

# THE HOLY JOURNAL

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### R.S.V.P. YES!

L.A. Davis

Grace and peace to you and yours! All Praises to God for allowing us to see the **magnificent** month of MARCH 2012! THANK YOU LORD!

**R.S.V.P.**, "répondez, s'il vous plait", is a French phrase which means "respond if you please". We may sometimes see this phrase when we are invited to a wedding or a party. The host is usually seeking a count, and/or may want to know if they should expect you. In some cases, if you do not respond, yes, and you just decide to go, you may not get in! Your name has to be on the list!

I heard a story of a wedding

singer who had just sung beautifully at a ceremony. While she and her husband were in the line to get into the reception, many were giving her great compliments of the job she had done. As they got closer, she waved to several inside, looking forward to more of the same. When it was their turn, the hostess informed them that their name was not on the list. "Impossible, I am the wedding singer!" she exclaimed. "I am sorry but you did not **R.S.V.P.** and I cannot let you in."

The Bible speaks of a List, THE LIST, our name must

be found in, The Lamb's Book of Life. If we do not **R.S.V.P.**, YES, we will not gain access to Heaven, in fact, a 'No', or a failure to reply, will unfortunately confirm a place in Hell for you, Revelation 20:15.

Accepting Jesus, and all His attributes, is our Yes to His **R.S.V.P.**! Please don't assume you have done so, for it would be a very sorrowful time if you were to hear the Lord say, "*Depart from Me, I know you not*" Matthew 7:21-23.

#### R.S.V.P. YES TODAY!

In Jesus' Love...



### From the Pastor's Desk

*"Be not deceived God is not mocked, whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7*

We greet you in the mighty name of Jesus. Each day we grow closer in our walk with God, and the work that we do. In this age that we live in, there is so much deceptiveness and Satan has power to make 'good'

appear 'evil' and evil to seem as if its ok to indulge in. But, sin is sin! As Christian believers, walking by faith, God's work is able to guide us in the way of truth!

Our goal is to sow good seeds in our work for the Lord. The Fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Good-

ness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control. If we sow these seeds, we will truly reap a harvest that will be a blessing to us and to the up building of God's Kingdom.

Sometimes blessings may take longer to arrive but keep sowing good seeds and the more you sow, the more God will bless



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you! In today's world, we must let our light shine for JESUS! Sow good seeds and lift up one another in prayer and watch God change things!

We love you in the Lord,  
**Pastor & 1st Lady, William & Emily Davis.**

## Mission Ministry at the Detention Center

Minister Leonard J Harrel

The First Baptist Church Mission department is a fellowship organization made up of Christian men and women who are motivated by their love for the Lord Jesus Christ. These individuals have joined together to exhort and assist God's church in ministering to young adults at the Department of Juvenile Services teaching out the standard King James Version bible. We will have bible lessons from the Old and New Testaments where Jesus is prophesied of coming and when he actually walked the earth. Through these teachings we hope to encourage and enlighten those that choose to participate.

We appreciate this opportunity given to us and we pray that the results will be evident. [If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact me or one of the members below:](#)

Marc Davis, Kelvin Gray, Sr., Matthew Sharper, Sr.  
Rev. Sharon Harrel, Velma Gray, Lori Davis  
Rev. Leonard Harrel, Sr., Rev. Etta Williams, Linda Davis  
Darrel Selders, Patricia Harrel, Emily Davis

We thank God for those who are a part of this ministry and look forward to those who will join in the future. May God forever bless and keep you in His care!

## I Got A New Attitude

Latonya Jones Webb

I celebrated my birthday last month and admittedly I turned the big 3-0. Yes, I said it I turned 30 and although I was dreading it, I learned to embrace and make the most of it. The words of a song came to mind, "There were many that started out with me, but now they've gone astray. But, I'm still holding on." It's so true, at the young age of 30 I can truly say that I've lost quite a few classmates and friends who were my age or younger. Just this year I lost two classmates in the same year. So why would I look at turning 30 as being a bad thing and not the blessing it is. What will 30 bring me? I'm glad you asked. I decided to take each day and live it according to God's purpose for me, instead of a New Year's resolution I made a life resolution to do more than I did in my 20's. I've noticed that its small choices that make big changes. Things such as taking more time to pray and meditate, reading and studying God's word, speaking things, believing on God's promises, and being a bolder Christian. We have to decide on the time to ask, seek and knock. God is always standing waiting with open arms for us. He will never push Himself on you but allows you the opportunity to seek His face. My new attitude is not just centered on the fact that I turned 30, but more on the fact, that I serve a God who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we could ever ask. Why wouldn't you try Him? I heard someone say that this is the year of extra effort, if we make an effort to do just a little bit more this year we'll allow a chance to see changes in our life. My new attitude is just a new desire to do more for the man who did the ultimate thing for me, I encourage you to check yourself and change your attitude too. Be Blessed!



## Words To Live By

All praises to God for allowing us to **march** into the month of **March**. The word **march** means to walk with a military step or to advance. We move forward with renewed minds and hearts that are focused on the Lord.

### THE MIND:

*But we have the mind of Christ.* (1 Corinthians 2:16b) Our old way of thinking has changed. Our focus has been redirected. *Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of a good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.* (Philippians 4:8)

Because we no longer think the same, we move forward victoriously with praise to God for the blessings past, present and future. We trust and depend on God in all aspects of our lives.

### THE HEART:

Our love for God encourages us to love one another. *And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.* (Deuteronomy 6:5) *But thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.* (Leviticus 19:18b)

It is important that our hearts are pure. Our emotions or feelings determine how we react and treat one another. *Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.* (Proverbs 4:23)

When our hearts and minds are in tune with God, we are able to walk obedient to God's word and submissive to God's will. Our priorities are in the right order and we diligently seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Then we are able to march confidently as servants of God moving on victoriously.

### Like You

Lord help me to be in Your holy will;  
Tell me what to do today;  
Lead me in Your righteousness;  
Make me more like You, I pray.



Guard me against this corrupting world,  
Its perverted priorities, temptations, too.  
Direct my mind toward Your commands,  
So I can focus my life on You.

Fill my heart with Your light and love,  
So I can assist those I see in need;  
With You as my role model, let me be  
Like You in thought and word and deed.

By Joanna Fuchs

## One Truth At A Time

Velma Cador Gray

Greetings in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. We are already in the magnificent month of March. Giving thanks for all His blessings thus far. As this year begun, I'm finding myself pondering just what this world would be like if everyone spoke it, lived it and told it, the it being the **TRUTH**. Everywhere we go, work, school, and church, someone is not telling the truth, it has gotten to be so common it causes me concern. Television commercials, advertisements, telemarketers, phone companies they all are so not honest. As we good thru life, we often heard that life isn't fair, but if each one of us practice to be upright and honest with ourselves and others daily, a trend can start! It won't happen overnight but it can happen. We let things slide so often, a wrong word, or act without ever addressing the issue, this must cease. I'm not saying to just be rude and hurtful with your truths, but be considerate and genuine. We all have a choice in our lives, where we live, who we love, what organizations in which we participate in, a choice to say YES and a choice to say NO. Enjoy this life that God has given us, be happy, be honest, and be Blessed. One of my many favorite songs titled "It's In My Heart", is so what I pray the world could be, when I do things or say things that come from my heart it gives me such an indescribable feeling, loving, caring, and sharing with others. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me"* Psalms 51:10. Keep the faith, stay focus on Jesus and everything else will be added to you richly.

**Happy Birthday, All you Marchers!**





Submitted by 1st Lady Emily M. Davis

*What Are  
You Going  
To Do?*

God so loved the world, He gave His only son.  
 Jesus came into the world, but it wasn't for fun.  
 He came to seek and save the lost, it didn't just happen,  
 There was a cost.  
 We were bought with a price, Jesus shed His blood.  
 He reached down into the earth, and pulled us from the mud.  
 What are you going to do, since Jesus died?  
 You said tomorrow, but again you lied.  
 The kingdom of heaven is at hand,  
 What are you going to do with this Man?  
 Jesus died and rose again,  
 He's coming back but we don't know when.  
 Make sure you're ready when He returns,  
 Otherwise you'll surely burn.  
 Jesus died, this is true,  
 Again I ask,  
 What Are You Going To Do?



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 Psalm 78

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**GUARD YOUR HEART**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. — PROVERBS 4:23 NIV

**ALTAR EGO.** by Len Jones



"That concludes my presentation on time-tested, sure-fired statements that will stunt church growth. Any Questions?"

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