

From our Roving Reporter - Vicki Dwinell



GOD AT WORK AT FBC

Hey, folks! Aren't we lucky to be a part of the work God is doing in our community? The new building will soon be finished, and we will be able to use this marvelous tool to let our neighbors from all around this area know about the loving and merciful God Whom we serve.

Payments of the pledges are coming in weekly. In addition, the reduction of the cost of construction, coupled with less expenditure of the contingency funds allowed, has given us the opportunity to do more towards preparing the bottom floor choir suite for use. Plus, the congregation was told recently that the company who will be refurbishing/remodeling/rebuilding the existing organ (when the funds are obtained) has volunteered to lend FBC an organ for an extended time. God inspired this man! God is making it achievable for every possible tool for His worship and praise to be available!

God is at work. But there are elements of the new sanctuary not totally covered by the pledge money that have been designated as Memorial Gifts. These include pews, sconces, choir chairs, pew Bibles, etc. And let's not forget the organ. All of these items are necessary.

There are several ways that you can honor or memorialize a loved one. By providing gifts in honor or in memory of others, you acknowledge the impact they have made in your life. At the same time you are supporting this important project for FBC.

In the church office and in various other places around the church, you can find the brochures with the prices of the needed items. Pick one up, and see if there is something that you can do to help. Pray about it; God may inspire you to give one or more of these necessities. If God's Spirit moves you to participate in this manner, contact Janna Taulbee, the chair of the Memorial Gifts committee.

I look at that building and feel such awe and reverence at what God is accomplishing on North Main Street in Statesboro. God is at work. Are we?

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**To show your love for God,
Share your love with others.**

From Senior Adult Minister Hubert Tankersley



Not long ago I read about a Christian organization that developed an effective, encouraging program that centers around gratefulness. When an employee notices something good another employee does in the office, he or she can take a special "Thank You" card provided by the company and write a note of appreciation. It must be a good feeling for employees to walk into their offices and find one of those cards on the desk. Isn't it great to be thanked for a job well done and doesn't it brighten your day? And aren't your relationships a little more special—just knowing that your work is not being taken for granted?

I thought about this concept and wondered if God enjoys being thanked. I found answers in the Bible. "Give thanks in all circumstances," Paul said, "for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18 NIV). The writer of Hebrews took it a step further by saying, "Let us be thankful, and so worship God" (12:28 NIV). Keep looking for ways to improve your relationship with God, never forgetting that one of the most basic ways to worship and honor Him is to tell Him "Thanks."

Don't forget to sign up for our trips that you helped to plan. All the trips will "make" because they are the ones we helped Kelly Tours choose, and we'll join others on the trip.

Don't forget our two important senior meetings each month, Young at Heart on the second Monday and Lunch and Bible Study with the Pastor on the last Tuesday.

Don't forget our two major mission projects—local Law Enforcement Officers and Peytona Southern Baptist Church in West Virginia.

Don't forget our two local mission projects—Ministry Team outreach to our shut in members living in their own home or in one of the commercial homes and Third Sunday Services Teams holding worship services at Southern Manor.

Don't forget to sign up to be a part of Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry as we go to Atlanta to prepare the boxes for shipment to countries all over the world. Finally, don't forget to join our Celebration Singers.

Traveling with Seniors, 2011

Last month we had a few folks go to Fort Mill, SC with us to view "The Gospel According to Tennessee," an enjoyable Christian dinner theatre production. It's time to sign up for our next trip described below. I hope you will travel with us.

September 20, 2011 - Day trip to Amelia Island

This day trip to the peaceful, relaxed seaport community of Amelia Island which has had an amazing and tumultuous past will inspire us. Characterized by its diverse cast of Timucuan Indians, pirates, shrimpers, nobles, and confederates a tour of the island provides views of some notable locations including Florida's oldest continuously operating bar, the Palace Saloon. A cruise on the Cumberland Sound will feature the natural beauty of the Amelia River, historic narration and the chance to encounter dolphin, sea turtles, manatees, and a variety of birds. Lunch overlooking the harbor is included. **Trip # 6221 \$109**

October 11, 2011 - Day trip to the Okefenokee Swamp

See the spectacular swamp scenery from a flat bottomed boat with ample seating and canopies. The 90 minute cruise through a forest of bay, cypress, pine and shrubs along the Suwannee Canal then out into the open expanse of Chesser Prairie will be led by a naturalist guide who will share his knowledge of the swamp's natural and cultural history along with some interesting swamp stories. Many animals and birds will be encountered - especially alligators! deer, otter, wood storks, raccoons, perhaps even a bobcat or a bear. Transportation, boxed lunch, ice cream, and a shopping stop at the Darien Outlets are included. **Trip # 6058 \$89**

November 19, 2011 - The Real Christmas Story

A Christmas Tradition! Guaranteed snowfall at every performance! See your favorite Christmas scenes! Hear your favorite Christmas songs! And, yes, there's even a visit from St. Nicholas himself. Then, watch in awestricken wonder as the real Christmas story is beautifully re-created. **Trip # 6063 \$99**

December 10, 2011 - This Man Called Jesus –

Lexington, SC. This two hour drama of the life of Christ features a costumed cast of over 400, live animals, inspiring music, awesome sound effects and lighting. **Trip # 6228 \$79**

Righteousness in the heart produces beauty in the character.

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BEST TRUE LAWYER STORY OF THE YEAR, DECADE, AND POSSIBLY THE CENTURY

This took place in Charlotte, North Carolina. A lawyer purchased a box of very rare and expensive cigars, then insured them against, among other things, fire.

Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile of these great cigars, the lawyer filed a claim against the insurance company.

In his claim, the lawyer stated the cigars were lost 'in a series of small fires.' The insurance company refused to pay, citing the obvious reason, that the man had consumed the cigars in the normal fashion.

The lawyer sued - and WON! (Stay with me.)

Delivering the ruling, the judge agreed with the insurance company that the claim was frivolous. The judge stated nevertheless, that the lawyer held a policy from the company, in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable and also guaranteed that it would insure them against fire, without defining what is considered to be unacceptable 'fire' and was obligated to pay the claim.

Rather than endure lengthy and costly appeal process, the insurance company accepted the ruling and paid \$15,000 to the lawyer for his loss of the cigars that perished in the 'fires'.

NOW FOR THE BEST PART...

After the lawyer cashed the check, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of ARSON!!! With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the lawyer was convicted of intentionally burning his insured property and was sentenced to 24 months in jail and a \$24,000 fine.

This true story won First Place in last year's Criminal Lawyers Award contest.

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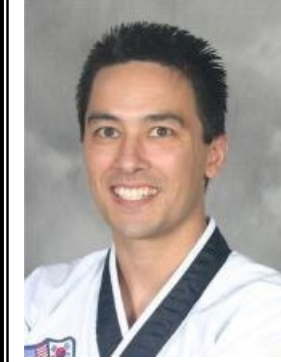
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Young at Heart

Come discover the excitement of Martial Arts at our next Young at Heart Meeting Monday, September 12, 2011. Eddie Lott, owner and operator of Eddie Lott's ATA Black Belt Academy at 375 Northside Drive here in Statesboro will be our speaker. Eddie has been serving Statesboro for more than 17 years, teaching ages "Tiny Tigers"

through senior adults.

Now you may be thinking martial arts is for much younger folks, but Eddie indicates that it is for seniors who want to increase fitness, confidence, and coordination. Perhaps after Eddie's presentation you'll consider joining his program on a regular basis.

Our meeting will be held in the Perry Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M. Following our lunch Eddie will speak to us. Come and enjoy a great meal prepared by Debbie and her capable staff, conversation around the table, as well as an informational

Lunch and Bible Study with the Pastor

Our next meeting will occur Tuesday, August 30, 2011, in the Perry Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M. The theme for Dr. Waters has chosen for this year's Bible study is based on a Bible character familiar to us all - Moses. It will be an interesting study, one I am sure you will feel comfortable asking friends and neighbors to join with you each month. We'll meet at 11:30 A.M. in the Perry Fellowship Hall and enjoy fellowship and food prepared by our capable staff led by Debbie, and then be led in our Bible study by Dr. Waters.

We've indicated that this meeting presents you the opportunity of bringing a friend or neighbor to enjoy the experience with you. You'll be glad you did, and your visitor will appreciate your interest and company.

