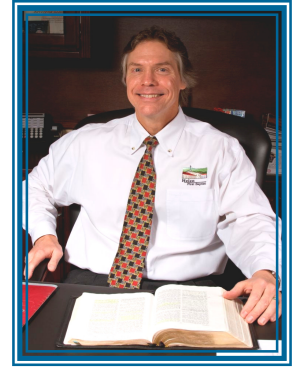




"I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:14

Dear Helen First Family:

My father was a very goal oriented man. He often challenged me to set goals, and while I sometimes grieved in this challenge.... Today, I find myself grateful for his persistent discipline upon me in this most important area of life. The things I set my goals upon have changed somewhat from those early days, but the words he spoke still echo within my head and heart. I can just hear my Dad saying, "Son, if you aim at nothing, that is EXACTLY what you will hit. Success is nothing more than consistently achieving your short term goals."



Recently, I came across a quote from Tim Tebow that I liked a great deal. It goes like this... "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard." Well, I could fill several pages with quotes... but, I think you get the point. Nevertheless, let me state it plainly...

What is the goal in your life right now? What are you aiming at? What are you pressing hard for? What is the prize??

Thought provoking? I hope so... Convicting? Perhaps... Silly exercise? Absolutely not... In fact, I believe it is essential that we each answer those questions correctly.

May I share my heart and suggest some goals that I believe are most worthy for your consideration. Some are simple. Some are easy. Some are hard. Some are convicting. All are important.

- * Make church essential in your life. Not just a part of your life. If you are too busy for church, then perhaps you are too busy.
- * Open up your heart and make room for some new relationships with folks you see but don't know yet.
- * Invest yourself in a ministry. Serve. Be blessed. Be a minister.
- * Do an inventory. How much of what you are about is external? What is your legacy?
- * If all your current goals were suddenly met, would you be closer to Jesus? If not, aim higher.
- * Make a decision to give more than you receive. Its impossible, by the way... you can't out give God.
- * Build an intentional friendship with someone who isn't a Christian. Ask God to use you to impact their life for Christ.
- * Share your love for Christ. Share your faith. Share the Gospel. Isn't it worth talking about? Isn't He worth talking about?
- * Invite someone to church each week. It really isn't that hard.
- * Look in the mirror and remind yourself that Jesus died for you. You are worth that much! You are His Bride.
- * Look into His Word often and ask Him to put His word into you.
- * Let's step up and lead our families in following and serving Jesus. That will be the greatest thing we ever do.

James 5:16 tells me if I pray fervently... and If I pursue righteousness... then God will accomplish, much. That is the goal I'm pressing for...

In His Grace,

Pastor Jim

Helen First Baptist Church - Helen, GA

2012 Men's Conference

March 2nd & 3rd

Guest Speakers



Dr. Fred Evers, Pastor
Northside Baptist Church
Tifton, GA



Dr. Bucky Kennedy, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Vidalia, GA

Cost & Registration

\$20.00 per person

Registration & Payment Due by February 25th

Contact the Church Office at 706-878-2089 to register.



"Godly Girls Around the Table"

All Ladies Invited to Attend (lunch will be provided...)

Saturday, February 11th

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Conversational Leaders:

* Barbara Curnutt

Executive Director for GA. Baptist WMU

* Mary Laughman

President of GA. Baptist WMU

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 9th
by calling the Church Office - 706-878-2089

Sorry, No childcare provided.





D-now
February 3-5, 2012
Woodlands
Campground



Mentors Needed
for Wednesday
Nights!

Please see Amy Whitlark
 or Jamie Smith
 for more information



Bigstuf Camp - July 16-20th, 2012

Panama City Beach, FL

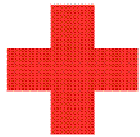
Price \$250.00 per student

\$50 Deposit Required

Deposits are non-refundable and are required to guarantee a spot.
 Scholarships applications will be available but NOT guaranteed!
 Space is limited! Students must have completed 6th grade.

Balance Due by May 2, 2012

Go to www.bigstuf.com for more information



American Red Cross

The need is constant.
 The gratification is instant.
 Give blood.™

HFBC Blood Drive

February 21st
 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Please call the Church Office
 to schedule an appointment
 706-878-2089



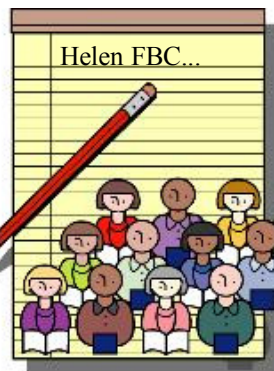
Relay for Life
Chili Luncheon
 Sunday, February 19th
 after morning worship
 service in the
 Fellowship Hall
 Cooks Needed....
 Contact Alice Maynard for
 more information
 706-348-8283



Nevada Mission Trip

Information Meeting
 Sunday, February 5th
 8:30 a.m.

Meet in the Fellowship Hall
 Overview of 2012 Trip to Ely, Nevada



New Member Orientation
 February 5th, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.
 In the Fellowship Hall

Open to all members who have not
 already attended an orientation.
 Call the Church Office to register
 706-878-2089

“Beat Back
the Darkness”
Outreach Meeting

When: February 5th following the
 a.m. worship service.

Where: Fellowship Hall

Purpose: Service Survey results
 and Next Steps

Please attend this meeting if you
 are interested in being involved in
 some kind of outreach activity!





February Birthdays

Allison Baker 2/2
 Martha Kennedy 2/2
 Victor Durfee 2/3
 Abbie Holmes 2/3
 Bill Pinkston 2/3
 Sherry Williams 2/5
 Caroline Smith 2/6
 Liz Davidson 2/6
 Isabella Barhe 2/6
 Cole Borchers 2/7
 Arbor Faulkner 2/7
 Joan Walden 2/8
 Amy Whitlark 2/10
 Carroll Kennedy 2/10
 Mary Holmes 2/11
 Matthew Hill 2/12
 Pat Garner 2/12
 Heidi Dotson 2/12

Ashley Stockton 2/13
 Carol Yandell 2/13
 Clyde Kincaid 2/14
 Thomas Browning 2/15
 Rebecca Milhollin 2/15
 Danny Densmore 2/16
 Kaitlyn Havlen 2/16
 Emily Smith 2/16
 Cassie Abernathy 2/17
 Shanda Bartlett 2/17
 Mack O'Kelley 2/18
 Jim Booth 2/18
 Carol Edge 2/19
 Mary Beth Handte 2/21
 Geneva Elwell 2/22
 Jeanie Bridges 2/23
 Janie Testerman 2/23
 Sara Walcott 2/23

Sherry Rothell 2/24
 Kyler Mayo 2/24
 Zachary Hill 2/24
 Vanessa Dunagan 2/24
 Sharon Densmore 2/25
 Bailee Patterson 2/26
 Emily Mote 2/26
 Tera Johnston 2/26
 Tracy Mitchell 2/27
 Eric Nelken 2/28
 Laura Nelken 2/28
 Sheila Rosencrantz 2/28

Sr, Adult Day Trip
Thursday, March 29th
 Blue Willow Inn Restaurant
 Social Circle, GA
 *\$20.00 for Meal &
 Transportation
Registration Deadline:
 March 27th
 706-878-2089



HFBC Women's Ministry
 Schedule of Upcoming Bible Studies

"Principles of Servant Leadership"
 Ladies Leadership Bible Study - 5 week study
 Facilitator: Patty Bedzyk
Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 115
 Beginning Monday, February 6th

"Feasts of the Bible"
 6 week study
 Facilitator: Connie Crawford
Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 115
 Beginning Tuesday, February 7th




HFBC will be taking a mission trip to Kenya & Tanzania this June... more details to come.

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time" 1 Peter 5:6

... from the Prayer Ministry

Here at Helen First Baptist Church we have a prayer ministry designed to prepare the way for the move of the Lord in our worship service. Possibly you may have had the thought that you did not know how to pray well enough or eloquently enough to participate in such a ministry. We would like to encourage you in the truth that the Lord is looking for the meek and the humble, not the powerful and the proud to usher in His move. If you feel inadequate, you just may be the volunteer that God has been waiting for so that in your weakness His strength can be made perfect.

If you are willing to serve, the sign up sheet is located in the foyer. Please sign up for any Sunday to pray during the worship service while the Pastor is preaching and people are making eternal decisions about their lives.

H.O.P.E. Prayer Meeting - 2/3/12 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			*Regular Wednesday Night Activities Jennifer O'Brien's 6th HFBC Anniversary!		6:30 p.m. H.O.P.E. Prayer Meeting 	
5	6	7	8	9	10	 11
*Regular Sunday Activities 8:30 am - Nevada Info Meeting Noon - Outreach Mtg. 3:00 p.m. New Member Orientation 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship	10:30 a.m. Gateway Nursing Home 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	* Regular Wednesday Night Activities			10:00 a.m. "Godly Girls Around the Table"
12	13	 14	15	16	17	18
*Regular Sunday Activities 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship	10:30 a.m. Friendship Nursing Home 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 10:30 a.m. W.O.M. & Ladies Craft Club	* Regular Wednesday Night Activities			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
*Regular Sunday Activities Relay for Life Luncheon 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship	10:30 a.m. Gateway Nursing Home 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive	* Regular Wednesday Night Activities			
26	27	28	29			
*Regular Sunday Activities 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship	10:30 a.m. Friendship Nursing Home 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study	10:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study Tracy Mitchell's 1st HFBC Anniversary!	* Regular Wednesday Night Activities			

***Regular Worship Services**

Sundays

8:15am Praise Team
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Morning Worship
 10:30am Children's Church
 6:00 p.m. Home Fellowship Group

Wednesdays

5:00 pm..... Family Meal
 6:00 pm..... Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 First Place For Health
 Adult Choir Practice
 Ladies Discipleship
 XP3 Student Ministry
 TeamKID
 7:30.....Collide - College/SYA



Chris & Nancy Mote 2/3
 Brad & Cassie Abernathy 2/4
 Gary & Sherri Damron 2/4
 Phillip & Dawn Stancel 2/26

Happy Anniversary!!!

If your Birthday & /or Anniversary is not listed,
 please contact the church office to update our records.



**Helen
 First Baptist**

Jim Holmes, Senior Pastor

Ben Caston, Assoc. Pastor
 Music

Jim Gant, Assoc. Pastor,
 Pastoral Care & Young Adults

Jamie Smith, Assoc. Pastor,
 Children & Students

Bill Terry, Assoc. Pastor,
 Administration & Senior Adults

Dale Thomas, Assoc. Pastor,
 Missions

53 Edelweiss Strasse,
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Welcome Our New Members!

**Carol Edge
 Richard Cramer**

Year End 2011

General Budget

Annual Budget 699,866.00
 Weekly Requirement 13,459.00
 YTD Budget Required 699,866.00
 YTD Received..... 668,653.39
 YTD Actual Expenses 688,696.43

Retire the Debt

Beg. loan balance (Jan 2010).... 1,313,687.73
 Current loan principal 1,194,816.42
 YTD Requirement..... 122,619.36
 YTD Received..... 105,642.00

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Lottie Moon Offering 10,885.37