

“Two Balloons”

Mark 1:1-11

A MESSENGER

Mark began his gospel with good news.

Mark tells us four things about this gospel or good news...

There are several distinctive features about this messenger that we need to note...

The expression “make straight paths...”

A MESSAGE

Mark made it clear that John the Baptist was anything but shy, modest or discreet.

We can summarize John’s message in a single word...repentance.

And in our day, John might speak about...

Isaiah 64:6-7...

THE MESSIAH

John said the answer to our needs is not found in a new religion, philosophy, invention or scientific discovery.

According to Mark, Jesus’ first public act was baptism.

There are several ways we can respond to Jesus today...

Winston Churchill...

Verses 12-13...Jesus was alone with Satan. He knows what it is like to be in a desert.

The halo effect...

THE FAMILY OF GOD IN WORSHIP

Building a Community of Disciples for Christ

January 8, 2012

10:55 AM

GREETING

Tom Cabaniss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nate Leonard

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PRELUDE

Carol Cone

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Haven Parrott

Father, You revealed Your Son by the star at His birth, and by the dove at His baptism.

The light from Heaven shone on three foreign seers and a lone Hebrew prophet.

Shine now on us, we pray, that we may see Your Son and worship together

the One who pleases you completely. Amen.

†HYMN 117

As With Gladness Men of Old

DIX

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-3, 7-11

Nancy Barbee

CHORAL PRAISE

Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy

arr. D. Johnson

PRAYER

Tom Cabaniss

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-2, 14, 19-28

Daniel Helms

†HYMN (see insert)

When Jesus Came to Jordan

ALT. Tune: AURELIA

Children will come forward as we sing stanza 3. Ages 4 & 5 and First Graders are invited to leave for Children's Church after the Words for Our Children. Parents may pick their children up after worship in the Adult 2 classroom on the 3rd Floor.

†OFFERTORY PRAYER

Nate Leonard

WORDS FOR OUR CHILDREN

Sarah Davis

OUR RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son;

Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou my soul's glory, joy and crown.

MESSAGE

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Tom Cabaniss

Mark 1:1-11

Scripture passage for adults may be found on page 1017 in the Bible located in the pew.

Scripture passage for children may be found on page 977 in the children's Bible.

†HYMN OF DECISION 492

Purer in Heart, O God

PURER IN HEART

We invite your decisions today in one of the following ways: by coming forward to pray alone, to speak and pray with our pastor, completing one of the decision cards found in the pews or speaking with one of our ministers following our worship time.

†BENEDICTION

Tom Cabaniss

†CHORAL RESPONSE

Amen

THREEFOLD 1

POSTLUDE

Carol Cone

†Those who are able please stand.



January 8, 2012

First Sunday after the Epiphany

An Epiphany Prayer

Father, we thank you for revealing yourself to us in Jesus the Christ, we who once were not your people but whom you chose to adopt as your people. As ancient Israel confessed long ago, we realize that it was not because of our own righteousness, or our own superior wisdom, or strength, or power, or numbers. It was simply because you loved us, and chose to show us that love in Jesus. As you have accepted us when we did not deserve your love, will you help us to accept those whom we find it hard to love? Forgive us, O Lord, for any attitude that we harbor that on any level sees ourselves as better or more righteous than others. Will you help us to remove the barriers of prejudice and to tear down the walls of bigotry, religious or social? O Lord, help us realize that the walls that we erect for others only form our own prisons! Will you fill us so full of your love that there is no more room for intolerance. As you have forgiven us much, will you enable us with your strength to forgive others even more? Will you enable us through your abiding Presence among us, communally and individually, to live our lives in a manner worthy of the Name we bear?

May we, through your guidance and our faithful obedience, find new avenues in ways that we have not imagined of holding the Light of your love so that it may be a Light of revelation for all people. We thank you for your love, praise you for your Gift, ask for your continued Presence with us, and bring these petitions in the name of your Son, who has truly revealed your heart. Amen.

Welcome to Kannapolis First Baptist Church!

We are so grateful to God for leading you to this place of worship today. If you are a visitor, be sure to sign our fellowship pads as they are shared during the worship time or our guest book in the foyer of the church as you leave so that we might have the opportunity to thank you personally for worshipping with us today.



REMEMBER YOU HAVE MAIL!!!!

Remember to check your mailboxes outside the front office. Much mail still remains. After TOMORROW, January 9, ALL MAIL will be removed and discarded to prepare for the new year.

CentriKid is an AWESOMELY FUN and INTENSELY SPIRITUAL experience. It's a five day, four night camp for 3rd-6th graders to experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ! From the future sports star to the young scientist to the rising chef, every kid gets to participate in exciting activities of their choice. **CentriKid** is staffed by college and seminary students who love to share Christ through every aspect of camp! The dates are: Thursday, June 21st through Monday, June 25th. Hold your spot with a deposit of \$50, due by FEBRUARY 1st. Speak with Haven for more details.



Our church will be hosting SAMARITAN'S TABLE every Monday night in the Fellowship Hall starting January 9. This supper ministry of Cooperative Christian Ministry (CCM) is being reinvented, and is becoming a year-round program.

We welcome the following new members of our church who come by a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and baptism. They are Carson Beane, Anna Mead and Andrew Mead. We look forward to baptizing these new Christians and celebrate their membership in our church!



SR. ADULT NEWS

Saturday, February 18 – You're invited to a Sr. Adult Valentine Luncheon at the church. We'll gather at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a wonderful time of fellowship around the tables, great food and some fabulous entertainment. Put on your best "Valentine" outfit and come join the fun! It's going to be a great Valentine luncheon for everyone! Sign up deadline: Sunday, February 5. Cost: \$10.

We're getting away from the cold of winter!! This Thursday, January 12, we will be travelling to see the Daniel Stowe Botanical Gardens which is the home to The Orchid Conservatory. The Conservatory is the Carolina's only glasshouse – 8,000 square feet under five stories – dedicated to the display of orchids and tropical plants! Upon entering the conservatory, guests escape to the world of lush foliage and tropical color, discover engaging vistas around every corner, feel the gentle mist, hear and see the rush of a waterfall and the sweet smell of hundreds of plants, succulents, ornamental tropical fruits and fabulous orchids. So, are you ready to get away and surround yourself with the warmth and beauty of the tropics? Let's go! Sign up deadline: TODAY!!! Cost: \$14 includes admission and transportation. You will need money for lunch. We will leave from the bus/van parking area at 8:45 am.

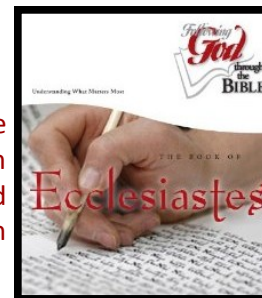


This month we recognize and celebrate Haven Parrott's 5th anniversary serving as our Minister of Spiritual Formation. She has also been here for 14 years as our pianist. We are grateful for the many talents that Haven has and for her willingness to serve God and our church family. Express your appreciation to Haven during this month.

Do you sense the need to live for eternity but find yourself living like this life is all there is? Do you long to make your life count for more than a vapor but can't seem to escape the dailies of each day? Join Women of Himfluence on a six-week adventure through Ecclesiastes, an often avoided and misunderstood book of the Bible. Our study, entitled **Understanding What Matters Most. Understanding What Matters Most**, will:

- Help you define your life by what matters most
- Bring clarity to your circumstances
- Give you insight to make your eternity intentional

The study begins on Wednesday, February 1, at 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be an evening study at 5:45pm in the Parlor. Childcare is available for both the evening and the morning groups. Study guides (\$20) are available now in the church office.



M-FUGE is JUNE 25—JUNE 29 at Charleston Southern University, Charleston, SC. **M-FUGE** combines small-group Bible Study and worship with hands-on mission experiences. Fun Stuff will include site-seeing in Charleston and time on the beach!! The cost is \$200 with a \$75 non-refundable deposit due by Sunday, January 22 to reserve your space. \$125 is due by Sunday, May 13.

THIS WEEK AT KANNAPOLIS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Committee Sunday, January 8

DEADLINE for the Sr. Adults to sign-up for Stowe Botanical Gardens. YOUTH to WINTER JAM!

9:45am-Sunday School	3:00pm-Pre-School Min. Mtg., Media Ctr.
10:55am-Worship Service	3:30pm-YOUTH leave for WINTER JAM
2:00pm-Deacon Mtg., Adult 3	4:00pm-Children's Min. Mtg., Media Ctr.
3:00pm-Missions Min. Mtg., Conf. Rm.	

Monday, January 9

Samaritan's Table in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 10

10:00am-Sr. Adult Choir

Wednesday, January 11

5:45pm-Children's Music	6:30pm-Adult Handbells
5:45pm-Youth Hang Time/Discipleship	6:30pm-Children's Missions
6:00pm-Adult Bible Study	7:15pm-Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 12

6:45am-Men's study, prayer, and fellowship breakfast
8:45am-Sr. Adults to Stowe Botanical Gardens
7:00pm-Women's Ministry Team Meeting

January 10

Anna Davidson

January 11

Tia White

January 12

Sherri Brosnahan

Tabitha Roberts

January 13

Bill Pinnix

January 14

Shandra Morrison

January 15

Taylor Blum

Penny Negre

January 17

David Holman, Sr.

January 18

Graham Irvin

Patti Miller

January 19

J.W. Graham

Wanda Haynes

January 21

Stacie Fowler



January 23

Tiffany Garcia

Jim Miller

January 24

Rhett Hagler

Michael Thorpe

January 26

John Nash

January 27

Daniel Helms

January 31

Frank Critz

Fran Sherrill

February 1

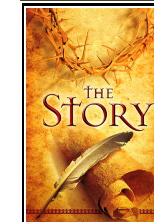
Ben Morrison

February 2

Robert Caison

Daily Scripture for Personal Devotion

Monday John 1:35-51
 Tuesday..... Matthew 4:17-22
 Wednesday..... Luke 9:23-27, 57-62
 Thursday..... Matthew 10:34-42
 Friday..... Matthew 11:25-30
 Saturday..... Matthew 19:16-30
 Sunday..... I Samuel 3:1-10
 I Samuel 11:20
 Psalm 63:1-8
 I Corinthians 6:12-20
 John 1:35-42



Now that we've finished The Story, you are more than welcome to keep your copy, or, if you wish, to return it to the church office. Returned copies will be redistributed as opportunities arise to gift others with The Story.

BUDGET REPORT THRU

January 1, 2012

Receipts	\$10,227.00
Budget	\$12,661.21
Over/(Under)	\$(2,434.21)
Building Fund	\$330.00

BUDGET REPORT THRU

December 31, 2011

Receipts	\$678,527.56
Budget	\$710,000.00
Over/(Under)	\$(31,472.44)
Building Fund	\$119,313.75

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