Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year I am reminded of God’s many blessings in my life. Some of the greatest blessings that come to mind include my family and the incredible joy they bring as I watch God’s purposes unfold in each of their lives. I am also reminded of the church family that God has allowed us to be a part of and the tremendous encouragement and support that we receive from our FBC family. I hope that you will take some time to thank the Lord for His blessings in your life and to look with anticipation to the future God has prepared for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. It’s going to be a great year as we continue to “follow Jesus, love others and impact the world.”

Pastor Kevin

New Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

The Brotherhood will be hosting our Wednesday night fellowship meal on January 22nd with a delicious breakfast as we kick-off our new Wednesday night schedule for 2014. The Brotherhood has agreed to provide the meal for the 4th Wednesday of each month and we are inviting other groups to help us with a new approach to our Wednesday night ministry. Sunday School classes, mission groups, or simply groups of friends who love to cook are invited to partner with us in providing a weekly fellowship meal for our church family. We are encouraging volunteers to help with this important ministry as we seek to offer a simple meal each week that will provide a time of fellowship. You can sign up for one Wednesday a month or you can take the 5th Wednesdays which are only 4 times per year. Help us to fill up the Wednesday night calendar for January through May of 2014!

How it works: Reservations will be made each week (reservations need to be made by Tuesday at noon) and the office will notify the food team about how many to expect. The cost will be $6/person with a maximum of $18/family. Team leaders will be given an orientation for the use of the kitchen as well as assistance with menu selection and budget considerations. Call the church office for more information or if you are interested in helping.

Wednesday Schedule beginning January 22nd

- 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal
- 6:30 p.m. – Adult Prayer Service in Mary Burton Fellowship Hall
- Youth Bible Study at The Ark
- RA’s & GA’s
- Preschool Music Makers
- Nursery
- 7:30 p.m. – Adult Choir rehearsal
SUNDAY NIGHT PRAYER AT THE ARK ON JANUARY 5
Join us on Sunday, January 5 for a special prayer service at The Ark. We will focus on prayer for our youth as we begin this New Year. This will be a dedication service for the newly renovated youth facility and a special time of prayer for the Youth Pastor Search Committee along with updates on this search process.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE KICK-OFF ON JANUARY 12
EXCITING Bible Study opportunities will be available for this new semester of Sunday Night Life! SNL Bible Study classes will include:

Women: "Sacred Secrets" by: Beth Moore
Men: "Work as Worship" by: J. D. Greear
Adults: "Walk Across The Room" by: Bill Hybels
Kids: Grades 3 – 5: "KIDMO"
Youth - Middle School: "David" by David Nasser
Youth – High School: "Nehemiah" by Kelly Minter

Please come and join one of these groups, as we study God’s word together and draw closer to Jesus. We will begin the new semester of our Sunday Night Life ministry with a church-wide gathering on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Join us for testimonies and highlights of the new studies being offered in 2014. The new 6-week rotation will begin on January 19th and sign-up sheets are available in the HomePointe Center.

PRAYER CONFERENCE
FBC Washington is hosting a Prayer Conference on January 17-18 featuring Elaine Helms who serves as the Prayer Coordinator for “My Hope America” with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. There will be a Friday evening session: "Essentials for an Effective Prayer Life"; 7:00 – 8:45 p.m. along with a Saturday morning session: "Group Prayer Dynamics"; 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. and “Your Personal Prayer Life”; 10:30 – 11:45 a.m. A light fellowship lunch will be served at noon. Sign up in the church office.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH LOVE, JOY, AND LAUGHTER
Pastor Kevin, the Deacons, and the Silver Streaks (Senior Adult Committee) are hosting a special event on Friday, January 24 at 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with the purpose of sharing some love, joy, song, and a little laughter into our lives during the month of January. This event will feature Rev. Reese “Weeping Willie” Sanders, a humorist, as program speaker. Rev. Sanders is a retired pastor from Covington, Georgia who seeks to encourage people through laughter. He establishes upon fact, fiction, and experiences in life to enhance joy and laughter. The program will be held in the sanctuary, and immediately following we will enjoy a wonderful meal in the Mary Burton Fellowship Hall. A homemade soup, sandwich and dessert meal will be served. All are welcome and encouraged to come. We do ask that you sign up on your connection card if you plan to attend for food preparation. If you need transportation that night, let the church office know when signing up.

FBC FAMILY GATHERING
Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. for our first FBC Family Gathering of the year! This service will include ministry updates and continued discussion regarding church growth. Your attendance is vital to the future of First Baptist as we take this time to share together and to seek God’s will for the future.

FBC FAMILY GATHERING
Join us on Sunday, January 26 at 6:00 p.m. for our first FBC Family Gathering of the year! This service will include ministry updates and continued discussion regarding church growth. Your attendance is vital to the future of First Baptist as we take this time to share together and to seek God’s will for the future.

Lead Ministry Assistant Position
First Baptist Church of Washington, Georgia is currently seeking a full-time (35 hours per week) office manager and financial secretary to provide administrative support and ministry assistance to the congregation and pastoral staff. The ideal candidate will ensure that the church office functions effectively and efficiently while giving focus to the various financial responsibilities associated with the church. A complete job description is available at the church office. Interested candidates should email a resume and cover letter along with three (3) references to: Kevin Madden (kshanelygood@gmail.com) or drop off at the church office (105 W. Robert Toombs Ave.) between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-Noon or 1:00-4:30 p.m.

Sunday School Mentoring at First Baptist
FBC will be hosting the Sunday School Mentoring program with Dr. Tim Smith on Tuesday January 28, 2014. This is a long-term commitment we’ve made to help us learn how to grow Sunday School into a Great Commission Sunday School. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the mentoring sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m. Unlike the other mentoring sessions thus far, we will break out into class age groups i.e Pre-k, Children, Youth, and Adult. I encourage all Sunday School teachers and anyone who would like more about teaching and growing our Sunday School to attend. Since we are hosting the event, it is our responsibility to provide a meal for all of those who attend. We are in need of individuals to help prepare a chill and baked potato meal with drinks and dessert. Further details and needs on the meal will be forthcoming. Please let the office know, sign up on your Connection Card, or email/text Jack Leard @ jack.leard3@gmail.com or (706) 401-6778 by January 20, 2014 if you plan to attend.

CAFE CHOCOLAT
Women’s Day Retreat
Saturday, February 8 (9:00-4:30)
FBC Fellowship Hall

All women are invited for a day of Chocolate, worship, bible study, testimonies, food and fun! This will be a special day that you don’t want to miss.

Sign up today with the church office or on your connection card. See Judy Coxwell or Sissy Murray for information. Cost is $20 for registration and payment is due February 3 payable to Women’s Ministry Team.

Women’s Conference
Friday, March 21 (7:00-9:00 p.m.)
Saturday, March 22 (8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
featuring… Guest Speaker, Connie Cavanaugh
author of, Following God, One Yes at a Time
Worship leader, Jennifer Vest
and Community Mass Choir, led by Shay Harris
Conference at the Pope Center

Connie is an award winning writer and speaker from Cochrane, Alberta, Canada. She shares her message with audiences all over North America and the world. Ever the storyteller, she peppers her teaching with hilarious accounts of real-life events.

Monthly Summary
November, 2013

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monthly Offering</td>
<td>$34,433.55</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monthly Requirement</td>
<td>$42,488.33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budget Requirement (Jan-Nov)</td>
<td>$467,371.63</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budget Offering (Jan-Nov)</td>
<td>$432,399.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Designated Receipts</td>
<td>$2,648.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sunday School Average Attendance</td>
<td>227</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worship Average Attendance</td>
<td>125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>137</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>172</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
NOTES OF THANKS
Dear First Baptist Church Family,

It is hard to put into words the heartfelt appreciation that I feel for your generous outpouring of love during the time of losing my sister, Linda. Your prayers, calls, cards, food and just showing your love has truly helped make it through. Thank you for being such a loving and caring church family and for showing what it really means to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

With Love—Becky Stover

Church family,

Although we have gone through some difficult days, we have been blessed the last few months. It was comforting to know you were praying for our recovery. The term “church family” has meaning for us. You have shown God’s love as you built the ramp we needed, through the visits, the cards and food. We thank you and pray for God’s blessings on our church this new year.

—Joanne and Gene Pollock

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIES

Contributions have been made to the Pre-K Ministry in memory Virginia Todd by the Belle Williams Volunteer Sunday School Class.

Contributions have been made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in memory of Virginia Todd and Kenneth Wheatley by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton; in memory of Geneva Mercer by Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gunter; in memory of Walter Gunter by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cowell; in memory of Heather Claxton Hampton, George Grimaud by Dr. and Mrs. Carlton Hearne; in memory of Linda King, Kenneth Lindsey, Sybil Veazey, and Thomas Johnson by Elsie Wood and Dianne Callaway; in memory of Kermit Hocutt, Nancy Long, and Gary Mansfield by Debbie Lindsey; in memory of Mary Craven by Laura Purdy; in memory of Kenneth Wheatley, Linda King, Charles Drinkard, and Thomas Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGill; in memory of Pete Strother, George Grimaud, William Johnson by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton; in memory of Mary Burton by Diana Blackburn; in memory of Thomas Fletcher and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nunn by Mr. and Mrs. Dean Nunn; in memory of Thomas Johnson by Betty Thornton; in memory of Thomas Johnson, Gary Mansfield, Rose Talbert, Pat Grimaud, and George Grimaud by Rosalyn Adams; in memory of Ruth and Edward Pope, Kathryn and Carl Hopkins, Dennis Hopkins, Gary Mansfield, Pat Grimaud, Rose Talbert, and Thomas Johnson by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pope, Jr.; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Talbert, Kermit and Cynthia Hocutt, Linda Hopkins, Joe Griffin, and Nancy Long by Rosemary Hopkins; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Troupe Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells; in memory of Rose Talbert, Hoyt Higdon, Grace Moore, Gary Mansfield, Kenneth Wheatley, Pat Grimaud, and Mr. and Mrs. Troupe Harris, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton; in memory of Geneva Mercer, Rose Talbert, Grace Moore, Cynthia Hocutt and Frances Wheels by the Frances Wheels Women on Mission; in memory of Carl Adams and Mildred Cosby by Catherine Thurmond; in memory of Gary Mansfield, Geneva Mercer, Rose Talbert, Grace Moore and William Pope by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neims; in memory of Allen Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Thigpen, Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Palmer, George Grimaud, Geneva Mercer, Linda King by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Palmer; in memory of Ronnie Smith, George Grimaud, Geneva Mercer, Virginia Todd by Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Bentley; in memory of Sybil Veazey by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope; in memory of Barbara Graves by Arthur Graves; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Lindsey and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Granade by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harris.

Contributions have been made to the General Fund in memory of Thomas Johnson by Dr. and Mrs. Carton Hearne; in memory of George Hale by Vada Hale; in memory of Ronnie Smith by Mary Denard. A contribution has been made to the World Hunger in memory of Gene Callaway and Dr. and Mrs. Carton Hearm.

A contribution has been made to the Ark Renovation Fund in honor Mr. and Mrs. James Denard by Quinnie Williamson.

A contribution has been made to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in honor of Susan Hargrove, Joseph Rambo and Mary Hubbard by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton; in honor of Jean Bufford, Ann Gage, and Patricia Burton by the Vannie Spratt/TEL Sunday School Class; in honor of the Volunteer Sunday School Class by Elizabeth Denard; in honor of Mabel Johnson, Jeremy Goldman, Donna Hardy, Louise McClaren, Teresa Bishop, Tammy Echols, and Berter Mae Bridges by Debbie Lindsey; in honor of Kay Poplin by the Mary Burton/Primetime Sunday School Class; in honor of Jane Newsome and Jessie Mercer Class Teachers by the Jessie Mercer Sunday School Class; in honor of Patricia Burton, Jane Newsome and Jennifer Vest; in honor of Kerry and Nancy McKoy by Diana Blackburn; in honor of Sam McGill, Catherine Wheatley and Ruth Holes by Dr. and Mrs. M.R. Clayton; in honor of Jeff Franklin and Jackie Gillispe by the Adult Bible Searchers Class; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burton, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells by Mr. and Mrs. David Harris; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gillispie, Rosemary Hopkins, Kay Neims, Melanie Wells, Gail Hunter, Catherine Thurmond and Norma Hopkins by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pope, Jr.; in honor of Diana Blackburn, Jane Garner, and Rosalyn Adams; in honor of Belle Story by Jane Garner; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Pug Neims, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burton by Rosemary Hopkins; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Troupe Harris, Jr.; and Mr. and Mrs. Davis Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells; in honor of Kay Poplin and Judy Boswell by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Martin; in honor of Julia Palmer by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells; in honor of Jane Newsome, Jennifer Vest, Emile Waters, Ann Tiller and Paula Stevens by Patricia Burton; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burgess by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Burton; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Drake and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope by Catherine Thurmond; in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Buzzy Randall and Mr. and Mrs. John Webster by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neims; in honor of Kyle Bearse by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pope.

A contribution has been made to the Benevolence Designated Fund in honor of Sam McGill by the Friendship Sunday School Class.

A contribution has been made to the ESL in honor of Judy Boswell by the Mary Burton/Primetime Sunday School Class.

Contributions have been made to the General Fund in honor of W.C. Bentley by Vada Hale; in honor Rev. and Mrs. Kevin Madden and family by Mr. and Mrs. Amos Martin.