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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- Feb. 1 Peg Tomayko
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- Feb. 6 Sandy Soffel
- Feb. 6 Gina McNamara
- Feb. 7 Ray Bolt
- Feb. 8 Mary Filippelli
- Feb. 9 Bridget Callihan
- Feb. 12 Virginia Kearns
- Feb. 12 Emily Robbins
- Feb. 14 Roberta Flowers
- Feb. 15 Joey Stabile
- Feb. 16 Michael Warchol
- Feb. 17 Dawn Stancato
- Feb. 17 Micah Summers
- Feb. 22 Patty Snyder
- Feb. 22 Michael Toth, Jr.
- Feb. 23 Ila Ford
- Feb. 27 Shawn McNamara
- Feb. 28 Jeri Caldwell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ken and Bonnie Kirby February 13



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Painting Event



Would you like to go to the beach with us? Just sit and relax in a comfy chair with your feet in the sand? Sounds great, doesn't it?

Please join us at First Baptist Church for a painting session with Kate Gibson on **Saturday, March 25 at 1:00PM.** Artistic ability is not required. Kate Gibson will walk you through the steps to paint a beautiful beach scene on canvas.

All women ages 13 to 100 are invited to join us for "Paint With Kate Gibson". This is a first come, first serve event. Class size is limited to 25 people. The cost for this event is \$30 per person. Payment is due at time of reservation to hold your spot. Reservations and payment must be made by March 5.

Beverages will be provided. Feel free to bring a snack to share with others. When it gets closer to the event we will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex to let us know if you are bringing something to share. There will be no child care for this event.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Irwin (724-825-7654), Lisa Leach (724-454-0942), or Sis Baxter (724-258-9649) for more information.

Witness Class

CONNECTION _



"Tell iT!" Is a new connection class beginning Sunday February 5 with Pastor Mark. This four week class will focus on how to give a non confrontational personal witness for Christ. Each class will be an informal mix of teaching and discussion on this topic that seems to paralyze so many believers.

Class #1 What is a witness will look at common misconceptions and barriers

Class #2 What did I witness focuses on what there is to talk about

Class #3 How do I witness we'll engage in some role play

Class #4 What do I say next will explore Scripture support to continue in a conversation

If you've struggled with telling what happened to you this is the class for you. You will come away with a true sense of security that will enable you to "tell it" with a clear mind in every situation.

THE ASSEMBLY GATHERED IN THE MEETING HOUSE IS NOT

a place for "sour grapes." We live in a day where everyone is in the crosshairs of motivators. Many make a living teaching others how to motivate someone. It happens between husbands and wives, parents and kids or their teens; with friends. Companies use all sorts of motivators trying to get the best out of their employees. Volunteer groups spend considerable effort on marketing to gain some sort of voice above all the other voices. You will be the target of some act or process planned out to provide something that causes you to act in a certain way. At times we may sense it's more like manipulation rather than motivation. But in our current culture it can be a debilitating pressure on some to act according to someone else's viewpoint. It can even be found in the Church of Jesus. It can be illegitimate and ungodly. Or could it be that what we're interpreting as unfair manipulation is really God's plan for His called out community? Could a motivatinal call for everyone's benefit be misconstrued? Sound strange? Maybe even unchristian? I mean being told to deny yourself is definitely un-loving, right? Take a look at this verse:

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do,

Pastor's Corner

"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works..."



but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24–25(NLT)

This verse clearly says that thought is to be put into motivating other believers to act. Motivating them to act through love and do good works. Not work for good people or work for personal gain but for the benefit of others. But the interesting thing is that the root word in Greek "to motivate" is the word for "sour grapes." Depending on the context the same word for motivate can also mean to "stir to anger, to be provoked, irritated. For example in Acts 17:16 Paul preaches because he's angry about the idolatry being practiced in Corinth. He's not preaching because of his call is to preach the Good News to them. In Acts 15:39 Paul and Barnabas got so irritated over another companion that they could no longer minister together. They could not get over their "sharp disagreement" (sour grapes) about Mark, so they went their separate ways!

Our verses are not instructing us to use "sharp disagreement or irritation" but in thoughtful consideration of each other in love, we're to rouse or encourage each other to act. Its not a "measure up" message but a "take the next step" message that we're to share with each other. It is about strengthening each other in an upward looking,

"WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO INVEST IN MY SISTER OR BROTHER?"

growing in faithfulness journey towards our corporate meeting with Jesus! Rather than being about personal benefit with we are to be about the other's benefit. Gathering takes on a very different reality when I'm coming to walk along side you. The call here is that my perspective be for your benefit. That my thoughts are directed in studying how to help you go with Christ. Sounds wonderfully romantic or "pie in the sky" and not truly possible. Yet it is the Words of the Sprit to us today. In whatever ways previous generations of FBC lived this out it is now up to us. We thank God for their past success as it lays a solid foundation for us to build on today. But our building must be in a faith that works through love. For some, our current culture of entitlement and selfishness often incapacitates their desire to personally demonstrate practical love for neighbor. It is easy at times to find ourselves like those religious leaders who asked Jesus, "who is my neighbor?" We've all made an intellectual excuse as to why that "samaritan" was not my neighbor.

We gather at First Baptist because we've been given a mandate - go into every area of our community. It is His will that we go as well into the communities around us and make disciples for Jesus. We're not called to for Jesus. We're not called to make members of First Baptist, we're told to make disciples of Jesus Christ. God will hold those here that He chooses for stability of this Baptist church as long as our goal is His goal - making disciples throughout the whole world. When our purpose is to make baptists or keep the church doors open, He will not bless our efforts. As we begin the second month of a new year in ministry together let's purpose to think hard, consider carefully one another and how we can encourage each other to "take the next step" in love and good works. Asking ourselves: what does God want me to invest in my sister or brother? My neighbor in the next pew or across the street. Let's make this our prayer: "Father help me to do today what You want to bless! God, I know you're going to do some very exciting things in the world today. Would you give me the privilege of just being in on some of them? I just want to be in on what you're doing. I want to do what you're blessing. I want to be used to motivate others in love and good works today!"

Pastor Mark

Titus 3:8



New Children's Work Director

Happy 2017! I would like to take a few minutes to introduce myself to you as the new director of Children's Work. I was excited to take up where Natalie had so greatly finished. I would like to thank her personally for the work that she has done with the kids for the last several years.

I will be taking over the reigns for Children's Work and I'm excited. I had previously been entrusted with Children's Work before the boys were born but needed some time off to adjust to being a mom! I'm excited to work with our wonderful team of volunteers. I know that some of them have some exciting ideas that we are already thinking about

about. Lori Callihan will continue to head up Vacation Bible School and we are already talking about our upcoming summer plans. Natalie and David are still doing amazing work with the 252 Basics kids and our teens during our Connection Group Hour. I'm excited to see all of the fun things that will be in store for our kids this year.

Now, I need some help from all of you. No, I'm not going to ask all of you to be volunteers, although we would love that. I am going to ask for all of you to continue to pray for the children's ministry. Please pray extra special for our children's workers as they are in the trenches every

Sunday. Pray for our kids. Pray that we teach them all that we possibly can about Jesus and that we plant a love for Him early. Pray that our Children's Ministry grows and that God blesses us with more willing hearts and more kids.

I also would like to extend myself if you have any amazing ideas that you would love to see us do, please don't hesitate to come find me.

Something to think about: Did you know that according to Barna Research Group, most people who believe in Christ as their Savior, do so before age 12. That means that our kids need to be one of our most prized possessions as well as deserving of our time and talent.

Lisa Leach

NURSERY **SCHEDULE**

Feb 5 10:00 Dawn Stancato 11:00 Lisa Zanardelli

Feb.12 10:00 Leslie Trilli 11:00 Debbie Jobes

Feb.19 10:00 Michelle Tabacca 11:00 Darlene Willis

Feb.26 10:00 Vergie Morris 11:00 Lori Ann Rock

FIRST LOOK **SCHEDULE**

Feb. 5 Leslie Trilli Feb.12 Gina McNamara Feb.19 Gina McNamara Feb.26 Beth Stabile

252 BASICS **SCHEDULE**

1st Hour Natalie Schollaert & Lisa Robertson 2nd Hour: Music Connection

GOD IS IN THE CHURCH NURSERY



Where is God on Sunday morning? Of course, God is everywhere. We know that God is enthroned in the praises of his people. (Psalm 22:3) When we gather to worship - God is with

We know that God is there when we pray. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20) When we pray – God is with us.

We know that God is there when

his Word is read, preached, loved and obeyed. The Lord says, "I am watching over my word to perform it." (Jeremiah 1:12) When the Bible speaks -God is with us.

We know that God is everywhere. "Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD." (Jeremiah 23:24) "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good." (Proverbs 15:3) No matter where we go – God is with us.

But did you know that God is back in the church nursery? "And Jesus took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me. receives not me but him who sent me." (Mark 9:36-37)

When you welcome a child in the name of Jesus you welcome Jesus himself. When we minister to children - God is with us.

If you wonder why so many people are blessed by serving in the church nursery. Now you know -God is there.

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Preschool Corner

FBC Preschoolers Inspiring Kindness



The memory verse the children have been learning this month (Ephesians 4:32) talks about being kind to one another. Kindness has been evident in our classroom from day one, however, the children have recently focused their efforts on practicing kind acts. Here a few ways FBC preschool students have let their kind light shine...

Wall of Kindness

We have a special hallway leading to our classroom that highlights the many kind deeds the students have done for their fellow preschool friends. When a student does an exceptionally good deed, they get their name and a detail of what the deed was on a special heart. Each student has the opportunity to earn a heart.

Thoughtful Theo

Thoughtful Theo is a special teddy bear that takes turns traveling to the homes of

each student to see first-hand the wonderful acts these students do for their families. The families record the good deeds in Theo's unique journal, and when Theo returns, Miss Steph reads the journal aloud. The journal has listed deeds ranging from cleaning one's toys without being told, going to bed without arguing to setting a place at the dinner table for Theo!

Show and Share

On occasion, the students have the opportunity to bring in one of their favorite toys from home and share it with their friends. The preschoolers have done an incredible job happily encouraging others to play with their treasured possessions. Way to go guys!

Buddy Week

Friendship and kindness go hand in hand. Recently, our preschooler participated in "buddy week", where they



partnered with a friend each day to play games, share snack and create unique works of art together. They learned the valuable lesson of working out differences and how partnering with a friend can be fun!

In closing, remember, no act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted! Brighten someone's day today by performing a kind act. Inspire others to practice kindness and pass it on!

Yours In Teaching, Miss Steph

Please check out the new preschool bulletin board in the narthex! © Be sure to take a card from our prayer pail to pray for one of our students! Thank you.















Women's Simulcast Conference*

With Priscilla Shirer (Star of the hit movie "War Room")

An event that focuses on the power of prayer and learning to study God's Word for yourself.

DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2017

TIME: 9:00am - 4:30pm

PLACE: First Baptist Church of Monongahela COST: \$30 (due by April 9 and non-refundable)

This price includes coffee and doughnuts at 9:30am

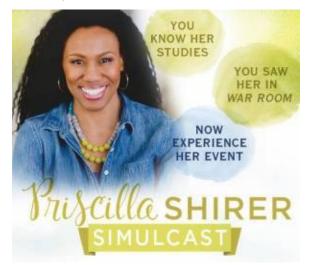
and a luncheon at 12:30pm.

Seating is limited

Pre-registration due by April 9

Forms are available in the narthex. Please fill out and turn in as soon as possible.

*A simulcast event is an event that is broadcast to various locations simultaneously through the Internet. We will stream the Priscilla Shirer Live Event using Internet technology.



MEN AND WOMEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Join us for a <u>Planning meeting</u> for the Women's Simulcast. Monday, February 6, 2017 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in Bonnie Kirby's Connection Group Classroom. ALL who would like to help are welcome.

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Adam & Dianna Nathanson (Venezuela)
Robert & Joanna Waisman (Brazil)
Walter & Jeanine White (IM, Global)
Emerson and Ivy Wu (IM, China)

February 2017

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1 Mid-Morning Prayer 10:00	2	3 Morning Prayer 6am	4 Co:Lab Home Team 9:00am		
	5 Communion	6 Youth Group	7 Hand Bell & Choir Practices	8 Mid-Morning Prayer 10:00	9	10 Morning Prayer 6am	11 Fellowship Hall in use (tent.)		
٠	12	13 Youth Group	14 Hand Bell & Choir Practices	15 Mid-Morning Prayer 10:00	16	17 Morning Prayer 6am	18		
·	19	20 No Preschool Presidents Day Trustees Mtg. Youth Group	21 Hand Bell & Choir Practices	22 Mid-Morning Prayer 10:00	23	24 Morning Prayer 6am	25		
	26	27 Youth Group	28 Hand Bell & Choir Practices		from Janu	ary 30 th to Fe	tchen will be CLOSED ry 30 th to February 10 th uning and painting.		

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Michelle Anderson & Family - loss of husband, father, grandfather Babe Baroffio - shut in, Finksburg, MD Dorothy Baxter - hip surgery recovery

Lt. Col. Robert Bement/USAF, HI Barbara Bolt

Ray Bolt - moderate to severe aortic insufficiency, undergoing tests

Donna Boyce

Kathleen Boyce

Dorothy Broggi - car accident injuries Marvin Caldwell - Sunrise Sr. Living

Kim Camisi - returning Lupus

Nancy Coder - dementia

Sharon Coleman - health

Kay Crall - Washington Health Center

Edna Detwiler

Betty Dornan

Margaret Falter - McMurray Hills Manor Gene Flowers - Residence at Hilltop

Roberta Flowers - health

Ila & Vernon Ford

Mark Furjanic - ALS Sharon Gardner

Carole Garvin

Vickie Allin Gniefkowski - cancer

Donna Gorby - shut in, home

Johnna Gregg - spinal surgery recovery Rose Gust

Zach Householder

Don & Sally Howard - health problems

Alicia Hruby

Claire Ingram - shut in, home, cancer Donna Irwin - New Horizons Care, WY

Jesse - 8vr old, appendix surgery recovery

Merle Kennedy - dementia

Miriam Kennedy - surgery recovery

Genie King - healing, broken back PO1 Owen Leaver/US Navy medic, NC

Shannon Leaver - cancer

Eric Martin - tractor trailer accident Sparky Mancinelli - Havencrest

Sean Massey - MS

LCPL Caylee Miller/USMC

Isabelle Miller

Brad Odorisio - brittle bone disease

Jean Papik - health issues

Barb Ptak - courage, strength, wisdom

Jim Ptak - Crawford Long Term Acute Care, myasthenia gravis disease

Miriam Ritchie - shut in, home, severe

physical conditions, pain management

Etta Robertson - 5yr old, flu

Troy Robertson - thyroid cancer

T. Sqt. Erik Ruppert/USAF, AR

Jake Sawich - Crohns Disease

Frank Schollaert - speech

Jack Schollaert - home dialysis

Patrick Schollaert - bone cancer

Judy Shaw

Drake Spahr - basic training, Marines

Derek Stabile

Barb Stevens

Tessa Grace - premature, NICU

Don Ulens - cataract surg. recovery

Dale Varega - brain tumor

Sam Wade - severe MS

Sis Weaver - Washington Health Center

Brie Weber - seizures

Cindy Allin Williams - needs a liver

Joe Wolf - eyesight

Debby Zadnik - lung cancer







Family Update



We've had an exciting fall semester full of lots of travel, time with family and friends, and all our favorite fall activities. The picture above was taken at a local farm where we go for a petting zoo, hayrides, a corn maze and lots of great fall festival food

CJ turned two in September and is growing like crazy! I was just looking at him today and marveling at how quickly he's outgrown toys that used to be bigger than him. He is an energetic, goofy, adventurous and persistent little boy who loves seeing his extended family, playing with cars and trains, building puzzles, being startled by daddy and getting daddy back for it. Right now, we're working on finishing potty training, starting big boy bed training, and helping him figure out how to use his words. We're having such a fun time as a family.

Missy is continuing to sell books with Usborne Books and More, tutoring a few children, and taking great care of CJ and our home while I've been finishing up my first busy travel season of the school year. We've been enjoying this stage with CJ - his rambunctious personality, his talkativeness, his creativity, his affection. always Нe wants to "shug" (snuggle) at bedtime. Personally, I've also been enjoying some fun novels and taking advantage of every opportunity to indulge my tabletop strategy game hobby.

Ministry Update



As you've seen in previous updates, I spent a week in Jamaica working with the staff there to prepare for our March partnership in Kingston. After that, I also helped staff Michigan's "Compelling" conference with over 600 students and staff. I love opportunities to work face-to-face with students and "Compelling" did not disappoint - 28 students made a commitment to follow Jesus that weekend! I spent the remainder of that week traveling to a few different schools in mid-Michigan helping them think about how God might want to use international missions to transform them and their fellowships. Two of those three schools are planning to send students overseas this school year!





Stronger Together - Our Funding Reality

These are pictures from Compelling at which I had the opportunity to lead in prayer for our counterparts overseas as well as host an interest table to generate excitement about international missions. These are only a couple of the exciting parts of my job and I am able to do it because of your giving.

Since students don't have the capacity to support this work, we

depend on prayerful people like vou who, through their giving. send us out to use the gifts God has given us. That is, we need you and all that you bring to this partnership. We firmly believe that we are able to accomplish more together than any of us can on our own. Through our partnership, more students are choosing to follow Jesus, and taking costly steps of faith into international cross-cultural ministry. Through our partnership, we're unleashing wise, sensitive and thoughtful women and men into a globalized society with the skills to navigate it, as well as the ability to communicate the gospel across cultural differences. This matters in our world, and particularly in the Kingdom of God.

This school year, I have had to spend significantly more time away from my work and focused on fundraising, due both to my deficit (currently \$1300) as well as my hope to receive my full salary. Most years, I've spent months trying to close the gap in our funding - sometimes successfully, other times not. Without a doubt. God has been faithful and met all of our needs, even if we haven't been fully-funded. However, I want to ask you to imagine what else God might accomplish through us if I could reallocate that time to face-to-face ministry, as opposed to fundraising. I would like to erase this deficit. receive my full salary, and be freed to invest further in these missions programs and the relationships that sustain them. Will you give a year-end gift of \$100, \$200 or \$500 to help me accomplish this?

Thank you considering our request and for the many ways that you have loved us and encouraged us this year -your prayers, messages and sacrificial giving. It means so much to us to see our family and friends joining us in this meaningful and transformative ministry. Our prayer for you, as for our family, is that the giving and receiving of Christmas would fill you with joy, reminding you why we do any of this to begin with.

Have a wonderful Christmas! Love from Todd, Missy and CJ









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November-December, 2016

Merry Christmas and A Very Happy New Year to all our dear friends and family!

The joy of serving the Lord anywhere He calls, is the place where our full obedience is being exercised. I felt that in Caracas. What a joy to see, in the midst of such a terrible economic and cultural crisis, our church body of believers being able to share and grow in their faith. Their obedience to believe God in their circumstances makes their joy full.

We also are counting the cost of serving God. Our plans for the next 6 months are set. Adam will leave for Cuba on January 3 for almost 4 weeks. He will return on January 27 and then somewhere around the 1st of February, Adam, Dianna and David will return to Caracas to continue ministering to the church there as well as working on building up the church in San Antonio (about 45 minutes from Caracas). Please pray as we work on the details of this next step.

Love, Adam, Dianna, Daniel & David

November

We started November by celebrating the First Bible

> Olympics with 30 of our youth divided up into 5 teams. Their task was to study the book of Acts and answer questions based on that book. Each team had mentors, there were 3 judges and the competition ended with medals to the winning team. It was amazing to see



Bible Olympics

them prepare and study to know the word of God! (I Timothy 4:12)

On the weekend after my birthday, I had the privilege to travel to the home town of one of our youths, Gabriela, with a couple of other leaders. The town is

(T) The group in Easter Valley, (B) Giving the Prayer seminar

Valle de la Pascua (Easter Valley) and is about 4 hours from Caracas. Gabriella's father is a pastor of a church there. They blessed me with a cake on my arrival and the next day we were able to share the prayer seminar material to a new group of believers. They also had us share on the bible clubs and True Love Waits programs we are running in the schools. It was a great weekend of sharing tools with another church.

At the end of the month I traveled with one of our

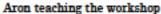
elders, Ivan and his wife, Enyis to Trujillo, 8 hours from Caracas, to meet and share with their son Eyler who is studying at a school for missions. He started his 3-year intern program in August and we were blessed to meet the director, his Adam, Ivan and Eyler



teachers and classmates. This group has a vision to train national Venezuelans and send them into the jungle

where ethnic groups have not heard the Gospel story in their own language. Yeah for missions!

On November 26, 35 of our church members came together to equip themselves for evangelism. Our young leader, Aron, led the group with several workshops. They were encouraged to allow the Lord to use them so others can hear of the wonderful Gospel story.



Our goal as missionaries is to see the Lord raise up new believers in the faith. Alfredo and Patricia drive from another town called Junquito each Sunday. They have been discipled, baptized, married and now have become addicted to the ministry of grace! Please pray for them as we look to



Patricia & Alfredo

2017 as the year for them to step up to be the youth ministry leaders.

Page 2 Nathanson Heartbeats



Farewell Party

Although we report positive and real life changing events in each newsletter, we also do not want to leave out the background of Venezuela's emigrating population. Even in our small community of 150 believers, we had to say good bye to our 10th family

in just 2 years. Our brothers, Jose and Johan, left their wives, children and extended family to move to Quito, Ecuador to try to start new lives for their family. Our hearts break every time one leaves, yet we are blessed as they seek God's will and plan to be a light of God's grace

wherever they go!



This crisis has affected many in and outside the country. Our churches in the USA have blessed our people by sending money to buy and ship food from Panama. Since five of our families live in Panama City, they shipped 300 lbs

of food to our church and we were able to deliver and bless 28 families! If you or your church would like to join this drive in 2017 please contact us.

We finished off November with a leaders luncheon to launch the 2017 plan of attack for our 15 bible studies in the city. We shared material we have been learning, the

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for us as Adam is in Cuba and Dianna and David continue in Baltimore. For spiritual, physical and emotional health for us all!
- Praise for Chuck, Dianna's dad, and his successful operation. Prayer for continued healing.
- Pray for Daniel as he returns to College: that he would find a good church where he can serve and that he would find his "niche" on campus.
- Pray for the elders: Adam & Dianna, Rene & Consuelo and Ivan & Enyis; especially for their health and spiritual protection
- Protection, safety, provision and wisdom for our church family in Caracas
- Please pray for the paperwork and supplies to remodel/build the 2nd floor of the new church house
- Pray for Venezuela as the situation is still unstable with inflation over 1000% and for the government to be able to come to some sort of solution.
- Finances—continued monthly support

Jonathan project, which teaches how to multiply our existing groups into smaller units where we can disciple unbelievers and make our way into the lives of the people who do not know Christ!

On December 4th our



December

church had its annual Christmas party and on December 8 Adam left Caracas and flew to Panama. He spent a few days in Panama with our friends and then returned to Baltimore on December 12. It was so great to be together again! Dianna's dad had just been operated on and was still needing a lot of help, so

Adam drove down to Lynchburg, VA to pick up Daniel. We are so proud of him. He finished his semester with a great grade point average and although he did have some struggles, he came through them more mature and grounded.



The Church's Christmas party!

Christmas Eve with the Family

Schedule

Jan 3-27—Adam in Cuba

Jan9-19—Adam & Digmar teach prayer seminars (Cuba)

Jan 13-14—Missions Conference in Caracas

Jan 15—Daniel returns to Liberty

Jan 20-27

Adam & Vic Pease to minister through Sports (Cuba)

Feb—Adam, Dianna & David return to Venezuela

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