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The Messenger

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Our first Upward game day is just more than one week away! We need a few more volunteers as noted below:

- Referees: 9 required/4 vacancies** (volunteers to officiate in either Kindergarten or 1st-2nd grade divisions. Training is Saturday, January 21, 9:00 am.)
- Concession Stand Helpers: 12 required/5 vacancies** (volunteers to serve from the concession stand; serve 2-3 hours)
- Greeters:** You can show the love of Christ and make a positive connection with FBC by merely making yourself available to welcome players, parents and other fans to our games.
- Prayer partners:** Use a daily prayer guide to pray for the players, families, and all the volunteers throughout the season. Prayer guides are available at the Fitness/Rec Ministry HQ and online at www.fbcrecreation.com.

See Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith for more information or to sign up ASAP!



**FLC revised Saturday hours during Upward game days,
8:00 am-9:30 am,
Saturdays, January 28-March 18**

Pastor's Message

I have reconvened my **Men's Group**. We meet Tuesday mornings at 6:30 in room 233. You can enter through the gym. This semester we are going to study the wonderful book by Eric Metaxas entitled *7 Men*. Metaxas traces the lives of seven extraordinary men in history: men from George Washington to Jackie Robinson. We've not done a biographical element in all the semesters I've led this group. It's time. I think you will find the book encouraging, challenging, and one that provokes much reflection on one's own life. It's not too late to join the group. All you have to do is show up. I will have a book available for you when you do. The cost of the book is \$14, and it's worth every penny.

As I mentioned on Sunday, God's providence and your generous gifts enabled us to **exceed our 2016 budget** by more than \$100,000. Thank you, God. And thank you, church. This surplus enables us to do some things with mission needs and to apply most of it toward the debt. Currently, we owe less than \$3 million dollars, and that includes the \$2 million it cost to purchase the land to our north for additional parking. We can see the end of the tunnel here. Let's get it done!

Thank you for your response to the Reboot series. Last week we talked about **rebooting our finances**. I am so grateful for the faithful, obedient, and generous givers among the congregation. Your example encourages and challenges me every day: how can I be more of a giver and less of a taker? I am praying that some of you who are not giving faithfully to God's work through the church will begin to do so. The blessing is the kingdoms and the blessing is yours. Praying for a reboot in this area of our lives.

This Sunday, as we continue our series, *Reboot 2017*, we'll be thinking together about **rebooting our relationships**. Do you have any relationships that could use a reboot? I thought so. Relationships in this sinful world can get strained and fractured. Repair is needed. Reboot is required. Let's talk about that on Sunday. I look forward to seeing you here, and bring someone with you.

Your Pastor,
John

Thur Jan 19
Genesis 46-47:
Matthew 11:20-30
Greg Linington
Rae Mullis
Jack Tedder
Natalie Tedder

Fri Jan 20
Genesis 48-50:
Matthew 12:1-21
Elizabeth Montgomery
Kitty Slatton
Roy Coulter
Richard Dunn
Leo Grant
Darlene Abernathy
Jamie Gann
Levi Dugger

Sat Jan 21
Exodus 1-2:
Matthew 12:22-50
L.A. Williams
Michael Hagan
Becky Taylor

Sun Jan 22
Exodus 3-4:
Matthew 13:1-23
Alice Moll
Elizabeth Staton
Grant Viscardis
Olivia Armitage

Mon Jan 23
Exodus 5-7:
Matthew 13:24-58
Fran McCormick
Sheila Dunn
Dennis James
Reggie Ritter
Teri Fisher
Patrick Clark
Zachery Dickinson

Tues Jan 24
Exodus 8-9:
Matthew 14:1-21
Judy Hawkins
Donnie Sumpter
Patricia Epperhart
Debbie Schwillig
Neila Fisher
Tori Hendrix

Wed Jan 25
Exodus 10-11:
Matthew 14:22-36
Diane Wells
Dale Horn, II
DuWayne Harvey
Cathleen Criss
Kile Adams
Carson Spriggs

Thur Jan 26
Exodus 12-13:
Matthew 15:1-20
Margarito Ramirez
Jenny Goldman

Fri Jan 27
Exodus 14-15:
Matthew 15:21-39
Greg Greeson

Sat Jan 28
Exodus 16-18:
Matthew 16:1-12
Dianne Cofer
Lynn Jackson
Hank Wheeler
Mitchell Mote

Sun Jan 29
Exodus 19-21:
Matthew 16:13-28
Jack Porter
Rick Davis
Cindy Davis
Michael Spraggins
Alex Palmer
Kathy Cross

Mon Jan 30
Exodus 22-23:
Matthew 17:1-13
Raymond Hill
Heather Guill
Lane Davis
Ivey James

Tues Jan 31
Exodus 24-26:
Matthew 17:14-27
Lisa Waters
Alvenia Cheatham
Claudine Cusick
Vernon Brooks
David Bird
Thomas Griffin
Will Lindsay
Jaden Hall

Door Greeters - Jan 22

9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, Vivian Humphrey, Lynn Linington, Vernon & Beverly Gingrich, Velda Holmes, Dianne Shirron, Marty Black
10:30 a.m. Linda Green, Mary Latham, Cheryl Nichols, Judy Gerren, Janet Porter, Betty Parker

Van Outreach Drivers

1st Sunday North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624
..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565
2nd Sunday.....North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
3rd Sunday North: Missy Herron, 762-3749
..... South: OPEN, 617-6459
4th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: OPEN, 617-6459
5th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

Parking Greeters

1st Sundays.....Brian Witt
2nd SundaysClyde Shirron
3rd SundaysGary Bettis
4th SundaysCraig Forbes
5th SundaysJim Morgan
Sub.....Craig Forbes

Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of Jan 23-27

Monday..... Bob Goodman
Tuesday..... N/A
Wednesday..... Ken Wheatley
Thursday Robert Davis
Friday James Woods

Ushers - Jan 22

9:00 a.m. Robert McAlister, Jerry Franks, Don Norman
Every Sunday balcony: Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Don Slaton, Tommy White, Donnie Sumpter
Every Sunday main floor: Richard Hawthorn, Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan

10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Donny Moore, Kelly Robbins

Every Sunday balcony: Robert Davis, Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith, Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro, David Santillan
Every Sunday main floor: Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock

Safety Teams - Sunday Jan 22

8:30 a.m. Al Gloria, John Mark Pierce, Robert Covey, Henry Brunson, Charlie Zoll, John Slater
10:15 a.m. Charlie Capps, Robert McAlister, Jason Smith, Larry Ingram, Jason Blankenship, Jake Bird

4:00-6:00 p.m. Ronnie Carter

Wednesday - Jan 25

4:00-6:00 p.m. Mick Skelton, Jim Henley, Norman Mason
6:00-8:00 p.m. Craig Holmes, Herb Mansbridge, Glen McClain

Welcome Center Guides January 8:30 a.m.


PS Ctr: Kim Miller, Susan Blount, Brad Wreyford, Josh & Katy Wesson
FH Ctr: Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram
Foyer Welc Ctr: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
10:00 a.m.
PS Ctr: Jake & Sarah Bird, Travis & Lauren Warren, Jay & Jennifer Winters
FH Ctr: Juan Wheatley, Sandra Wilson

ATTENDANCE

Attendance January 15, 2017
Homebound TV Class..... *80
9:00 Connect Group 497
10:30 Connect Group 437
Total Connect Groups934
Worship Attendance 9:00..... 478
Worship Attendance 10:30..... 722
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 *39
Total Worship 1,239
Children's Worship *52
*Average

New Members

Ken & Stephanie Goodman
Charlotte Roberts




BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (1-15-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$31,947
Online Giving	\$5,018
Total Given	\$36,965

All In Fund
 Weekly Receipts: (1-15-17) \$8,613
 Balance of loan: (11-1-16) \$2,824,741

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.



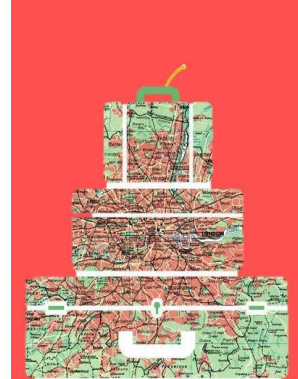
Prayer Breakfast

Pray for our **INDIA** intern leaving for Mumbai & New Delhi July 4 – December 17, 2016

Cole Pitts

Saturday, February 4, 2017 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

Cole spent a semester in India working on Mission. Come and hear his report.



Suitcases

We need 18 more large roller suitcases for the next 4 mission trips. If you have one or find a good one at a garage sale, get it and drop off in the office..

Thanks!



Celebrate Life

by filling a Baby Bottle

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups and resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)

Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships

Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym



We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

Join us for Sunday morning fellowship in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. Here's the rotation schedule:

Jan 22: S, T, U	Feb 19: F, G, H
Jan 29: V, W, X, Y, Z	Feb 26: I, J, K, L
Feb 5: A, B	Mar 5: M, N
Feb 12: C, D, E	Mar 12: O, P, Q, R

FIRST BAPTIST HOT SPRINGS

Until we all fall down, Wallace



Japan

Intern opportunity

Jeff & Lori Loomis, our Missionaries in Japan, have a fantastic opening for an 8 week internship this summer for college students. If interested or know if someone who might be contact: jeff@jeffnlori.org

Pick up a bottle now at Collection Central
Take it home and fill with a check, cash or coins.
Return it to COLLECTION CENTRAL
(or the office) by Sunday, February 5, 2017.
The baby bottle campaign is used to fund the
CHANGE POINT PREGNANCY programs that helps defend the sanctity of human life through **EMPOWERING, EDUCATING, EQUIPPING** and providing services to men, women and children and to encourage families by sharing the love of Jesus. **Because of your support and their efforts there are 54 babies alive today from 2016 and many more lives changed.**

Education & Outreach Ministry

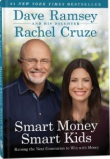
Hey Young and Median Adults

For those of you who attend the 9am Classic Service... would any of you be interested in 10:30am Young and Median Adult Connect Group? I know you're out there. We want to offer a group that would fit for you. Please let me know. Call, text, email, facebook message me or talk to me in person.

Resolve to Connect in a Group!

Connect Groups (Sunday School)


See the Directory and come to the Welcome Centers where trained guides will lead you to a group of your choice!



Smart Money / Smart Kids


Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm,
 For 6 weeks in room 129. It's Free! Excite Nite for kids – Birth through 6th Grade. Youth Recreation and Bible Study also.

Love, Danny



Beginning Painting

Taught by Chris Murphy
 6-week course beginning 2-8-17
 5-7 pm in the Craft Room
 Limit of 8 people
 Some supplies will need to be purchased.
 Contact Karen Hendrix 318-7589



FBC WOMEN ON MISSION


Blessing Bag Needs

Women on Missions will be filling Blessing Bags at their January 26, 2017 meeting for the encouragement of ladies at Shalom Women's Center on Valentine's Day. These are many women who lack basic necessities in life at this time. We would appreciate your help in contributing these necessities to help us fill these bags.

ITEMS NEEDED: Hygiene products (lotion, toothpaste, toothbrush, hand sanitizer, lip balm, deodorant, shampoo, manicure items, etc), notebooks/notepads, pens, gloves, socks, hair bands/clips, non perishable food products like granola bars, gum, mints, etc.

Please place these items in the basket located in the Welcome Center area at the church and we will collect them for our bags. Thank you for your help and support in our efforts to reach those that are hurting and broken.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love." John 15:9



ESL International 2017


Connect Groups who are committed to provide meals for ESL Int'l. Students, Children, Teachers, and Staff

Jan 19 - 9 am Median Adult 3
 Jan 26 - 9 am Senior Adult 3 Co-ed
 God bless you for all your help. Thank You!

13th Annual

Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic Chocolate Festival

Sunday, February 5, 2017 1:00 –3:00 pm
Silent Auction from 1:00- 2:30 pm
 Come join us &
 EAT CHOCOLATE for CHARITY!
 Bid on great items at the silent auction and enjoy live entertainment all while supporting a truly worthwhile cause.
 Hosted by Embassy Suites Hot Springs Hotel & Spa
 Served by Hot Springs' Hospitality Industry
 Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$50 VIP
VIP ticket holders will receive valet service and will be served in the VIP lounge with easy access to the silent auction.
 Contact the Office, Mike Davidson or
 Vernon Gingrich to Donate and/or Buy Tickets



With Sympathy

Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ray Peebles; and to the family of Marie Jones . God bless and comfort you.



Loving Threads Ministry

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt or sew, the Loving Threads Ministry may be the place for you. The purpose of our group is to use our needlework talents to share the love and comfort of Jesus Christ with others by making prayer comfort shawls and baby blankets. We meet in RM 131 on the 1st floor, at 1:00 p.m. on the FOURTH Thursday of each month. If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to participate, call Wanda Thorp, 623-5608.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu January

(soup, salad, and fries always served)

18th: Taco/Potato Bar, Peach Cobbler
25th: Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Pie