



Second Baptist Church

A loving community transformed by Christ for unbounded service

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Financial Business Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2012
5:00 p.m.
FLC 103-104

The 2011 Financial and Trustees Reports will be presented along with the revised 2012 Budget.

We hope you will make plans to attend.

Copies of the revised budget and trustees reports are available at the desk in the FLC Commons.

Second Cousins

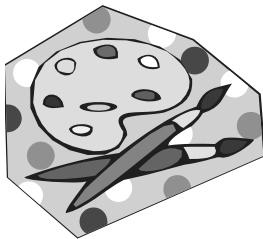
Our last Monday of the Month Bunch Breakfast will be held on January 30. Our speaker will be Kathi Traficanti. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. in FLC 103. The cost is \$3.00 per person, payable at the door.



On Monday, February 13, at 11:00 a.m. we will have our Valentine Luncheon and program in FLC 103-104. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please call Patty at 740-7101 to add your name to the list for these events!

The Art of Marriage



Enjoy expert teaching, engaging stories, real-life testimonies, man-on-the-street interviews and humorous vignettes at this video-based marriage conference.

It will be held on February 10 (7:00-9:00 p.m.) and February 11 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). The cost is \$50.00 per couple.

Register online at www.firstthingsrichmond.org for the Grove Avenue location. Lunch and child-care are provided! A good event for singles too! Relationship skills and God's blueprint for marriage are the goals for this engaging conference.

Call or email Susan Hill for more information (740-6075 or shill@clcrichmond.org).

Transformed by Christ

- Feb. 12 – *Transformational Prayer Groups Introductory Meeting* will be held at 12:00 noon in FLC 104. Become involved in a small prayer group during the 40 days before Easter.
- Feb. 22 – *Ash Wednesday* Observance, from 5:30-8:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.
- March 3 – *REVEAL Spiritual Life SURVEY begins*. Join us for this online congregational survey about the spiritual growth of Second Baptist. It will reveal how our church is helping people to become devoted followers of Christ and how we can strengthen the faith of our congregation.
- March 3 – *Stop Hunger Now!* Become a part of one of our food teams, and help assemble over 20,000 meals for the hungry. This event will be held from 9:00 a.m. until noon in the Family Life Center. For more information or to sign up, please visit our website!

Worship Care 2012

Volunteer now for the 2012 schedule online or in the Preschool Colonnade.

Help us fill the entire schedule by February 1, 2012!

Come and make an important connection with the youngest in our Loving Community! Rock a new baby ... laugh with a toddler ... share graham crackers with a preschooler! Training is available and there is no need to prepare a lesson. Everything you need will be in the classroom.



Be a part of the BIG Picture God is creating in the lives of our children!

Second Baptist Church Financial Summary January - December, 2011

Summary of Revenues & Expenses	
Revenues	
Plate Collection	\$ 10,749
Unpledged Income	\$ 240,740
Surplus Reserve	\$ -
2010 Budget	\$ 4,685
2011 Budget	\$ 1,434,786
Total Revenues	\$ 1,690,960
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 1,750,094
Variance to Budget	\$ (59,134)
Total Revenues as a % to Budget	97%
Expenses	
Missions	\$ 115,056
Organizational & Educational	\$ 144,179
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 430,791
Human Resources	\$ 1,000,689
Total Expenses	\$ 1,690,715
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 1,750,094
Variance to Budget	(59,379)
Total Expenses as a % to Budget	97%
Net YTD Total Deficit	\$ 245

Current Building Loan	
Total Building Loan (Inc. Draw Amounts from 2002, 2003 & 2004)	
	\$ 3,213,652
Amount Paid Against Loan	\$ 2,709,387
Current Building Loan (Debt)	\$ 504,266

On behalf of the Finance Committee, may I open by saying a heartfelt thank you to the Congregation for stepping up in difficult economic times to address the budget needs of the church. Second Baptist is an amazingly blessed church.

In October, while facing a significant budget deficit, the Finance Committee recommended that the Church declare the month of November as "catch-up" month. Under the direction of the Pastor, the message was conveyed and the congregation responded with increased contributions. At the same time, the Finance Committee took steps to begin balancing the budget by painfully suspending funding of line items for Missions and Special Projects while also utilizing money from a reserve account line item in the budget.

With awe, I am pleased to report that through the grace of God, a loving congregation and the staff's care for expenses, the year-end budget results (see chart) show a surplus of \$245. The Missions and Special Projects line items were fully funded and the reserve account was totally repaid – all to amounts set forth in the annual budget. In short, revenues for the year were \$59,000 below budget while expenses too were \$59,000 below budget.

May God continue to bless Second Baptist Church and the congregation.

Yours faithfully,
Mike Ligon - Chairman, Finance Committee

Mothers of Preschoolers

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) is open to all moms of children, birth through Kindergarten, and free childcare is provided. We meet in the Education Building on the 1st and 3rd Fridays, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Join us on February 3, as Craig and Beverly Sherouse share about building a strong marriage. Please see the church website for a full February list.

Chapel Rededication

On Sunday, February 12, those attending the 8:45 service will be privileged to be a part of the rededication service for Powell Chapel. Improvements that have been made are . . .

- New Hymnals
- Newly painted walls and trim
- Refinished pew caps, new carpeting
- New Communion table and chairs
- New lectern and flower stands
- New Bible stand and Paraments
- Lord's Supper preparation space

Thank you to the Property Committee for this accomplishment.

Construction on Gaskins Road

Construction will be taking place on Gaskins Road southbound lanes between Patterson and Derbyshire. Traffic will be able to pass southbound toward River Road, but the area will be highly congested. Please utilize River Road access to Second Baptist Church. The project began on Monday, January 23, and will last approximately one month.



Mission Fair

The *Beach Bash Mission Fair* will be held on Sunday, March 11, at 12:00 noon in the Family Life Center. Learn about the many wonderful, diverse ways to be on mission at Second. Come have fun and enjoy some great food at the same time.

Prayer Retreat

Participate in a prayer labyrinth, prayer walk, and a time for silence and reflection, on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, in the Family Life Center. Join us for this weekend of prayer and discipleship opportunities.



“Pastor’s Paraphrase”

csherouse@secondbaptistrichmond.org

Please participate in this Sunday’s **Annual Financial Business Meeting**. There are only three items of business: to hear a report on and approve the 2011 Financial Statement; to vote on the proposed revised 2012 Budget; and to hear and approve the Trustees’ Report. Our initial proposed 2012 Budget was approved in October, but we always revisit it based on our pledges in our Every Member Canvass. It was \$1.79 million, compared to \$1.75 million for 2011. But based on our income projections, it has been lowered to the proposed revised 2012 Budget of \$1.703. This is \$13,137 above our actual expenditures from our 2011 Budget. This is certainly an attainable Budget, and one that still furthers the Kingdom’s work in some new and significant ways. Come Sunday to become better informed and participate in this conversation and decision-making.

I shared Sunday that I had flown last Friday to preach last Saturday at a Seventh Day Baptist church in western New York. This was my first such experience with Saturday worship. But more so, my first experience with a community who take **Sabbath/rest** seriously. I stayed with the pastor, and at Friday dinner his children lit the Sabbath candle. We had a leisurely diner, wonderful conversation and just chilled out that evening. We worshiped on Saturday and then more chilling out with the youth. And then my “Sabbath” ended! Rush to the airport. Flights. Delays. Reviewing/reworking my Sunday sermons. Home after midnight. Two sermons in the morning. Reception. Preaching at Lakewood Manor in the afternoon. Another meal with members. Great day, but not much Sabbath/rest! I still have much to learn!

I am glad that **Bill Miller** is taking some Sabbath/rest this year! He more than deserves it! As part of his 25th Anniversary celebration we are enabling him to go to some conferences this year to renew, rest, rehearse and retool for the next 25 years! He is gone this weekend, and will be other weekends this year. We rejoice with him! I hope he is better at Sabbath than I am!

Reveal is coming! This very important survey will greatly help us to see how we can strengthen our discipleship. Please plan now to participate in this on-line survey in March!

Margaret Hazelett has moved to the Durham, NC area where she has taken a new job with the Duke healthcare system. Margaret has been such a faithful worker and role model with our young people, and an active part of our young adult ministry. We will miss her, but wish her blessings as she serves abused children and their families as a nurse practitioner.

Recently I researched and wrote an article for a Baptist history journal on our third pastor, **Elias Lyman Magoon**. This northerner served us from 1840 – 1846. He and the congregation had a “parting of the ways” over his advocacy for the education of blacks. As you know, part of the origins of our church were in the efforts of William Crane and David Roper beginning in 1813 to educate blacks. The story of Magoon shows the dramatic shift in Virginia between our founding in 1820 and his “departing” in 1846. Frankly, this story is part of the “under belly” of our church’s history, the part we don’t talk about. But it is our story. Copies of my article will soon be available in booklet form in the Welcome Center. I hope you will read it, learn from it and use it to help shape a future missional vision that will carry us into our third century.

With a pastor’s love,

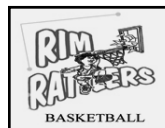
Craig A. Sherouse

Sermon:
Children’s Sermons: “Moses, the Baby in the Basket,”
 Exodus 2:1-10

PANNS Ministry

The PANNS Ministry (Prepare, Assemble, Nurture, Nutrition & Spirit) organizes group cooking sessions to prepare and freeze nutritional meals to stock the Second Baptist Casserole Ministry. The Casserole Ministry is an outreach available to Second Baptist families and the extended community for anyone needing support during health or personal hardship. New casseroles for January: Manicotti, Cheesy Chicken Bundles, North Woods Wild Rice Soup, Cottage Pie & Brunswick Stew.

Rim Rattlers Basketball



Rim Rattlers basketball is an exciting introductory program for boys and girls, ages 4 & 5 or Kindergarten. It will be held on Tuesday nights in March (6, 13, 20 and 27) at 6:30 p.m. The registration cost of \$40 includes shirt, ball and 4 playing sessions. Space is limited to 35 participants. To register your child, please go to our website, www.secondbaptistrichmond.org.

Ministering with you ...

Dr. Craig A. Sherouse, *Senior Pastor*
Dr. Raymond L. Spence, Jr., *Pastor Emeritus*
Reverend William L. Miller, Jr., *Minister of Music*
Mrs. Kathi Traficanti, *Minister of Adult Education*
Reverend Welford T. Orrock, *Minister of Students*
Reverend Louis C. Orsatti,
Pastor, Spanish Language Ministry
Dr. Geriel DeOliveira,
Pastor, Portuguese Language Ministry
Mrs. Emily Boddy, *Director of Preschool Ministries*
Mrs. Kathy LaPlante, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Mrs. Susan Hill, *Director of Creative Learning Center*
Mrs. Judy Mawyer, *Children's Choir Coordinator*
Mr. Bob Mayo, *Organist*
Mr. Adam Williams, *Student Ministries Intern*
Mr. Ron Axelle, *Upward League Director*

Our Very Newest

Carter Thomas Bevan, born January 11, 2012 to
Courtney and Randy Bevan

Our Sympathy

... to Emily Boddy and family upon
the death of her grandfather
... to Bill Simpson and family upon
the death of his cousin

Because You Give ...

... we are able to form new Sunday School Classes,
such as Parent Talk, which utilizes the most
up-to-date Biblical study guide,
Parenting Beyond Your Capacity

Finance Committee

On Wednesday, January 18, we elected Richard
Beck, Sallie Cook, Joan Tate and Walter Tucker to
serve four year terms, through 2015, on the Fi-
nance Committee!

Cotton Patch Gospel

Don't miss our own Dane Jackson and Emily Riley starring in the
BTSR performance, "Cotton Patch Gospel." This rollicking, foot-
stomping, hand-clapping classic musical will be held February 2-4
and 9-11, at 7:30 p.m., at BTSR Chapel. Tickets are \$12 and can be
purchased at Cokesbury Campus Bookstore or by calling 353-6815.

Mission Pantry



Mission Pantry needs canned fruit, canned vegetables,
canned soup and canned meat.

Thank You

We deeply appreciate all your prayers, loving concern, cards and con-
tacts for Wayne during his surgery and recovery. Especially, we ap-
preciate Dr. Sherouse, Kathi Traficanti and Thomas Gaskins (our
deacon) for their time spent with us the day of surgery.

Violet and Wayne Varner

Upward Devotion Volunteers

Half-time devotion volunteers are needed during the
Saturdays of our Upward Basketball season on January
28 and February 4, 11, 18 and 25. Volunteer boards will
be in the FLC Commons for you to sign up to shine
your light within our community. Please contact Kathy LaPlante or
see our website for more information.



Operation Christmas Child Update!

Second Baptist collected approximately 1500 boxes in our first year
as an Operation Christmas Child Drop-off Center. Over half of those
boxes were donated by individuals and families who attend Second.
A total of 6,035,032 boxes (and counting) were donated in the USA
in 2011, surpassing the goal of 5.8 million. Many thanks to all who
participated in 2011. We hope to collect even more in 2012!

Single Ladies Luncheon

The Single Ladies Luncheon will be held on February 5, immediately
following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, at Bogart's (Ridge and For-
est Shopping Center). Please RSVP to Joy Crawford at 754-2841.

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