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Jessica Lea Thomas
 Born: January 25, 2019
 8 lbs 6 oz
Proud Parents: Brad and Jennifer Thomas
Sisters: Anna and Kate

Our Deepest Sympathy for:
 Ed Bennett and family in the loss
 of his brother, Frank Bennett.
 Gordon Lawton in the loss of his sister.
 Darrell Boyette in the loss of his sister, Ruby States.
 Georgia Hinson in the loss of her husband, Arlis Hinson.
 Family and friends of Carey Jones.
 Harriet Hamilton and family in the loss of her
 brother, Jimmy McAdams.

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, February 10
 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7WHQA-FM; 1280WANSAM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 2:00 PM Women's Fellowship Paint Party/
 Calhoun Academy of the Arts
 5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship/Stoddards'

Tuesday, February 12
 6:30 PM HS Coffee Conversations/Figs Cafe

Wednesday, February 13
 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper
 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
 Praise Team Rehearsal
 Conversation Café Room 212
 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

Thursday, February 14 - Valentine's Day

Friday, February 15
 Youth DNOW Begins

Saturday, February 16
 Youth DNOW
 9:30 AM Saturday Servants/Walker Class

Sunday, February 17
 Youth DNOW Concludes
 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
 9:30 AM Worship
 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM
 10:30 AM Bible Study
 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

Monday, February 18 - Presidents' Day
 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, February 19
 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study

Wednesday, February 20
 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
 5:00 PM Supper
 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
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**SERMON SERIES CONTINUES
 IN CONCLUSION...**

This Sunday, February 10: *BE YOUR BEST* (II Timothy 2:14-26)
 February 17: *PERSEVERE* (II Timothy 3:1-5, 10-17)
 February 24: *FINISH WELL* (II Timothy 4:1-8)

CONGRATULATIONS!



JANICE FOUTS
 Celebrating 45 years as a staff
 member at First Baptist

This Sunday, February 10,
 Anderson FBC will have the
 privilege of recognizing
 Janice Fouts for 45 years of
 service to this congregation. We
 will express our appreciation
 and present her with a gift.
 Well done, Janice. Thank you!

You're Cordially Invited



Help us celebrate the ministry of
 Jim and Pam Thomason at First Baptist
 and wish them well in their retirement.
 Over twenty-three years after his first sermon
 here, Dr. Thomason will preach his last sermon
 here as our pastor on Sunday morning,
 February 24. He retires as the longest-serving
 pastor in First Baptist's 198-year history.
 A special worship service marking the Thomasons'
 retirement will take place on Sunday morning,
 March 3, with special guests in attendance.
 A reception in their honor will be held that
 afternoon from 2:00 - 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

FAMILY PROMISE VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you for your prayers, donation of food, time and money given to
 support our Family Promise host week. Kimberly and Brianna appreciated
 the compassion and hospitality shown to them during their stay.

Sincerely, Shelby and Timothy

From one Minister to Another...

Recently, a quick search of “discipleship” on Amazon gave me over 20,000 results. After looking at the results on the first page, I gave up reading all the titles and authors. It was overwhelming. I’m sure a Google search would have me equally buried in pages and pages of resources. This confirmed what I had already been thinking about the significance of discipleship. For Christians, discipleship should be an ongoing process that never really ends. Our formation as a follower of Jesus should always be moving, in any season. Discipleship is a lifelong journey which requires something from us. The difficulty in being a disciple is why we can find over 20,000 results on the subject. We know discipleship is tough and important, which is why each year we do an event specifically design to help our students grow as disciples.

Our youth are gearing up for our annual Disciple Now (or D-Now) Retreat. Each year, we worship together, participate in small group Bible study, and share many fun experiences. The community and relationships will be lasting markers on this part of their faith journey. Ultimately, the lessons and sermons will have life-changing impact because of the work of the Holy Spirit in community.

This year the theme is “Wake Up!” We’ll be discussing how to live out our calling to follow Christ by waking up to the needs of others around us. Living the call is about living the life we have with a new sense of purpose. It means loving our neighbors and our enemies, sharing life with those around us, finding justice for the neglected, serving at a soup kitchen, or teaching a Sunday School class. Living the call is listening to God through our lives and giving our giftedness back to God. Living the call is about living life as if each day were our most important gift to God. Living the call is being overwhelmed by God and saying, “Here I am, send me.” To find meaning in our lives, we must live with a sense of call. How will you live your calling? It’s time to wake up!

Here’s how you can be involved in this exciting weekend:

1. Pray. Pray for the college students who will be leading the small groups and worship services. Pray for the adults who will be hosting us in their homes and those who will help in other roles like meal preparation and driving us around town. Pray for the youth to have a fresh encounter with God.
2. Join us for worship. We have 2 opportunities for you to be with us. Friday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 PM and Saturday, Feb. 16 at 7:00 PM in the chapel.
3. I’m still looking for one or two hosts. If you would be willing to have a small group of youth stay in your home and cook them breakfast Saturday and Sunday, please let me know.

Blessings,
Amy

Our Members in Action

February 10

Worship Childcare:

J. J. and Bradley Orr

Deacons of the Week:

Jeff Neal, Offertory Prayer
Kelly Neal, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Pat Vickery and Bill Wilson

February 17

Worship Childcare:

Beverly and Danny Stone

Deacons of the Week:

Larry Mitchell, Offertory Prayer
Ann Self, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Greg Shore and Alan Oxendine

February Collection Committee

Charlie Campbell, Jerry Minyard,
Phil Marett, Bolt McClain,
Jeff Neal, Ginger Smith

Wednesdays

February 13

Lunch and Supper

Pork Loin, Hash Brown Casserole,
Green Beans, Fruit Salad,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

February 20

Lunch

Soup and Salad,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic
Bread, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch and Supper Reservations:
Please contact the church office by
Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY SERVANTS

Saturday, February 16 — 9:30AM

Volunteers: The Walker Class

DEACONS' MEETING

Sunday, February 17 — 11:30AM

Deacons' Conference Room

MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, February 19 — 10:00AM

Moved to the 3rd Tuesday for February.

SAVE THE DATES!

THOMASONS' RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

March 3 — 9:30 AM — Worship

Sunday School Classes will not meet on this day.
2:00–4:00 PM — Reception in the Fellowship Hall

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

March 6

Noon: Lunch with Service following in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Supper with Service following at
6:00PM in the Sanctuary.

Reservations are required for meals: 224-1622

YOUTH MINISTRY

SUNDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, February 10 — 5:30 - 7:00pm

Youth will be meeting at the Stoddard's home.

YOUTH—COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

6:30—7:30pm

High School: 2nd Tuesday (February 12)

Middle School: 4th Tuesday (February 26)

Meet at Figs Café and Farmacy
in downtown Anderson.

BASKETBALL BANQUET

Sunday, February 24 — 4:00PM

Fellowship Hall



YOUTH PASSPORT BBQ FUNDRAISER

Sunday, March 10 — 11:30AM

Fellowship Hall

The Youth will be serving BBQ with all the
“fixin’s,” dessert and tea! Donations will go
toward the cost of Passport summer
youth conference.

Please note:

Saturday, March 9 — 9:00-11:00AM

BBQ Prep for the fundraiser.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Sylvia Campbell



Stephen Cottingham



Karen Gribble