"It's A God Thing!"

“I’m sorry sir, but the flight with your package could not land here in Columbus due to fog. Your package will not arrive at the estimated time.” The man had a sinking feeling as he replied, “But these are live fish coming from Key West, and they were shipped Priority Overnight! They were promised here by 10:30 this morning. You do guarantee arrival times don’t you?” The airline attendant said, “Sir, we really cannot control the fog, that's a God thing, you know?” He walked away feeling sad as he thought of his suffocating fish in plastic bags somewhere between Key West and Columbus.

In this New Year we can all think of the wonderful promise of Jesus in light of missed flights, and many other delays in those things we were looking for and hoping for. Probably all of us have lost something or were inconvenienced someway by things beyond our control. It may be those times when we begin to see the true worth of our "stuff" and our own “schedule in light of God’s Word.”

In John 14:3 Jesus made a promise that no earthly problem will delay it’s fulfillment. “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” In this world we “estimate” arrivals and departures, but Jesus will come right on time! No Columbus fog or any miscalculation of man will delay Him. As the lady said… "It’s a God thing, you know?”

In 2012 you may have allowed uncertainties of life or human disappointments cover you like a blanket of doubt or despair. But if you will re-direct your trust toward Jesus, He will pick you up & deliver you to the glorious center of His will and His provision. The moment you put all of your trust in Him and let your lifestyle testify to that trust; no delay or detour will block His path.

It is 2013. Don’t despair. The Mayans were wrong… we are still here! If you have planned your trip into eternity by turning over your life to Christ… you will make it all the way home. Don’t live like a fish in a plastic bag lost in the fog over Columbus. Make this New Year truly New. Rejoice! He has made His promises and He will keep each one just for you! It's a God thing, you know!"
Easter Drama Team

Drama practices will begin January 6th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM. Keep an eye on the bulletin each week to see if you will be needed for each night’s rehearsal. If your part/scene is not going to be practiced that night, you’ll have that night off. We’ll eventually give all those in the drama a schedule, but in the meantime, just watch the bulletin.

If you participated last year or in previous years, we are expecting...well...we are counting on you to help out this year as well.

We still need people to fill roles, please recruit and contact Darin Hanks - email dhanks1@employeeuniversity.com or text 740-654-8118 if you want to volunteer or help out.

Choir Easter Practices

The Easter Choir will practice from 6:00 - 7:00 PM beginning January 13th. Practice for Sunday morning will be from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

New Members Welcome!

See Kay Arnold for more information.

Kids Kamp GLOW!

June 17th through June 21st.
Cost will be $140. A $50 deposit and registration will be due on March 3rd, 2013.
Registration forms will be available in Agape Hall. Contact Nicole Roby for more info.

Men’s Basketball League

Now on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 PM beginning Jan. 8!
Spread the word!
See Matt George, Steve Pack or Pastor Chris for more information.

Deacon’s Meeting

January 12 at 8:30 AM

Twisted Stitchers Quilting Group

We have a quilting group that meets here at First Baptist on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 PM. Cost is $15 a year. See Roni Craft, Kim Nauman or Gay Grandstaff for more information.

Y.U.M.S. Restaurant

January 13 at 12:00 PM
Marinated Chicken, scalloped potatoes, corn and pie
Cost: Love Offering
All profits go toward youth summer mission trip.

Lord’s Supper

January 13
Both Services

Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your 2013 offering envelopes, or did not find one with your name on it and would still like some, please contact Susan at the church office.

Arms of Faith Ministry

Arms of Faith is our Free Store and Free Suppers that are open every Thursday from 3-7 PM. We are always looking for volunteers to help. Why not make it a New Year’s resolution to start helping us reach out to those in need in our community. We could use more workers in the store and with the suppers. If you can help us each week with the suppers or every other week in the store, we would so appreciate it! It takes a lot of work and workers to make this work. Please prayerfully consider joining us in this ministry. It
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January Calendar

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8 - Men’s Basketball League, 7:00 PM
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13 - Lord’s Supper
13 - Nursing Home Ministry, 1:30 PM
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20 - 101 & 301 Discovery Seminar
20 - ATOM at First Baptist, 6:00 PM
22 - Men’s Basketball League, 7:00 PM
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Birthdays

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Oppunities for the Week

Sunday:
9:00 AM First Worship & SS
10:30 AM Second Worship & SS
5:30 PM Hands of Praise
5:00 PM Easter Drama Practice
6:00 PM Easter Choir Practice
6:30 PM Pastor’s Gathering
  GA’s
  Youth Group
7:00 PM Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday:
5:30 PM Wed. Night Supper
6:00 PM Little Praisers
6:30 PM AWANA
  Puppets
7:00 PM Midweek at First Baptist
  Signs of Praise
  Youth Group

“I’m following pastor on Twitter.”