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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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Basic Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship

Classic Service 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.

Connect Groups

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Nights

Dinner 4:45-5:45 pm

Worship Time 6:00 pm

TV Schedule Cable Channel 10

Thursday: 9:00 pm, Friday: Noon

Sunday: 8:00 am, Monday: Noon

Sunrise Sunday School

Sun: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

Spanish Sunday School

Sun: 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm

Join us for a 3-part celebration of Christmas on December 10 & 17. Invite cards are available now at the welcome center and in the front office. Please be on the look-out for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!



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Pastor's Message

Our Christmas "Light of the World" worship times are off to a fantastic start. I'm so grateful for Lee Barnett and his music and tech teams for the outstanding work they've done to prepare. We have two more Sundays for this presentation. Keep inviting people. And let's see what God might do to get people to himself.

We have an important Special Called Business Meeting on Wednesday, December 13. There are several things we need to tend to before the end of the year. Here's a rundown of the agenda:

- Deacons recommend we elect Donnie Sumpter and Ron Holt (already ordained) to our Deacon Council to begin serving a 3-year term on January 1, 2018.

- Deacons recommend that we license to the ministry Elizabeth Standage, our Associate Youth Minister.

- That we adopt the 2018 Proposed Budget. (You'll be receiving a copy of the budget proposal in the mail in the next few days. Due to Mike Pounder's cancer treatments, we are behind on our timetable. Our Sunday morning schedule won't allow us time to vote. We usually vote on the budget on Sunday morning, but the by-laws do not require it. In this unique year, we need to do discussion and vote in the same meeting.)

- We will vote on the 2017 report of the Committee on Committees.

We're around a third of the way to meeting our goal for the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. Please be prayerful and sacrificial with your gift. Not only do Dayna and I make it our most expensive Christmas gift. We also give each week during the season. We find this allows us to give a little more. Let's hit that goal for the glory of God and the gladness of the nations.

This Sunday we continue "The Light of the World." See you then.

Your Pastor,
John.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Dec 7
Hosea 7-8:
2 John
Jim Wilkins
Dennis Mauk
Paula Massanelli
Kayla C. Smith
Kat Allen

Fri Dec 8
Hosea 9-10:
3 John
Bill Kee
Patty James
Kathryn Russell
Carla Horner
Jason Armitage
Kristy Doub
Trey Jenkins
Kelly Thomason
Landon Parchman

Sat Dec 9
Hosea 11-12:
Jude
Maggie Huett
Debbie Clevenger

Sun Dec 10
Hosea 13-14:
Revelation 1
Sonny Liles
Miracle Walsh

Mon Dec 11
Joel 1-3:
Revelation 2
Jonathan Logan
Taylor Wernecke
James Williams
Jeff Taylor
Jjesus Anaya
Lenzie Patricola

Tue Dec 12
Amos 1-2:
Revelation 3
Luke Lumsden
Pat Smith
Janie ganaway
Lee Freeman

Wed Dec 13
Amos 3-4:
Revelation 4
Richard McCollum
John Robbins
Barbara Strawn
Wanda Roe
Al McInvale
Faye Lynch
Debbie Ross

Thur Dec 14
Amos 5-7:
Revelation 5
George Theriot
Chelsea Almond
Gretchen Cellers
Pamela McGue

Correction:
Kinzee Almond's birthday is
December 6th

SERVICE TEAMS

Door Greeters - Dec 10
9:00 a.m. Leah Avery, Bob & Bonnie Biles,
Charles & Carol Hill, Vernon & Beverly Gin-
grich, Amy Jessen
10:30 a.m. Jim & Jane Bledsoe, Pat
Webb, Jody Baker, Betty Parker, Patti
Heckmann

Ushers - Dec 10
9:00 a.m. Brandon Jones, Joe Woosley
Every Sunday balcony: Mike Davidson,
Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke
Haight, Sam Capps
Every Sunday main floor: Frankie Moore,
Cole Morgan, Robert McAlister, Don White,
Jack Smith, Bill McIntyre
10:30 a.m. Bob Goodman, Donny
Moore, Bill Perry
Every Sunday balcony: Robert Davis,
Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith,
Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro,
David Santillan

Every Sunday main floor: Bill Richard-
son, Al Blount, Chris Brock, Tom Pullig,
Bob Goodman
Golf Cart Drivers
Cart 1: Richard Beckwith, every Sunday
Cart 2: Don Norman, 1st Sunday;
Jamie Humble, 2nd Sunday; Dwayne
Gordon, 3rd Sunday; Mickey Akins, 4th
Sunday; Jimmy Schultz, 5th Sunday/Sub
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: Duke Haight, 815-4416
4th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975
5th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

SERVICE TEAMS

Safety Teams - Sunday Dec 10

8:30 a.m. Jerry Franks, Vernon Brooks, Gary
Segrest, Stan Fouts, Matt Parchman, Brian Witt,
Jeremy Bush
10:15 a.m. Chris Brock, Lee Carson, Kyle Benton,
Bill James, Jason Blankenship, Brad Wreyford,
Jay Porter
4:00-6:00 p.m. Jason Dugger
Wednesday - Dec 13
4:00-6:00 p.m. Clyde Shirron, Phil Cox, Gene
Watson
6:00-8:00 p.m. Gary Smith, Jason Harris, Cole
Morgan

Welcome Center Guides

8:30 a.m. PS Ctr: Even Weeks: OPEN
Odd Weeks: Kim Miller, Al & Susan Blount
FH Ctr: Even Months: David & Gigi Bird
Odd Months: Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram
Foyer Welc Ctr: 1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford
2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis
3rd Sunday: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
4th/5th Sunday: Kelly & Vickie Robbins
10 a.m. PS Ctr 1st Sun: Ed & Whitney Argueta
2nd Sun: Travis & Lauren Warren
3rd Sun: Jake & Sarah Bird
4th & 5th Sun: Jay & Jennifer Winters
FH Ctr: Even Months: Betty James, Joy Scallion
Odd Months: Leo & Vonni Enszt
2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months: Vaughn &
Stephanie Treadway
Odd Months: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George &
Mary Harris
Deacon Hospital Visitation
Dec 11-15
Monday Jim Bledsoe
Tuesday James Bennett
Wednesday Doug Ross
Thursday Alex Strawn
Friday Lance Porter

ATTENDANCE

December 3, 2017

Homebound TV Class*80
9:00 Connect Group523
10:30 Connect Group411
Total Connect Groups934
Worship Attendance 9:00.....675
Worship Attendance 10:30.....891
Total Worship1,566
*Average

Education / Outreach Ministry

If you come Early...

On **Sunday**, If you come early **before 8:30am**, please come through the office door. Door Greeters and Safety Team will be in place to let you in at 8:30am and following.

On **Wednesday evening**, if you come early **before 4:00pm**, please come through the Family Life Center door. (the Fellowship Hall door will be open at 3:30pm for those who come for the 4pm prayer meeting)

Thanks for your understanding as we provide a safe environment.

Read Your Bible Through in 2018!

We have One Year Bibles that would be a good tool to help you be in God's Word throughout the year. And if you already have one it could be a good Christmas gift idea. One of the things I like about using it is the variety of daily readings. It shows an Old testament reading, a New Testament reading and then part of a Psalm and Proverb every day. We will sell them at our bulk cost of \$12 in the foyer on Sundays after worship. Please let me know if you would like to help sell them at the table behind the welcome center on Sundays.

CONNECT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

As you plan your parties, be sure to give special effort invite all your regular members and absentees, as well as all your prospects. The most effective way is personal invitations. These are a great way to reach in and reach out and build fellowship!

Coming Up Soon!

Dec. 24 - No Connect Groups, 2 Christmas Eve services: 10:30am & 5:30pm

Dec. 31 – No Connect Groups, 10:30 service only

Make Your Reservations for CRASE Training

CRASE is an acrostic for:

Civilian Response Active Shooter Events.

Our local police provide this **FREE** training. It is the same training as our local schools have had. We have been working toward this for a couple of years for our church. So, it is not in response to the Las Vegas shooting or the recent shooting in the church near Nashville. However, it is a very timely situation. Officers Jjesus Anaya and Kirk Zaner are members of our church, and will do the training. We set the date for **Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00pm**. This will include staff, preschool staff, Safety Team, Door Greeters, Welcome Center Guides, Ushers and anyone else interested. We will share more info as the time gets closer. In the meantime, save the date please. Since we will have a large group, the police have asked that we limit participation to our church. Other churches can schedule the training with the local police. **We need reservations to adequately prepare. Please sign the list at the Welcome Center or call the office to add your name.**

Love, Danny

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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

We're continuing to recruit volunteers to serve in game day positions. Job descriptions and registration are available at www.fbc recreation.com or contact Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith to volunteer



Prayer Partners: unlimited

Greeters: unlimited

Referees: 10 required / **5 vacancies**

Concessions: 10 required / **5 vacancies**

Clock monitors: 4 required / **3 vacancies**

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Men's & Women's Basketball

Tuesday nights

January 16-March 13, 2018

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33 The Series continues this January as we trek through Volume 2: A Man and His Story.

This volume provides men with a biblical perspective of their "story", equipping us to embrace how our past has affected our present and prepares us to deal with whatever the future may hold. No big deal if you missed Volume 1 last fall. Each volume of the six-volume gospel-centered video series stands alone but together, presents the timeless truths of Authentic Manhood in a powerfully engaging way. Bring a friend or group of friends and let's grow together.

Volume 2 – A Man and His Story

Wednesdays, January 17-February 21, 2018

5:45-7:00 pm, Room 3025

Wallace Yamauchi, facilitator

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Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships

Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym



We invite everyone 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. Find someone you don't know and introduce yourself! They will surely be grateful! And just a reminder for church members, please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

Dec 10: I, J, K, L

Jan 7, 2018: V, W, X, Y, Z

Dec 17: M, N

Jan 14: A, B

Dec 24: O, P, Q, R

Jan 21: C, D, E

Dec 31: S, T, U

Jan 28: F, G, H

Until we all fall down, Wallace

Seminary Extension Class

For ministers who want to earn an accredited Bachelor Degree in Bible, Theology or Pastoral Ministries and for laypersons who would like to sharpen their Biblical skills. Mondays 6 p.m. @ FBC, starting January 8th lasting 10 weeks. Cost : \$50.00 includes your books bring your \$50 payment to the first class.

Instructor: Dr. Harold Elder Course: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Deadline to register: December 18, 2017

Registration: call the CBA office, 501-778-5463 or 1-800-798-5463; email your name, address, phone number, and course title to brenda@cbabenton.com or go online at www.cbabenton.com and look for the reservations tab.



**IT ALL STARTS WITH A GIFT!
AND LIVES ARE CHANGED THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST!**

**We still have 15 angels that
need to be selected.**

We have been given an opportunity again this Christmas to give the greatest gift of all to children of incarcerated parents. Angel Tree is a ministry of the Prison Fellowship where gifts are provided to children on behalf of their parents in prison. For some it may be the only contact the child has had from the parent in a very long time. You can select your Angel on **Sunday, December 10** at the table in the foyer by Homefront. There will be a dinner for the children and their families on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to come. Please contact Charlotte Arnold at 318-6133 for more information or to ask how you can help.



Fresh poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary for our Christmas Eve services on December 24. If you would like one placed in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Pam Warren at 520-8202 by December 21. Cost is \$15.



Collecting for

December 2017 Ukraine Mission Trip

We are focusing on these items for the cold weather.

Men's & Women's **Coats, Jeans, gloves,**

Fleece fabric (any color) or fleece blankets (on sale at Wal Mart for \$2.50) & LARGE suitcases with rollers.

Please drop off your donations in the Church office by December 15TH.

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (12-3-17)

Weekly Receipts \$71,142

Online Giving \$10,056

Total Given \$81,198

All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (12-3-17) \$11,831

Balance of loan: (11-30-17) \$2,035,268

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.

GROUPS & CLASSES

Comfort in Christ

Provides support to all women who have suffered the loss of a loved one. This woman-to-woman group offers support during the journey from grief to healing, prayer and encouragement, and a safe and understanding place to share one's thoughts, feelings and experiences. Books, handouts, devotionals, and other resources with a spiritual emphasis are provided to help each person regarding the grief process. This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm in the home of the leader, Rhonda Frederick. Please contact her at 501-538-3911, for more info.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with John Bailey and family in the death of his wife, Anne; the family of Ardeth Marks; Judy and Bryan Garrett and family in the death of her mother, Georgia Braughton; and the Dennis Cummings and family in the death of his mother, Louise Cummings. May God bless and comfort you.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Josh and Katy Wesson on the birth of their daughter, Kirby Grace. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and was 20 in long. Proud big sister is Avery and proud grandparents are Clark & Juanet. Proud aunt is Haley Jo.

Wednesday Night Supper December

6th: Taco/Potato Bar, Peach Cobbler

13th: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Corn Dog, Fries, Cake

20th: Christmas Dinner (Ham and sides)

27th: No Meal or Activities