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Learn to Share Your Faith

With Confidence!



Are fear, complacency, or apathy stopping you from sharing the gospel with family, friends or neighbors?

Please join us for FAITH, a Bible study on evangelism.
For more details, see page 6



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The Pastor Writes

by Dr. Forrest Sheffield, Senior Pastor



Patsy and I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas kindness. Your Christmas gifts, encouraging words, beautiful Christmas cards, faithful attendance, mission spirit, personal stewardship and many more reasons cause us to give gratitude to God for you. In the matchless name of our Lord we say a very sincere "thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift," and for you in making Christ's love so much more real to us.

We have thirty-one million (31,536,000) seconds in the new year of 2011. As we come to the beginning of a new year, I know the Lord has many wonderful blessings in store for us. We face the continued challenge of winning more people to Jesus than ever before and growing our Bible Study and discipleship more than ever before. There is a multitude of other ministries we will continue to expand.

Our new year, 2011, is going to be a tremendous year because so many positive things are going to be taking place in the life of our church. Please pray and ask God to help all of us to focus on Him, the Lord Jesus, and others and not ourselves. Let's have an outward look and not an inward look, be service-oriented and not self-oriented. Let's pray for each other that this will be so. When Jesus had finished washing His disciples' feet (John 13) He said, "Happy are you if you will do what I have done." Let's be happy by serving our Lord Jesus.

I have never been much into New Year's Resolutions, but I believe here are some New Year's Resolutions that are worth making and keeping:

"I will, like Paul, FORGET those things which are behind and press forward; like David, LIFT up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help; like Abraham, TRUST implicitly in my God; like Enoch, WALK in daily fellowship with my heavenly Father; like Jehosaphat, PREPARE my heart to seek God; like Moses, CHOOSE rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; like Daniel, COMMUNE with my God at all times; like Job, be PATIENT under all circumstances; like Caleb and Joshua, REFUSE to be discouraged because of superior numbers; like Joseph, TURN my back to all seductive advances; like Gideon, ADVANCE even though my friends be few; like Aaron and Hur, UPHOLD the hands of my spiritual leaders; like Isaiah, CONSECRATE myself to do God's work; like Andrew, STRIVE to lead my brother into a closer walk with Christ; like John, LEAN upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe on His Spirit; like Stephen, MANIFEST a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt; like the heavenly host, PROCLAIM the message of peace and goodwill toward all men; and like my Lord Himself, OVERCOME all earthly allurement by refusing to succumb to their enticements. Realizing I cannot achieve these objectives by myself, I will rely upon Christ, for I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Our Mid-Winter Bible Study this year is on the Book of Galatians. I am preaching/teaching it on Sunday evening in the 5:00 p.m. worship service for the next 2-3 months. Hope you will join us.

In Christ,
Brother Forrest



Shepherd's Center is a community organization where volunteers minister to senior adults who need some type of assistance.

Harrisburg Baptist Church, other local churches, and some community organizations have helped to sponsor our Shepherd's Center since it's beginning 15+ years ago.

This organization operates by using many volunteers. If you know someone who needs transportation to a doctor's appointment or some other special need, please call the Shepherd's Center offices at 662-840-0878.

There is no cost because all of the services are done by volunteers. If you would like more information, please contact Bill or Dot Rieves.

January

WEEKLY

AT A GLANCE

SUNDAYS

January 2
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Traditional Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.
No Evening Services

January 9
Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Deacon Ordination 5:00 p.m.

January 16
Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Leah Belk Bridal Shower 1:30 p.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.
Awaken Service 5:30 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

January 23
Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.
Awaken Service 5:30 p.m.

January 30
Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.
Awaken Service 5:30 p.m.

MONDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.
Singles' Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
Scouting 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.
WMU 11:15 a.m. (*1st and 3rd only*)
Children's Handbells 4:00 p.m.
Youth Handbells 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Evening Meal 4:45 p.m.
Library Open 5:00 p.m.
Music and Missions 5:45 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Bible Studies 6:00 p.m.
Student Revolution 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.
Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.

The Church offices will be closed on Monday, January 3rd due to the New Year's holiday.

Please remember to submit your articles for "The Herald" by the 15th of each month.

Wednesday Evenings begin at 4:45 p.m. with a Family Fellowship Supper in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal is served (with separate children's meal) for only \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for kids, with a \$10.00 family maximum. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship prior to the various activities that begin at 6:00 p.m. **January 5th**: Vegetable Soup and Sandwiches, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Hotdogs and Chips. **January 12th**: Breakfast for Supper. **January 19th**: Spaghetti, Green beans, Baked Apples, Texas Toast, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Corn dog Nuggets and French Fries. **January 26th**: Chicken Strips, Creamed Potatoes, Black-Eyed Peas, Cornbread, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Pizza and Chips.

Sunday School

Attendance

November 21	1067
November 28	1097
December 05	1229
December 12	1089
December 19	1164

Extended Teaching Care January 2nd 10:00 a.m.: Matt and Christy Oswald, Reagan & Leigh Ann Wise, Clint and Christy Jordan, Rob and Shonda Morgan. **January 9th 8:10 a.m.**: Barbara Briscoe, DeAnna Woods, Hal and Deborah McPherson, Steve and Lisa Hensley, Scott and Teresa Cochran. **10:40 a.m.**: Denise Roebuck, Audrey Anna Roebuck, Jay and Jessica Hawkins, Adam and Anastasia Tullis, Jeff and Lauren Fox. **January 16th 8:10 a.m.**: Selena Davis, Nicole Hazel, Kenny and Ashley Goralczyk, Michael and Amy Green, John and Jennifer Freer **10:40 a.m.**: Melanie Brinkley, Cireese May, Brian and Ashley Lucas, Dave and DeAnna Russell, Paul and Holly Bailey **January 23rd 8:10 a.m.**: Lauren Patterson, Dot Thompson, Stephen and Christy Flynn, Roseanne McPherson, James and Katie Moore **10:40 a.m.**: Cherry Tutor, Leah Partlow, Ryan and Patti Hammack, Cheryl Langford, Chad and Holly Cook. **January 30th 8:10 a.m.**: Lynn Collier, Brenda Bruce, Dennis and Ashley Buse, Al and Tonya Cox, Steven and Jeanna Witt **10:40 a.m.**: Rob and Julie Hensley, Joseph and Kayla Gray, Linda Hankins, Patsy Wilson, Rudy and Allison Dossett.

Welcome Centers January 2nd Front: Sue Abernethy, Back: Charlie and Jane Greer | **January 9th Front**: Joy Whitehead, Back: Terry and Tina Spencer | **January 16th Front**: Phil and Debbie Swords, Back: Dick and Nancy Stevens | **January 23rd Front**: John and Delores Smith, Back: Gerald Conaway | **January 30th Front**: Sue Simmons, Back: James and Katie Moore.

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$56,841.69
Budget Received	
November 21	\$36,965.75
November 28	\$53,923.92
December 05	\$70,737.84
December 12	\$57,296.32
December 19	\$65,835.50
Required to Date	\$2,898,926.19
Received to Date	\$2,708,647.51
2010 Received	\$ 343,142.68
2010 Note Balance	\$1,847,638.96

Monthly Giving

STAFF ON CALL | In the event of an emergency, the minister on call can be reached at 891-7914. The ministers for the following weekends are: January 01-02: Tim Alexander, January 08-09: David Langerfeld, January 15-16: Aaron Tomes, January 22-23: David Smith, and January 29-30: Tim Alexander.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



Join us for
Mother's Day Out

Mondays and Thursdays
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Call 321-9852
to enroll!



The Mother's Day Out Program will be closed on **Monday, January 3rd**, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Preschool Ministry, serving families!

We want to serve the families of preschoolers at Harrisburg. We offer "extended session" child care for infants through three year olds during Sunday morning worship services. Sunday School is available for all preschoolers, with a fantastic group of teachers who teach the Bible through engaging activities and group times. Preschool child care is available on Sunday evenings, on Wednesday nights during prayer meeting and choir practice, and during women's weekday Bible studies. Call Patti Robey, 823-7124, for more information.

The **Harrisburg Dayschool** will be closed on Friday, December 31st and **Monday, January 3rd**, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

BETHLEHEM BLESSING

Thank you, Dads and Moms, for bringing your little ones to our Bethlehem Blessing. What a joy it was to see the eyes of the preschoolers twinkle as they watched the wonderful story of Jesus' birth. Little ones mature at such a rapid rate; they grow to understand a little more about Jesus' birth each Christmas. Our youth actors did a fine job portraying the birth narrative, and it made a true impact on the preschoolers!

Let your children come join the fun! Friday, January 21st, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. \$15.00 per family. Members and Non-members are welcome! Please sign up by 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19th.



Our preschool ministry strives to provide a safe, happy, Christian learning environment that meets the need of every preschooler in every program we offer. We believe the first five years of life are unparalleled in importance in building character, love, and a positive response to Christ and the church. We want time spent at church to be happy, well directed, and profitable. Our goal is to partner with parents to help preschoolers become all that God created them to be!

It's TIME for DAYSCHOOL Registration!

Currently Enrolled Children, January 24th - February 4th.

HBC members with a child currently enrolled needing to enroll a sibling, February 7th - February 11th.

HBC members, February 14th - February 18th.

Non HBC members with a child currently enrolled needing to enroll a sibling, February 21st - February 25th.

Public Registration, March 1st.

~Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m.

~Registration will be complete with a \$75.00 deposit for each child.



HBC DAYSCHOOL

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Bible Drill Kickoff will be Friday, January 7th from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in the gym for 4th - 6th Graders. Come get a head start on Bible Drill! Hang out with your friends, eat pizza, and play games.

Bible Buddies (1st - 3rd grade) and **Bible Drill** (4th - 6th grade) classes begin on Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the children's area.

Music and Missions resumes on Wednesday, January 5th.

The next meeting of **The Bridge** will be February 4th.

CENTRI-KID CAMP

Get ready for more in-depth Bible study, exciting recreation, unique track times, and dynamic worship than ever before. During camp, we will learn that no matter where the voyage of life takes us, God will always provide. This year's camp will be at Millsaps College in Jackson, MS from July 11th - 15th. If you're a 3rd - 6th grader, then plan on registering beginning Sunday, January 9th! Watch the mail for more registration information.



Children's Worship begins on January 30th! 4 Year Olds - 5th Graders are invited to attend this unique worship experience designed with kids in mind. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. Choose between our 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service in the gym. (4 Year olds must be old enough to be enrolled in 4 year old Sunday school.)

STUDENT NEWS

World Vision's FEBRUARY 18TH - 19TH

30 HOUR FAMINE



Disciple Now is a once-a-year, weekend long youth event where students experience fun-filled activities designed to encourage their spiritual walk. Each year a specific theme is chosen to focus our study. This year's theme is "Be Bold" and focuses on the need for believers to stand strong in their faith in the face of adversity. The cost for the weekend is \$40 which helps defray the cost of food and T-shirts.

Disciple Now will officially begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening in the fellowship hall on January 14th and conclude on Sunday, January 16th. Please be in prayer for our youth that they would experience the fullness of who Christ is and that they would indeed be strengthened to "BE BOLD"!

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There are countless ways to make a difference in the community, but few are as unique and fun as a Revolution REACH project. Join the Revolution for our January REACH project, on January 29th for a time of fun, evangelism and missions all wrapped into one.



Now Open! "the Spot" is the cafe' of the Revolution Student Ministry. Come hang out, study, and fellowship with free wi-fi and enjoy a cool frappe' at the coffee house. A full snack menu is offered. Open weekdays from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. It's all happening at "the Spot"!



Our next **Faith Banquet** is February 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is David Apple. David is an Adult Ministry Specialist at LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville, TN. A twenty-six year employee at LifeWay, David develops and leads Sunday School and leadership training events across the country. He also develops leadership training resources. David worked with Bobby Welch and Doug Williams to develop and write the FAITH Sunday School Evangelism strategy and resources. David also works with inmates and staff at the Riverbend Maximum Security Institute in Nashville. David serves as Transitional Pastor of Battle Creek Baptist Church in Springfield, TN. Sign up begins this month!



Singles Spaghetti Luncheon



January 16th
11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon

In the mood for a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings after church without leaving the church?

Then join us on Sunday, January 16th after church for a great lunch for an even greater cause. The Singles' Ministry is raising money for an upcoming Mission Trip! This is the Fund-raiser for our trip and we would appreciate all of your help. There are two serving times: 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Everyone is invited. For more information about this luncheon please contact Donna Sharp at 823-7102.

This has been an exciting year for the Evangelism Committee. We have had many opportunities to reach out into the community, distribute Eternal Life tracts & Bibles, and share the Gospel. Some of the 2010 events were:

- March 27th – Participated with other area churches in GPS (God's Plan for Sharing)
- June 5th – Distributed Christian materials at the Elvis Parade downtown
- June 11th – Organized an area-wide Hispanic service & picnic at Ballard Park
- July 3rd – Distributed tracts at the HBC Fireworks Celebration
- August 16th – Assisted at FAITH Banquet featuring Dr. Bobby Welch
- October 9th – Booth at Community Service Day at the mall
- October 21st - 23rd – Booth at Celebration Village

Coming to Harrisburg in 2011:
April 2nd – “Our Journey of Hope”
Training for ministry to cancer patients and their families



MUSIC MINISTRY
HARRISBURG

Children's Choirs	Worship Leadership
Zamar Student Choir	Music & Missions
Sanctuary Choir	Seasonal productions
Senior Adult Choir	Solo Ministry
Worship Team	Music Education
Handbell Teams	Music Camps

There's a place for you! Visit us online at www.hbcmusic.org

Volunteers needed! Our Security Committee needs teams to patrol the inside and outside of the church building during the worship services. Please contact Paul Backstrom at 842- 6917.

Would you like to receive a devotion in your e-mail inbox each weekday to encourage you as you live the Christian life? David Langerfeld sends out a devotional thought each weekday that is free to anyone who requests it. To receive the **Daily Encourager**, send a request to dlangerfeld@harrisburgonline.org.

RECREATION / SENIOR ADULT NEWS

MERRYMAKER LUNCHEON

Monday, January 24th at 11:30 a.m. the cost is \$3.50. Please view our web page for more recent activities.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Barbara Rice and Sue Logan are busy keeping up with the Homebound! We have over forty on our list but there are many more to add. Please contact Andi Nolan at 823-7135 if you know of needs or would like to be part of this vital ministry.

MORNING STRETCH

January is a great time to join this excellent fitness ministry. It is designed to stretch your body, mind and spirit! We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Invite your neighbor to join us. No Cost, tremendous benefits!

SENIOR ADULT COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. We would like to welcome our new Senior Adult committee members: Jeanette Smith, Barbara Rice and Brooks Marr.

BASKETBALL

Looking for an activity that you can see a lot of excitement. Come join us at Harrisburg Gym on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursdays, at 6:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. There will be fourteen basketball games played in our gym each week. Teams from 30 different churches, ages second grade through adults will keep you entertained. There are games being played at eight other gyms as well. A list of games are listed on our Rec Web Page or call 823-7135 to request downloads.

RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday January 5th at 7:15. We would like to welcome our new Rec committee members! Dawn Hudgins and Mary Beth Cantrell.

RECREATION HOURS

Come in from the cold and join the warm fellowship. The fitness room is open Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., closed Wednesdays 5:45 – 7:15 p.m. for midweek activities. Specific age requirements and authorization can be obtained by contacting the Rec Office at 823-7135.

FITNESS ROOM AUTHORIZATION AND TRAINING

Wednesday January 5th at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Opportunities to *Grow*

Tuesday Morning, 9:30 a.m. - **Faithful, Abundant, True** by Kay Arthur, Beth Moore, and Priscilla Shirer – Leader: Jo Ann Henderson

Wednesday Morning, 9:30 a.m. – **David, Seeking a Heart Like His**, by Beth Moore - Leader: Ree Hester

Wednesday Night, 6:00 p.m. – **Conversation Peace** by Mary Kassian - Leader: Katie Moore

Wednesday Night, 6:00 p.m. – **Scale Down** by Danna Demetre
Leader: Jamie Kyker

Thursday Night, 6:30 p.m. – **Jonah** by Priscilla Shirer
Leader: Kathy Ferris

Reminder – The once-a-month Bible study on Tuesday night, **Faithful, Abundant, True** by Arthur, Moore, and Shirer, will resume on January 4, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. – Leader: Neva Stacy

All studies meet at the church with the exception of the Thursday night study, which meets in the home of Denise Green.

Harrisburg
Women's Ministry

WHEN WAS JESUS CRUCIFIED?

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning January 12th led by Ken Pickens
Please bring a Bible and Notebook

“WORLD VIEW: NOW MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER”

led by Fred Jackson begins January 12th at 6:00 p.m.

“RADICAL”

led by Jeremy McMahan begins January 12th at 6:00 p.m. Cost of book is \$10.00.

“CRAZY LOVE”

led by Mike Ferris begins January 12th at 6:00 p.m. Cost of book is \$12.00.

Sign-up is available at the front and back entrances of Harrisburg Baptist Church.

What's Happening at Harrisburg

RECENT BIRTHS

Collin Jackson Henley

Born on December 3, 2010
To Wade and Brandi Henley
He weighed 7 lbs., 12 ozs.

Mary Grace Hurst

Born on December 8, 2010
To Opie and Pam Hurst
She weighed 8 lbs., 9 ozs.
Grandmother is Marietta Massey.

Mary McKinney Ferris

Born on December 9, 2010
To Michael and Kinney Ferris
She weighed 6 lbs., 9 ozs.
Grandparents are Mike and Kathy Ferris
and Stuart and Brenda Johnson.

Anne Cambria Burk

Born on December 9, 2010
To John and Danielle Burk
She weighed 7 lbs., 3 ozs.
Grandparents are Danny and Tomicene Barrows.

Jack Adams Brannigan

Born on December 10, 2010
To Billy and Avery Brannigan
He weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs.
Grandparents are David and Charlotte Welch.

There will be a Bridal Shower honoring Leah Belk on Sunday, January 16th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Sandra Ray. Given by Harrisburg Friends.

JOINING BY LETTER:

Tommy Freeman and Tammy Freeman, 11-28-10
Rebecca Hershfelt, 12-15-10
Clarine McCoy, 12-19-10
James and Brenda Tidwell, 12-19-10

JOINING BY BAPTISM

Lana Johnson, 12-19-10

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Jeff Fox, 12-12-10
Daniel Gillespie, 12-19-10

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