

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR April 1-30, 2014

APRIL 1-30 RECEIPTS\$21,330.36
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$25,123.83
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET..... \$ 3,793.47

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

APRIL 1-30 Receipts.....\$21,330.36
 APRIL 1-30 Expenses.....\$21,072.60
APRIL 1-30 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 282.76

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR MARCH 2014

MARCH 1 -31 RECEIPTS.....\$24,498.32
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED.....\$25,123.83
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET..... \$ 625.51

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

March 1-31 Receipts.....\$24,498.32
 March 1-31 Expenses..... \$25,250.74
March 1-31 Expenses over Receipts..... \$ 752.42

USHERS FOR MAY

Arthur Yawn, David Burquest, Curtis Dalton
 Alt.: David Peck

MAY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

4—Mike Sullivan 11—Terry Wood
 18—Mark Burquest 25—Curtis Dalton

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE APRIL

BIBLE STUDY— 97
MORNING WORSHIP— 133

If you are not plugged in with a Bible Study Group you are missing a blessing. Bible Study begins at 9:15 am
 Join Us! We have classes for all ages!

Our preschool area is growing by leaps and bounds, which is an Awesome Praise!! Because of this growth, we are in need of more volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pam Sweatt at sweatt_family@yahoo.com

Memorial Day—The church office will be closed 
Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

MEN OF FAITH—Calling ALL Men!

Men of Faith will meet Monday, May 12 at 6:30 pm for Bible Study and Fellowship—Taco Dinner Night.

Keenagers

Monday, May 12
Noon—Covered Dish



Entertainment:
The Trumpet Man (Terry Barker)

All Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a dish and join us for wonderful food, fellowship and entertainment.

Ladies, don't forget!!!

Women's Fellowship Tea
 May 3rd, 2-4pm
 Fellowship Hall
 Tea, food, laughter, encouraging words - You won't want to miss it!
 RSVP: Pat Bartlett (922-1065)
 or Erinn Peck (epeck005@hotmail.com)



Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Goal: \$2,300
Total Received:
\$2,905.00



WMU—Current Missions



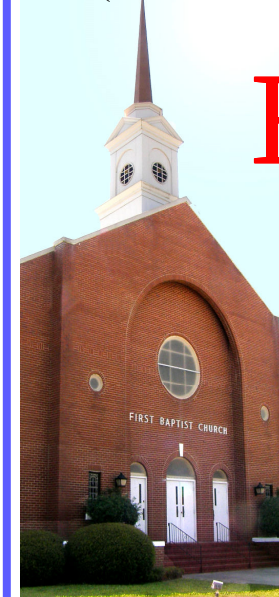
Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **May 15**. Ladies, please join us as plan for the mission opportunities before us.

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From the Pastor

Dear Faith Family of FBC,

Shana and I had an amazing experience last month where God showed us incredible things that both burden our hearts and overflow us with thankfulness. We went to a banquet with Caring Solutions and then we went to Birmingham for the "Know More Orphans" conference. God wrecked us. Did you know that more than 50 million babies are aborted each year? That is more than every major genocide recorded in history combined. Did you know that to equal the number of babies aborted today, the death toll of 911 would have to happen 49 times today? Did you know that if the number of orphans on the planet were to become a nation, it would be Earth's 4 largest nation? My guess is you don't. Neither did we. Not until last month. Why don't we hear of these terrible stats? Well, it's simple really.....their VOICELESS. They are what Matthew 25:40,45 call "the least of these." They are often an afterthought.

If you read Matthew 25:31-46 you actually get a huge insight to the heart of Jesus and how He cares for "the least of these." The passage is about judgment. It's quite shocking really. It seems to imply that those who care for the needy and the helpless go to heaven and those who ignore them go to hell. Well, just so your not tempted to believe that going to heaven or hell is based on your "good deeds" in life, I want you to be reminded that over and over in scripture we are reminded that Salvation is NOT about works. Salvation is by Grace Alone through Faith Alone is Christ Alone. That is the fundamental difference between the Gospel and "Religion." Religion is about what I do (my do's and don'ts), the Gospel is about what Jesus did. Since Isaiah tells me that my righteousness is like filthy rags to God then Jesus is all I can bank on. My good works won't amount to anything. No matter how much I care for the orphan, the widow, the prisoner, the homeless, the aborted, or any of "the least of these", without Jesus, it won't secure a place for me in Heaven. So, Matthew 25 is NOT a passage about the ROOT of Salvation. However, it IS a passage about the FRUIT of Salvation. If you are reading this and you are a Christian, the "least of these" should matter to you. Why? It should matter because the whole foundation of your faith is that you WERE "the least of these." God rescued you. You were His enemy and He befriended you. You were a prisoner of sin and He delivered you. You were a hopeless orphan and He adopted you. Over and over in scripture, God is called the Father to the fatherless. He cares for the least of these because He is good. He rescues the needy and gives provision. Therefore, if you call yourself a Christian, are you reflecting your Father's heart? Are you following in His footsteps? Are you bearing fruit? Do you care for the least of these?

At FBC, you will have an opportunity to care for one of "the least of these" on May 4 because we that will be Compassion Sunday. If you feel led by God, and are willing and able, then you will be able begin sponsoring a child from somewhere in a third world country who would most likely be an orphan because of poverty if it weren't for the Compassion ministry. On that day, Shana and I will take a few minutes in the service to share about some ways that God has moved in our lives through Compassion International. Please be in prayer for us as we testify of God's work.

I love you church and am very grateful for you.

Pastor Chad

Recommended reading: Deep & Wide by Andy Stanley

MAY 2014

Sundays
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Morning Worship
 6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

Wednesdays
 4:30 pm Revelation Study
 6:00 pm “Raising Rock Stars”
 6:00 pm Mid-Week Bible Study
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer Orange Conf. Atlanta	2 Orange Conf. Atlanta	3 Ladies' Tea 2—4 pm 
4 Compassion Sunday  Connect @ Joyce Lanier *Anitra Gavin *Lib Price	5 Home School Chorus—10 am	6 *Grace McMillan *Jay Walker	7 *Cindy Pollock Nerger	8 WMU to provide meal for Black Sheep Ministry—FH	9	10 Student Fundraiser Day (Discount Cards) 8am—11 am
11 Mother's Day  No Connect	12 Home School Chorus—10 am Keenagers—Noon Men of Faith 6:30 pm—Tacos	13 Pastor Chad and Nick to Prayer Conference in Duluth	14	15 WMU—10 am	16	17 *Thomas Dorris
18 Church Council—3:30 pm Stewardship - 5 pm Home School Bell/Chime Concert- 6 pm Connect—6 pm	19	20	21 *Jim Silverstruck	22 *Savannah Lynch	23 Bus reserved Couples to restaurant in Toombsboro *Chuck Hughey	24
25	26 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 	27	28 Nick on Vacation	29 Bus reserved Senior Adults to Whistle Stop Café in Juliette	30	31

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

What is the absolute defining mark of our church? If God were to describe our congregation in one sentence, what would He say? Would He say we have done a good job in Bible Study, Outreach, Community and Worship Services? While it would be great to be commended in these things, there is **one** thing that should be at the center and the focal point of everything we do. In Matthew 21:13, Jesus clearly admonishes the people that His house should be called a house of prayer. If there is **one** thing we as a church should be known by God in, it is prayer. Are we truly seeking **God** and spending time with Him? I have been reading *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire* by Jim Cymbala, and he emphasizes this and the need to realign our focus around prayer. We as a people should simply seek God and enjoy our lives in Him, trust Him to guide everything we do and to empower us as we seek to reach our community for Him. May we make FBC a house of prayer!!

With summer approaching, I am excited about the increasing discipleship opportunities we will have with the students. We have many things planned from Student Life Camp to serving at WinShape Camp here in Warner Robins to serving at our VBS in July. Please be in prayer for God to continue to work in our students that they may experience more of God and will shine for Christ in service to others.

Nick

Youth Activities Coming in June:

June 2 – 6 - WinShape Camp (Service Opportunity)
 June 3 – Braves Game – Tickets \$5



Mother's Day
 May 11
 Celebrate Mothers

The deacons would like to remind you that the Deacon of the Week is available for you to call when you have a personal need or emergency (hospital, death in family, etc.). If you cannot get in touch with the Deacon of the Week, please call one of the other deacons. They are here to serve you. Widows have assigned deacons but may call Deacon of the Week as well. (see back page for schedule)

The following Senior Adult Ministry trips are scheduled for 2014 with estimated cost and sign-up deadline. Contact Jane Gordon to sign-up.

DATE	TOUR EVENT	EST. COST	DEADLINE
May 29	Whistle Stop Café, Juliette	Meal *	May 25
June 2	State Capitol Tour/ Stone Mountain Laser Show	Meals *	May 28
June 26	Yoder's Restaurant and Brown's Farm	Meal plus purchases *	June 22
Sept. 4	World of Coke and Georgia Aquarium	\$60 plus meals *	Aug. 31
Dec. 2	Fantasy Lights at Callaway Gardens	\$25 plus meal *	Nov. 9

*\$5 per person for transportation costs.



COMPASSION SUNDAY—MAY 4

Compassion Sunday is an annual event for churches across the U.S. It's an opportunity for members of your church family to personally sponsor children who live in extreme poverty, and help them find new life in Jesus. More than 2,000 churches will be participating this year, and we anticipate that 15,000 children will be sponsored as a result.

Home School Spring Recital Concert May 18, 2014 6 p.m.

