has been sweet, and her ability as an accompanist and church pianist has been top-notch!

We are going to recognize Shirley on a special day dedicated for her on Sunday, January 19th. We wanted to wait until we got past the Christmas season and give people a chance to get back from their Christmas ventures before acknowledging her service to our church. Leading up to that day, we would like to ask each of you to do two things:

- (1) We will be taking a love offering for her to present to her on the 19th. Please, give that offering through the church office and designate it "Shirley Brooks Love Offering."
- (2) We are also asking everyone that will to write a letter of appreciation to Shirley for all that she has done and for all that she means to us here at FBC. You may also leave those with the church office. We will present these letters to her in the form of a memory book.

Both will be presented to her on the 19th during this special morning service when we recognize her.

Thank you again, Shirley, for all that you have done and for all that you mean to First Baptist Church!



## Reading the New Testament in 2014

In Matthew 11:29 Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

One of the things we can do as Christ-followers is make a decision to spend time in God's word. In our day we are blessed with multiple translations (KJV, ESV, NIV, NRSV, NAS, etc.) and various ways to access God's word (printed, audio and on electronic devices), yet the average Christian rarely reads more than a few passages a week outside of worship or a Bible study setting.

From what I can tell most people who don't spend time in God's word simply have not made it a priority. In 2014 I am challenging us as a church body to make a commitment to spend time in God's word on a regular basis. Rick has brought together excellent resources where we can read the New Testament together as a fellowship. In this plan we will have certain passages to be read each day with a mixture of days of reflection (where you can reflect what you have been reading or catch up when you miss a day or two). I believe this effort will aid greatly in your spiritual development as you spend time listening to God's word speak to you. Won't you consider how to set aside time in your day to listen to God?

*Patrick Hunter*

You can pick up your copy of the reading plan on the ledge in the Vestibule or you can go to our web site and download a copy there.



**January 15, 2014**  
**@ 11:00 a.m.**  
**Covered Dish Luncheon**



## More News for You and Your Family

### Welcome Our Newest Members



#### Joining by Letter

Katrin Leediker

#### Joining by Baptism

Sy Allen

#### Joining by Baptism

Nick Shirley



### RA Teachers

We need two people to work with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade boys on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. This could be a couple or two men but there needs to be at least one man. If you are interested in working with these boys, please contact Rick.



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The emphasis for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering continues through the month of December. Please be in prayer for your part in this missions goal. Our goal is \$18,000, and **\$7,863.00** has been given through December 15th.

## YOUTH EVENTS



**February 7 & 8, 2014  
Irving, Texas**

**Sign up deadline is  
Sunday, December 22nd**

To be signed up you need to  
pay Rick \$65.00.

*Scholarships are available.*

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**M-Fuge 2014  
June 22-28, 2014**

**Mississippi College  
Jackson, Mississippi**

**Cost: \$ 146**

**Sign Up Deadline:  
1/26/2014**

**To be signed up:** Turn in your  
non-refundable deposit of \$50.00  
to Rick

**For more information:  
Call Rick @ 903.276.3428**

### YEAR END REMINDER

Year end contributions to the church have to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st in order to receive credit on your 2013 contribution record.



### MANNA KITCHEN OFFERING

**Sunday, December 29th**

We will be taking an offering for the Manna Kitchen on December 29th. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please mark your envelope "Manna Kitchen" and turn it in through your Sunday School Class or the plate offering.

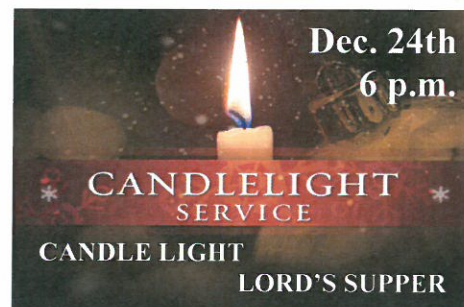


**June 22-26, 2014**

*This camp is for all children who have completed 3rd grade through 6th grade. We will be going to Austin College in Sherman, Texas. The total cost for each student will be \$200.*

**Sign Up Dead line:  
1/31/2014**

We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26th @ 7:15 p.m. Sign-up by paying Rick your \$50 non-refundable deposit.



**Dec. 24th  
6 p.m.**

**CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICE**

**CANDLE LIGHT  
LORD'S SUPPER**



## VITAL SIGNS

Sunday, December 15, 2013

### ATTENDANCE

BIBLE STUDY (FBC & OTM) .....	260
WORSHIP (FBC & OTM) .....	267
Kid's Beach Club (12/10/13) .....	125

### WEEKLY OFFERING REQUIRED

FBC .....	\$19,066.00
OTM .....	\$324.60

### OFFERING RECEIVED

FBC .....	\$17168.00
OTM .....	\$72.00

### CONTACTS

Reporting .....	7
Contacts .....	62

### Wednesday

Total Attendance .....	166
Mission Organization Attendance .....	48

### Your Staff:

Dr. Patrick Hunter, Senior Pastor ([drpatrickhunter@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:drpatrickhunter@fbcnewboston.com))  
 Rick Rothwell, Associate Pastor ([rick@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:rick@fbcnewboston.com))  
 Harold Smith, Minister of Music ([harold@fbcnewboston.com](mailto:harold@fbcnewboston.com))  
 Maxine Torian & Dot Rosser, Secretaries  
 Shirley Brooks & Peggy DeSantis, Accompanists  
 Julie Rothwell, Nursery Coordinator

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The following "Thank You" notes have been received through the church office and can be read on the "Thank You" Board located outside the Fellowship Hall:

*The Family of Wendell Harkins*



*With Sympathy*

The Staff and entire church family extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of:

- ... Wendell Harkins
- ... Dr. Bill Tyson
- ... Harvey Hensley (Rod Hensley's father)
- ... Mary McDuffie (Margie Lynch's sister)

To be posted, sympathy notes must be called into the church office, 903.628.2531.



**Congratulations to:**

**John and Lisa  
 (Waldrep) Rauk**

*On the birth of their daughter*

**Mackenzie Sue Rauk**

*Born December 13, 2013*

*She weighed 7lbs. 3.2 oz.*

*and measured 20 inches in length*

**Proud Big brother: Daniel**

**Proud Grandparents: Dick and Diana Waldrep**

# January 2014

## First Baptist Church, New Boston Ministry Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>New Year's Day Office Closed</i>	2 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	3	4
			NBISD Holiday			
5 9:15 AM <i>Childrens S.S. Workers Meeting</i>	6 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	7	8 11:00 AM Sr. Adult Choir <i>Missions Organizations begin</i>	9 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	10	11
12 12:00 PM SLT Mtg. (YR) 4:30 PM GriefShare Begins (HR) 5:00 PM YOUTH SS Teacher Mtg. 6:00 PM Baptismal Service	13 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	14	15 11:00 AM XYZ meeting	16 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	17	18
19 9:45 AM King's Kids Day in SS 11:00 AM Shirley Brooks 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM YOUTH SNACK (Skate/Bowl)	20 6:00 PM Fit to Serve <i>Martin Luther King Day Office Closed</i>	21 12:00 PM BBA Exec Board (FBC NB)	22 11:00 AM Sr. Adult Choir	23 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	24	25
26 7:00 PM Church Conference 7:15 PM Centri-Kid Info Mtg. (Ch.) <i>Baptist Men's Day</i> M-Fuge Sign Up Deadline	27 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	28	29	30 6:00 PM Fit to Serve	31 <i>Centri-Kid Sign-Up Deadline</i>	





# January FBC Birthdays



Earl Anderson - 01/02  
Christina Holland - 01/02  
Mikki Perry - 01/02  
Paul Basham - 01/03  
Mike Harkins - 01/03  
Janet May - 01/03  
Beth Barthel - 01/04  
Dylan Norman - 01/04  
Sidney Foster - 01/05  
J.B. Land - 01/05  
Jeanita McIntyre - 01/05  
Stella Scott - 01/05  
Jimmie Sinquefield - 01/05  
Reese Burkett - 01/06  
Thomas Daniels - 01/06  
O.B. Phillips - 01/07  
Emma White - 01/07  
Ann Haarmeyer - 01/08  
Ruth Knight - 01/09  
Jackie Laney - 01/09  
Drake McGee - 01/09  
Brenda Williams - 01/09  
Nancy Bevers - 01/10  
Lauren Cherry - 01/10  
John Dear - 01/10  
Jessica Higgs - 01/10  
Sue Hilton - 01/10  
Keven Williams - 01/10  
Gage Baird - 01/11  
Frances Ellis - 01/11  
Jerry Higgs - 01/11  
Michael Reich - 01/11  
Lucy Hollowell - 01/12  
Mark Mayo - 01/12  
Delbert Bodeker - 01/13  
Carah Garrett - 01/13  
Tye Hall - 01/13  
Conley Hennigan - 01/13  
Robert Morris - 01/13  
Zona Thompson - 01/13  
Christi Baird - 01/14  
Katlin Wright - 01/14  
Sara Rothwell - 01/15  
JoAnn Cunningham - 01/16  
Jill Rice - 01/16  
Bruce Roseberry - 01/16  
Seth Buller - 01/17

Zelda Grider - 01/17  
Gabrielle Dike - 01/18  
Dennis Harmon - 01/19  
Bailee Shenold - 01/19  
Deborah Buchanan - 01/20  
Carmon Zaunbrecher - 01/20  
Christy McCarter - 01/21  
Beverly Sanderford - 01/21  
Roger Stone - 01/21  
Coy Sevier - 01/21  
Rylee Burden - 01/22  
Andrew Dike - 01/22  
Garrian Hanna - 01/22  
L.G. Kelley - 01/22  
Zachry Baker - 01/24  
Judy McKay - 01/24  
Mitch Newton - 01/24  
Donna O'Rear - 01/24  
Gerald Tegel - 01/24  
Jacey Thomas - 01/24  
Brittani Wallen - 01/24  
Michael Watson - 01/25  
Jenna Harkins - 01/26  
Wade Jr Crittenden - 01/27  
Frances Fox - 01/27  
Amy Bobbitt - 01/28  
Brody Metcalf - 01/28  
Catharine Oglesby - 01/28  
John Talbot - 01/28  
Melinda Carlow - 01/29  
David Harmon - 01/30  
Lilli Kate Black - 01/31/2013  
Whitney Magdefessel - 01/30  
Ann Ellis - 01/31  
Deserai Gannon - 01/31  
Brittany May - 01/31

*If we missed your birthday on this list,  
please call the church office at 903-628-2531 and let us know.*