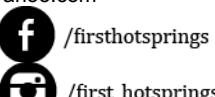


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THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



Scan here to go directly to the FBC webpage.

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 lookout for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!



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

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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.

ATTENDANCE

December 3, 2017	
Homebound TV Class	*80
9:00 Connect Group	523
10:30 Connect Group	411
Total Connect Groups	934
Worship Attendance 9:00	675
Worship Attendance 10:30	891
Total Worship	1,566

*Average

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Dec 7	Mon Dec 11	Wanda Rice
Hosea 7-8:	Joel 1-3;	Tye Bland
2 John	Revelation 2	Earlene Arnold
Jim Wilkins	Jonathan Logan	Elijah Adams
Dennis Mauk	Taylor Wernecke	Brenda Fouts
Paula Massanelli	James Williams	
Kayla C. Smith	Jeff Taylor	
Kat Allen	Jjesus Anaya	
Fri Dec 8	Lenzie Patricola	
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

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 Gingrich, Amy Jessen
10:30 a.m.	Jim & Jane Bledsoe, Pat Webb, Jody Baker, Betty Parker, Patti Heckmann
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
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:	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
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	
1 st Sunday.....North:	Carlos Lemos, 538-1624
.....South:	Glen Catlett, 844-7565
2 nd Sunday....North:	Roman Terlecki, 622-7735
.....South:	Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
3 rd Sunday.....North:	Missy Herron, 762-3749
.....South:	Duke Haight, 815-4416
4 th Sunday.....North:	Bob Roling, 545-5818
.....South:	Jon Vitro, 282-2975
5 th Sunday.....North:	Bob Roling, 545-5818
.....South:	Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
Deacon Hospital Visitation	
Dec 11-15	
Monday.....	Jim Bledsoe
Tuesday.....	James Bennett
Wednesday.....	Doug Ross
Thursday.....	Alex Strawn
Friday.....	Lance Porter

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.fbcrecreation.com or contact Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith to volunteer



Men's & Women's Basketball

Tuesday nights

January 16-March 13, 2018





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

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@cabenton.com or go online at www.cabenton.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 with a Christmas program to follow in the Worship 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.

November 19
to December 16



CHURCH GOAL:
\$110,000

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

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.

All In Fund

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

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

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