

# The Beacon

THE ANNUAL MEETING/POTLUCK IS THIS SUNDAY,  
JANUARY 16, 2011 AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

January 12, 2011

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

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The members and friends of First Baptist Church are delighted to welcome Dwight Davidson as the new pastor of FBC. Dwight and his family have most recently returned from several years in Japan as missionaries of the American Baptist Churches USA.

## THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY!

*“Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Letter to the Hebrews 13:1-2)*

So many of the joys in our lives stem from our ability to exercise gospel imagination, don't you think?

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, it was my privilege to step into the doors of the First Baptist Church of Granville as your pastor. You can't imagine how my mind was racing! Walking into the office, I was thinking of those of you I've already met—anticipating those conversations in days to come which will help me understand more about how each of you “tick;” thinking about those of you I've not yet had the chance to meet; imagining the tremendous possibilities for this historic congregation lying out over our horizon of vision.

The scripture referenced above was a call to early Christians, encouraging them to be truly and deeply hospitable, which is to say it encouraged them not only to harbor strangers, but to be spiritually prepared to be *surprised* and *blessed* by them. Well, I sincerely want to thank you all for the graciousness you've shown thus far in showing hospitality to our “strange” family—we've been blessed by you, and we do hope to return that blessing.

And I want to welcome each of *you*, too. Believe me—I'm expecting to be *surprised* by you. I have a suspicion that there are angels in our midst...

Perhaps this would be a good year for us at First Baptist to focus on using our “good news imaginations” as we resolve to discover each other anew, in this new day. In welcoming others into our lives in new ways—long-time members of FBC, newer folks in our church family, and brand new sojourners—we may just discover angels we never knew existed. Something as simple as taking a new friend (or friend-to-be) out to lunch or inviting someone over to your home, joining a small group or class, or venturing an offer to attend a social or volunteer event together—all of these are occasions for new surprises. Are you prepared to discover angels this year? Who knows—perhaps one of those angels is *you*?

—Dwight Davidson

## 10<sup>th</sup> Mission Brigade to Rancho Ebenezer in Nicaragua

For nine of the last ten years, First Baptist members have been participating in a mission brigade to do hands-on work at Rancho Ebenezer, a Christian institution in rural Nicaragua which educates and equips the community to use sustainable farming practices. This year, the team will be leaving on February 16<sup>th</sup> and returning on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Let's keep this mission team in our thoughts and prayers as they prepare! First Baptist folks who will be participating this year are Dan, Nancy, Rachel, Zachary and Seth Dobbelaer, Mike Robertson, Linda Mossholder and Jack Esslinger.

In the midst of the cold and the snow MSAC is offering you an opportunity to think ahead to Spring by purchasing Wilson's Garden Center gift cards. For each \$25.00 gift card that is purchased, Wilson's will donate \$5.00 to be used towards the 2011 Rancho Ebenezer Mission Brigade. You can order and pay for your cards between now and January 18 and they will be available for pick up on Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. The order form and payment envelope are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. **Contact Linda Mossholder at [lindamossholder@mac.com](mailto:lindamossholder@mac.com) or Nancy Dobbelaer at [ndobbelaer@windstream.net](mailto:ndobbelaer@windstream.net) with questions or to order cards.**



**IT'S NOT TOO LATE!** You still have time to get your 2011 pledge in to FBC if you haven't yet done so. Fill out a pledge card and get it to the church office, attention Stewardship. We NEED to know what funds we will have this year in order to approve a working budget at this Sunday's annual meeting. Please help support FBC as we embark on a new period of renewal.

**EDITH KEUCHER**, former organist and long-time member of FBC, passed away Monday, January 10, 2011, in Springfield, Illinois. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be sent to the church e-mail list as soon as they are available, or contact the church office at 740-587-0336 for further information.



Zoe Guiney, Albert Dantzer, Seth Dobbelaer, Zach Dobbelaer, Clare Jaquish & Julie Reiswig

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The FBC Youth Group has spent two evenings volunteering in the catering department at the Columbus Zoo's Winter Wild Lights event. On the first visit, Diane Jaquish and I took 5 kids (Zach & Seth Dobbelaer, Zoe Guiney, Clare Jaquish and Albert Dantzer). Diane, Zach and Zoe transformed themselves into elves to help children decorate sugar cookies in Mrs. Santa's workshop. Clare, Albert, Seth and I worked in the banquet hall to help serve 3000 Honda employees at their holiday party. We were busy carrying hot trays of ravioli, refilling hot chocolate, clearing tables and arranging vegetables. We saved several pans of leftovers from landing in the trash at the end of the night, including sliced meat for making sandwiches for December's Lunches on the Square! Though it was a long evening on our feet, it was a unanimous vote that the teens wanted to go back and do it again, so we did – the next time taking Anna Burkett and Adam Davidson along! It was 15 degrees that night, and we all shivered. The zoo will be sending us a check for over \$400 for our work - money we can spend on our PeaceJam project, or Baptist Youth Camp.



Anna Burkett and Adam Davidson

—Julie Reiswig

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 16 we host an evening concert with Kate Campbell, and a program called "Songs of Race and Reconciliation." Any of you who have heard Kate's music will know what an exciting opportunity this is. She sings and tells stories out of her own experience and from her wealth of material spanning a dozen recordings over the past twenty years. Kate is a fellow traveler with us at FBC, a longtime member of the Peace Fellowship, the daughter of a Baptist preacher, and a formidable musician. Don't miss this opportunity. Adult tickets are \$15, children are free. Call 587-2128 to reserve seats. Kate will perform in the chapel at 6 PM.

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- January 15 Farm & Craft Market, 10-noon, market potluck at noon (shoppers welcome)
- January 16 FBC annual meeting & potluck (11:15 AM)
- January 16 Kate Campbell in concert (6:00 PM)
- January 17 Martin Luther King Day - church office is closed
- January 23 Lunches on the Square preparation (noon)
- February 13 - Dwight Davidson installation service-4pm

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