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Sunday, January 8

4:00-6:00 pm in room 133

For new members or those interested in learning more about the church.



Pastor's Notes

God moved among us during our celebration of Advent and Christmas. Numerous response cards from the musical presentations indicated that persons were saved or ready for God to do a new work in their lives. God saved a man from Arizona in our Christmas Eve service! I'm grateful for your faithful prayers and outreach and attendance during this season. You invited, invested, and impacted the kingdom of God. I'm also grateful for Lee and Stephen and their teams that did such a great job of helping us worship during this holy season.

God did many good things in the church during 2016. We saw more than we've ever seen come to Christ during VBS. We continued to make an impact on the global kingdom of God through strategic mission partnerships. Many in the church went on their first mission trip. God helped us subscribe the budget and then some. We are near the completion of our parking project. Numerous individuals grew in their faith and walk with Jesus. Through More Than a Face we invited more people to Jesus and the church than ever before. We trained more people in personal evangelism than ever before. We had our first revival in more than ten years, including that great service at Farmer's Market. I could go on. We prayed that God would do amazing things among us and through us in 2016. God answered those prayers.

Now a new year is upon us. I'm praying that God would do great things yet again. I am specifically praying that God would do some deepening work in our lives this year. I'm taking my prayer from part of Ephesians 4:13 – that *“we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.”* We plan to offer various ways for you to take next steps in your growth in Jesus.

This Sunday we begin a series called *Reboot 2017*. Just as we sometimes have to reboot our computers to clear the muddle, so we need to reboot our lives. We'll be thinking together about rebooting relationships, marriage, finances, frazzled faith, work-life, and church-life. This Sunday we begin by looking at *Rebooting Our Frazzled Faith*. Come be here and bring somebody with you.

Your Pastor,
John

Happy Birthday!
Thur Jan 5
Genesis 12-14:
Matthew 4:1-11
Jerry Franks
Carol Boatright
Peggy Stratton
Brad Jent
Holly Twyford
Dino Lenox
Andrew Montgomery
Fri Jan 6
Genesis 15-17:
Matthew 4:12-25
Russell Dunn
BJ Saunders
Ken Carpenter
Nan Sanders
Kimberly Skaggs
Sat Jan 7
Genesis 18-19:
Matthew 5:1-16
Jerry Jones
Bill Garner
Vicki Green
Jordan McInvale
Ryan Viscardis
Cayden Jackson
Sun Jan 8
Genesis 20-22:
Matthew 5:17-48
Edith Sunderland
Charlotte Brunson
Linda Bush
Dana Greeson
Amanda Menotti
Jason Dugger
Adam Lowrey
Courtney Snyder
Mon Jan 9
Genesis 23-24:
Matthew 6:1-18
Martha Robertson
Fran Huhn
Clyde Shirron
Jennifer Hannah
Tue Jan 10
Genesis 25-27:
Matthew 6:19-34
Dale Horn
Denice Sumpter
Bryan Campbell
Landon Gray
Wed Jan 11
Genesis 28-29
Matthew 7:1-14
Francisca Gomez
Denice Davis
Lorrie Williams
Jason Terry
Thur Jan 12
Genesis 30-31:
Matthew 7:15-29
Shirley Rogers
Billy Skipper
Gina Mayberry
Darin Beckwith
Fri Jan 13
Genesis 32-33:
Matthew 8:1-17
Mary Shaw
Martha McAlister
Mic Skelton
Matthew Shirey
Sat Jan 14
Genesis 34-36:
Matthew 8:18-34
Melba Templeton
Carilyn Graves
Marilyn Tarvin
Thomas Wolf
Katie Yamauchi
Asa Stevenson
Sun Jan 15
Genesis 37-38:
Matthew 9:1-26
Evelyn Hughes
Richard Hawthorn
Dick Wilkerson
Joan Voeks
Judi Jones
Becky Miller
William Waldrop
Lee Anna Waters
Mon Jan 16
Genesis 39-40:
Matthew 9:27-38
Shirley Rogers
Billy Skipper
Gina Mayberry
Darin Beckwith
Tues Jan 17
Genesis 41-42:
Matthew 10
Pollye Lincoln
Connie Loetscher

Door Greeters - Dec 18
9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, Mike & Betty James, Allison Fitts, Jerry Franks, Clyde Shirron, Jan White, Mick Skelton
10:30 a.m. Charles & Carol Hill, Patti Heckmann, Alvenia Cheatham, Tommy Hargrove, Joe & Megan Greeson, Kaye Park, Amy Jessen

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: Jerry Sunderland, 762-3749
..... South: Duke Haight, 815-4416
4th SundayNorth: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Tony Payne, 617-6459
5th SundayNorth: 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 9-13
Monday..... Jim Bledsoe
Tuesday..... N/A
Wednesday.....Doug Ross
ThursdayAJ Johnson
Friday John Robbins

Ushers - Dec 18
9:00 a.m. Milton Raabe, Carl Hawthorn, Jim Short
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. A.J. Johnson, Donny Moore, Cole Efird
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 8
8:30 a.m. Jerry Franks, Vernon Brooks, Gary Segrest, Pete Davenport, Matt Parchman, John Slater
10:15 a.m. Chris Brock, Lee Carson, Kyle Benton, Bill James, Jason Blankenship
4:00-6:00 p.m. Andy Miller

Wednesday - Jan 11
4:00-6:00 p.m. Clyde Shirron, Ron Stickels, Gene Watson
6:00-8:00 p.m. John Slater, Cole Morgan


Welcome Center Guides January 8:30 a.m.
PS Ctr: Kim Miller, Susan Blount, Brad Wreyford, Josh & Katy Wesson
FH Ctr: Jane Campbell, Nita Ingram
Foyer Welc Ctr: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
10:00 a.m.
PS Ctr: Jake & Sarah Bird, Travis & Lauren Warren
FH Ctr: Juan Wheatley, Sandra Wilson
2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris

ATTENDANCE


Attendance January 1, 2017
Homebound TV Class.....*80
NO 9:00 Connect Group
NO 10:30 Connect Group
Total Connect Groups
NO Worship Attendance 9:00
Worship Attendance 10:30..... 750
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45*39
Total Worship789
NO Children's Worship
*Average

New Members

Roy & Becky Ewing
Robert & Anna Rowland

BUDGET REPORT	
	
Ministry Fund (1-1-17) Weekly Receipts \$24,928 Online Giving \$1,748 Total Given \$26,676	
All In Fund Weekly Receipts: (1-1-17) \$7,553 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

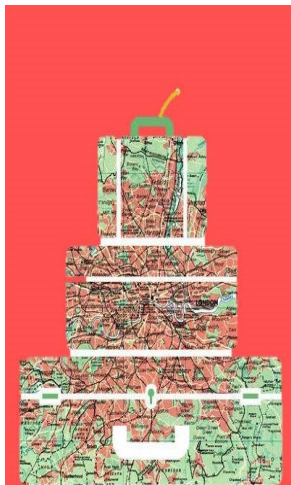
Saturday, January 7, 2017 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

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



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



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!

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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

The time is now to get on board! Our Upward season begins next week and we still need some volunteers! Over 50 volunteers are already on board with Upward this season but we need at least another 50 to fill the remaining volunteer vacancies!



These **GAME DAY** ministry positions take place on Saturdays, Jan 28-Mar 11.

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.

Referees: We need an additional 8 volunteers to officiate in either Kindergarten or 1st-2nd grade divisions. Training is early January.

Possession Arrow Operators: We need 6 volunteers to help manage the game!

Concession Stand Helpers: We need 12 volunteers to serve from the concession stand.

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

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



Jan 8: M, N
Jan 15: O, P, Q, R
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

Until we all fall down, Wallace



"Perspectives on the World Christian Movement"

This is highly recommended for anyone interested in a serious

Missions vision and is the most important course taught for the past few years. Please see the details below and contact them to register.

This course will be taught at Crossgate Church

3100 E. Grand Ave., Hot Springs 71901

January 19—May 18, 2017

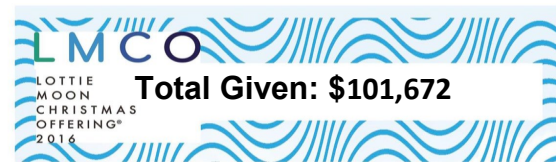
Classes will be held on Thursdays, 6-9:00 pm

Orientation/Registration/Books: Thursday, January 19, 6-9:00pm

No class on March 23 (Spring Break) COST: Key Reading & Certificate Level: \$270, includes the Reader and Study Guide, Alumni Pricing: \$30 to upgrade to Certificate Level, all other alumni FREE!

For questions you may call or email:

Gary House, 501.743.6693 gary@firsths.tv



Education & Outreach Ministry

Start Off the New Year Right Find A Group And Connect !

Connect Groups (Sunday School)

We have groups at 9:00am and 10:30am for Preschoolers, Children & Youth. For Adults we have options with multiple groups for Young Adults, Median Adults, Senior Adults, Single Adults, some Men's Groups and Women's groups. At 9:00am we also have Special Needs, and DivorceCare.

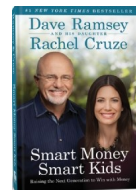
Everyone needs to find a group and Connect!

Connect with New People! (Reach Out)!

Connect with God (through Bible Study & Prayer)!

Connect with Each Other (through Ministry & Fellowship)!

Directories and Guides are available at Welcome Centers to help you find a good fit!



Smart Money / Smart Kids

Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm, Starting January 11.

For 6 weeks in room 129. It's Free! Excite Nite for kids – Birth through 6th Grade. Youth Recreation and Bible Study also.

New Committee and Ministry Team Members Start Now!

Chairpersons should contact their committees or teams and make plans for the New Year.

New Property Progress

Light poles and new LED lights are installed. Curbing has started. When it is finished we will see paving and striping!

Love, Danny



First Baptist Quilters

Meet on the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month,

9 AM til Noon in Room #3023 (3rd floor).

We are quilting Quilts of Honor, to be presented to wounded soldiers. Anyone is invited to join! If interested, contact Marilyn Morgan at 520-4105, Henrietta Norman at 627-4618 or Cheryl Nichols at 622-9002.

Keenager's Luncheon

Thursday, January 12, 11:30 am

Family Life Center

Speaker: Pastor John Cost: \$7

Menu: Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Soup, Vegetable Soup, Dessert



ESL International 2017

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

Jan 5 - Balboa Baptist Church, Hot Springs Village

Jan 12 - Hispanic Church Group

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!

Anniversaries

Congratulations to

Margarito Ramirez on his 19th anniversary as Hispanic Pastor.

Arleen Kee on her 11th anniversary as Music Secretary.

Kristy Shirey on her 6th anniversary as Preschool Ministry Director.

Mike Pounders on his 6th anniversary Administrative Pastor.

Danny Bryson on his 21st anniversary as Minister of Education/Outreach.

Tonia Lambert on her 3rd anniversary as Financial Administrator.

Your service to our Lord and Savior and First Baptist Church is greatly appreciated.



Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to the Randy and Glenda Jackson and family in the death of his father, Marcus Jackson . God bless and comfort you.

Thank you notes have been received from the family of Charles Thomason and from Joann Dalrymple. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

Comfort in Christ Ministry

Meets 1st Thursday each month at 4:00 p.m. in the Bridal Room (Rm 2020). Please come join this support group if you have suffered a loss in your life. More info: Rhonda Frederick, 627-0771 or Martha Rice, 525-0430

Wednesday Night Supper Menu January (soup, salad, and fries always served)

4th: Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Corn Dog, Pie

11th: Roast Beef, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Chicken Strip, Cake

18th: Taco/Potato Bar, Peach Cobbler

25th: Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Pie