


# January 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>SBC "Call to Prayer" Month</b>	<i>1</i> <b>New Year's Day</b> Office Closed	<i>2</i> 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6</i> <b>Sunday School 9:30am</b> <b>Worship 10:45am &amp; 7:00pm</b> 5:00pm Trustees & Pastor Search Committee Meetings 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> 7:00pm MLBA Executive Board Meeting - Southern Hills	<i>9</i> 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> <b>Sunday School 9:30am</b> <b>Worship 10:45am &amp; 7:00pm</b> 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast 9:00am-4:00pm Blizzards to Blessings 5 - Brighton
Meals On Wheels—January 14th thru 18th						
<i>20</i> <b>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b> <b>Sunday School 9:30am</b> <b>Worship 10:45am &amp; 7:00pm</b> 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults	<i>21</i> <b>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</b>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27</i> <b>Baptist Men's Day</b> <b>Sunday School 9:30am</b> <b>Worship 10:45am &amp; 7:00pm</b> 10:45am Lord's Supper 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 6:00pm Handbell Choir Practice 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children	<i>31</i>		


## JANUARY

**Birthdays of the Month**



- 6. Vivian Foote
- Bobbie Ford
- Jeff Wheeler
- Daniel Stall
- 13. Rick Collier
- Sandra Holdeman
- 14. Barbara Pate
- 19. Bill Davis
- Carole Wilkerson
- 21. Jayne Ewing
- 24. Emily Ford
- Ken Spurgeon
- 25. Molly Edington
- 27. Christy Pyle
- 28. Evelyn Barker
- Tyler Pinard
- 29. Mel Emily
- 30. Chad Pyle
- 31. Tommie Emily
- Joey Graves
- Elaine Johnston

**Anniversaries of the Month**



- 25. Dean & Dixie Dawes



As the young face passed below the surface of the water I watched in awe. This was a seldom seen site. The boy wasn't in any danger. He wasn't drowning. He was showing the world that he was being reborn into a new life. An eternal life. A life with a promise and future. He was being baptized.

One of our Baptist distinctives is our belief in believers baptism. We believe the person being baptized knows what they are doing and why they are doing it. It won't have any effect on their salvation. They have been saved by their faith in Jesus the Christ the Son of God and his obedience to God. Even though we don't believe baptism is necessary for salvation we believe it is important. We must openly proclaim our faith. This is one way we proclaim it. Jesus told us to do this. Baptist have been imprisoned even killed because of their insistence that baptism is for believers.

This young man will not be threatened with imprisonment or death because he has publicly professed his faith, but he may face challenges as he lives out his faith. He will need education in the teachings of the Bible and his church and encouragement in the faith he professes. He will need to know why his Sunday school teachers and his family believe the Bible is to be trusted when the culture and education system doubt or reject it. Why is the Bible different from holy books of other religions? How can he say he is not prejudiced when he believes in an exclusive religion that teaches there is only one way to Heaven and that that way is Jesus? How can he really love others when he believes that God has a right to judge all people when they refuse to obey Him? Isn't he really being intolerant rather than loving?

He has participated in the first of two ordinances practiced in Baptist churches. The second it the Lord's Supper. Baptist have no sacraments.

Nothing other than belief in Jesus and faith in the grace of God are required for our salvation. Jesus paid the price for our sin and we accept his offer of love and grace. Most Baptist congregations ask that those who join them in this meal of remembrance be baptized believers. We want people to know that the bread broken during this meal reminds us that Jesus' body was broken for us. The bread is not his actual body. It has no saving power, but it reminds of God's love for us and of his promise to provide our daily bread. The grape juice, we do not use wine, never becomes Jesus actual blood. It reminds of his blood that was shed for us on the cross. It is like the blood used to mark the door post and lintels when the angle of death passed over the Hebrew people the night of The Passover. They were marked for life. We have been marked for eternal life.

His baptism is the beginning of a new life's journey. He has accepted a God given mission. With God's help he will learn to love God with all of his being. He will seek justice and mercy for his neighbor. He will respect and care for himself because he is a child of God and his body is a temple of God. And one day by the grace of God he will stand at the throne of God and hear Jesus say well done. By keeping my commandments you have served me well.

— Larry Johnston

CALL TO PRAYER  
 Answer the call by praying for spiritual awakening for your family, your friends, your nation and your world.  
 namb.net/sbccalltoprayer

CELEBRATE THE SANCTITY OF LIFE  
 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday  
 January 20, 2013

Prayer Breakfast  
 Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 Saturday, January 19th  
 7:00 a.m.

Blizzards to Blessings  
 "Victorious"  
 Saturday, January 19, 2013  
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Brighton Baptist Church  
 Conference Speaker: Sharon Hoffman  
 www.brightonbaptistchurch.com

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.

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**2013**

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