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First Southern Baptist Church  
215 E. Ettels Lane  
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IN GOD WE TRUST

**Christian Love & Sympathy**  
is expressed to John & Billie Jo Evans & family  
in the loss of John’s mother, Shirley Evans.

**Welcome & Congratulations**  
to Evelyn Marla McKinley. The proud grandfa-  
ther is Wayne McKinley & proud great-  
grandmother is Eugenia McKinley.

**Familyfest Mission Event**  
We now have information about the July 19-24  
mission opportunity to Eastern KY. See Opal  
Bowles for details.

**Coatroom**  
Have you misplaced or missing a coat? Please  
check the coatroom.

**Offering Information**  
Budget Needed: \$ 10,663.00  
Offering Received: \$ 7,832.73  
Designated Other: \$ 150.00  
**Total: \$ 7,982.73**

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	106	AM	142
Youth	21	PM	44
Children	17		
Preschool	14	Discipleship Training	17
<b>Total:</b>	<b>158</b>	Graded Choirs	22
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>39</b>

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,  
serving...in the name of Jesus  
Christ and for His glory.*

# The Communicator

of

## First Southern Baptist Church

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## Calendar of Events

### Saturday, February 22

Cub Scouts Pack 10 Blue/Gold Banquet & Pinewood Derby in FLC

### Sunday, February 23

Lord’s Supper in PM Service

### Monday, February 24

Sunday School Team Meeting - 1:00 PM

### Saturday, March 1

Open House Celebration for Susan Massengale’s 70th Birthday in  
the FLC-2:00-4:00 PM (Everyone is invited to attend)

### Sunday, March 2 - Sunday, March 9

Week of Prayer for North American Missions - Annie Armstrong Offering

### Sunday, March 2

Sunday School Workers Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM

Deacon’s Meeting - 7:25 PM

### Friday & Saturday, March 7-8

Marriage Retreat at FSBC

### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins

### Monday, March 10

Staff/Leadership Team Planning Meeting

### Friday & Saturday, March 14-15

RENOWN conference (Youth)

## Pastor's Paragraphs

Last Sunday night our deacons brought two important recommendations to the business meeting. One recommends that we adopt the 2000 version of the "Baptist Faith and Message Statement" as our church's statement of faith. The Bible doesn't change, and its doctrines don't change, but, as the preamble to the BFM Statement makes clear, statements of faith are issued periodically to address the issues and questions of the times, so as to clarify and to help teach what we understand the Bible to be saying about these key issues. Our current statement of faith was published in 1963. Much has happened since then. Our broader Southern Baptist Family has already adopted the 2000 Statement as its official statement of faith. Our leadership felt it was time for our church to take this step and state clearly our understanding of biblical truth on current issues that face the church. Please be in prayer as we make the final decision on this at our April business meeting.

The second recommendation deals with a list of inactive members we have been trying to locate and identify. Our deacons presented a list of names of church members we don't know, and whose whereabouts we don't know, who have not attended our church for years. We have published this list over the past weeks and have asked the church family for input and information on who these people are and how we can locate them for ministry. With very few exceptions, no one seems to know them. The recommendation is, then, to remove them from membership, in accordance with the plan outlined in our Constitution and By-laws. The Bible tells us we are responsible to watch over one another in love (Gal. 6:1,2; Rom. 15:1; etc.) These are people who once were in fellowship with our church, but, for whatever reason, have ceased to be an active part of our church family. Since we neither know them or their whereabouts, we believe the best course of action is to remove them from membership. This will be voted on at our April business meeting as well. We will have a Q & A session addressing both of these questions; the time and place will be announced. Please be much in prayer.

See you Sunday, *Bro. Rye*

## The Upcoming Week

### Sunday, February 23 - Senior Adult Day

9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Preschool & Children's Choirs Discipleship Training
6:15 PM	Worship Service - Lord's Supper

### Monday, February 24

1:00 PM	Sunday School Team Meeting
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### Wednesday, February 26

5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Dumplings, lima beans, deluxe mac & cheese, dessert
6:30 PM	Mission Friends, GA's, RA's Adult Prayer/Bible Study Youth Bible Study Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM	Handbell Team Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 27

8:30 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
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### Saturday, March 1

8:00 AM	Men's Intercessory Prayer mtg
2:00-4:00PM	Open house reception for Susan Massengale's 70th birthday in FLC-everyone is invited to attend

### Sunday, March 2

8:45 AM	Orchestra Rehearsal
9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting Sunday school workers mtg -FLC
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Preschool & Children's Choirs Discipleship Training
6:15 PM	Worship Service
7:25 PM	Deacon's Meeting

### March 2-9

Week of Prayer for North  
American Missions  
Annie Armstrong

## A Word from Nick

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, *let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith*, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

As we are in the midst of the winter Olympics, I find myself cheering and rooting for athletes in sports that I only care about every four years. One of these sports is alpine skiing. As I watch these people ski down these mountains going in excess of 70 miles per hour, I'm amazed at their ability to hold it together and not freak out. Not only do they have to have tremendous strength and agility, but they must also have the right equipment. One of the defining characteristics of these skiers is the suit that they wear. In a sport that is won by hundredths of a second, it's not enough that they be strong and agile. They cannot afford to be encumbered by the outfit they wear.

In the above passage in Hebrews, the author describes the manner in which we are to "run with endurance the race." In the same way that an alpine skier is not hindered by his outfit, we are to cast off the weights and sins in our lives that easily pull us off the pace. Jesus Christ showed us how to run this race. Now we can see the reward past the finish line – an inheritance with Him in heaven. What weights do you need to lay it aside? What's keeping you from pursuing after Jesus with your full potential? Lay it down in the power of the Holy Spirit and run the race of life with Jesus Christ as your focus.

In Christ,  
Nick Scott



## Remembering in Prayer

**So. IN Rehab:** Martha McCandless  
**Wedgewood:** Katie Cawthorn, Dorothy Gibson,  
Juanita Zuberer

**Westminster:** Bob & Carolyn Miller, Calvin  
Wiseman

**Home:** Annette Anderson, Wanda Coleman,  
Mary Eddings, Esther Figueroa, John & Wanda  
Fleming, Brenda Gaunce, Ione Howard, Donna  
Huff, Ruth Leffler, Barb Loveland, Nellie  
Roehm, Daphne Ryan, Kenny Sullivan, Beulah  
Truesdell

**Shut-Ins:** John & Mattie Stith, Bettyruth  
Wilson

### Marriage Retreat 2014

Have you signed up for the Marriage Retreat with Ed & Kathy Litton, to be held Friday & Saturday, March 7 & 8, 2014 here at FSBC? The cost of the retreat is \$50 per couple. The cost covers the retreat itself, dinner on Friday night & a continental breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Couples are encouraged to register as soon as possible as other churches will also be participating in this event. You can register at [www.seindianabaptist.org/marriageretreat](http://www.seindianabaptist.org/marriageretreat) or call SEIBA at 812-948-8777.

### A Note from the Library

Attention leaders, teachers, & those who wish to study the Bible in depth - Reference books may now be checked out of the library

### Wednesday Night Meals

Just a reminder that it is **very important to sign up** on the sheet each week and/or contact the church office to either sign up or if you **cannot attend** so the cooks will know how much food to prepare each week.