

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Pastor Scott's Spot

Wow! God has given us a wonderful start to the New Year! Our Bible for Life Conference was a tremendous blessing. God used our guest speakers to stir my heart to a deeper passion for His Word. I hope and pray that you have been filled with an unquenchable desire to be in the Word of God. Our Wednesday nights have been awesome as we have been cultivating the discipline of hearing (and doing) the Word by reading through the Gospel of John. The discussions after each reading have been extremely edifying.

This month, we will begin the *Read the Bible for Life* study. I wholeheartedly believe that this study will transform the way we approach and read the Bible. The purpose of the study is clear – “Listen. Understand. Respond.” The goal is not just to become better readers of the Bible, but to also become faithful doers of the Word. I’m so thankful that we have at least 60 people signed-up for this study. I want to encourage those who have yet to sign-up to do so. It’s not too late!

I realize that for many in our church family, the *Read the Bible for Life* study will be the first of this kind in which you will participate. Here are a few suggestions that will help you as you take part in this study:

**1. Be Disciplined.** There are daily exercises that must be completed in the workbooks. Each daily exercise should take around 30 minutes to complete. Carve out time each day to complete these exercises. Answer all of the questions and look up all of the Scripture references. Some questions will require complete honesty and thoughtful responses. Much of what you do during the week will aid in your small group discussion. In my experience, I have found that it is easier for women to complete daily exercises in studies like this than it is for men. Most men, including me, don’t like to write things down. I want to especially encourage the men of the church to be disciplined to complete their daily exercises. Don’t wait until the last minute to try and complete the exercises. If you wait until the last minute, it won’t be nearly as meaningful. Our desire should be for the Holy Spirit to teach us through the duration of this study and we should take time to allow Him to do so.

**2. Be Ready.** Readiness is essential for a study like this. Each week you should come ready to discuss what God has taught you in the previous week of study. The role of the small group leaders will not be to teach material but to facilitate discussion. So, be ready to participate in your small group. The best way to be ready to participate is to complete the weekly exercises (see #1). You must also be ready to be stretched. The weekly exercises, small group discussions, and video teachings are meant to stretch us spiritually and they will certainly accomplish this objective. Let us be ready to hear from God and allow Him to stretch us.

**3. Be Open.** First and foremost, we must open ourselves to the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. He will definitely move in our lives if we are open to His leadership. We must also be open to one another. Listen to what one another has to say and encourage each other to be a part of the conversation. Last of all, be

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open to the format. Our Sunday night schedule will be a little different than normal for several weeks, but I believe that it will be beneficial for us all.

### North Carolina Marriage Protection Amendment

Tuesday, May 8 is the day North Carolina will hold its primary elections. Very few people deem this day as important because by the time our primary rolls around, the presidential candidates have usually been chosen. However, this primary is very critical. It is the day that North Carolinians will have the opportunity to vote for the Marriage Protection Amendment. If passed, this amendment will rightly define marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

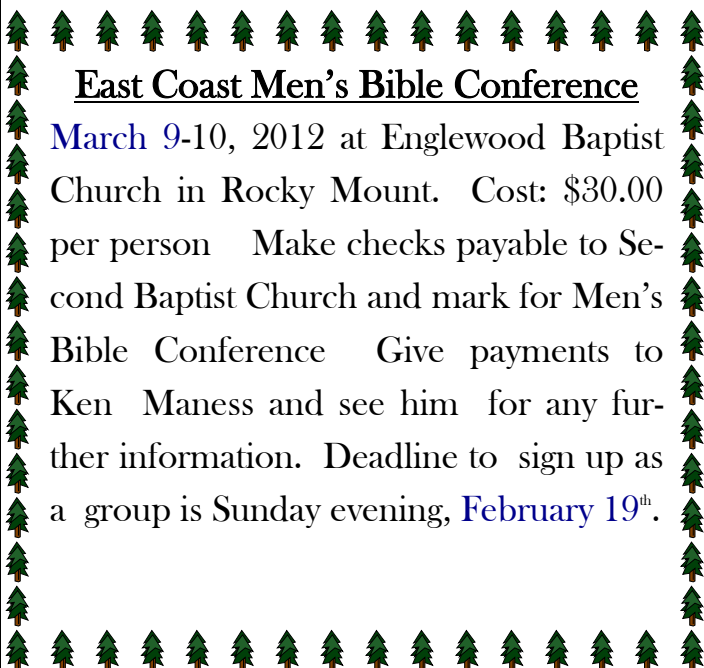
In the coming months you will hear more about this amendment. In this newsletter you will find a “talking points” sheet from the North Carolina Family Policy Council that tells you what you need to know about the Marriage Protection Amendment. To find out more information about this amendment, you can visit the following websites:

North Carolina Family Policy Council – [ncfamily.org](http://ncfamily.org)  
 Christian Action League – [Christianactionleague.org](http://Christianactionleague.org)  
[VoteForMarriageNC.com](http://VoteForMarriageNC.com)

Let us mark May 8 on our calendars and be prepared to exercise our civic duty by voting and our Christian duty to be the “salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13) by preserving the biblical foundations upon which our society was built.

To God Be The Glory!

*Pastor Scott*



**East Coast Men's Bible Conference**  
 March 9-10, 2012 at Englewood Baptist Church in Rocky Mount. Cost: \$30.00 per person. Make checks payable to Second Baptist Church and mark for Men's Bible Conference. Give payments to Ken Maness and see him for any further information. Deadline to sign up as a group is Sunday evening, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Foundations for Church Membership Begins Sunday, February 5

Interested in becoming a member of Second Baptist Church? Are you a member of Second Baptist who would like to know more about what it means to be a part of a New Testament Church? The class consists of six sessions that cover the following topics: *What is the Gospel?*

*What is the Church?*

*How do I Grow as a Christian?*

*How do I SERVE in Ministry?*

*Who are Southern Baptists?*

Class will begin Sunday, February 5 during our Sunday School hour (9:45 AM). The class will meet in the room across from the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School class located in the west hallway of the educational building.

## MUSIC NOTES FROM TERESA

*Choir practice continues to be every Wednesday evening at 7:35 pm. Easter is on its way and we will be ready with some beautiful and moving music for this very special holiday.*



Here we go with another drag race year; It is February already! Thanks so much to Lesa Naylor for hosting Embrace in January. It is such a blessing to meet and uplift one another in this ministry. Embrace will sponsor a laundry mat ministry in February. Let any member of Embrace know if you would like to help. Embrace will help with the Zion Community feeding on February 18, 2102. What a blessing to spread a little hope in others lives! If you have never served before, I would like to encourage you to come! We have booked our Women Of Joy trip to Myrtle Beach! If you would like to go, please let me know as soon as possible. I can not describe the blessings you will receive! Please continue to pray for Embrace @ SBC. Have a blessed month!

Nicole Mackel, Embrace Director



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NC Baptist Women's Missions & Ministries

### Beaufort County Relay for Life

Will be [April 27](#) & 28. Though we didn't have enough interest to have a team this year...maybe next year we will. BUT you can still be involved. Cancer has and continues to touch so many of our lives. If you are Survivor or know a Survivor, the sign up sheets for Survivors will be on the table in the Information Area. Additionally, forms for purchasing luminaries in Honor or Memory of someone touched by Cancer will also be on the table in the Information Area. Feel free to return them to Beth Mizelle, and she will make sure they are submitted. Help with continued fight against cancer.

### The Constitution & By Laws

#### Committee

Requests that all officers and committee members review the current Constitution & By Laws. This will give you a refresher on the responsibilities that you have. Copies are available in the church foyer. Also, please submit in writing to Beth Mizelle by February 12 any proposed revisions to the Constitution & By Laws for your applicable section. The committee will be reviewing the entire Constitution & By Laws and will incorporate these revisions into a document that will be presented to the church in early 2012 for adoption.