



First Things



For us at First Baptist the last couple of weeks have been momentous. For one thing we had a wonderful and very encouraging celebration of our congregation's 200th anniversary on Oct. 30. The day was nearly perfect, with superb guest speakers, wonderful music, and expressions of support from many friends and congregations; along with numerous recognitions and congratulations from political, educational and religious leaders and institutions. Thanks especially to our guest speakers, the Rev. Dr. David Bartlett and the Rev. Dr. Neville Callam. And kudos to Jennifer Johnson, team leader, and the entire 200th anniversary planning team for their success and hard work. We give all glory to God whose faithfulness was so evident to us on that day.

Then more recently we woke up this past Wed. morning, Nov. 9, generally and genuinely surprised and even shocked by the outcome of our national elections. For good and/or ill it represents a sea-change in our national politics. Many of us are grieving for the nation as a result, while others of us celebrate.

It is helpful, I think, for us to reflect on the second event in light of the first. As Christians we believe that the First Things of importance have to do with God's mercy, faithfulness and ruling power. We wonder at the manifestation of those things in the two hundred years history of the humble and fragile community we call First Baptist Church in New Haven. Whether we regard the outcome of our recent election as negative or positive (or something in-between), it would be good for us to take a God's-eye perspective of our situation. The future of our nation is indeed consequential and important in many ways for all of us. But it is of secondary importance. Under God we will continue to contribute to our public life and pray for the nation and its leaders.

Nevertheless, we are first of all witnesses to the glory and grace of God revealed to us in Jesus Christ. We are stewards of the spiritual, physical, social and, yes, political life so generously given to us and sustained by God's loving power. We will continue to sing,

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

STEWARDSHIP, THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**Sunday,
Nov.20**

**- Please remember
your commitment
cards**

- **And Join us to
Celebrate
Thanksgiving at our
Luncheon following
the Service**

NOVEMBER MISSION

Food for Chistian Community Action Food Shelf

We will be collecting for the next three weeks (Nov. 13, 20, 27)

Please bring your gifts and add them to the display in the front of the sanctuary

SUGGESTED ITEMS

Canned fruit and Vegetables
Macaroni and Cheese
Spaghetti and Sauce
Peanut Butter Tuna Fish
Canned Meats
Rice
Sugar
Cake mixes
Cereal
Beans



FEED THE HUNGRY

POINTSETTAS



Pointsettias for placement in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 18 and 25, will be \$15. Please get your order in by Sunday, Dec. 11. You may email the office with your order or give the form to Paulette.

Order form

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

GIVEN BY:



DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday Schedule

- 10:30 Worship Service
- 10:30 Sunday School for Young Students
- 11:30 Fellowship Hour

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our team is happy to provide Sunday School for children in two groups: older children (first through fifth/sixth grade) and younger children (preschool and kindergarten) during the Sunday worship service. They will meet with their teachers in the back of the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace. Also at this same time, infants and toddlers are offered supervision in the Playroom downstairs. Parents must drop them off and pick them up.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST BAPTIST (Nov. 13-19)

Tuesday (15)

7pm Council Meeting in the small meeting room

Wednesday (16)

- 12, noon Home Team
- 5pm Resettlement Meeting
- 7pm Prayer and Reflection

Saturday (19)

7:30 Stompers

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov. 20 Thanksgiving, Stewardship Luncheon**
- Dec. 3 CHRISTMAS FAIR**

PARKING IN THE WINTER

Remember: You can park up at Planned Parenthood.
There will be a shuttle down from the parking lot to the church, beginning Dec. 4.

IT'S GETTING COLDER!!!

Remember to bring your sweaters on cold Sunday mornings!!

STEWARDSHIP

Your Stewardship Team decided to develop our own theme and materials for this year's Stewardship Emphasis drawing from themes in our 200 year history and connecting those historical themes with current mission accomplishments. We have been "**Proclaiming the transforming, reconciling power of God for 200 years!**" FBC has also been **modeling the inclusive nature of the Kingdom of God** since it's beginnings. We have also had a strong **ministry with immigrant peoples** since the mid 1800's. These ministries, and others, are what define the nature of our congregation, and they are worthy of our enthusiastic and generous support.

The biblical text we have chosen to inform our stewardship focus this year is Hebrews 12:1-2 "**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...**"

The Stewardship Team will make a presentation at a Luncheon following worship on Sunday, November 20. The following week you will receive a letter with pledge cards for the year 2017 enclosed. Your generous response will enable the Finance Team to plan a budget for our ongoing ministry in 2017. Thank you all for your generous response in support of God's mission through First Baptist Church in New Haven.

Stewardship Team: Loris Sterling, Pastor Joe Delahunt, Darwin Keichline, Kingsley Emerson and many others asked to do specific tasks.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

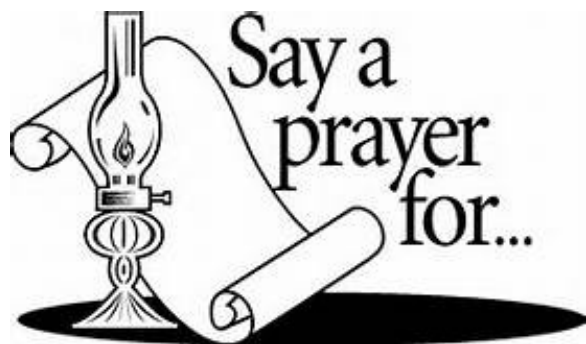
**OUR STEWARDSHIP AND
THANKSGIVING
LUNCHEON**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Sign up sheet is on the lectern The Braisted Room





- Remmy Namuhebe, as he recovers from illness.
- Daniel, Rickens's brother, who is still in Africa.
 - Our Resettled African families.
 - The United States, that we might come together and support our newly elected President.
 - Tong and Dongsheng as they travel back to America.
 - Rev. Kenneth Williams, Interim Executive Minister for ABCCONN.
 - Dima and his family.



LETTER FROM DIMA AND FAMILY (edited)

Dear First Baptist Church,

We continue our ministry in Tajikistan.

In Tajikistan, there are about 7 million people. Christians there are from 3 to 7 thousand people. We still have a lot of work.

God encourages us very much lately. We learn total dependence only on Him. Every day we surrender to Him. We look at examples from the life of the Christian martyrs who remained faithful to Christ and joyful until death. They were faithful to God in prison, in great suffering. The only source of their joy was Jesus. Our source is also Jesus. We are not in prison. We are not be beaten. We are free. God blesses us. We are in the place of His calling.

Since September, Dima is the director of the local Theological Seminary. The Seminary continues its work, so far only in the north of Tajikistan.

We have prayer requests for our home group. The sisters live in an apartment, which 10 years ago, foreigners purchased for orphaned girls. The apartment has been sold to a local woman who was a believer. The woman decided to try to sell the building. She requires that the girls leave the apartment. Please support girls in prayer.

We pray that Mikhail will able to continue to learn in the class 11 and 12 in the United States. Now our children are studying in an international school here in English, according to the American program. Misha is studying in 10th grade. This school does not yet have accreditation.

God bless

Dmitry

NEW-HAVEN
-THE-
FIRST-
BAPTIST-
CHURCH

STOMPER



“Spirituals, Jazz and Blues”

**In Concert at First Baptist
Church in New Haven**

**CORNER OF EDWARDS AND
LIVINGSTON**

November 19, 7:30pm

Donation \$10

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 3

FAIR SET UP TIMES

Sunday 11/27 12-3

Decorating hall

Wed. 11/30 9:30 -12

And 4pm-7pm

Thursday 12/1 9:30-12

And 4pm-7pm

Friday 12/4 9:30-12

And 4pm-7pm

Sat. Dec. 3 Please arrive between 8-8:30 to help with last minute set up



SPEAK WITH AMY JOHNSON, OR MARY HILL ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO AND HOW YOU CAN HELP ON FAIR DAY.

- ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE SILENT AUCTION OR THE RAFFLE
- CAN YOU MAKE SOME CRAFT ITEMS
- DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR GRANDMA'S ATTIC
- CAN YOU MAKE SOME BAKED GOODS

9 am-3 pm

at First Baptist Church

205 Edwards St.

Corner of Edwards and Livingston

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

SILENT AUCTION and RAFFLES

Take advantage of great deals on handmade ornaments, home baked goods, books, art, and Grandma's Attic - the ultimate in recycling: reuse, reclaim, repurpose!!

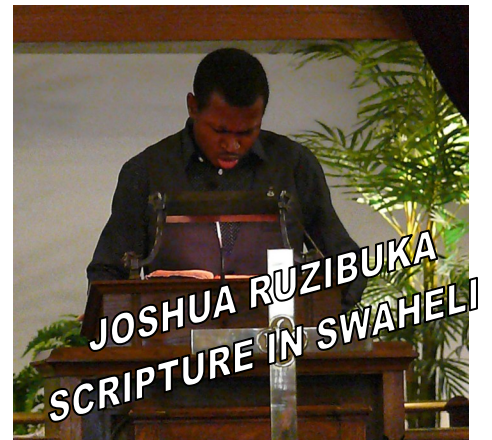
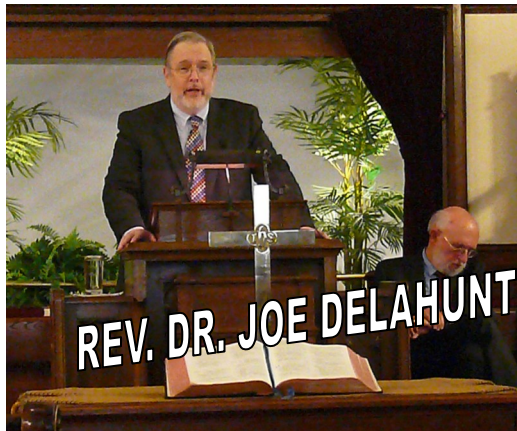
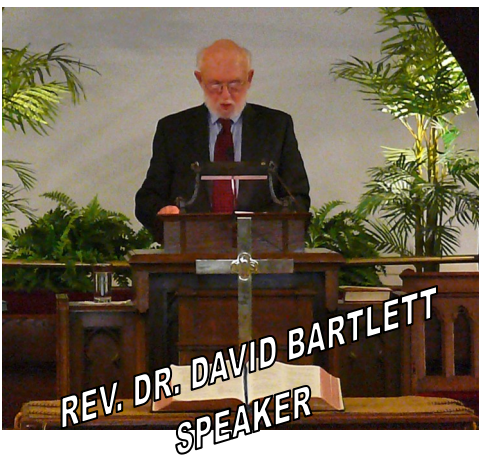
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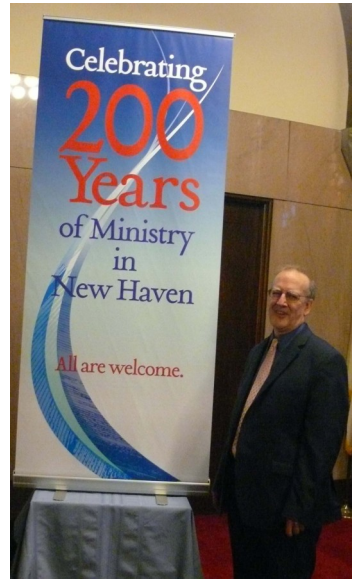
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MORNING WORSHIP





EVENING FESTIVAL

200TH ANNIVERSARY



PASTOR DELAHUNT AND HIS WIFE



MASTER OF CEREMONIES
DALE PETERSON



Rev. Ken Williams



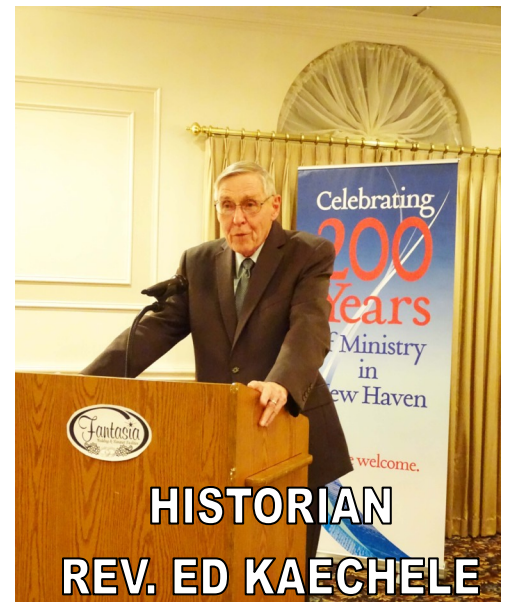
REV. DR. NEVILLE CALLAM
SPEAKER



SONG LEADER
DARWIN KEICHLINE



DUET, SANDRA
AND LINDA



HISTORIAN
REV. ED KAEICHELE

HONORING 50+ MEMBERS



THANK YOU, JENNIFER

**Thank you
To Jennifer Johnson, Chairperson,
and the 200th Anniversary Team
for a wonderful celebration.**

OLD FRIENDS

