

# New Outlook

Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo

Early February 2009

## UPCOMING WORSHIP

February 1, **Kara Reagan**, preaching, upon her return from a month-long study/mission trip to Ghana.

Communion Sunday

Communion Offering: In Support of our Church's Mission Trip to New Orleans



February 8, **An Emerging God**

Introducing a God of Open Theism – a God who enters the future in an open way, not in a pre-destined way. Dr. Stephen Jones, preaching

Text: Exodus 3:11-17

February 15, **God of Full Humanity**

We are not fully human, yet we strive to be. One dimension of God is as the One who embodies full humanity in Jesus Christ and becomes the one toward which we are reaching and seeking. In discovering Jesus, we discover the pathway to our own full humanity. Dr. Stephen Jones, preaching

Text: Exodus 4:16; Exodus 6:30-7:1

February 22, **Youth-Led Worship Service**

The youth of our church will plan and lead this worship service.

## MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA



Eleven members of our church will be going on a work/mission trip to New Orleans as partners of an African American church in the 9<sup>th</sup> ward that was seriously damaged during Hurricane Katrina and still faces more rehabilitation. We know we will help them install a new baptistery, engage in landscaping, and inside painting. Those going are: Karen Fields, Mildred Shelton, Lynn and Ed Wakefield, Bill and Carol Curson, Jan and Stephen Jones, Tim and Diana Pryer, Cindy Collins. We hope to attract 2-3 more to join us. We will drive down on Monday, March 2 and return on Monday, March 9. We will worship with them on Sunday, March 8. Members of Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church are very excited that we are coming to help them. They said to us that they assumed it had now been so long since the damage that they might not have another group assist them. Bill Curson will be our construction manager on the trip and all kinds of skills and interests are needed in the group.

Bill Curson and Stephen Jones will be in New Orleans on Wednesday, Jan. 28, to view the church and come home with a specific list of construction projects and material/supply needs.

The February Communion Offering on February 1 will go toward the supplies and costs of the trip and we urge you to participate in this mission trip by helping our group go down with all the materials and supplies we need to make this trip a full success.

St Louis Jazz and Blues Vespers presents

### The Willie Akins Quartet

Sunday, February 15, 2009

6—8 p.m.

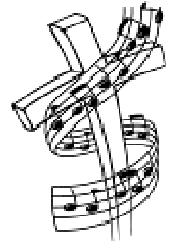
In the Sanctuary of the Beatitudes  
at Second Baptist Church

A native of Webster Groves, Willie Akins has worked to raise the standard of jazz musicianship in St. Louis since the 1960's. He and his quartet perform regularly at Spruill's nightclub. In 1998, they released their first CD, "Alima" (Catalyst Productions). One reviewer said, "These guys play beautifully together and the lead soloist Akins plays with a keen sense of drama." Joining Akins (tenor sax) in the quartet are Bob DeBoo on bass, Erving Neal on drums and Matt Dillinger on piano.



100 minutes of popular jazz, casual dress, free & open to the public





### CALLING ALL SINGERS

We would like to invite all of the singers in our congregation to join with our regular choir members in a performance of Faure's Requiem this Good Friday, April 10.

The piece is a 40-minute work consisting of seven movements, and will be sung in Latin. We are in the process of hiring French horn, harp, and string players to provide accompaniment, along with our organ. We have also hired a soprano and a baritone to sing the solo parts. It is a gorgeous and moving work, and very appropriate to our liturgical season.

We will not be rehearsing this work at all during our regular Wednesday night choir practices. Instead, the Requiem practices will be held four Saturdays in a row: March 14, March 21, March 28, and April 4 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

The Requiem will be performed on Good Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. We will have our dress rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. that evening just prior to the service.

We will need extra voices, however, to be able to carry this piece off successfully - so we hope you (and your singer friends) will be able to join us. And for those who don't sing - we hope you will mark this event on your calendar now, and plan to attend what promises to be one of the highlights of our upcoming Lenten season!

Please see Brad or Marilyn Short (#963-9286) if you have any questions.



### MY INAUGURAL EXPERIENCE



Inauguration 2009 was the first of its kind and could not pass by without being recognized. I am one person that is not really interested in politics, but this last presidential campaign cultivated my interest. Everything was new in the history of America, a woman and the first African American were running for Presidency. It was just interesting to watch the race to the White House. President Barack Obama has inspired me quite a lot especially when I watched the documentaries produced by NBC about how he went mobilized people in the neighborhoods of south side Chicago. He inspired and encouraged people to stand out and get things going. I became optimistic that he was going to win the Presidential race. As such my friend and I planned to attend this year's inauguration and this was even way before the elections. We left St Louis Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> and arrived the early hours of Monday in Virginia where we stayed with friends. All roads led to Washington D C at about 5 am Tuesday morning. We took a Metro and were at the Mall around 6:30 a.m. It was interesting to note that some people even slept in the streets of Washington DC just to be part of this memorable time. It was so amazing to see millions and millions of people gather around to be part of history. People braved the cold, stood, danced and cheered when the artist presented us with beautiful songs. It was really a special day because not even one person pushed or misbehaved in the big crowd. Everybody was calm and collected.

I went to be part of the history to tell the next generation what a great experience to have had an opportunity to attend the ceremony of the first African American President being sworn in power. It was cold but I just had to join the excitement in the streets of Washington DC. Above all I thank God for the peace and protection he granted us through this occasion. (Judith is from Zambia)

- Judith Mate

Second's book group will meet on Monday, February 9, at 2:00 p.m. in the Community Room to watch the DVD *The Color Purple*, by Alice Walker and compare it with the book.



Talent Show  
Saturday, March 28, 7:00 pm

Bring a dessert to share at 6:30 pm.  
\$3.00 admission, goes for the youth Green Lake Trip.

### YOUNG ADULT OUTING

Saturday, Feb. 21  
4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

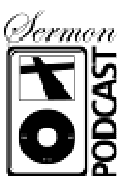
Tea, Wine and Cheese Outing at a nearby restaurant TBA.

Free babysitting will be provided by "friends of young adults" at the church during this time



### LISTEN TO OUR SECOND BAPTIST SERMONS!

Listen to Audio sermons at our Second Baptist Church Website: [www.2ndbc.org](http://www.2ndbc.org) Go to the "Worship" title at the top and click on "Sermons" and you will have opportunity to listen to recent sermons or read current or past recent sermons.



### MY INAUGURAL TRIP

Every year Clayton High School takes students to Washington D.C. for a week with the Close UP Organization. Close UP is a non-profit organization that has a variety of educational programs. This year I was fortunate enough to be one of the Clayton High School students in attendance, along with 35 others. We left for D.C. on January 17 and returned January 23. Our trip was filled with the normal monuments, museums, and memorials but also included an amazing once in a lifetime experience. We were privileged enough to have the opportunity to experience the inauguration of our 44<sup>th</sup> President, Barack Obama.



President Obama's inauguration will be a day I will never forget. We started the day with a 3 AM wake up call from the hotel, so that we could be at the Metro station at 4 AM when it opened. Right as the doors opened we ran into the station so we could be first in line but as the first train pulled up it was obvious there was no more room for anyone on that train. Luckily there was room enough for us to fight our way on to the second train. I will never forget the way the Capital Building looked as we walked out of the Metro station arriving in downtown D.C. at 5:30 in the morning. It was completely dark outside except for the street lights and the Capital building which had been beautifully decorated and lit up for the occasion. Nine other randomly selected students and myself were given tickets to the inauguration, so we went with our teacher, Mr. Meyers, to find our gate. We stood at the silver gate for three hours watching the sun rise over D.C. waiting to be let through security. Finally at eight o'clock the gates opened. My teacher led the way as we ran to the security check point with the shortest line. Once we had made it through security Mr. Meyers simply yelled "Run!" and we were off. We started running with everyone else in the crowd trying to move as close to the front as possible. We secured a spot that was only about four people deep but we were on a slight incline so we could not see over anyone's heads. Rather than be bitter that we could not see, we decided to just enjoy the experience. After standing in that same spot for about an hour, the crowd suddenly started to run forward. Someone had broken down the green plastic fence that outlined our ticket's section. All nine students looked to our teacher for guidance during the confusion. His reply was once again, "Run!" We once again joined the crowd and started sprinting forward. We made it to the reflecting pool in front of the Capital Building. We found a nice spot on top of the steps with a perfect view that could not have been more than 175 yards away from the inaugural stand. We stood there until the inauguration was over.

At 10:30 the festivities officially started. The senators and representatives were announced as they entered the platform. Finally, it was the moment we had all been waiting for. President-elect Obama's motorcade arrived. Shouts erupted from the crowd as the jumbo trons showed our next President walking through the Capital Building with President Bush and their families. I have never felt or seen more excitement as I did when Barack Obama took his first step onto the platform. I finally understood what people meant when they said they were proud to be an American. To look around and see my classmates cheering and the tears running down my teachers face was something so completely new to me. The emotions continued as President Obama gave his inaugural address. He not only spoke of his dreams for our country but encouraged every American to be a better person and to join together as one nation. You could feel the excitement and happiness of everyone there. Inauguration day, for me, was the first glimpse at what our country should be, at what our country will be if we can only join together and work for change.

- Rebecca Swarm



Church Council meeting,  
Tuesday, February 17,  
6:30 p.m.  
Community room

### SHALOM CIRCLE

**NEXT: February 9, 7:00 pm**

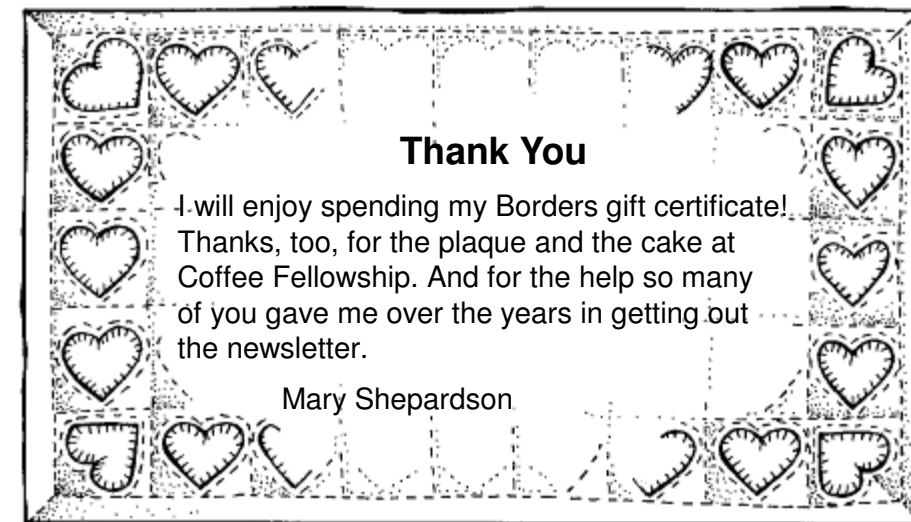
Join us in the Community Room on the second and fourth Monday evenings of each month. Shalom Circle is open to anyone on a drop-in basis. Join Stephen Jones and others as you have time and interest. Shalom Circle offers a small group setting to explore individual concerns and celebrations, to receive holy communion and to participate in healing prayers.

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sun 8:45 a.m. Adult Choir practice
- Sun 9:15 a.m. Church school for all ages
- Sun 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- Tue 10:00 a.m. 1st and 3rd, ABW Ministries
- Tue 6:30 p.m. Adult Children of Alcoholics
- Wed 7:00 p.m. Choir

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Feb 01 Super bowl party, Apples' home, 4:30 p.m.
- Feb 08 Youth Group, noon—3:30 pm, Food, Games and planning. All youth 5th grade —12th grade.
- Feb 9 Shalom Circle, 7:00 pm
- Feb 9 Book Group, 2:00 pm
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 15 Jazz & Blues Vespers, 6:00 pm
- Feb 16 Outlook newsletter deadline
- Feb 18 Friendship International, call Carolyn Humphries
- Feb 21 Men's Breakfast, Delmar Baptist Church
- Feb 23 Shalom Circle, 7:00 pm
- Feb 23 Prostate Cancer Support Group, 7:00 pm
- Feb 25 Ash Wednesday



### We rejoice with ...

- Randy Sumner as he has concluded his weekly participation in a weekly trial in Charlottesville, Va. and has regained much of his strength.
- Bev Apple who will retire in two months.
- Sarah Fields' Partner, Dawn Comstock, and her research group from Ohio State University have more of their work cited in the February 2, 2009, issue of Time Magazine. (Obama is on the cover). It contains interesting information about how young athletes return to play too quickly after concussions. At <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1873131,00.html>
- The faith decisions of Carey, Mirian, Wah Wah and Kennedy San as they become new members of Second Baptist Church and were extended the Hand of Fellowship in the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 25. They were introduced by their faith partners: Carey San – Jay Jenson; Mirian San – Jo Koehler; Wah Wah – Cindy Collins; and Kennedy San – Dotty Daily.



*Sans family with their sponsors , as they join Second Baptist on January 25, 2009.*

- the faith decisions of another Karen Family in our church. The parents and the oldest daughter were baptized in our morning worship service on Sunday, Jan. 25 and will be given the hand of fellowship, along with their two younger daughters on Feb. 1. Those baptized were Ah Saw (husband), Gee Sein (wife) and Soe Soe (oldest daughter). The two younger daughters were baptized on April 8 of last year just a few weeks prior to their departure to America: Soe Than (18 years old) and Soe Moe (16 years old). We rejoice as this family comes together for the first time in their Christian commitment and church membership. The hand of Fellowship to be extended on Sunday, Feb 1, with member sponsors: Carey San for Ah Saw, Mirian San for Gee Sein, Joan Jensen for Soe Soe, Jan Jones for Soe Than and Linda Novak for Soe Moe.



*Soe Moe, Ah Saw, Gee Sein, Soe Soe and Galu Mu & Soe Than (not pictured)*