

Ministry Assignments

January 22

Deacon: Michelle Hollis
 Reader: Karen Abbott
 Prayer: Chuck Abbott
 Greeters: Charles and Betty Phillips
 Michele McCarthy

Extended
 Session: Bruce Myers, Debbie Hayes
 Counters: Opal Beavers, Shirley McCoy

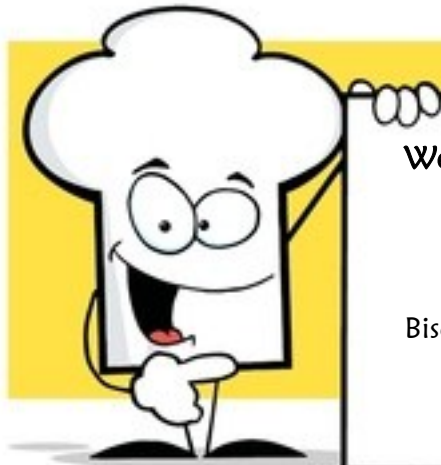
Lock up: George Routon

January 29

Deacon: Charles Phillips
 Reader: Cindy DeTallo
 Prayer: George Routon
 Greeters: Kay Black and Sharon Bower

Extended
 Session: Paula Adams, Susan Myers
 Counters: Wyolene Richardson,
 Shirley McCoy

Lock up: Joe Barker



Wednesday Night Menus

January 18

Sausage Gravy,
 Egg Casserole,
 Biscuits, Grits, Fruit, Donuts

January 25

Pot Luck

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Sunday School
 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship
 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Meal
 5:30 p.m.
 Bible Study
 Prayer Time
 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m.



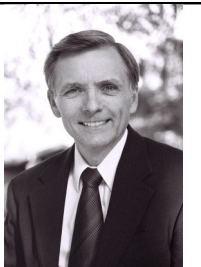
WE NEED ARTICLES FOR *THE WITNESS*

If your group, organization, Sunday School Class, or Committee is planning any future events we would like to publicize them in *The Witness*. Write up a short article including dates, times, places, who is invited, costs if there are any, and any other pertinent information. Then email it to the office, or print it off and give us a copy. We need them Wednesday of the last full week in the month.



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FROM THE PASTOR



A New Era Has Begun

Alleluia!!! A new year has begun. Let's be honest, 2011 was a difficult year for Northeast Baptist Church. We reduced the size of our staff and got a new pastor and a new church secretary. In addition a number of long-time members left the church for a variety of reasons. What's done is done. It is now time to look to the future and to move forward. I honestly believe 2012 will be a year of celebration for Northeast.

God is not the God of the past, but the God of the present and future. God did not say, "I was who I was," but God said, "I am who I am," or "I will be who I will be." God is out there in the future waiting for us. I truly believe the best years for this congregation are yet to pass. We need to embrace that fact and open ourselves up and allow God to lead in the direction God would have us go.

This church is filled with a lot of good, caring, loving people who know the Lord and seek to serve Jesus. We are strong financially because as a congregation we understand the importance of faithfully tithing to our spiritual wellbeing. We have a tremendous potential to do the work of Jesus in this community and in the world. There is no reason why we cannot continue to grow, and to become a strong, vibrant church in this community. We can be that light shining into the darkness of the world around us.

We must focus on all the good things we do have, and forget about what we don't have. God is with us, and we have enough to do all that we need to do. Let us strive this year as a congregation and as individuals to live a more spiritual life, and to develop a closer walk with Jesus.

Jim Nelson

♥ XYZ Valentine's Luncheon ♥

The XYZ group will gather together again for a luncheon on Valentine's Day. At that time we will elect officers and make plans for future outings. Bring your ideas with you when you come. We will let you know the costs, once we figure out the

Do you like to read?
Are you running out of space to store books (or money to buy them)?
We have the solution!
There is now a "Book Exchange" shelf in the Second Cup Sunday School Class. Feel free to "bring a book" and/or "take a book" and join in the reading fun!



THE SOUL CAFÉ

We will be restarting our Sunday Evening Services on January 22, at 5:30pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall, enjoy a fine cup of coffee, some inspiring music, and lively discussions about our faith and how we can grow closer to God. Some Sundays will be discussions, others will be a sermon and/or Bible Study. We are inviting students from McAfee Theological School to preach and/or provide music in the future. Make you plans now to join us. The service should last about one hour.



JANUARY CHURCH CONFERENCE MEETING

The By-Laws committee will present the re-written By-Laws at our January Church Conference on Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30pm.

If you would like to receive a printed copy with deleted and changes sections lined through and new sections highlighted, we will be happy to email you a copy. If you do not have email we will print you a hard copy. Just let us know in the Church Office.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4- Dimple Casey
Bob Thorpe
- 6- Vivian Sherrill
- 10- Harold Farmer
- 12- Bonnie Shell
- 15- Morgan Black
- 17- Barbara Bradley
Michael Monteith
- 20- Kevin McCarthy
Patsy Fawbush
- 21- Jimmie Westbrook
- 26- Daphne Gravely
- 27- Michele McCarthy
- 29- Mandy Puckett



YOUTH FUNDRAISERS

The youth of our church will be going to St. Simons Island for March Mission Madness. To help fund the trip, they will be serving lunch following Sunday Morning Worship on February 5 and March 4. Donations will be collected at that time.

UPCOMING SERMONS

January 22

"Leave Your Old Life Behind"

January 29

"We Set the Example"

February 5

"Soar on Eagle's Wings"

February 12

"It Is that Simple"



The Personnel Committee Recommends Dr. Nelson to be our New Pastor

The personnel committee will recommend that Northeast Baptist Church call the Rev. Dr. Jim Nelson as our full-time pastor during the quarterly church conference on Wednesday, January 18. If the conference agrees, the entire congregation will then vote on whether or not to call Dr. Nelson on Sunday morning, January 29, during the 11 o'clock worship service.

COME JOIN OUR
BIBLE STUDY has started
back. Please join us
Tuesday mornings at
10 am!

