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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:



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
Mar 19: S, T, U
Mar 26: V, W, X, Y, Z

Pastor's Message

Wasn't it nice on Sunday to recognize **Bernice Lowrey** on the occasion of her retirement after 42 years at the piano for the church? We've been blessed with great musicians through the years, and every one of them have raved about how good we have had it here with Bernice and Charlene Smith. We will miss her at the keyboard but are thankful she'll be with Mike in the congregation.

People who don't know the church sometimes ask me about **our attendance**. I tell them our average attendance: around 860 in Connect Groups and 1150 in worship. And while I'm grateful for that attendance, we could be doing so much better. And I don't mean by adding more people—though we always want to see people come to Jesus and the church. I mean that we could do much better if our own people would come more faithfully. We've been averaging about 2600 over the last three Easters. That tells me that we could be averaging 2000 if all of us showed up on the same Sunday.

I share this with you because this Sunday's **Reboot 2017** series sermon is about rebooting your church life. For some of us, that might be as simple as committing to be present every Sunday. Let me encourage you to look back over your 2016 calendar. Can you reconstruct how many Sundays you were present in 2016? Out of 52 were you and/or your family here 45 of them? 35? Even half at 26? Whatever your number, let me encourage you to ramp that up in 2017. This is not all it means to reboot your church life, but it's the easiest place to start.

God continues to add to our flock and we are grateful. Let's continue **inviting everyone, investing in people, and impacting eternity**. These things matter forever. See you Sunday.

Your Pastor,
John

Happy Birthday!
Thur Feb 2
Exodus 29-30;
Matthew 18:21-35
James Bozeman
Darla Masters
Shane Morgan
David Hall
Blake Buttrum
Stormi Martin
Art Slaton

Fri Feb 3
Exodus 31-32;
Matthew 19:1-15
Susan Johnson
Matthew Haggard
Patrick Haggard

Sat Feb 4
Exodus 33-34;
Matthew 19:16-30
Phil Higdon
Gavin McClain
Baylee Brown
Caleb Snyder
Mollie Gidcomb

Sun Feb 5
Exodus 35-36;
Matthew 20:1-16
Frances Gray
Patrick Moseley
Ervin Thomson
Jeanne White
Holly Kropp
Pam Hall
Carol Taylor
Michael Smoke

Door Greeters - Feb 5
9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, James O'Neal, Lee & Kathryn Carson, Susan Sanders, Jerry Franks, Amy Jessen
10:30 a.m. Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner

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: 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 Feb 6-10**
Monday.....Chad Lockwood
Tuesday.....Roy Coulter
Wednesday.....John Jenkins
ThursdayAlex Strawn
FridayLance Porter

Ushers - Feb 5
9:00 a.m. Milton Raabe, Pete Davenport, Carl Hawthorn
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, Glen McClain, 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 Feb 5
8:30 a.m. Brad Phillips, Robert Davis, Doug Co-nine, Frankie Moore, Mitchell Mote, Larry Ingram
10:15 a.m. Mike Rottinghaus, Todd Willis, Mike Griffith, Ian Thomas, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery
4:00-6:00 p.m. Bill Walker

Wednesday - February 8
4:00-6:00 p.m. Clyde Shirron, Ron Stickles, Gene Watson
6:00-8:00 p.m. Gary Smith, John Slater, Cole Morgan

Welcome Center Guides February
8:30 a.m.
PS Ctr: Kim Miller, Susan Blount, Brad Wreyford, Josh & Katy Wesson
FH Ctr: David & Gigi Bird
Foyer Welc Ctr: Robert & Cindy Davis
10:00 a.m.
PS Ctr: Jake & Sarah Bird, Travis & Lauren Warren, Jay & Jennifer Winters
FH Ctr: Betty James & Bettye Oliver
2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Vaughn & Stephanie Treadway

ATTENDANCE

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| Attendance | January 29, 2017 |
| Homebound TV Class..... | *80 |
| 9:00 Connect Group | 413 |
| 10:30 Connect Group | 442 |
| Total Connect Groups | 855 |
| Worship Attendance 9:00..... | 462 |
| Worship Attendance 10:30..... | 667 |
| Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 | *39 |
| Total Worship | 1,168 |
| Children's Worship | *52 |
| *Average | |

New Members

Karen Brown
Jeremy, Heather & Baylee Busch
Gabrielle Goins

| BUDGET REPORT | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Ministry Fund (1-29-17) | |
| Weekly Receipts | \$42,933 |
| Online Giving | \$5,324 |
| Total Given | \$48,257 |
| All In Fund | |
| Weekly Receipts: (1-29-17) | \$20,370 |
| Balance of loan: (1-13-17) | \$2,729,281 |

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

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

Missions Celebration 2017
April 26-30
"Till all have Heard!"
Matthew 24:14

An opportunity to take a Missionary to dinner. . .

We need 20 classes and/or couples who will be taking a missionary to dinner on Thursday or Friday night (April 27th & 28th) during our upcoming Missions Celebration Conference. Great opportunity to hear personally how God is working in the world.

Grab another couple and together volunteer by calling
ken wheatley 501.655.1144 kwheatleyiii@sbcglobal.net

If you would like to Open your Home to a visiting missionary during MISSIONS CELEBRATION 2017 April 26-April 30
Please contact Beverly Gingrich 501.624.3345
beverly_gingrich@yahoo.com



RISE Homebound Ministry Altar Flower Delivery Team

Every Monday, 1 lady who serves on the homebound Altar flower delivery team delivers the Sunday altar flowers to 2 homebound. You would do this once a month to an assigned homebound. Short delivery and visit. You come to the church and pick up the flowers and a homemade treat baked by the Heavenly Baker, Lisa Caple. Time of day is up to you but usually after lunch for most homebound. Contact Jennifer Hamner [501.622.9418](tel:501.622.9418) or Kate Hamner [501.762.5229](tel:501.762.5229)

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

Spring Basketball League for Men and Women

Thursday nights, 6:45 pm,
February 9-April 6
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UPPER LEVEL Special-Needs Basketball league for children ages 8 and older and adults.

- Children and Teenagers:** Mondays, April 10-May 15
- Adults:** Thursdays, April 13-May 18
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FLC Revised Saturday Hours during Upward game days,
8:00 am-9:30 am,
Saturdays, January 28-March 18
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We had a great tip off to our game days last Saturday! We invite you to come and minister alongside us!

Help us connect with families from the community, both church and unchurched. Offer a friendly smile and hand-shake, introduce yourself, and help the families, players, and coaches feel welcome! Surely you can find some time to pop in during our 5 hours of games! Here's our hourly schedule for this season:

9:30 am: Kindergarten coed practice and games
10:25 am: Kindergarten coed practice and games
11:30 am: 1st-2nd grade boys
12:30 pm: 1st-2nd grade boys/girls
1:30 pm: 1st-2nd grade girls

Until we all fall down, Wallace

Survey of the Bible
Will not meet Sun., Feb. 5 & 12

Material Needed for Honduras Mission Project

Linda Mahnker is sewing dresses and treasure bags to send to the children in Honduras. If you can donate any kind of brightly colored cotton material and/or single fold bias tape (any color) or thread (any color), it would be greatly appreciated. The youth will take these dresses and bags to Honduras. Donations may be dropped off in the office.



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.

Education & Outreach Ministry

Special Needs Conference

February 18, 2017
10:00am - 2:30pm
ABSC Building

Trainers: Angela Gaddis
Dean of Social Work, Belhaven University
Joni and Friends Board Member
Kris Shinn
VP of Above All Else, Inc.
Father of 13 year old with Autism
Barbie Caldwell
Professional School Counselor
Huntsville High School

Cost: \$10 per person for training and lunch
Register: absc.org/specialneeds or 501-376-4741 ext 537

If you are a teacher of Special Needs people or would be interested in doing so, please consider this training opportunity! Let me know if you can go.

Caution: Parking Lot Progress!

- *Curbs on lower lot near completion and have been back filled.
- *Leach Street entrance excavated. Still have to pore the driveway.
- *Drive-through Gates installed on lower lot.
- *Getting bids to order signs.
- *Surveillance Cameras ordered for new lots.
- *Wedding Chapel Driveway is removed and busted up to use as rip-rap along Leach St. between curb and fence.
- *Irrigation for east side of the lower lot is done.
- *Barriers around light poles have been pored.
- *Driveway widening on both Central Ave. entrances begins soon.

Explore the Bible

Special Training for Teachers of Adults who use the Explore the Bible curriculum or may be interested in doing so!

February 7th at Geyer Springs FBC in Little Rock at 6:30 p.m.

Facilitator: David Apple from LifeWay Christian Resources

Highlight the attributes of this curriculum, offer teaching tips, and answer questions about how to use this curriculum in the groups strategy of your church.

Provide your own transportation.
Please let me know if you are interested.

Thank You For Connecting

We have had more guests in Connect Groups lately than ever before. Thank you for trying our Groups. Let me encourage you to make a commitment for you and your family to stick with one and come consistently now.

If you haven't tried one yet or you are still looking, please come to the Welcome Centers where trained guides will lead you to a group of your choice!

Love, Danny

Keenager's Luncheon
Thursday, February 9
11:30 am
in the Family Life Center

Special Guests:
The Drugstore Cowboys
Widows & Widowers—Free
All others—\$5

Warmest Christian sympathy is extended to Sandra Cox and Reggie Ritter in the death of their mother, Wanda Ritter; to the family of Norma Frazer; and to Chuck & Bobbie Morrison in the death of his mother, Mary Nelle Morrison. May God bless and comfort you.

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

Please join us for a WEDDING SHOWER Honoring
Caroline Spencer & Jay Robbins
Sunday, February 5, 2017
1:30-3:00
Room 133

Registered
Dillard's
William & Sonoma

Hostesses: Jody Baker, Kelly Beckwith, Phyllis Brooks, Cindy Davis, Virginia Fortner, Janet Porter, Sondra Reap

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

1: Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Chicken Strip, Cake

8: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Spanish Rice, Green Peas, Hamburger, Peach Cobbler

15: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Pie

22: Taco/Potato Bar, Cake