

# FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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## BUDGET REPORT FOR APRIL 1-26, 2015

APRIL 1-26 RECEIPTS .....\$25,563.00  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$29,911.46  
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 4,348.46

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

APRIL 1-26 Receipts.....\$25,563.00  
 APRIL 1-26 Expenses.....\$18,858.77  
 APRIL 1-26 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 6,704.23

## FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR MARCH 2015

MARCH RECEIPTS .....\$35,588.76  
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED .....\$29,911.46  
 RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,677.30

## ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

March 1-31 Receipts.....\$35,588.76  
 March 1-31 Expenses.....\$28,571.17  
 March 1-31 Expenses under Receipts.....\$ 7,017.59

### \*USHERS FOR MAY\*

Arthur Yawn, Curtis Dalton, Chris Dowell,  
 David Burquest Alt.: David Peck & Ralph Pannell

### \*MAY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK\*

3—Lee Miller 10—Terry Wood  
 17—Mark Burquest 24—Curtis Dalton  
 31—Chuck Hughey

## AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 99  
 MORNING WORSHIP— 149

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

### Women's Ministry

**Bunko Night Saturday  
 May 16th at 2:00pm**  
**All FBC women are  
 invited to come show  
 off your bunko skills  
 OR learn to play!**



### Keenagers

**Monday, May 11—Noon**

**ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to join  
 us for lots of fun, food and fellowship.  
 Bring a covered dish and join us!**

### Sr. Adult MOVIE DAY

**May 21, 2015 1 pm  
 in the Fellowship Hall**



### 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 21**. Health kits for Spanish mission trip to Guatemala due at May meeting.

### Men of Faith 2015 2nd Quarter Schedule

**2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015**

~~Monday – 6 Apr @ 6:30PM – MoF LS~~

Monday – 18 May @ 6:30PM – MoF M

Monday – 29 Jun @ 6:30PM – MoF LS



**Christian Social Ministry 5th Sunday  
 Canned & Dry Goods Drive—  
 May 31, 2015**

*Please bring your canned and dry goods  
 so we can help replenish the shelves at CSM*

### Memorial Day

**Monday, May 25  
 Church Office Closed**



Also, Ann will be out for the remainder of that week (May 26-28). If you have anything important for the May 31st bulletin, please contact her by May 20th.

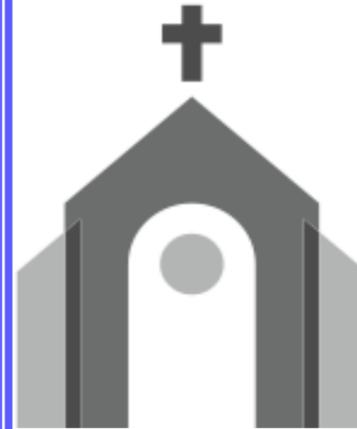
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**“We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations”**

### Our Ministerial Staff:

**Chad Wood**

**Nick Prieto**

**Rusty Grace**

**Pastor**

**Worship & Youth Pastor**

**Discipleship & Systems Pastor**

### From the Pastor

Dear FBC Faith Family,

It's crazy to think that this is the month Shana and I go to China to get Hudson. We have been preparing for this time for over a year and now the time has finally come. Since beginning the adoption process, we have done countless paperwork, read books, applied for grants, attended conferences, received home visits, wrote a lot of checks, sold jewelry, applied for visas, wrote blogs, and prayed, and prayed, and prayed. And when I say we did those things, I mainly mean that Shana did most of it. But when we think about this adoption journey that we have been on so far, we don't mainly think of all those things we've been doing. What mainly comes to mind for us is the blessing that we have received from others. We have been amazed by the love and support of so many people like you throughout this adoption process and we are very grateful. We are grateful how the bride of Christ really does rally together to be a blessing. We have been showered with encouragement, love, financial support, prayer, and so many other things that have meant the world to us. This journey has given my family an even greater appreciation for how the church can be what Jesus meant for it to be. I can't help but wonder how much more effective I might be for the Kingdom of God if I simply started off everyday with this simple prayer, "Lord, may I be a blessing for someone today." So as you are reading this, here is my challenge for you. Right now, whether you are in your kitchen, living room, the office, or wherever, think of some way you can be a blessing to someone in the next 24 hours. Maybe it's someone in your family, a coworker, a neighbor, a friend, or maybe even a stranger. But just think of an intentional way that you can be a blessing to someone and do it. Make a phone call, write a letter, pray over someone, be an encourager. This is what God desires for His Church. May we be a blessing to the world. I love you church.

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim Keller

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# MAY 2015

## Sundays

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

## Wednesdays

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	2
3 Youth Fundraiser Taco Meal  CONNECT—6pm	4	5	6	7 National Day Of Prayer	8	9
10 Mother's Day  NO CONNECT	11 Keenagers Noon	12 Deacon Luncn	13	14 Bible Study Teacher Appreciation Banquet	15	16 Pastor Prayer Partners—9am Women's BUNKO— 2—4 pm
17 Church Council—3:30pm Stewardship— 5pm; Celebration Service—6 pm CONNECT—6pm	18 Men of Faith 6:30 (meal)	19  Pastor Chad to Mentor Group	20	21 Sr. Adult Movie Day— 1 pm Ann Vac.	22	23
24 <i>Communion</i> Student Life Parent Lunch Mtg. Family Movie Night at the Sweatt's—6pm CONNECT—6pm	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	26  Ann Vac.	27  Ann Vac.	28  Ann Vac.	29	30
31 NO CONNECT			<b>CHAD TO CHINA MAY 27—JUNE 12</b>			

## Rusty's Ramblings

For the last several months, I have been trying to become a healthier person. And there are some fairly simple things that, when I'm consistent in practicing them, have really helped. I try to eat more vegetables, consume less sugar, and walk on a regular basis. It's not complicated or spectacular, but this method has worked for me. Our walk with the Lord is similar. There are some basic things that we are called to do for our spiritual health. They're supposed to be a normal part of our Christian lives. Some theologians have called them the "ordinary means of grace." In other words, these are the normal ways we open ourselves up to the work of the Holy Spirit and the normal ways in which God works what is well-pleasing in us. Very simply, these are prayer, the Word of God, and the corporate worship of God's people.

Through God's Word, we see God's revelation of His character and glory, are exposed to God's will for our lives, and are comforted by the promises of God. In prayer, we respond to God's work in praise, submission, and petition. As we worship with the Body of Christ, we are encouraged as we encounter other believers, pray with them, and hear the Word of God proclaimed in song and sermon and see it visually proclaimed in the sacraments of Baptism and Communion. Just as I need to regularly evaluate my diet and level of activity for my physical health, it's spiritually beneficial to evaluate our ordinary, daily spiritual practices. Are we praying regularly, praising God and seeking His will? Are we reading and meditating upon God's Word, receiving its truth with humble and reverent hearts, and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, putting what we've learned into practice? Are we regularly worshipping our Lord together, declaring His incomparable worth as part of Christ's Body, encouraging each other, and celebrating Gospel in the Lord's Supper as Jesus himself ordained? It is my prayer that God will help us as individual followers of Jesus and as a body of believers to grow in these areas. I believe that if we continually and consistently seek God with these ordinary means of grace in our everyday lives, we will see God do incredible things in and through us to His glory.

Rusty

### Family Promise

Thanks to each of you who helped with Family Promise. Whether you contributed food, acted as overnight or meal host, lugged beds and tubs up and down the stairs, or washed linens, we thank you.



Wishing all our mothers a very Happy Mother's Day!  
Sunday, May 10

## From the Worship/Youth Pastor

What is the first thought that comes into your mind when you hear the word "hymns?" There are certainly a variety of thoughts based on each person's background. Personally, I had the privilege of growing up learning many older hymns of the faith. I say older, but I'm not necessarily referring to 1400s kind of old. I would consider older to be more within the last 150 years. I also was blessed to be exposed to newer songs that have been written. I love fresh writing as well as the timeless truths seen in songs written a long time ago. As I think of most of our current newer song selection at FBC, I am very encouraged that we do not sing shallow songs but some very doctrinally and theologically rich songs that are actually modern hymns. This month we are having a "Night of Hymns" at FBC on May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm, and we are going to celebrate the old and the new. I would LOVE to hear of your favorite hymn so that we can possibly include it that night.

Music is a powerful thing and has great influence in our lives. I would encourage each of us to sing and engage in the worship of our God not based on our preferences but based on God being worthy of our adoration, worship and praise. It is my deepest desire for First Baptist Church to be a place where GOD is worshipped, rather than our preferences or styles. Many churches can get hung up on the fight for the new or the fight for the old. I pray that we will join in unity together, as a multigenerational church, to worship and exalt the One, true and living God.

Nick



Children's Ministry  
Family Event  
Movie Night  
at the Sweatt's Home

Sunday, May 24 from 6pm—8:30pm  
Please sign up in the church foyer or  
at Children's welcome desk.

The address for the Sweatts is:  
3020 Chatooga Way, Bonaire, GA

Hope to see toddlers through 5th graders  
and their families at the movie!

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8—12, 2015  
9AM—NOON  
4 yrs.—5th Grade

Registration and more  
info can be found online  
at [www.fbcwr.org](http://www.fbcwr.org)

