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The Messenger

First Baptist Church

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Our first week of Upward practices is well under way! Monday night we had 8 teams of players tip off our season. Some of the players were understandably a little nervous, others were excited, some were both. We'll have another ten teams this Thursday and Saturday. Our first game day is just 2 weeks away and we still need a few more volunteers as noted below:

- **Referees:** 9 required/4 vacancies (volunteers to officiate in either Kindergarten or 1st-2nd grade divisions. Training is Saturday, January 21, 9:00 am.)
- **Concession Stand Helpers:** 12 required/8 vacancies (volunteers to serve from the concession stand; serve 2-3 hours)
- **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.
- **Prayer partners:** Use a daily prayer guide to pray for the players, families, and all the volunteers throughout the season. Prayer guides are available at the Fitness/Rec Ministry HQ and online at www.fbcrecreation.com.

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



After a great season of Advent and Christmas, it was good to get our schedule back to normal on Sunday. Connect Groups fired up again and **this Wednesday**, all of that fires back up too. On Wednesday evenings at 4:00 and 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall, I'll be leading a study of Ephesians. It's been

a while since we've studied one of Paul's letters. We've spent the last three or so years studying Mark, Ecclesiastes, John's letters, Jude, and Jeremiah. It's time to learn from Paul in his very general letter of Ephesians. So I'll be leading that study. Of course, children, youth, and other adult options will be available. Could I suggest some of you consider joining the choir? Classic choir rehearses at 6:00. The choir has been growing, and maybe you are the next to help lead worship in the classic service. Anyway, check the schedule and find a place on Wednesday night. First Baptist is the place to be on Wednesday night.

Could I raise your antennas toward those who visit church on Sunday? The first of the year often brings a number of visitors our way. I met several on Sunday. Can I count on you to introduce yourself to someone you don't know who sits near you? Let's take the first step toward our guests. Ask if you could help them in any way? If they've come to the Classic Service, offer to take them to the Welcome Center when worship is over so they could visit a Connect Group. They may choose not to do that on a first visit, but don't let that be because they weren't invited. I love it when some of you bring people to me after the service that you met during the service. So reach out to our guests. You may just find a new friend in the exchange.

We're excited to get the 16th season of **Upward Basketball** going. Due to changes in children's basketball options over the years, Upward has evolved. Our current focus is younger children. We still need a handful of volunteers for game days. This is a short term commitment that blesses children and their families from the church and the community. Can you help? Contact Wallace in the church office for more information.

As we continue **Reboot 2017**, this Sunday we'll be thinking together about rebooting our finances. We'll consider some of what God says about financial resources and how to steward them. See you then.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance	.....	January 8, 2017
Homebound TV Class	.....	*80
9:00 Connect Group	.....	484
10:30 Connect Group	.....	427
Total Connect Groups	.....	911
Worship Attendance 9:00	.....	475
Worship Attendance 10:30	.....	654
Hispanic Worship Attend 10:45	.....	*39
Total Worship	.....	1,168
Children's Worship	.....	*52
*Average		

New Members

Mickey and Karen Akins
Kathy Cross

Happy Birthday!

Thur Jan 12
Genesis 30:31;
Matthew 7:15-29
Carolyn Mason
Mary Bolton
Jessica Day
Faith Twyford

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

Wed Jan 18

Genesis 43:45;

Matthew 11:1-19

Sharon Bridges

Thur Jan 19

Genesis 46:47;

Matthew 11:20-30

Greg Linington

Rae Mullis

Jack Tedder

Natalie Tedder

Tues Jan 24

Genesis 48:50;

Matthew 12:1-21

Elizabeth Montgomery

Kitty Slatton

Patricia Epperhart

Roy Coulter

Richard Dunn

Debbie Schwillng

Neila Fisher

Tori Hendrix

Door Greeters - Jan 15

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 Lemos, 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 Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
..... South: Tony Payne, 617-6459
5th 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 16-20
Monday Roy Coulter
Tuesday N/A
Wednesday Jack Porter
Thursday Bob Hill
Friday Stacy Farnell

Ushers - Jan 15

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 Eiford

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 15

8:30 a.m. Terry Hunter, Jon Vitro, Jimmy Schultz, Brad Buttrum, Phillip McAdams, Larry Ingram

10:15 a.m. Brad Wreyford, Kelly Robbins, Allen Black, Jerry Thompson, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery

4:00-6:00 p.m. Jack Smith

Wednesday - Jan 18

4:00-6:00 p.m. Bill McGehee, Jerry Longinotti

6:00-8:00 p.m. Herbert Gray, John Smalling

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

2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (1-8-17)

Weekly Receipts	\$51,641
Online Giving	\$6,915
Total Given	\$58,556

All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (1-8-17) \$11,623

Balance of loan: (11-1-16) \$2,824,741

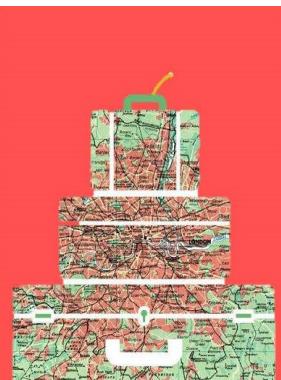
If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com, and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.



Prayer Breakfast

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

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



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!



CHANGE POINT PREGNANCY programs that helps defend the sanctity of human life through EMPOWERING, EDUCATING, EQUIPPING and providing services to men, women and children and to encourage families by sharing the love of Jesus. Because of your support and their efforts there are 54 babies alive today from 2016 and many more lives changed.

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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

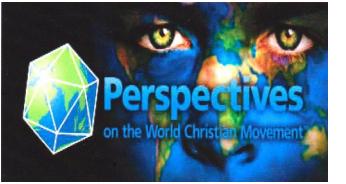
Join us for Sunday morning fellowship in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. Here's the rotation schedule:



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
Mar 5: M, N

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@fisths.tv
or
Marie House, 501.743.6692 marie@fisths.tv



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

Pick up a bottle now at Collection Central
Take it home and fill with a check, cash or coins.

Return it to COLLECTION CENTRAL
(or the office) by Sunday, February 5, 2017.

The baby bottle campaign is used to fund the
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providing services to men, women and children and to encourage families
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Education & Outreach Ministry

Resolve to Connect in a Group!

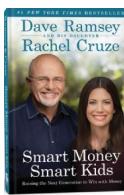
Connect Groups (Sunday School)

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 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!

13th Annual Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic

Chocolate Festival

Sunday, February 5, 2017 1:00 –3:00 pm

Silent Auction from 1:00- 2:30 pm

Come join us & EAT CHOCOLATE for CHARITY!

Bid on great items at the silent auction and enjoy live entertainment all while supporting a truly worthwhile cause.

Hosted by Embassy Suites Hot Springs Hotel & Spa

Served by Hot Springs' Hospitality Industry

Admission: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$50 VIP
VIP ticket holders will receive valet service and will be served in the VIP lounge with easy access to the silent auction.

Contact the Office, Mike Davidson or Vernon Gingrich to Donate and/or Buy Tickets

Thank you notes have been received from the family of Gus O'Neal and from the Cortez Reynolds family. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

John's Men's Group Resumes

Tuesdays, 6:30 am in room 223
Starting January 17th

Sisterhood Fellowship!

We will meet the 3rd TUESDAY of the month!

January 17th, 5:00 pm at Outback Steakhouse

Even if you haven't been in awhile or have never been, we'd still like to see you. Please RSVP to Glenda White, 318-5291, Dee Stelzried, 623-7725 or Billie Wilson, 463-9274.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu January

(soup, salad, and fries always served)

11th: Roast Beef, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Chicken Strip, Cake
18th: Taco/Potato Bar, Peach Cobbler
25th: Spaghetti w/ Meatballs, Pie