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# The Messenger

## First Baptist Church

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## Youth/Family Spring Break & Youth Spring/Summer Info Meeting (Spring Retreat/Chicago/Summer Camps) THIS SUNDAY

In the youth area  
Immediately following 2nd CG Time/  
Celebration Service

This is for anyone already signed up for the Spring Break trip and/or any youth/parents who may be interested in participating in any of our Spring and Summer activities.

Thur Jan 26  
Exodus 12-13;  
Matthew 15:1-20  
Margarito Ramirez  
Jenny Goldman

Fri Jan 27  
Exodus 14-15;  
Matthew 15:21-39  
Greg Greeson

Sat Jan 28  
Exodus 16-18;  
Matthew 16:1-12  
Dianne Cofer  
Lynn Jackson  
Hank Wheeler  
Mitchell Mote

Sun Jan 29  
Exodus 19-21;  
Matthew 16:13-28  
Jack Porter  
Rick Davis  
Cindy Davis  
Michael Spraggins  
Alex Palmer  
Kathy Cross

Mon Jan 30  
Exodus 22-23;  
Matthew 17:1-13  
Raymond Hill  
Heather Guill  
Lane Davis  
Ivey James

Tues Jan 31  
Exodus 24-26;  
Matthew 17:14-27  
Lisa Waters  
Alvenia Cheatham  
Claudine Cusick  
Vernon Brooks  
David Bird  
Thomas Griffin  
Will Lindsay  
Jaden Hall

Wed Feb 1  
Exodus 27-28;  
Matthew 18:1-20  
Carol Richardson  
Rhonda Harrington  
Taylor Parker  
T.J. Johnson

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

Mon Feb 6  
Exodus 37-38;  
Matthew 20:17-34  
Linda Pope  
Elizabeth Efird  
Randy Barlow  
Matthew Muldoon  
Tabitha Island

Tues Feb 7  
Exodus 39-40;  
Matthew 21:1-22  
Bonnie Harvill  
Karen Akins  
Joyce James  
Nina Alter

### Door Greeters - Jan 29

**9:00 a.m.** Marie Colmenero, Bob & Bonnie Biles, Delaine Green, Jody Baker, Vernon & Beverly Gingrich, Mary Davenport, Mary Pogue, Bill & Denise Garner  
**10:30 a.m.** Margo Diaz, Corbett Sanders, Pat Webb, Amy Jessen

### Van Outreach Drivers

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday ..... North: Carlos Lemus, 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

### Parking Greeters

1st Sundays.....Brian Witt  
2nd Sundays .....Clyde Shirron  
3rd Sundays .....Gary Bettis  
4th Sundays .....Craig Forbes  
5th Sundays .....Jim Morgan  
Sub.....Craig Forbes

### Deacon Hospital Visitation Week of Jan 30-Feb 3

Monday.....Chuck Lane  
Tuesday.....Chris Brock  
Wednesday.....Al Blount  
Thursday .....Corbett Sanders  
Friday .....Jerry Thompson

### Ushers - Jan 29

**9:00 a.m.** OPEN  
**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.** James O'Neal, A.J. Johnson, 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 Jan 29

**8:30 a.m.** Bill McGehee, Terry Hunter, Robert Covey, Allen Black, Kelly Robbins, Larry Ingram  
**10:15 a.m.** Clyde Shirron Robert Thompson, Jason Armitage, Ian Thomas, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Dustin Heard  
**Wednesday - February 1**  
**4:00-6:00 p.m.** Herb Mansbridge, Pat Moseley, Billy Skipper  
**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Richard Braley, Milton Raabe, Herbert Gray

### Welcome Center Guides January

**8:30 a.m.**  
**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  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Welc Ctr:** Roman & Pat Terlecki, George

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance ..... January 22, 2017  
**Homebound TV Class.....\*80**  
9:00 Connect Group ..... 473  
10:30 Connect Group ..... 433  
**Total Connect Groups .....906**  
Worship Attendance 9:00..... 437  
Worship Attendance 10:30..... 712  
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45 .....\*39  
**Total Worship ..... 1,188**  
Children's Worship .....\*52  
\*Average

*New Members*

Taryn Watson

## Pastor's Message


In light of the **social media political outburst** in the last week or two, let me share my post in response to all of the harsh diatribes and unfriending from both sides:  
*"Here's my radical political post: no matter your politics, if you're my friend, you're still my friend."* This is America. We don't and won't all agree on politics. Let's not let that get in the way of friendship. Thank you that you don't bring polarizing attitudes with you to church. We're on the same team and the same mission here. I'm praying every bit as much for spiritual revival in America now as I've been praying for the last few years. Join me in loving each other and praying for revival.

Can I just give a quick shout out and thank you to the women who are part of the **Rise Ministry to our homebound?** Your love and ministry to these people makes a huge impact. Almost every time I am in contact with one of our homebound I hear about your ministry and the blessing you are to these people. It's kind of a thankless job and it's nitty-gritty ministry. But the homebound matter, you matter, and your ministry matters. Thank you!!


As we continue *Reboot 2017* this Sunday, our focus will be on **rebooting our work**. We spend so much time working for a living that it's easy to get bored or go on autopilot, sort of disengage. What if we worked for a higher purpose than a paycheck? What might that purpose be? Let's talk about this Sunday. See you there.

Your Pastor,  
John



BUDGET REPORT	
	
<b>Ministry Fund</b> (1-22-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$48,353
Online Giving	\$6,041
Total Given	\$54,394
<b>All In Fund</b>	
Weekly Receipts: (1-22-17)	\$11,899
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.



Pray for our INDIA intern leaving  
for Mumbai & New Delhi July 4 – December 17, 2016  
Cole Pitts

**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)

**Wednesday Night Supper Menu January**  
(soup, salad, and fries always served)  
**25th:** Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Pie

**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  
\* \* \* \*

**Our first Upward game day is this Saturday and 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 handshake, 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:** 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys
- 12:30 pm:** 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade boys/girls
- 1:30 pm:** 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls  
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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:

	<b>Jan 29: V, W, X, Y, Z</b>	Feb 26: I, J, K, L
	Feb 5: A, B	Mar 5: M, N
	Feb 12: C, D, E	Mar 12: O, P, Q, R
	Feb 19: F, G, H	Mar 19: S, T, U

Until we all fall down, Wallace

**Deacon's Meeting**  
Sunday, January 29  
4:30 pm in room 223

**Education & Outreach Ministry**

**Resolve to Connect in a Group!**

**Connect Groups (Sunday School)**

See the Directory and come to the Welcome Centers where trained guides will lead you to a group of your choice!  
**Everyone needs to find a group and Connect!**

- Connect with God (through Bible Study & Prayer)!
- Connect with Each Other (through Ministry & Fellowship)!
- Connect with New People! (Reach Out)!

**Hey Young and Median Adults**

For those of you who attend the 9:00am 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, me or talk to me in person.

**Parking Lot Progress**

- Curbs on lower lot near completion.
- Leach Street entrance excavated.
- Gates installed on lower lot.
- Signs ordered.
- Surveillance Cameras ordered for new lots.
- Old driveway torn out.


**Hey Teachers of Adults,**

If you use the **Explore the Bible** curriculum or may be interested in doing so, here is a quick invite from our Arkansas Baptist State Convention:  
**They are offering special training February 7<sup>th</sup> at Geyer Springs FBC in Little Rock at 6:30 p.m.**


Explore the Bible has undergone significant revisions in recent years. The line is now written for all age groups and also includes versions for shorter term (6-8 week) book studies, **David Apple from LifeWay Christian Resources** will 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.

I will be going for an earlier meeting with ministers. So, you would need to **provide your own transportation**. Please let me know if you are interested.  
**Love, Danny**

**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.




**ESL International 2017**

Connect Groups who are committed to provide meals for ESL Int'l. Students, Children, Teachers, and Staff  
Jan 26 - 9 am Senior Adult 3 Co-ed  
God bless you for all your help. Thank You!




**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 the family of Aaron Brewer; and to Brooks Evans (wife), Noah and Hannah (children) in the death of Phillip Evans. May God bless and comfort you.

**Comfort in Christ Ministry**  
Meets 1st Thursday each month at 2:00 p.m. Please come join this support group if you have suffered a loss in your life. For more info, call Rhonda Frederick, 627-0771.



**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**

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