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# Lifeline

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## Feeling bored?

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him. They were too far behind the times, with tiresome tunes and meaningless words. The father put an end to the complaining by saying, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?"

The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. The year was 1690 and the teenager was Isaac Watts. "Joy to the World" and "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" are among the nearly 350 hymns he wrote.

He also wrote "How Long, O Lord, Shall I Complain" — evidently, just long enough to write his first hymn.



*Come,  
let us sing  
for joy to the Lord!  
Psalm 95:1*

## Pastoral Reflections by Dr. W. Felix Haynes

**W**e finished 2011 with a good financial report for which we are most grateful. I encourage your faithful stewardship throughout the year which helps us accomplish our mission and ministry goals in a more effective way.

The magnificent murals which adorn the walls of the children's area are nice and expressive touches which bring alive the great stories of Scripture. Thanks to Linda Lindsey for her wonderful labors of love combined with the gifted skills of a fine artist. Take a stroll and view these biblical scenes: Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist, David and Goliath, Jonah and Miriam & Moses.

Please mark your calendars for a very special worship service on Sunday, January 29 at 6:00 P.M. This will be our time of Deacon Ordination for Gayle Brown, Donnie Jordan and Lon Lewis. Please share this occasion as it will be a meaningful and well-planned service which enables us to bring into sharp focus the vision of our calling as God's people.

March Mission Madness (March 9—11) is in careful planning as First Baptist Church of St. Simons Island prepares to host this event which brings over 200 youth from all over the State to the Golden Isles. March Mission Madness combines learning, worship, fellowship and ministry over an entire weekend. Most of Saturday is devoted to selected sites of ministry [Hospice, Morningstar, Faith Works, etc.] We would like to connect some of you to these venues to add value and presence to meaningful service and ministry. Let Rory know.

**Sunday's Sermon:** I am intrigued by the somewhat recurrent phrase in Scripture, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." We find this striking phrase on the lips of Moses, Elijah and Peter. On Sunday A.M., I will explore this "God of the Patriarchs." My mother's favorite line about sermons was "preach about God and about twenty minutes." Good advice. On Sunday we "talk about God ..."

## From the Youth Pastor by Rev. Rory Naeve

**I**t turns out that I'm a hypocrite, which is a bit hypocritical of me since hypocrites bother me. I'll explain. As you can imagine, Gigi and I are rather excited (and a bit scared) about the new addition to our family. We will wonder together about what she'll be like, how much different she will be from Lydia, and who she might look like. Natural, right?

Except, I'm guilty of one of my cardinal rules: "Don't anticipate; participate." I say that on almost every youth trip or event, even just on Wednesday nights. "Hey Rory, what are we doing tonight?" and I'll reply mysteriously, "you'll see..." Ominous, isn't it? I say it as a joke, but I rarely

tell details about what comes next because I want the youth to be present. If you're always looking to what's coming next, then you miss what's going on. I'm guilty of that. And you know what? I don't think it's wrong. I'm not really missing out on anything by wondering about the new baby. We're not ignoring Lydia or neglecting one another and what's going on now. We're doing all that AND looking forward. So, I think I need to cut the youth some slack. From here on out, participate and anticipate.

## Meetings, Events and other Items of Interest



**Deacon Ordination**  
**Sunday, January 29**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

Deacon candidates are  
*Gayle Brown, Donnie Jordan*  
*& Lon Lewis*

### W.O.W. Meeting

**Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m.**  
 At the home of **Fran Pierce**  
 103 Muirfield  
**Soup will be served.**

**Children & Family**  
**Parent & Volunteer Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 29**  
 following the 10:30 worship service.  
**Lunch provided.**  
 Childcare for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and under.

**What went wrong?**  
 This is the story of four people:  
 Everybody, Somebody, Anybody & Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and *Everybody* was sure that *Somebody* would do it. *Anybody* could have done it, but *Nobody* did it. *Somebody* got angry about this, because it was *Everybody's* job. *Everybody* thought *Anybody* could do it, but *Nobody* realized that *Everybody* wouldn't do it. It ended up that *Everybody* blamed *Somebody* when *Nobody* did what *Anybody* could have done.

## The Worship of God Sunday Morning

**Sunday, January 22, 2012**

Morning Message brought by  
 Dr. W. Felix Haynes

Anthem by Sanctuary Choir  
*Give Me Jesus*  
 Arr. Robert Sterling

### 8:30 am Usher Team

Bruce Flexer  
 Duane McFarland  
 Keith Ridenour

### 10:30 am Usher Team

Sam Norris, Captain  
 Jan Campbell  
 John Campbell  
 Terry Carter  
 Christine Norris  
 Tom Stone  
 Larry White

### Prayer Deacon

Sam Norris 1/22  
 Mark Owens 1/29

### Security Deacon

Jack Pierce 1/22  
 Mark Owens 1/29

### Sound Technician

Harry Proudfoot 1/22  
 R.E. Kempf 1/29

### Multi-Media Tech

### Children's Church

Wendy Alberson & Tallie Pipkin 1/22  
 Paige Browning & Roberto Restrepo 1/29

## Stats and Facts

### Attendance and Stewardship

**Sunday, January 15, 2012**

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
		8:30 am: 77
Members:	194	10:30 am: 236
Guests:	<u>12</u>	* <u>Guests</u> : <u>2</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>Total:</b> <b>315</b>

\* Guests - The guests included in this count are only those who completed and returned the visitor questionnaire in the pew.

### Actual Weekly Receipts

\$20,709.42

### Year-to-Date Christian Stewardship

\$52,213.62

## Weekend On-Call Ministerial Staff

### Rotation Schedule

Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

**January 20—22**

**Michael Jennings**

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**January 27—29**

**Rev. Celeste Joseph**

Cell: 222-9331

**February 3—5**

**Rev. Rory Naeve**

Cell: 577-3909

**February 10—12**

**Dr. Felix Haynes**

Cell: 912-294-7770

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**February 17—19**

**Rev. Rebekah White**

Cell: 230-5901

**Calendar**  
Week at a Glance

**SUNDAY, January 22**

**Sunday Fellowship**—Marie Sawyer

- 8:30 am - **Worship Service**
- 9:15 am - Sunday Fellowship
- 9:30 am - Sunday School
- 10:30 am - **Worship Service**
- 4:00 pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm - Adult Handbells
- 6:00 pm - Youth NightLife

**MONDAY, January 23**

- 5:30 pm - Yoga Fit

**TUESDAY, January 24**

- 7:00 am - Men's Prayer Breakfast—Sweet Mama's
- 9:30 am - Sit & Get Fit
- 6:30 pm - **W.O.W. Meeting**

**WEDNESDAY, January 25**

- 6:30 am - Men's Prayer Group
- 7:00 am - YOUTH Breakfast & Devotion
- 4:30 pm - SuperFAITH Kids
- 5:00 pm - Family Night Supper
- 5:30 pm - Childcare - Play Space & Preschool
- 6:00 pm - Preschool—K Activities
- 6:00 pm - 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Choir
- 6:15 pm - Youth & Adult Prayer Time
- 6:30 pm - 1<sup>st</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Children's Activities
- 6:30 pm - Youth *God in the Arts*
- 6:30 pm - Adult Bible Study
- 7:10 pm - Preschool—K Sign-out & Pick-up
- 7:15 pm - Adult Choir Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, January 26**

- 9:30 am - Sit & Get Fit
- 2:00 pm - Contemplative Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm - Yoga Fit

**FRIDAY, January 27**

**SATURDAY, January 28**

**Hearts & Hands**—LJL Class cooks,  
Wesley United Methodist delivers



**SUPPER MENU—JANUARY 25**

Smilin' Island Chili / Layered Salad  
Cornbread / Cobblers with Ice Cream  
Hotdogs for Children

**5:00 - 6:10 p.m.— Fellowship Hall**  
\$6 per adult / \$4 per child / \$20 maximum per family

Please make or break reservations by Tuesday  
at 12:00 noon, by contacting the Church Office,  
638-3337 or [celeste@fbcssi.org](mailto:celeste@fbcssi.org).

**From the Children & Family Minister by Rev. Rebekah White**

**W**ill she give me art lessons?

This is the question preschooler Brooke Lewis asked her grandmother, Joy Lewis, when she saw the beautiful new murals in the Preschool Department. I am hearing so much positive feedback for the beautifully newly renovated Preschool Department. Linda Lindsey has donated her time, talent and resources to helping the smallest members of our congregation. We would express our appreciation to her and other donors who have contributed.

We are having a Parent and Volunteer meeting on Sunday, January 29, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. Childcare (5<sup>th</sup> grade and under) and lunch will be provided. Please be praying and making plans to attend this

meeting. I look forward to serving with you this year.

**Show me your ways, LORD,  
teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth  
and teach me, for you are  
God my Savior, and my hope  
is in you all day long.  
Psalm 25:4-5**

*Children & Family 2012 Mission Statement*



*Mural of Miriam and Moses by Linda Lindsey*

**From the Pastor of Congregational Care by Rev. Celeste Joseph**

**I**t's early morning as I write this  
and I'm in one of my favorite  
spots on the island ... the village.

The sun has risen and is just about to begin its first real blaze of the day. Birds are beginning their morning forages. There's a pelican sitting on a pylon with its wings outstretched, moving back and forth a little... drying them before taking off again.

Shrimp boats are already at work in the sound ... nets down and droning engines unmistakable in the background. Early runners, strollers, and dog walkers are in motion. The sea is flat, almost motionless, looking more like a reflecting pool than a mighty sea.

A new day has begun on St. Simons Island. We live in a wonderful place. We've been given much. It's easy to love and to serve here. It doesn't even

feel like winter, but it is.

You'll receive a card in the mail in the next few days telling you who your deacon for the year 2012 is. Please pray for this person and help them know how they can serve you best. Don't forget to encourage them along the way, too.

It takes so little to make a difference in someone else's life ... a few moments of time ... caring to listen ... a smile ... a card ... the touch of a hand. Whether serving or being served, I pray we give and receive with gladness ... forgetting always to count the cost.

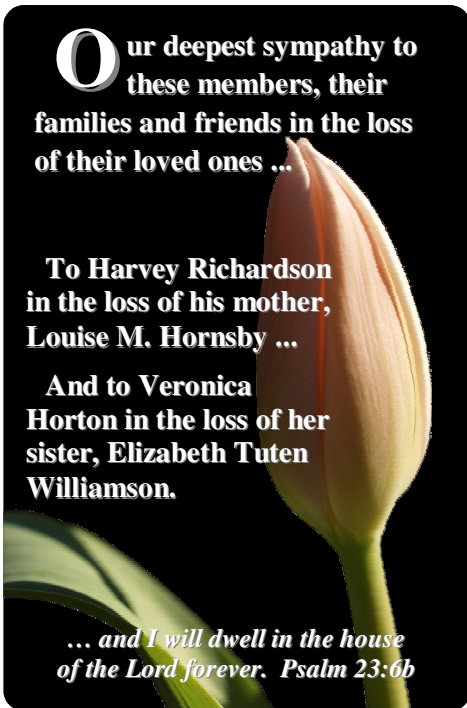


**OUR VISION ... to be a family of believers sharing God's love and grace with all people.**

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**to everything  
there is a  
season**



**O**ur deepest sympathy to these members, their families and friends in the loss of their loved ones ...

**To Harvey Richardson in the loss of his mother, Louise M. Hornsby ...**

**And to Veronica Horton in the loss of her sister, Elizabeth Tuten Williamson.**

*... and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6b*

**Prayer Corner by Jean Harrison**

**H**ow great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called “children of God.” And, that is what we are! God will satisfy your hungry heart when He reveals Himself to you. As you encounter the awesome holiness and power of His personality, you will have the power to overcome temptation.

Pray this prayer: *My heavenly Father, I am so hungry to have more and more revelations of Your wonderful love for me. Your love overwhelms me and fills my heart with hope of growing closer to You each day. I hunger for more and more of You. Fill me to overflowing, Father. Amen.*

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