

# The Messenger

First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island • January 2017



## Sunday, January 1 Happy New Year

Only one worship service at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary  
No Sunday School - Childcare is available.

## Monday, January 2

Church offices are closed for the New Year Holiday

## Wednesday, January 4

No Wednesday Night Activities or Meetings  
with one exception,  
the Sanctuary Choir will rehearse at its regular time.

## Friday, January 6

Can you help remove and store our Christmas decorations? Join us at 9:00 AM, beginning in the sanctuary on January 6. Call the church office at 843-785-4478 if you can help or just show up to help that morning.



## Sunday, January 8

We return to our regular Sunday worship schedule.

### Communion

Served during both morning worship services.



New Sunday School Class Begins

**Read the Bible for Life**



**New High Tide Schedule for Youth  
Beginning January 8**



In the Newly Renovated Family & Student Building

Middle School - **Sundays** - 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

High School - **Sundays** - 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

## Wednesday, January 11 Wednesday Night Activities Resume



**New Youth Activity - Bible Drill**  
6:30 - 7:30 PM

**CORE Group for Parents of Children and Youth**  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Both in the Family & Student Building

## Saturday, January 7

Memorial Service for Mr. Harold "Hal" Harriman  
11:00 AM in the sanctuary  
Reception following the service  
in the Family Life Center



**Friday, January 13 -  
Monday, January 16**  
**Youth Leadership Weekend**  
Whisper Mountain, NC

## Saturday, January 14 Deacon Retreat



New, Current and Previous Deacons Invited  
9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
Family Life Center



**Saturday, January 28**  
**Parents' Night Out**  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

\$5.00 per family includes dinner  
Deadline to call the church office at 843-785-4478 for a reservation is Wednesday, January 25.

**Please see inside the Messenger  
for other information:**

Read about our newest  
staff member,  
**Anna Garduce,**  
**Children's Ministry Director,**  
on page 3.



## Visiting with the Pastor,

### *Remember the Lord Your God*

As the New Year of 2017 begins, we are looking forward to it within the body of believers here at First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island. As we look back upon the previous year, it is easy to see the hand of God upon this fellowship, and the Spirit of God breathing upon it. The Lord has surely blessed us beyond measure in every facet of church life. It is always important to remember the blessings and promises of our Lord as we walk into the future of 2017. As you cast a glance over your shoulder at 2016, remember what Moses writes in the Book of Deuteronomy, Chapter 8, about how God is in all you do, and we are to always be thankful for God's blessings.

### *The Lord's Supper*

We will observe the Lord's Supper in both of our worship services on January 8, 2017. The two ordinances the Lord gave us, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, give the participant the opportunity to personally enter into an expression of love and obedience to their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Come with your hearts prepared to worship the Lord with a clear conscience and a clean heart!

### *Vision Casting*

On January 15, I will be sharing a view of vision for 2017. On January 14, I will lead a Deacon's Retreat with our 2017 Deacon Body. Any other previous deacons who would like to participate are also invited to attend. The view of the church's vision will be focused on many different subjects including; personnel, worship, programs for all church families and objectives for the New Year. Our deacons' retreat is always a wonderful time of fellowship, sharing, giving, and focusing on the things of our Lord within the Body of Believers here at First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island. Our church has been blessed with a wonderful group of deacons for a number of years now, and I am always so very thankful for all of them.

### *Anna Marie Zwart Garduce*

Please warmly welcome our new Children's Ministry Director to First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island. Anna, and her husband, will have already

relocated to Hilton Head Island by the time you read this. She will be under the guidance and direction of Pastor Chuck Workman, as he continues to minister to our families. Take time to read about her elsewhere in the *Messenger*, and pray for the children's ministry she is beginning here at First Baptist Church.

### *Giving*

As we begin this New Year, I want to remind you of the opportunities you have in giving towards the goal of our Mission Offering of \$38,500.00, and "Tomorrow's Gifts Today" with a goal of \$200,000.00. We are almost half-way to meeting each of these goals, and I want to thank you for your gifts.

At the beginning of this year, I want to prayerfully encourage you in your diligent consideration of giving. During this previous year of 2016, the Lord has been blessing us all, and we are praying for the continuation of your faithfulness this year.

### *Loving Him*

As we continue to love our Lord and grow in His grace and mercy, may we ever love one another by both sharing His love with each other and saying to one another, "I love you!" To love the Lord with all your heart and to love one another is exactly what our Lord has instructed us to do. We cannot love one another until we first love Him, and then continue to grow in our love for our Lord. Love is always caught instead of taught. So with that, may we have His authentic love living and dwelling in us as we love as we share Him!

Your Pastor Loves You,

John Keller

WHATEVER IS *true*  
WHATEVER IS *honorable*  
WHATEVER IS *just*  
WHATEVER IS *pure*...  
IF THERE IS ANYTHING  
*worthy of praise*  
THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.  
PHILIPPIANS 4:8, NRSV



# Our New Children's Ministry Director



*Anna Garduce*

It is with great excitement that we introduce our new Children's Ministry Director! Anna Garduce, along with her husband, Chris, and their two sons, Noah and Titus, who are moving here from Wake Forest, NC, to join our FBC Hilton Head Island family this month! Anna brings a great deal with her that she will share once you get a chance to meet her! Among the highlights are her experience in Elementary Education and her leadership accolades. She is also currently a student at Southeastern Seminary. I'm certain that Anna and Chris would covet your prayers as they make this transition to our community and our church family.

I would also like to take the opportunity to express our appreciation to Tara Workman for her leadership over the last 3 months in sustaining the Children's Sunday School scheduling and direction. Thank you so much, Tara, for stepping in to care for our children at FBC Hilton Head Island.

## Delivery of "Backpacks for the Homeless"

Several people from our church finished their day Sunday, December 18, 2016, even more blessed because of their help with our Backpacks for the Homeless Mission Project.

Children, youth and adults delivered over 50 backpacks filled with hygiene supplies, blankets, t-shirts, and more to the Savannah City Mission. While there, we shared in some worship time led by Dave Rasmussen, then a devotion by Pastor Chuck, and ended the night serving a meal to all who came, making new friends, and enjoying some conversation at their table. Several clients at the mission accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior that evening. What an awesome night!

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy mission project. There was enough for every person at the mission plus some leftovers and money to leave with the Old Savannah Mission to use soon.



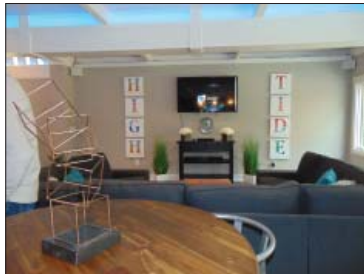
# Family & Student Ministry Building Renovation Is Complete and Ready for Use

We are extremely happy to announce that our new Family and Student Ministry Building renovation has been completed. It has turned out to be an amazing facility that we pray will continue to be a place where we will share the love of Jesus with our church family, friends, community, and all those who make First Baptist Church of Hilton Head Island their home throughout the year.

We have been tremendously blessed from the response. We are over halfway to our goal of \$200,000.00, and we would ask that you continue to pray about how you and your family can participate in the funding of this project. Please make sure to mark donations for this fund, *"Tomorrow's Gifts Today"*.

Thank you to every person who helped make this beautiful renovation a reality.

If you haven't had a tour, stop by on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening for a quick peek before classes begin.



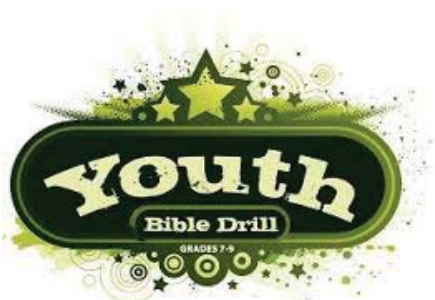
## FBCHHI High Tide News!!!

We will move our FBC High Tide youth group time to Sunday nights and will be splitting up the Middle School and High School. Please see the breakdown below:

- Middle School – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
- High School – 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

We will have food provided by parents for our time on Sunday. A sign-up sheet will be available for those who would like to contribute on a regular monthly basis. As you'll see, we'll have 30 minutes overlap together for worship or activities. There will also be times that we will do things together, but for the most part, we'll be broken off in these groups.

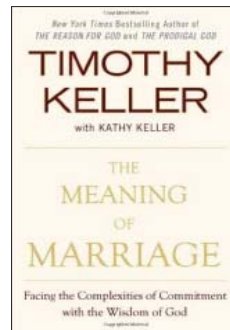
Additionally, we will begin Wednesday night **"Bible Drill"** and **"Parents of Children and Youth Bible Study."**



- **Bible Drill** – we will begin this ministry with our MS and HS students on Wednesday nights. This will occur from 6:15p – 7:30p in the classroom in our new Family and Student Ministry Building.



- **New Bible study** for Parents of Children and Youth. Chuck will teach this study from 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM in the new building, as well. This is a transition from our CORE studies that have been held on Sunday evening.



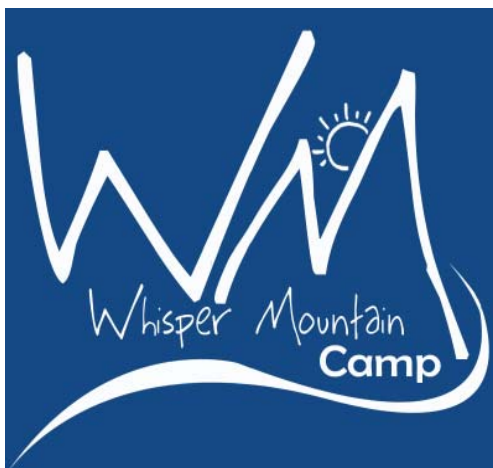
**"The Meaning of Marriage"**  
by Timothy and Kathy Keller

Led by Chuck and  
Tara Workman

I would also like to thank Phil and Meghan Deagan, who teach our High School class on Sunday mornings, and help on Wednesday evenings, as well. Our students are extremely blessed to have these two in their lives!

Please let me know if you have any questions about these changes. I look forward to any discussion regarding the Family and Student Ministry here at FBC Hilton Head Island.

Chuck Workman



**Leadership Weekend  
at Whisper Mountain  
January 13-16, 2017**  
See Chuck Workman for details.

## FBC High Tide Christmas Party 2016!

We had another great Christmas Party with our youth and families again this year! We asked our students to dress in their favorite "Charlie Brown Christmas" character...and some of them did!!! As you can see, we have some pretty awesome students!! Thank you to all the parents who provided food and treats and who were able to join us for this event.



**Saturday, January 28**  
**5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

For children 3-11  
\$5.00 per family for dinner  
*Games, Crafts, Movie, Fun!!!*  
Reservation Deadline,  
Wednesday, January 25  
Call Paulette Gardner at  
843-785-4478 for a reservation.

*Nicole and Jeff Hedden have been leading Parents' Night Out for some time now. They are looking for your help with this excellent ministry. If you could help them with this once-a-month ministry, please call the church office at 843-785-4478.*



The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet  
Sunday, January 29  
8:00 AM

Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
All men are invited to meet for a delicious  
breakfast, devotional and prayer.

## OUR ANNUAL MISSION OFFERING COLLECTION CONTINUES

**2016-2017 GOAL: \$38,500**

**Collected from November 2016 - April 2017**

**50%** of the money collected goes to the  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for  
International Missions.

**25%** goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
for North American Missions.

**25%** remains in our local church to be used for  
mission projects and to support opportunities as  
designated by our Missions Committee.



On Sunday morning, January 8th, Richard Wade will begin teaching a class during our Sunday School hour entitled "Read the Bible for Life," based on the materials by New Testament scholar George H. Guthrie. This LifeWay curriculum will help you be able to grasp the grand story of Scripture as you learn how to approach the different types of literature within its pages. This 4-month journey through the entire Bible, open to adults of all ages, has the potential to revolutionize your approach to reading God's Word. If you are interested in being a part of this class for the first few months of the new year, please call the church office to let us know so that we may reserve a copy of the study guide for you. Again, this study will begin meeting on January 8th at 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings in Room #7 of the Children's Building. Hope to see you there!

## Check the Schedules Below for Sunday and Wednesday Activities, Studies and Rehearsals

Some have changed beginning in January of 2017

### Regular Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 AM - Open Prayer Time, Church Library
- 9:00 AM - Classic Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship, Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room
- 10:15 AM - Sunday School for Every Age, Children and Youth Buildings, Family Life Center
- 11:15 AM - Modern Worship Service, Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room
- 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide, Family and Youth Center
- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide, Family and Youth Center

### Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner Served in the Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children's Building, Room #7
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
- 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth Bible Drill, Family and Student Building
- 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - CORE Parents of Children and Youth Study, Family and Student Building
- 6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Awana, Children's Building, Atrium
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #4
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in the Children's Building, Room #8
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #5

### First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island Staff

- Dr. John Keller - Pastor - c/o - lhopkins@fbchhi.org
- Rev. Richard Wade - Minister of Music and Education - rwade@fbchhi.org
- Rev. Chuck Workman - Minister of Family Ministries - charles.workman@gmail.com
- Anna Garduce - Children's Ministry Director - children@fbchhi.org
- Mary Hayes - Business and Financial Director - mhayes@fbchhi.org
- Lynda Hopkins - Ministry Assistant - lhopkins@fbchhi.org
- Paulette Gardner - Church Receptionist - pgardner@fbchhi.org
- Richard Lewis and Tom Beretta - Custodial/Maintenance
- Steve Hays - Pianist
- Muriel Lyle - Organist

## For the New Year

- H**old fast to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)
- A**ssemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)
- P**ray earnestly every day (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- P**ray for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)
- Y**ield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- N**eglect not your talents and opportunities (Galatians 6:10)
- E**xamine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)
- W**ork diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- Y**ield your members to righteousness (Romans 6:11, 16)
- E**xercise yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)
- A**im for a perfect, mature faith (Hebrews 6:1)
- R**edeem the time (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols



2016 contribution envelopes are ready for you to pick up. If you attend Sunday School, look for your new box of envelopes in your Sunday School classroom. If you do not attend Sunday School, look for them in the foyer of the worship area you attend most frequently. If you do not have envelopes and would like to have them, please call Mary Hayes at 843-785-4478 (church office) with that request.

## Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 11/30/2016	\$783,000
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 11/30/2016	\$868,757
Year-to-Date Expenses 11/30/2016	\$801,939
Budget Receipts Goal for December 2016	\$112,000
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 12/28/2016	\$80,314
Month-to-Date Expenses 12/28/2016	\$87,759

(The Month-To-Date Expenses include \$25,000 in capital cost for Education/Children's Building flat roof resurface & 1 HVAC unit replaced.)



**Kairos Prison Ministry  
Was Canceled in October  
Due to Hurricane Matthew  
Now rescheduled for January.**

**GOD'S SPECIAL TIME  
JANUARY 12 - 15, 2017**

**HOMEMADE COOKIES AND PRAYER SUPPORT ARE NEEDED**

About 30 men from our area will minister in the S.C. Department of Corrections medium-security prison at Ridgeland, SC, taking God's Word to the men who live in these facilities in an effort to reach these men for Christ who do not already know Him, and encourage those who do know from Thursday, January 12, through Sunday, January 15, during "God's Special Time" weekend.

**\*PRAYER SUPPORT\***

A prayer chain is being organized for around-the-clock prayer throughout the "God's Special Time" weekend. Could you pray for 30 minutes or more? If so, please let us know by filing out the form on the reverse side indicating the time(s) you plan to be in prayer when the Kairos Prison Ministry weekend is taking place. Return the prayer guide form to the church office in Sunday's offering plate or hand deliver to the Family Life Center desk.

You can pray any time, in 30-minute increments or more, during the 24-hours each day between 4:00 PM Thursday, January 12, through the end of the event at 4:00 PM, Sunday, January 15. It is our goal to have every 30 minutes filled with someone in prayer for the weekend. Your name will be added to the time-line of all the names from area churches who have committed to pray for this ministry, printed, and then posted for all the men to see just how many will be praying for them.

You will find "A Prayer Guide for Kairos and for the Incarcerated Participants" in the foyers of our worship centers to assist you.

**\*BAKE COOKIES\***

Home-baked cookies are a tangible expression of God's love and His concern for inmates who seldom encounter love in their daily lives. The cookies will be given to all inmates as an expression of God's love and impact them with the love of Jesus.

Cookies are to be home-baked by specific recipes in order to comply with prison guidelines for preparation and packaging. The back of the Prayer Guide has recipes for Peanut Butter, Sugar, Molasses and Chewy Oatmeal cookies and packaging directions. The recipe sheets and Prayer Guide are available in the foyers of our worship centers.

Pray as you bake the cookies that the Holy Spirit will touch the hearts of these men. Through prayer, the cookies you bake will become an instrument of God's love, too.

**The deadline for returning cookies to the Family Life Center is Sunday through Wednesday, January 8 - 11, 2016 - NO LATER THAN Wednesday, JANUARY 11TH.**



*"Assuredly I say to you, as long as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."*  
Matthew 25:40

*The Mission of the Kairos Prison Ministry is to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of incarcerated men, women, and youth, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. The Ministry is conducted, in cooperation with chaplains of correctional institutions, by teams of laity and clergy who are qualified by their experiences in Christian renewal movements.*



# Disaster Relief Information From the South Carolina Baptist Convention



## **South Carolina Baptist Convention**

*Helping Churches fulfill The Great Commission*

190 Stoneridge Drive Columbia, SC 29210-8254

December 13, 2016

Rev. John Keller  
First Baptist Church  
100 S. Forest Beach Dr.  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928

Dear Pastor John and congregation of Hilton Head Island First Baptist Church,

As this year draws to a close, we would like to express our deep gratitude to you for making your church facility available to Disaster Relief teams after Hurricane Matthew.

We realize that hosting Disaster Relief teams causes a lot of extra work for the church staff and members, and inconveniences or even disrupts the normal operations, parking, and many other aspects of church life. If your church incurred unusual expenses due to our volunteers using your facility, please make us aware of it.

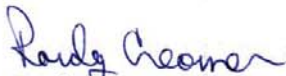
The willing spirit of the members and staff of First Baptist was truly a blessing to the volunteers who were able to minister in your area because of your support. We particularly appreciate all the assistance and support given by Chuck Workman.

Disaster Relief ministries include giving both spiritual and physical help to people in crisis. Work is still being done, but as of early December, the hurricane response across our state resulted in:

- 10 professions of faith
- 175 gospel presentations
- 2,499 chaplaincy/ministry contacts
- 292 Bibles distributed
- 624 chainsaw jobs
- 20 complete flood clean-up jobs, plus 135 additional homes worked on
- 113,405 meals prepared

We appreciate so much the role you have played in bringing help, hope, and healing to people who experienced the devastation of the hurricane. May the Lord bless you richly as you serve Him.

Sincerely,

  
Randy Creamer, Director  
Disaster Relief Office

  
Sue Harmon, Operations Manager  
Disaster Relief Office

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- Sunday, January 1, 2017 10:00 AM - Only one worship service in the Sanctuary (Childcare Available)  
No Sunday School, 11:15 AM service or other activities
- Monday, January 2 Church Office Closed in observance of the New Year's holiday
- Tuesday, January 3 (No Administrative Council Meeting - moved to January 10)
- Wednesday, January 4 No Wednesday night activities with the exception of the Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Resumes  
No Deacons' Meeting - moved to the Deacon Retreat on January 14  
9:00 AM - Christmas Tree and Decoration Removal and Storage. Volunteers requested.
- Friday, January 6 11:00 AM - Memorial Service for Harold 'Hal' Harriman, Sanctuary. A reception to greet the family in the Family Life Center will follow a brief interment ceremony in the Columbarium
- Saturday, January 7 Communion will be observed in both morning worship services  
Return to our Regular Sunday Morning Worship Schedule with a new addition  
8:00 AM - Open Prayer Time and Devotion, held in the Church Library. All are invited to join this group.  
9:00 AM - Classic Worship Service held in the Sanctuary  
10:00 AM - Coffee Fellowship Time in the Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
10:15 AM - Sunday School for everyone, babies through adults  
11:15 AM - Modern Worship Service held in the Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room
- Sunday, January 8 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide, Family and Youth Center  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide, Family and Youth Center
- Monday, January 9 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, January 10 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
12:00 Noon - Administrative Council Meeting, Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, January 11 All Wednesday Night Activities Resume  
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner Served in the Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children's Building, Room #7  
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6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #5  
Deadline to return cookies to the Family Life Center for Karios Prison Ministry  
4:00 PM - Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2
- Friday, January 13 Youth leave for the Leadership Weekend at Whisper Mountain, NC
- Saturday, January 14 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon - Deacon Retreat (for new, current and former deacons), Family Life Center, Room #5
- Sunday, January 15 Regular Sunday Schedule
- Monday, January 16 Youth return from Leadership Weekend  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, January 17 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
12:00 Noon - Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, January 18 4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room # 2  
Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
- Sunday, January 22 Regular Sunday Schedule
- Monday, January 23 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, January 24 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
5:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, January 25 Parents' Night Out Registration Deadline  
Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
- Saturday, January 28 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Parents' Night Out, Education/Children's Building
- Sunday, January 29 8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Family Life Center Multi-Purpose Room
- Monday, January 30 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, January 31 10:00 AM - Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room