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# The Messenger

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to the FBC webpage.

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

- **Referees:** 9 required/4 vacancies (volunteers to officiate in either Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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!

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance	.....	January 15, 2017
Homebound TV Class	.....	*80
9:00 Connect Group	.....	497
10:30 Connect Group	.....	437
<b>Total Connect Groups</b>	.....	<b>934</b>
Worship Attendance 9:00	.....	478
Worship Attendance 10:30	.....	722
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45	.....	*39
<b>Total Worship</b>	.....	<b>1,239</b>
Children's Worship	.....	*52
*Average		



## New Members

Ken & Stephanie Goodman  
Charlotte Roberts

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

<b>Happy Birthday!</b>	
Thur Jan 19 <u>Genesis 46-47:</u> <u>Matthew 11:20-30</u> Greg Linington Rae Mullis Jack Tedder Natalie Tedder	Mon Jan 23 <u>Exodus 5-7:</u> <u>Matthew 13:24-58</u> Fran McCormick Sheila Dunn Dennis James Reggie Ritter Teri Fisher Patrick Clark Zachery Dickinson
Fri Jan 20 <u>Genesis 48-50:</u> <u>Matthew 12:1-21</u>	Fri Jan 27 <u>Exodus 14-15:</u> <u>Matthew 15:21-39</u> Greg Greeson Sat Jan 28 <u>Exodus 16-18:</u> <u>Matthew 16:1-12</u> Dianne Cofer Lynn Jackson Hank Wheeler Mitchell Mote
Elizabeth Montgomery	Tues Jan 24 <u>Exodus 8-9:</u> <u>Matthew 14:1-21</u> Judy Hawkins Donnie Sumpter Patricia Epperhart Debbie Schwilling Neila Fisher Tori Hendrix
Kitty Slatton Roy Coulter Richard Dunn Leo Grant Darlene Abernathy Jamie Gann Levi Dugger	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... North: Carlos Lemos, 538-1624 ..... South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday ..... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735 ..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday ..... North: Missy Herron, 762-3749 ..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ..... North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 ..... South: OPEN, 617-6459 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ..... North: Bob Roling, 545-5818 ..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
Sat Jan 21 <u>Exodus 1-2:</u> <u>Matthew 12:22-50</u> L.A. Williams Michael Hagan Becky Taylor	Van Outreach Drivers Mon Jan 30 <u>Exodus 10-11:</u> <u>Matthew 14:22-36</u> Diane Wells Dale Horn, II DuWayne Harvey Cathleen Criss Kile Adams Carson Spriggs
Sun Jan 22 <u>Exodus 3-4:</u> <u>Matthew 13:1-23</u> Alice Moll Elizabeth Staton Grant Viscardis Olivia Armitage	1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays ..... Brian Witt 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays ..... Clyde Shirron 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays ..... Gary Bettis 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays ..... Craig Forbes 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays ..... Jim Morgan Sub ..... Craig Forbes
Thur Jan 26 <u>Exodus 24-26:</u> <u>Matthew 17:14-27</u> Margarito Ramirez Jenny Goldman	Tues Jan 31 <u>Exodus 24-26:</u> <u>Matthew 17:14-27</u> Lisa Waters Alvenia Cheatham Claudine Cusick Vernon Brooks David Bird Thomas Griffin Will Lindsay Jaden Hall
Deacon Hospital Visitation <b>Week of Jan 23-27</b>	Monday ..... Bob Goodman Tuesday ..... N/A Wednesday ..... Ken Wheatley Thursday ..... Robert Davis Friday ..... James Woods
	<b>Door Greeters - Jan 22</b> <b>Ushers - Jan 22</b> <b>Safety Teams - Sunday Jan 22</b> <b>Parking Greeters</b> <b>Wednesday - Jan 25</b> <b>Welcome Center Guides January 8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of Jan 23-27</b>

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

# 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

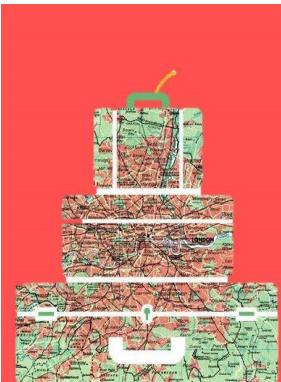
If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, [firsthotsprings.com](http://firsthotsprings.com), and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.



## Prayer Breakfast

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!



## 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](mailto: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.

## 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:

**FIRST BAPTIST HOT SPRINGS**  
  
 Jan 22: S, T, U  
 Jan 29: V, W, X, Y, Z  
 Feb 5: A, B  
 Feb 12: C, D, E

Feb 19: F, G, H  
 Feb 26: I, J, K, L  
 Mar 5: M, N  
 Mar 12: O, P, Q, R

Until we all fall down, Wallace

Love, Danny

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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Youth Recreation and Bible Study also.



## 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

Get Involved In Mission  
 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

## 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.



## 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



Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Ray Peeples; 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