

BECAUSE WE ARE RECIPIENTS OF GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE, WE WILL SEEK TO BE INSTRUMENTS FOR SHARING HIS LOVE AND GRACE WITH EVERYONE.

# FBC Family Newsletter

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## Pastor Search News

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The Pastor Search Committee arranged a social with Senior Pastor Candidate Reverend Jerry M. Wade and his family on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. During the afternoon, many took advantage of the opportunity to meet Rev. Wade and ask him questions.

During the evening service on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Search Committee will give a presentation on how they have reached this point. On November 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be a "greet and meet" with Rev. Wade during the Sunday School hour, and he will give a trial sermon during the Worship service. Immediately after the service, there will be a special business meeting in which members will vote on the motion to call Rev. Wade as senior pastor.

Rev. Wade's biography is presented on p. 2. The congregation is asked to continue praying and seeking God's guidance during these next few critical weeks.



Rev. Wade & wife, Misty greeting Luke & Doris Messick.



Rev. Wade & Misty talking with Jose & Mayra Nater & their sons



Rev. Wade answers questions from the congregation.

## Hispanic Ministry

Since July, a growing Hispanic congregation has been holding worship services at FBC on Saturday evenings. One of the leaders of the Hispanic ministry, Jose Nater shared that between 20 and 30 people are regularly attending services. The Hispanic community is excited to have a place to worship and looks forward to connecting with their English-speaking brothers & sisters at FBC. The Hispanic congregation will be hosting a celebration on **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm**. Other congregations from Salisbury and Easton will be joining us. After the celebration, there will be a covered dish dinner and time for fellowship. **All are invited to attend this joyful event!**

## Biographical Sketch: Reverend Gerald M. Wade



Reverend Gerald M. Wade, who was born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Maryland, is a candidate for the senior pastor position. He and his wife, Misty, have two children, Kathleen age 13 and Joseph age 11.

Rev. Wade is currently serving as interim Director of Missions for the Baltimore Baptist Association and has previously held positions at several churches in the Baltimore area and Louisville, KY. He holds several degrees, including a Master of

Divinity from The Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, a Bachelor of Science in Economics and a Master of Science in Accounting from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. He was licensed and ordained by Redland Baptist Church, Derwood, MD.

Rev. Wade describes his family as his “first and greatest ministry”, second only to his relationship with Jesus. He believes the priorities of a Godly man are first, God; second, spouse and children; and third, ministry/work.

Rev. Wade describes his ministry passions as “to make disciples ...and then to take them deeper.” His ministry philosophy is that Christians need to come out of their churches and reach out to their communities with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Rev. Wade states: “Whether in a poor, dangerous, crime-ridden, high-unemployment inner city neighborhood of Louisville...or in an area of Baltimore fraught with racial tension, drugs, alcoholism and the despair and strife that come with urban living...I have observed the power of the Gospel to bring men, women, youth and children to a place of repentance, regeneration and a new life in Jesus Christ. I have witnessed the power of the Word of God to bring blacks and whites together...to reconcile seniors and youth...to enable old and young, affluent and needy, black and white to worship joyfully together.”

To meet the challenges facing today’s churches, Rev. Wade believes that God is raising up a new breed of pastors who are boldly preaching and living the word of God, who see themselves as “change agents” instead of mere chaplains, who are equipping those disciples to engage the culture and to take a stand for righteousness, and who believe that transforming the church into a cutting-edge, Great Commission, disciple-making, Bible-preaching, Christ-honoring church is *something worth dying for*. Rev. Wade states: “I joyfully include myself in that group!”

### A Note of Appreciation

The FBC family would like to thank Drs. David Lee & Bruce Revel for serving as interim pastors. We appreciate your investment in leading us to grow in Christ and are grateful for your time and ministry.



## CentrePointe Counseling Center Opens!



Responding to God's call, FBC has opened the CentrePointe Counseling Center to serve the needs of the Cambridge community. Richard Eckardt, LCSW-C, is the center's counselor. Mr. Eckardt, Dick to his friends, is a licensed certified clinical social worker with over 35 years of experience in mental health. Mr. Eckardt is married and has helped to raise three sons, two of whom are career naval officers after graduation from the United States Naval Academy. His third son is a custom home builder and remodeler. All are active in their local churches. Mr. Eckardt is married to Addie Eckardt, a delegate to the Maryland General Assembly.

Mr. Eckardt graduated from Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa and spent two years at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia. Dick came to know Jesus Christ as Savior in his high school years while involved with "Young Life", a Christian group with the goal to reach unchurched and disinterested middle and high school youth. After college and seminary, he and Addie became involved with Young Life in the Baltimore area and later served as the camp managers of a Young Life camp on Padre Island in Texas. When hurricane "Celia" severely damaged the camp structures, they were invited by Christian friends living in Cambridge to come and join the mental health community at the Eastern Shore Hospital Center. Dick spent 26 years at ESHC and another ten with various mental health agencies around the Eastern Shore, including a position conducting mental health evaluations for the court system.

Mr. Eckardt indicated that, while there were opportunities in the public mental health system, as well as in private agencies, to address the spiritual needs of clients, there were at the same time built in restrictions on the freedom to do this, usually based on the familiar "separation of church and state." He added, "When people are going through struggles they need the spiritual connection to enhance the healing process." He believes that's the beauty of the focus at Centre Pointe - the deliberate attention paid to the spiritual dimensions of a person's life.

For appointments, referrals or information regarding the services please contact Mr. Eckardt through the CentrePointe Counseling number 1-800-491-5369, extension 104. He will be taking appointments on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week, with some evening appointments as requested. The center is working to formalize financial arrangements with the various health provider systems. Until specific provider insurance is accepted, appointments will be on a cash/cash sliding scale basis.

*"Out of their hearts shall flow rivers of living water."  
(John 7:38)*

### Sunny Day Christian Preschool News



Sunny Day has begun another school season! The staff are busy nurturing and teaching a nearly full roster of eager learners.

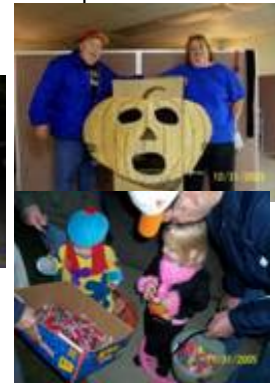
Sunny Day staff: Bonnie Griffith, Robin Barwick (Director), Leah Hyre, Alison Phillips, & Pat Hurley

## Fall Harvest Party

Join us for our annual Fall Harvest Party on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm. There will be fun for all ages including:

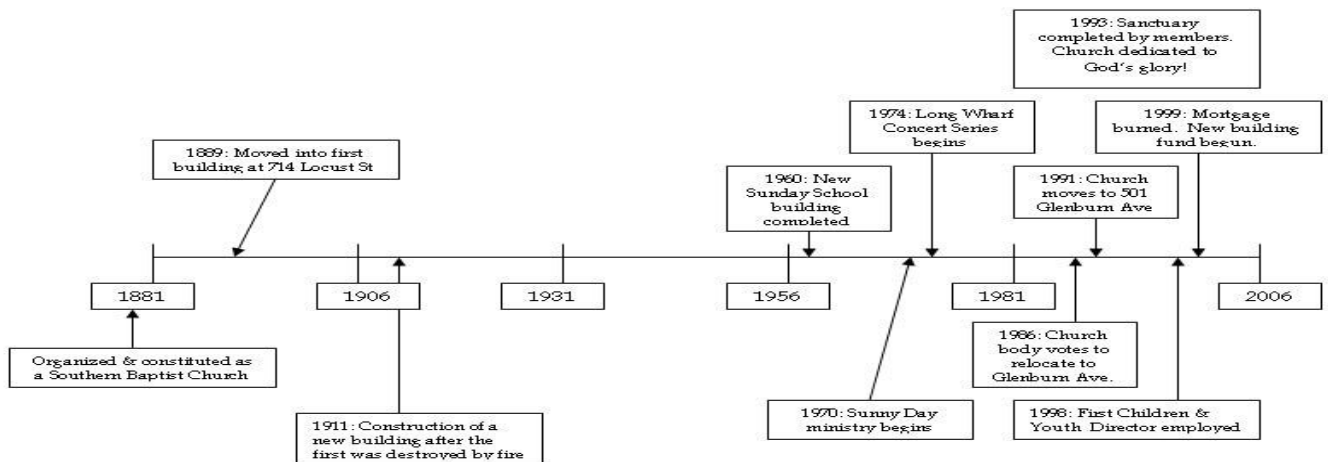
- ξ Costume contests
- ξ Pumpkin decorating
- ξ Bobbing for apples
- ξ Sing-a-longs
- ξ Cake walks
- ξ Hayrides
- ξ Games
- ξ Snacks . . .and carloads of candy!

Come out for an evening of food, fun & fellowship!



## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 1881-2006

The FBC family will be celebrating 125 years of worship and ministry on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. Former pastors, Brent Coleman & Bruce Revel, will lead us in worship. Following the service, there will be a dinner catered by Jimmy's Grille. A memento will be given to all in attendance & we are hoping to have a photographer take a group picture that may be purchased by anyone interested. Please remember to sign up on the sheet in the church lobby.



## God Sightings!

We rejoice that the Lord is indeed at work in our midst. Our Mothers' Group collected and donated a large amount of items for the Food Pantry. Thank you, ladies, for your help!

All enjoyed a time of fun and fellowship at the annual Sunday School picnic at Great Marsh Park. The baptisms of Marty Kues and Sandy Hurley in the waters of the Choptank River made the day extra special.

Associate Pastor Scott Hook, assisted by several deacons, baptizes believers in the Choptank River.



If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please contact the office with correct information. **Happy Birthday from the Family!**

### September

- 1 Megan Sirman
- 2 Donald Burton Sr.
- 3 Elaine Robbins & Robert Willey
- 5 Brooke Cabeceiras & George Harper
- 8 Sandy Murphy
- 9 Krystal Robinson & Samantha Crutchley
- 10 Patti Carol Smith
- 11 Matt Gootee & Donna Engle
- 12 Sam Oliver, Bernice Burkey, & Cody Alexander
- 13 Debbie Dodson, Jon Cannon, & Josh Cannon
- 16 Rhonda Robinson
- 21 Joe Dickerson, Wendy Tieder, & Carolyn Armiger
- 22 Sylvia Vannoy
- 23 Lisa Crutchley
- 24 Cole Russ & Judy Van Curen
- 25 Samantha Willey, Hallie Bennett
- 26 Charis Ovwigho, Cathy Phillips, & Carson Taylor
- 27 Hunter James & Kathy Dickerson
- 30 Wendy Frankel & Julie Weldon

### October

- 1 Trevor Harrison
- 2 James Marshall & Adam Thomas
- 4 Evelyn Burton, Justin Brode, Diane Wise & Cole Edsall
- 5 Donna Era, Alexis Webster, & Lawrence Robinson
- 8 Renee Masaracchia
- 9 Sharon Huether & Selena Tobin
- 11 Aimee Johnson
- 12 Alison Phillips
- 14 Kendall Brohawn, Dylan Farley, & Sylvia Windsor
- 15 James Phillips
- 17 Geneva Fraley
- 18 Noah Abbott
- 21 Jerry Stallings
- 22 Kristopher Dukes
- 23 Kate Phillips
- 24 Ben Heame & Nancy Todd
- 25 Devin Wheatley
- 28 Ronald Hurley
- 31 Joe Ruark

### November

- 1 Leroy Robinson & Aileen Crandell
- 2 Hannah Crismond
- 3 Angela Whitaker
- 4 Anita Meredith & Mary Beth Adams
- 6 Joyce Robbins
- 7 Steven LaPerch
- 8 Brenda Atkins & Patricia Flack
- 9 Sarah Harper
- 10 Doris Messick, Aubrie James, & Carolyn Newcomb
- 11 Tori Henry & Raina Cephas
- 12 Emily Jackson
- 13 James Carpenter
- 14 Barbara Lipe & Michaiiah Hook
- 15 Alexis Bromwell & Cola Bromwell
- 18 Katie Rhea & James Greenwood
- 19 Judy Willey
- 20 Samson Matthews & John Russ
- 21 Paul Burkey & Donald Thomas
- 22 Taylor Spears, Corrine Kowitski, Joshua Matthews, & Shannon Willey
- 23 Tracey Abbott & Sandy Potter
- 24 Jarnice Elliott
- 27 Joshua Phillips & TJ Blann
- 28 Ricky Teague
- 29 Bobby Jones