

Heart Beat

keeping a finger on the pulse of
First Baptist Church Logansport



January 2012

From the Pastor's Perspective...

During 200 years of Baptist ministry in Louisiana there has never been a spiritual awakening, a movement of God that sweeps across the state changing the lives of people, churches and ultimately the culture.

Imagine what could happen if more than a half-a-million people, young and old, men and women of all races in Louisiana humbled themselves before the face of Almighty God?

What if they gave themselves to a Spirit-led shift in priority that put His will above their own? The explosion of Godly passion would change Louisiana and the world.

Why do we desperately need this spiritual awakening? A quick scan of the news reveals the continued downward moral and spiritual decline in our state and across the country.

- Louisiana leads the nation in murder rates per 100,000 people.

- Louisiana has the second highest crime rate in the nation.
- Louisiana leads the nation in certain forms of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Louisiana saw 8,167 babies aborted in 2009.

In the New Testament the early church was told the "Wake up!" One of those occasions is found in Romans 13:11 (NL), "Another reason for right living is that you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up..."

I am looking forward to 2012 because in January, we will join the Louisiana Baptist Convention in what is called "Awaken 2012." God has put on my heart a couple of sermons that will kick us off to a good start and then



IT'S TIME

on Monday, January 9, you have the opportunity to join me and many other Louisiana Christians in prayer and fasting. Those who would like to join us will be guided through a 21 day pray journal. God wants to

do something fresh among us, therefore it is time to prepare for, pray for and plead with God to send a spiritual awakening to our state.

Steadfast,
Lance

Lives Touched Through Christmas Choir Events

One person rededicated his life to Christ, one family joined our church, and a man who happened upon the

gospel message in song, both at church and in the community.



Celebration on the Sabine connected with our church and other Spanish-speaking believers in the community. All because of the choir's commitment to sharing the

On Sunday, December 18, the choir presented *A Celebration of the Light*, telling the story of Jesus through Celtic-flavored carols and songs and leading in congregational worship. Following the worshipful presentation, one man rededicated his life to Christ and another family joined our church.

Later that day, the choir blessed an audience of more than 80 with two of their songs. A Hispanic man happened upon the *Celebration on the Sabine*. He told Pastor Lance that he felt God leading him to the riverfront, and then he heard the singing. As Pastor Lance and others visited with the man, they were able to hear his story and pray with him about some life situations. New to the community, the man is now connected with our church and with other Spanish-speaking believers in the community.

Thank you choir, for your commitment to worshipping the Savior, leading others to worship Him, and sharing the gospel in song.

Rt. 226 Kid Zone Korner

The Story—All New Wednesday Nights for Kids in January

- Who:** Children in Pre-K through 6th grades
- When:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. starting January 4th
- What:** *The Story*. Together we'll embark on a journey through the Bible from beginning to end in 31 stories. We'll enjoy crafts, activities, games, music, weekly memory verses, special missions nights every 4 to 6 weeks, and more.



How: We'll start at 6 p.m. with exciting music and fun games in the worship room. Then we'll divide into 2 groups (Pre-K to 2nd grade and 3rd to 6th grade) and rotate between The Story Station and the Craft/Activity Station. At the Story Station, we'll experience The Story of the Bible together and learn memory verses each week.

You can even earn great prizes for memorizing the verses. At the Craft/Activity Station we'll make and do all sorts of things that remind us of God's Story and help us live out the Bible truths we learn.

Where: Route 226 KidZone at FBC Logansport

Why: The Bible is not just God's story, it's your story, too! We want you to hear the story like never before—from beginning to end—and to actively experience the story. Come join us as we have fun learning Bible truths and putting them to work in our lives.

January Volunteers

Preschool Praise and Worship

- Jan. 1 - Meredith Rogers
Jan. 8 - Annette Bounds
Jan. 15 - Maria Vergara
Jan. 22 - Amber Graves & Tina Graves
Jan. 29 - Sarah Cypert & Mary Eason

Worship KidStyle Workers

- Jan. 1 - Carol Register & Michelle Morvan
Jan. 8 - Renee Evans
Jan. 15 - Mary Rutherford
Jan. 22 - Melanie Hughes
Jan. 29 - Anne Perrett

Nursery Helpers for the AM Service

- Jan. 1 - Brenda Barber
Jan. 8 - Mary Lawrence
Jan. 15 - Kandi Magee
Jan. 22 - Annie Pilley
Jan. 29 - Maria Vergara

Nursery Helpers for the PM Service

- Jan. 1 - Carla Spears
Jan. 8 - Maria Vergara
Jan. 15 - Mary Rutherford
Jan. 22 - Jan Martin
Jan. 29 - Carla Spears



Jonathan's Journal

Have you ever wondered why we are to have faith like a child? Why not an adult? Here is one reason this new year to act more like a child! A child will hold to their conviction even if they know it will mean punishment will follow. A little girl in East Germany that once had a teacher present to the class that God does not exist. At the end of the class she asked who still believed in God. The little girl stood up. The teacher was furious and had the little girl wright down 100 times, "God does not exist.". The little girl changed it to, "God does exist". The teacher made her write 1000 times that God does not exist. The little girl knowing what trouble she was going to be in still wrote down that God does exist 1000 times.

Are we as brave as this little girl? Do we hold to our convictions even if it will cause us pain? What about the girl in the Columbine shootings in Colorado who when asked if she was a Christian with a gun to her head said yes! The gun went off and now she is

with Jesus. Talk about holding firm! So, What convictions are we letting slip to stay comfortable? When the gun of life is put to our head do we say a little prayer such as, "God, I know You will understand"? Something comes to mind such as "Let your yes be yes and your no be no." We as Christians show God and the world what we truly believe when the pressure is on. Either God is who He says He is or He is not. If He is then, well, we better leave comfort behind for the betterment of His Glory and not our safety or embarrassment or... you get the picture.

This new year let's all stand for what we say we believe in and profess to and don't bend, not an inch. We have a fight on our hands. Satan through the world wants us to curse people, slander people, gossip, live un right lives but, if We really believe our God is who He says He is then we truly can have victory over our old selves and the enemy, If we have the faith of a child!

Soli Deo Gloria: "to God alone be the Glory."
- Bro. Jonathan

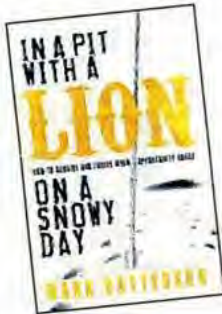
News and Notes

January Book of the Month: *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day*

Buried in 2 Samuel 23:20-21 is an obscure passage about a valiant warrior named Benaiah who chased a lion down into a pit. Then, despite the snow and slippery ground, he caught the lion and killed it.

Normal people run away from lions. They run as far and as fast as they possibly can. But lion chasers are wired differently.

God is always using past experiences to prepare us for future



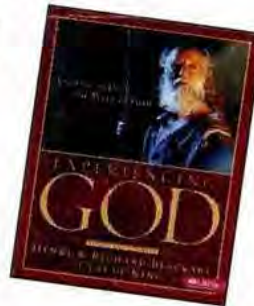
opportunities. But those God-given opportunities often come disguised as man-eating lions. How we react when we encounter those lions will determine our destiny. We can cower in fear and run away form our greatest challenges. Or we can chase our God-ordained destiny by seizing the God-ordained opportunity.

Mark Batterson's book, *In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day* will teach you seven skills to help you climb out of

the slipperiest pits and chase the biggest lions. Check it out from the church library this month.

Join Class for *Experiencing God* Video Sessions on Wednesdays

Join the Rebecca Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. for *Experiencing God* video sessions and light discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact Sarah Cypert.



Deacons of the Week

January 1-7

Wayne Adams, 697-5384
David Cunningham, 697-2745

January 8-14

Billy Pilley, 697-5337
Don Alexander, 697-4694

January 15-21

Richard Land, 697-5584
Bernard Waggoner, 697-5213

January 22-28

Jack Andres, 697-2504
Gary Henderson, 697-2367

January 29 - February 4

David Graves, 697-6061
Parker Garrett, 697-5051

Thank You Notes

Dear Church Family,

We wanted to express our heartfelt appreciation to all of you for the Christmas bonus. Thank you also for the Christmas gifts you've given us. We thank God for you and appreciate the opportunity to serve alongside of you here in God's church at FBC Logansport. We are excited about all God has done this past year and look forward to what He will do this next year. Again, thank you for your kindness toward our family.

In Him, *Jonathan, Laura, Keely and Jadon Langley*

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Casey and I would like to thank each of you for your continued prayers and always being there for us. We appreciate each of you more than words can express. We wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you so very much.

Happy Holidays, *Casey and Carrie Hart*

MEMORIALS

To Properties Improvements

In memory of J. E. Dean by Steve and Mary Lawrence

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of Lois Williams by Carolyn Ewing

In memory of J. E. Dean by Dale and Janice Morvan

In memory of Bob and Betty Moody and Jimmy and Ruth Graves by David and Tina Graves



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 New Year's Day	1 New Year's Day Holiday, Office Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Women on Mission, 6:00 pm Deacon's Mtg., 6:30 pm	10 GROW - Purple GROW - Green GROW - Red	11	12	13	14
15 Youth Winter Retreat, Clara Springs	16 Baptist Men, 6:30 pm	17 GROW - Orange	18 Sunshine Ministry, 1 pm	19 Keenagers, 10 am	20	21
22	23	24 GROW - White	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



IT'S TIME
 Join thousands of other Louisiana Baptists
 for 21 days of prayer and fasting for spiritual
 awakening within our state.

Awaken 2012
 January 9-29

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