

## BBC Star E-News

### Welcome to our first E-Newsletter!

To all of our Internet users, welcome to our first Bethlehem Baptist Church Star Newsletter! This is another tool to keep everyone informed and to get the word of GOD out to others! Future E-Newsletters will keep you updated on past, current and future happenings at BBC! Read further for some upcoming events in the month of February.

In future newsletters watch for instructions on how to view and use our BBC website and all the links. Our website includes many links, such as The Pastor's Blog, Calendar, a link to view the Sunday Morning Services, E-giving, Prayer Request link, STARZ and RADIATE Ministries and many more! Learn how to send email invitations to family and friends, how to send email reminders to yourself and others on upcoming events. These are just a few topics that will be included future E-Newsletters!

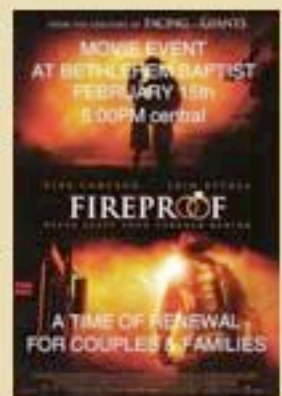
## Fireproof

### The Most Talked About Movie!

Get ready for this movie event! **"Fireproof"** is coming to Bethlehem Baptist, during the Valentine weekend on Sunday evening, February 15, at 5:00p.m. CT! You have heard so much about this film. The same people who brought us "Facing the Giants" have now produced a film that has been instrumental in saving tens of thousands of marriages across America.

Fireproof has had millions of all ages laughing and crying as they are inspired by this story of perseverance and commitment.

Is your marriage on 'rocky ground', and you don't know where to turn? First, turn to GOD for his guidance and love. Then bring your spouse and view this special movie together. This will be a perfect way to celebrate the gift of love and to rekindle the 'love' you felt was lost.



# The Nelons

The Nelons performed during Sunday Morning Services

By Jerry Bagby



On January 11, 2009, The Nelons performed at Bethlehem Baptist during both Sunday Morning Services. This amazing group has performed at BBC many times in the past. As always, the Nelons performed to exceptional vocal levels. I first saw the Rex Nelon Singers in the mid-seventies at Bethlehem Baptist and have enjoyed their music tremendously throughout the years.

The Rex Nelon Singers were formed in 1977 from the remnants of the LeFevres. The name of the group was ultimately shortened to "The Nelons". Original group members included Rex Nelon (bass), Kelly Nelon (alto for the LeFevres since 1972), Rodney Swain (tenor) and Janet Paschal (soprano). The group's first recording for the Canaan label in 1977 was titled 'The Sun's Coming Up'. The Nelons became a trend setting group in the 1980's, often introducing songs that would be classified as "middle of the road". These songs included "Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing" and "Don't Give Up". After turning the group over to Kelly in the mid-1990's, Rex Nelon continued to appear regularly on the Gaither Homecoming videos. He was in London, England at a taping session with the Gaithers when he passed away in January, 2000.

Today The Nelon's accomplished musical career and ministry includes: 6 Dove Awards, 3 Grammy nominations, several "Number One" songs on the radio charts, a prestigious New York Film Festival Bronze Award, numerous Singing News Fan Awards, and appearances all around the world in various venues.

As a family, Jason Clark, Kelly Nelon Clark and daughter Amber Thompson continue to sing with a full heart of praise to the only One worthy, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Kelly's father, the late Rex Nelon was the founder of "The Nelons", and with such a musical history to their credit, it hardly seems right to say "they are just getting started". But that's exactly how Jason and Kelly feel. "We have so many new and exciting opportunities and projects right now....we feel more enthused about the future than ever before!"



"Worship" is a word heard often after experiencing "The Nelons" in concert. Audiences of all ages enjoy their innovative ability to harmonize and integrate many styles of music, with each lyric and musical arrangement, delivering truth that points everyone to the 'One and Only, True God!'

Jason's ability to compose the Word of God into lyrics, Kelly's humble transparent testimony of her life's ups and downs and Amber bringing electricity to a song with vocal capabilities far beyond her teenage years, all work together to bring you an event you'll not soon forget! Some people laugh, some cry, but all feel encouraged and strengthened because they have been purposefully ushered into the Presence of the Lord. Focused and grounded in the Work of God, the Nelons are a refreshing change of pace, in a self-centered society. "We know that we are nothing apart from the grace of God, and want to share His gospel with whomever God allows, bringing more worshippers to our Great God!"

# Valentine's Banquet

**Don't miss this time of inspiration and fellowship!**

BBC is hosting a Valentine's Banquet on Friday, February 13, 2009 @ 5 p.m. CT, in the fellowship hall. Rev. Billy Curel and his wife will join us for a night of inspiration and fellowship. The menu will consist of: Southern Fried Chicken, Glazed Ham, Vegetables, rolls, home-made desserts and drinks. A delightful program is planned! Attend yourself, or bring your spouse or date. Tickets are \$9.95. Sign up today!



## BBC Women's Ministry

### Tuesday Night Bible Study

All ladies are encouraged to join the Women's Ministry on Tuesday nights for Bible Study. Several of the studies are taken from the ["The Living Proof Ministries"](#) and Beth Moore website. A new Beth Moore Study "Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman" will begin on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 CT.

It's tough being a woman today. Each one of us live pressured lives, some more than others. It was tough for Esther also. If you've ever felt inadequate or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this study is for you!

## From The Pastor

### "Words from the Pastor"



We are living in challenging times to say the least! It would seem that 'good news' is a rare event. Believers are people who have based their lives and eternity on 'good news'.

The Gospel Message is one of hope and expectancy....it is indeed 'Good News'. The announcement from heaven is that GOD has not moved or left us in a time of confusion and anxiety.

He has promised to remain steadfast and in control of every situation. Times may be tough, but the promises if GOD are given as a lighthouse in the middle of a storm. They will guide us through the dark times till the 'light of calm' appears again.

This is the time to be visionary not stationary!

Dr. Gary Ervin

# About Our New Website

## Why do we have a new Website?

Our Planning Committee set a goal to develop a new interactive website that

- 1) reflects the Bethlehem Baptist Church family personality to visitors
- 2) provides a source of information about our church activities
- 3) encourages involvement in our LORD"s work.

The result of that effort is [bbcstar.org](http://bbcstar.org). The site is constantly evolving based on your input. Let us now how we can improve! [Link to feedback](#)

Every aspect of Bethlehem Baptist Church is grounded in our beliefs. You can learn about our beliefs by clicking the [Beliefs](#) tab in the top header on any website page.

