

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1-22, 2015

FEBRUARY 1-22 RECEIPTS\$29,130.65
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$29,911.46
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 780.81

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1-22 Receipts.....\$29,130.65
 FEBRUARY 1-22 Expenses.....\$17,034.11
FEBRUARY 1-22 Receipts over Expenses.....\$12,096.54

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015

JANUARY RECEIPTS\$24,426.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$29,911.46
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,485.46

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

JANUARY 1-31 Receipts.....\$24,426.00
 JANUARY 1-31 Expenses.....\$26,701.24
JANUARY 1-31 Expenses over Receipts.....\$ 2,275.24

USHERS FOR MARCH

Arthur Yawn, Tom Head, Curtis Dalton,
 David Burquest Alt.: David Peck & Ralph Pannell

MARCH LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

1—Jon Huguley 8—Lee Miller
 15—Mike Sullivan 22—Terry Wood
 29—Mark Burquest

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

BIBLE STUDY— 107
MORNING WORSHIP— 138

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!



Keenagers
Monday, March 9—Noon
Guest Speaker: Bruce Goddard

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Ladies, don't miss this one-time special event!
Ladies Breakfast, Study, and Fellowship
March 15th, 9:15 in 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 **March 19**. Ladies, please join us as we fellowship and plan for the mission opportunities before us.

Men of Faith 2015 2nd Quarter Schedule

2nd Qtr 2015
 Monday – 6 Apr @ 6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **LS**
 Monday – 18 May @6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **M**
 Monday – 29 Jun @ 6:30PM – MoF “Prayer thru Psalms” **LS**



Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 8

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7

You don't want to be late for church!



Christian Social Ministry 5th Sunday Canned & Dry Goods Drive—
March 29, 2015

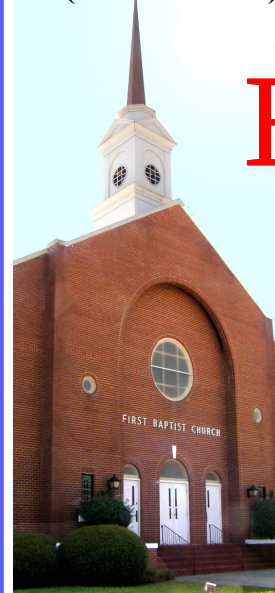
Bring your canned and dry goods so we can help replenish the shelves at CSM

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Our Ministerial Staff

Chad Wood
Nick Prieto
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Pastor
Worship & Youth Pastor
Discipleship Pastor

From the Pastor

Dear FBC Faith Family,

As many of you are aware, we have just begun our 2nd church-wide fast 40 days before Easter. It is not too late to participate. While this fast lasts from Wednesday, February 25 to Easter Sunday, there are many ways you can participate in this, if you choose to do so. Please be in prayer now about what God would have you give up during the 40 days, if you feel led to be a part of this. Whatever you feel led to do, know that these 40 days are more than just giving up something such as food for discipline sake. It is more about pressing into the Lord together as a church as well as individually through prayer and dependence on God. I personally believe in fasting from food in some way during a fast, as it is what is seen most clearly in Scripture. However, should you choose to do that for any length of time, please be wise and get a doctor's opinion on whether or not your body can handle it. We do not want anyone to be harmed with health problems from this.

I am asking you to please pray purposefully and persistently, if you are to be a part of it. We have copies of a “40 Day Fast guide” in the church offices and in the vestibules if you do not yet have one. This is for us to know HOW we need to be praying during this time. The way in which you fast is between you and the Lord and there are a variety of ways to take part in it. Here are few things I have heard that people did last year:

Fasting from Food:

Can be from 1 meal a week throughout the course of the 40 days.
 1 meal a day throughout 40 days.
 1 full day a week throughout the 40 days.
 Eat only fruits/vegetables during 40 days
 No processed food during 40 days.

Fasting from Technology:

No TV or Radio
 No Internet
 No Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Linked in, etc.

Fast from Habits:

Read only Christian growth books and no fiction
 Tobacco products, alcohol, caffeine, sodas, chocolate, etc.

Mixing it up fast:

1 week from food then the next week from Technology etc, etc, for 40 days.

I am personally very excited for the many reasons I feel God may be leading us to do this total-church fast. Above all, I believe it will draw us much closer with Him intimately and bring us deeper in our dependence upon Him, our love toward Him, and our surrendered obedience to Him.

All in all, may we **Seek His Face** before we **Seek His Hand!**

I love you FBC!

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: Prayer by Tim Keller

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MARCH 2015

Sundays
 9:15 am 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

Rusty’s Ramblings

In March, we will, on the evening of the 15th, have our monthly Celebration Service. I’m really excited about the theme for this month’s service. Since St. Patrick’s Day is only two days later, we will be having a St. Patrick’s Day oriented service and fellowship following the service. In this service, we’ll see how St. Patrick’s life provides many reminders of Scriptural truths. St. Patrick wrote down his testimony in a letter called the *Confession* or the *Declaration*. In this work it becomes evident that Patrick was a man of prayer and who knew the Scriptures. Also evident are his humility and his sense of gratitude for the grace that God had shown him. This statement of gratitude was particularly challenging to me: “I was neither worthy nor deserving that the Lord should so favor me, the least of his servants, as after such great afflictions and difficulties, after captivity, after many years, to grant me so large a measure of his grace for the conversion of this nation, a blessing which, in my youth, I never either hoped or thought of.” Here, Patrick expresses gratitude that he had the opportunity to bear witness to the Gospel, that God had used him to extend His Kingdom. Wow! Patrick saw his ministry as a privilege. He was an instrument of the King of Kings and this itself was an expression of God’s amazing grace. Each of us also has this incredible privilege. We get to bear witness to our God’s unsearchable greatness. We get to be instruments of His work in the world. May we remember how awesome God truly is and how abundant His grace toward us has been and may we count it a privilege to know, serve, and enjoy Him. Psalm 145:4-6 says, “One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.”

Rusty

**Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser
 For Student Camp
 Sunday, March 22
 Following Morning Worship Service**



Grow and Go Kids News!
 Our new children's area is in need of some new or gently used items. If you would like to donate items, please see our Grow and Go Kids Tree in the church foyer. Please drop off the items to the current nursery area by March 8. If you have questions, please contact Pam Sweatt.

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

I want to start off by thanking you for the incredible love, support and generosity you have shown Hannah and me over these last couple months. The Wedding Shower you had for us on January 18th was a wonderful blessing and has supplied so many needs and more! Hannah and I are so blessed by your love and are so grateful God has brought us to First Baptist Church. By the time you read this, the wedding will be getting ready to take place, or we will be on our honeymoon, or we will be back as a newly married couple. It is an exciting time in our lives, and we are excited about getting to experience the opening of a wonderfully, new chapter in our lives with you! The second thing I would like to mention is that it is MARCH!! We will soon experience some warmer weather and with warmer weather comes Student Life Camp. We had an awesome week last year and are heading to Ridgecrest, NC June 1-5. We are changing our fundraising this year to hopefully make it much simpler and effective for everyone. This year, we will have 2 lunches after our Sunday services to give you the opportunity to invest in sending our students and leaders to camp as well as eat some great food!! The first will be the Spaghetti Lunch on March 22nd right after service. We would love for you to make plans to attend! ALSO, some people love to give scholarship money to support the students, and we certainly welcome that. If you do so, please make the check out to “First Baptist Church” with the memo being “Student Camp.” As a person that has been changed through camps like these, I can honestly say it is an investment in eternity!

Nick

FAMILY PROMISE NEWS

Family Promise Training Opportunity for Volunteers
 March 2, Monday 6 p.m. First United Methodist Church Building C
This is training you must have before you can volunteer or have any contact with the Family Promise families.



PRAYER EMPHASIS—MARCH 29—APRIL 12
CHURCH GOAL: \$3,200
SUNDAY, APRIL 12—OFFERING EMPHASIS
 WE WILL WALK OUR ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERINGS TO THE FRONT DURING THE MORNING SERVICE

*Birthdays

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|-----|---|
| 1 NO CONNECT *Wayne McConnell | 2 | 3 | 4 Pastor Chad & Shana to Timothy/Barnabas | 5 Ann vacation day | 6 | 7 Wedding Reception/ Dinner for Nick & Hannah 4pm-6pm In fellowship hall *Kathy Wood |
| <i>Nick out all week</i> | | | | | | |
| 8 Discover FBC— 3:30 pm Daylight Saving Time Begins *Jennifer Hulbert | 9 Keenagers Noon *Kayla Carter *Faye Hooper | 10 Deacon Lunch *Dot Carpenter | 11 *Kaylin Young *Lee Ledger | 12 *Linda Whitaker *Emma Johnson | 13 | 14 |
| 15 Ladies in FH during Bible Study—9:15 am Communion Council—3:30 pm Stewardship—5pm Celebration Service—6 pm— Dinner following | 16 *Anne Colquitt | 17 | 18 *Lily Gavin | 19 WMU—10 am FH in use for WMU to provide meal to Black Sheep Ministry *Beverly Nasworthy *Margaret Selmon | 20 | 21 FH in use 8am—3pm *Earline Williams |
| 22 Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch Following morning service NO CONNECT | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 *Betty Turner *Tiffany Smith | 27 | 28 Pastor Prayer Partners 9 am |
| 29 Palm Sunday Annie Armstrong Emphasis Begins CSM 5th Sunday Canned Good Drive *Lauren Silverstruck | 30 | 31 | <p><i>Reception</i> → <i>Dinner</i></p> <p><i>March 7</i> <i>For Nick & Hannah</i> <i>In Fellowship Hall</i> <i>4pm-6pm</i> <i>Bring your favorite covered dish / dessert to share with everyone and the recipe with your name on it to give to Hannah.</i></p> | | | |