

## CONTD – Maurcus Davis

And while this young minister has a special interest in leading and helping young Christians, he seeks the knowledge and experiences older Christians can provide, like his grandmother. He says he loves to spend time with his family, especially the older members. "I try and spend as much time as possible with the older members of my family and learn from them."

For fun, Minister Davis likes to play basketball, watch movies, read, watch TV, and listen to music. "Music can help you through good and bad times," he says. He listens to a lot of smooth jazz, Motown, hip-hop, R & B, and even country. Sometimes he takes the principles of a song to help get his point across in a sermon. "Everybody can relate to music," he says.

This well-rounded young man pays attention to politics, too, recognizing how much political policy affects people. Though he says he has no interest in seeking political office, he freely e-mails his thoughts, opinions, and concerns to politicians. "It's our job as a church to help people in the community to deal with the struggles of everyday living," he states, and maintains that "when you help someone maintain through their physical struggles, that helps them with their spiritual needs and that draws people to Christ."



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

Mark your calendars for the following events...

DEC. 7<sup>th</sup> - KOTK Christmas Outreach/ @ 6:00PM Membership Ministry

DEC. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM - Christian Ed. Ministry, APR

DEC. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00AM - Deacon Ministry/ 11:00AM - Trustee Ministry

DEC. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00PM, Jordan Plaza Christmas Dinner

DEC. 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 4:00PM - Christmas Musical

DEC. 17<sup>TH</sup> @10:00PM - Usher & Women's Ministry/ @ 1:00PM Church Ministry Conference

DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> @9:30AM - Church Sunday School Christmas Program

DEC. 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 11:00AM - A.L. Morgan Scholarship Distribution/ \*Christmas Play

**DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup>- 25<sup>TH</sup> - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - Church Office Closed**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

DEC. 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:00AM Prayer Ministry Meeting/ @10:30PM - Watch night/ Prayer Power Encounter Service

## You are Cordially Invited to...

### A Christmas Blessing!

As we prepare for the Christmas holiday, the FBCNT Drama Ministry is preparing a unique twist to the story of Christmas.

Shay Brown, Drama Ministry leader shares the theme of this year's play. "This year's story is about how God continuously blesses all of us. It reminds us to cherish the relationships with our friends and family."

Sis. Brown wrote and will direct this year's play, "A Christmas Blessing!"

Make plans to see this wonderful message on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> during our 11am worship service.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Musical!

The Music Ministry is happy to announce the Christmas Musical will resume this year! You can expect to hear some of your favorite Christmas Carols, including the Hallelujah Chorus.

Special selections will come form:

Rev., Dr. James Norwood who will do an instrumental selection on the organ; The Bell Choir, Praise Dances from Generation of One; KOTK's new music director, Uriah Owens (the piano student of Sis. Naomi Wimberly); and Kennedy Jackson, a new member to First Baptist who will sing a solo.

Director of the musical, Sis. Janet Daniels is excited for Kennedy's selection due to her growing talent as a singer. "Kennedy is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade and has been with us for less than a year, but she is a very active member of KOTK", says Daniels. "She mainly loves to sing and has such a mature voice for her age; you can tell she will be a great singer when she is older."

This will mark the 2<sup>nd</sup> year for the musical and Sis. Daniels is hopeful for the same positive response from members and guests who attended the first. "We had a really good response the first year. Mrs. Vann (Music Ministry Leader) received several calls about the wonderful selections."

The musical will take place on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm.

## Meet Minister Maurcus Davis! Marijo Grissom

Seeking and leading are two words that come to my mind after a brief interview with one of our newest members and young pastors, Maurcus Davis. Pastor Maurcus Davis joined FBCNT in August, 2011, but he announced his call to the ministry in 2005 while attending church in Muskogee, OK. Licensed, but not yet ordained, Minister Davis graduated from American Baptist College in Nashville, TN, in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Christian Education

The son of Rev. and Mrs. Eddie M. Davis, Minister Davis says he didn't know he was destined for the ministry. In fact, he recalls that he tried to ignore his calling. "I had a feeling about the ministry when I was in high school, but I fought it. I think my family and friends felt I would be a preacher just like my Dad," he says. "But I was kind of hot-tempered when I was growing up. I saw the good things you could do as a pastor, but I just fought against it." Some might have called him a rebel during

his early years. He recalls that when he was growing up people would tell him he couldn't do this or that because he was a preacher's kid. "But I never let anyone box me in about what I could and couldn't say. Sometimes I would just say things to prove a point."

After graduating from high school, Minister Davis enrolled in Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, OK; because of finances he had to sit out a semester and work. "At Thanksgiving that year it was just on me - weighing heavily on me like a burden," he explained. "It was the only thing I could think about. Finally I realized that this must be what HE wants me to do. I told my Dad that I thought God had called me to preach and I didn't know what to do."

Minister Davis preached his first sermon in January, 2006. He says that he feels particularly led to work with children and youth - teaching, helping, and listening. "If I can help a kid out somehow, that would be just great! I don't need to be the chairman or

head of anything. I'm pretty low-key, and I feel most comfortable working behind the scenes. If I'm needed, I'll be there."

When asked about a favorite scripture or passage in the Bible that has impacted him, it is the story of David that he is led to. "David was young, faced criticism from his brothers, had no experience, and he was short," Minister Davis states. "Still, everyone but David was afraid to face the Philistines - it was David who stepped up to the plate." He goes on to state that David teaches us you are never too young to do great things; you are never too young for the Lord to use you.

Sometimes older members make young people feel like they can't do certain things because of their youth. God is able to use those with lots of experience and even those with no experience. The story of David is very beneficial to any young Christian."

CONTD "Minister Davis"

### CONTD - Jordan Plaza

Every year, thirty to sixty residents come out for dinner, but Rev. Smith says there are several blessings they receive in addition to dinner. "We also provide grab baskets, the youth ministry sings Christmas Carols, we sometimes have a special guest musician to perform, and then Pastor or a clergy provides a Christmas message."

In working closely with Jordan Plaza, Rev. Smith knows firsthand how special the dinner is to the residents. "The residents look forward to this every year. Most of them do not have transportation, and coming over for dinner allows them to them to enjoy the Christmas atmosphere away from their homes," says Smith.

If you, or your ministry, are interested in serving please contact Mr. Smith.

## Partner-In-Education News

### Are you WILDCAT ready? Find out what George Washington Carver Middle School has to offer!

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Thank you very much!

Principal, Melissa J. Woolridge, Ph.D.



## JESUS IS THE REASON!

Rev. Byron Dixon

When the Christmas season rolls around, one of my favorite songs, "Jesus is the Reason for the Season" by Kirk Franklin, begins to play in my head. Although it is a tune that makes you dance and gets you excited, it is also a simple reminder of what Christmas really is.

Growing up we have images of Santa Clause, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and other fairytale characters, but a time should come in every believer's life when we realize that "CHRIST" is Christmas!

Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but what gifts came with the birth? – Love, joy, and peace.

The Christmas season, remind yourself of the real reason we celebrate this day and celebrate by loving on the people around you, having joy and sharing joy, and by bringing peace to all with a cheerful smile that says – "Jesus is the Reason for the Season."

## Re-Introducing Jordan Plaza

Peige Davis

Jordan Plaza is a unique senior retirement home for seniors sixty-five and older. It also houses individuals who are handicapped.

There are three locations. The one on Pine is for members sixty-five and older, and the two locations on Greenwood Avenue are for both handicapped and seniors.

Jordan Plaza was started by a few Deacons and Trustees of First Baptist. The idea came to pass shortly, during the Pastoral leadership of the late Rev. LeRoy K. Jordan.

Today, First Baptist still strives to work with the complex and maintain the mission of its founders. Currently, Rev. Henry Smith, Assistant to the Pastor, serves as the liaison between Jordan Plaza and the church.

Rev. Smith ensures the residents spiritual needs are being met by hosting a monthly bible study with the residents. "We partner with Christ for Humanity" they give each resident a box of groceries if they attend bible study." Bible study is held on every third Wednesday and Thursday of each month.

There are a few other ministries who see about the residents as well: KOTK hand delivers fruit baskets during the Easter and Christmas holiday; the youth sing Christmas Carols; and a few of our women's mission circles story by regularly to fellowship or have bible study.

Rev. Smith would love to see more fellowship opportunities emerge with the residents from all of our ministries. "I would like for more our church ministries to set up some type of service or program on a regular basis with Jordan Plaza. A good example is the Health Ministry; Mrs. Marina has set up a few health workshops for residents in the past that were very successful."

Mr. Smith added that he could always use help with the bible studies, further adding there is an opportunity to lead bible study if one felt they had a message to share.

The Jordan Plaza Christmas Dinner is the biggest contribution to Plaza residents that is hosted annually. This effort began in 2002 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> year Rev. Terry L. Buxton Sr.'s was pastor.

CONTD "JORDAN PLAZA"

## Christmas Shoes

Marie Williams

*I listen to this song every year during this season. I am always touched by this boy's desire to purchase shoes for his mother to meet Jesus. In the process, a lesson about Christmas is learned by the adult who helped him pay for the shoes.*



Christmas Shoes

It was almost Christmas time; there I stood in another line. Tryin' to buy that last gift or two, not really in the Christmas mood. Standing right in front of me was a little boy waiting anxiously. Pacing 'round like little boys do.

And his clothes were worn and old. He was dirty from head to toe. And when it came his time to pay, I couldn't believe what I had heard him say.

Sir, I want to by these shoes for my Mama, please. It's Christmas Eve and these shoes are just her size.

Could you hurry, sir, Daddy says there's not much time. You see she's been sick for quite a while. And I know these shoes will make her smile. And I want her to look beautiful if Mama meets Jesus tonight.

He counted his pennies for what seemed like years. Then the cashier said, "Son, there's not enough here."

He searched his pockets frantically. Then he turned and he looked at me. He said Mama made Christmas good at our house. Though most years she just did without. Tell me sir, what I am going to do. Somehow I've got to buy her these Christmas shoes.

So I laid my money down, I just had to help him out. And I'll never forget the look on his face when he said Mama's gonna look so great.

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I knew I'd caught a glimpse of heaven's love. As he thanked me and ran out. I knew that God had sent that little boy, to remind me, what Christmas is all about.

Sir, I want to buy these shoes for my Mama, please. It's Christmas Eve and these shoes are just her size.

Could you hurry, Sir? Daddy says there's not much time. You see she's been sick for quite a while, And I know these shoes will make her smile. And I want her to look beautiful if Mama meets Jesus tonight.

I want her to look beautiful If Momma meet's Jesus tonight

By -NewSong