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Pastor Scott's Spot

Happy 2012! As usual, it's hard to believe that another year is history. I'm looking forward to 2012 being a great year of ministry for Second Baptist Church.

We ended 2011 well by exceeding our \$10,000 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. My prayer is that this year we will take more steps in reaching the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ by adopting an unreached/unengaged people group and sending a team of volunteers on an international mission trip. Information regarding an international trip will be available by the first week of February. If you are interested in going and do not yet have a passport, go ahead and take the steps to secure one. I once heard it said that every able-bodied Christian should have a passport. By having a passport in hand, we are saying that we are ready to "go make disciples of all nations." It also alleviates the excuse of not being able to get a passport in time to go on a trip.

I don't know about you, but with me, a new year always brings a new commitment to growing in my relationship with God. One resolution I always make is to be a better student of God's Word. I hope you desire this as well. In order to help us become better students of God's Word in 2012 (and beyond) we will engage in the "Read the Bible for Life" initiative. This initiative will involve several steps that will carry us into 2013.

First of all, during our Sunday evening services in January (beginning January 8), we will have a "Bible for Life Conference." In each service, we will host a guest speaker who will share on a certain topic related to God's Word and our lives. Here is a schedule for the conference:

January 8: "Treasuring and Delighting in God's Word" – Rev. Brad Parker, Pastor,
First Baptist Church, Ayden, NC

January 15: "Revived by God's Word" – Rev. John Mozingo, John Mozingo Evangelistic
Association; Team Leader, Chaplain Strength Team, NC National Guard

January 22: "Finding Hope and Counsel from God's Word" – Pastor Scott

January 29: "Obeying God's Word" – Rev. Aaron Wallace, Senior Pastor, Hephzibah Baptist
Church, Wendell, NC

Secondly, beginning February 5, we will spend nine Sunday evenings working through the *Read the Bible for Life Workbook*. This study will help us understand how to be better readers and students of the Bible. Participants will complete exercises throughout the week in the workbook, and then come together each Sunday to discuss what we learned in small groups and watch a video message as a large group from George Guthrie, the author of the book. A workbook will be available for all who desire to participate. This will be a different routine from our normal Sunday evening service, but I believe it will be beneficial for all who participate. (continued on page 2.)

(cont. from page 1) Thirdly, we will begin a chronological Bible reading plan the week of April 8. This year-long plan will carry us into 2013. To assist you in this reading plan, you will be able to purchase the *Reader's Guide to the Bible Chronological Reading Plan*. This resource will lay out a schedule for reading the Bible chronologically and coach you as you read the Bible. The reader's guide also has questions that small groups can discuss after each week's reading. It will be a great resource to keep us on track and accountable.

In conjunction with the chronological reading plan, I will preach through the Bible. This series will begin Sunday, April 15. We will not be able to cover every chapter and verse in the Bible, but we will hit the high points of Scripture in order to see God's big picture.

I'm excited about what God has for us as we spend time in His Word this year. I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities that will help you grow in your walk with Him.

To God Be The Glory!

Pastor Scott

MUSIC NEWS FROM TERESA

What a wonderful Christmas season we had this year. Now it's time to start thinking about Easter. We will begin practicing soon for our Easter Music. If you are interested in joining our adult choir family, now is the time.

Wednesday evenings at 7:35 pm in the choir suite.

EMBRACE



I hope all had a joyous Christmas season! My family was and is truly blessed!

We will meet on January 26, 2012 at the home of Lesa Naylor @ 7pm.

I encourage all ladies to attend; I am excited about the new year and all the Lord has for us to accomplish! If you have not signed up for Women of Joy, please do. The deadline is soon!

I have exciting news! Embrace will host the ladies women conference this year. Please mark August 18, 2012 on your calendars. Ladies you will not want to miss it! The Lord has blessings in store for all who attend. If you want to help coordinate the ladies conference just let me know.

Please continue to pray for Embrace and thanks to all the ladies that truly support this Ministry.

Nicole Mackel, Embrace Director