

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015

JANUARY 1-26 RECEIPTS\$24,426.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$29,911.46
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 5,485.46

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

JANUARY 1-26 Receipts.....\$24,426.00
 JANUARY 1-26 Expenses.....\$16,971.59
JANUARY 1-26 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 7,454.41

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2014

DECEMBER RECEIPTS\$26,713.73
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$26,107.16
RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 606.57

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

DECEMBER 1-31 Receipts.....\$26,713.73
 DECEMBER 1-31 Expenses.....\$27,216.50
DECEMBER 1-31 Expenses over Receipts.....\$ 502.77

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Arthur Yawn, Tom Head, Curtis Dalton, Tom Head,
 David Burquest, and Joe Hale, Jr. Alt.: David Peck

FEBRUARY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

1—Terry Wood 8—Mark Burquest
 15—Curtis Dalton 22—Chuck Hughey

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

BIBLE STUDY— 99
MORNING WORSHIP— 135

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, February 9
 12 pm in Fellowship Hall

Special Guest
Good News Blue Grass

Bring your favorite covered dish
 and join us for fun and fellowship



WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** Our next meeting will be **February 19.** Ladies, please join us as we fellowship and plan for the mission opportunities before us.

Men of Faith 2015 Schedule

1st Qtr 2015
 Monday - 31 Jan 15 @ 5:30pm **3rd Annual Men's Dinner/Fellowship**
 Guest Speaker: Coach Bobby Lamb, Mercer University Football HBC
 Monday - 23 Feb @ 6:30PM - MoF "Prayer thru Psalms" **LS**

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**

3rd Qtr 2015
 Monday - 10 Aug @ 6:30PM - MoF "Prayer thru Psalms" **LS**
 Monday - 21 Sep @ 6:30PM - MoF "Prayer thru Psalms" **LS**
 Saturday - 26 Sep - Lake Retreat/Time TBD **M**

4th Qtr 2015
 Saturday 24 Oct @ 10:00am-12:00pm (Outreach door hanger)
 Monday 2 Nov @ 6:30pm (Breakfast for dinner Outreach) **M**
 Monday 14 Dec @ 6:30pm **Christmas fellowship LS**

LS=Light Snacks provided M= Meal Provided



Presidents' Day Monday, February 16

In observance of Presidents' Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2015

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Nick Prieto
Rusty Grace

Pastor
Worship & Youth Pastor
Discipleship Pastor

From the Pastor

When I think of the month of February, I cannot help but think about Valentines Day. It's a celebration of love. We often think about the love we have for our spouse on Valentines Day, but have you ever thought about the love you have for God? Or even better, the love He has for you? As I was reflecting on this, I was reminded of a poem that I wrote on February 5, 1998. It's called "Valentine for a King." I've edited it a little since then, but I want to share it with you simply in the hopes that you will simply respond to God today with these four simple words, "God, I love you!"

*A Valentine for you, my one true love
 Landing upon me, like Christ's baptizing dove
 Now a heart that longs to live in your grace
 A soul that thirst to see your face
 As you embrace me, I will worship you
 For you have cleansed me and made me new
 You give me peace that nothing can tear
 Your love endures always, none can compare
 Oh Lord never let me be pulled to shame
 I give you my life and my heart to tame
 Thank you sweet Jesus for not letting me go
 And for the forgiveness and helping me grow
 Help me to be like you in all that I do
 To be a disciple that will glorify you
 At work, at play, just as in prayer
 Help me to love because you're always there
 Dear Jesus convict me at times when I fail
 To be an example for those headed for hell
 Though I know this valentine can never compete
 To what I'll receive in glory when you and I meet
 Thank you Holy Spirit for all that you give
 Together in Paradise, forever I'll live*

I love you Church!
 Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: "Finishing Strong" by Steve Farrar

FEBRUARY 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

*Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion CONNECT—FBC 6 pm	2 <i>*Hannah Pollock</i>	3 <i>*Shana Wood</i> <i>*Michael Silverstruck</i> Chad out of office	4 Rusty to lead Prayer/Bible Study	5 <i>*Lynn Carter</i> <i>*Margaret Wood</i> <i>*Keisha McKay</i>	6	7
8 CONNECT <i>Ricky & Debbie</i> <i>Wood's Home</i> 6 pm <i>*Peggy Boothe</i>	9 Keenagers Noon	10	11	12 <i>*Kyle Farris</i>	13 Valentine Banquet for Widows/ Widowers 6 pm	14 Valentine's Day
15 Baptism CONNECT—FBC 6 pm <i>*Josh Pope</i>	16 Office Closed Presidents' Day	17 <i>*Bill Sanders</i>	18	19 Southside Summit—Chad, Nick and Rusty - <i>Eagles Landing</i> <i>Baptist Church</i> WMU—10 am	20	21 Deacon/Staff Breakfast— 8:30 am <i>*Emily Gibbs</i>
FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK						
22 Church Council— 3:30 pm Stewardship—5 pm Celebration Service—6 pm	23 Home School Chorus—Bells & Hand Chimes 10 am Men of Faith 6:30 pm <i>*Bennie Wynn</i> <i>*Wayne Hudson</i>	24 <i>*Mary Walker</i>	25	26 <i>*Daniel Burquest</i>	27	28 Nick and Hannah's Wedding Day
 Valentine Banquet for Widows/ Widowers Friday, February 13 @ 6 pm Widows and widowers, if you have not RSVP'd for the banquet, please call the church office by Feb. 5. 478.922.8152	Home School Chorus Bells & Hand Chimes Begins Monday, Feb. 23 and will end on May 11 with a concert that night. See Wanda Burquest if you are interested in your child participating.	 SAVE THE DATE  <i>Reception</i> March 7 <i>For Nick & Hannah</i> <i>In Fellowship Hall</i> <i>Time to be announced</i>				

Rusty's Ramblings

Over the past couple of years, I have developed a fondness for drinking tea. Tea has proven to be an ever delightful and consistently refreshing element of my daily life and I have endeavored to learn more about tea in order to enjoy it more fully. Two aspects of tea stand out to me. First, there is a great variety in the world of tea. There are different types of tea, such as white, green, black, and oolong. Different regions around the world grow tea and there are often distinct qualities to these regional variations. Different cultures have different traditions and preferences in regards to how tea is produced and enjoyed. There are different blends and flavors of tea and different companies often have their own particular takes on common flavors. Despite this variety, however, all true tea has a common source, the *Camellia sinensis* plant.

Tea thus provides a good illustration of a principle we see in Scripture. There is variety within the body of Christ. There are different backgrounds, different testimonies, different spiritual gifts, but there is one Lord whose grace has covered us and whose Spirit has brought us together. Consider I Corinthians 12:4-7: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." Or reflect upon Ephesians 4:4-6: There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." Let us marvel at what God has done in bringing us together, and let us live out our unity in Christ as we seek to serve Him as one body.

Rusty



New Members for October—December 2014

Ledger family—Lee, Jenny, Daniel and Rebecca
Dowell family—Chris, Rachel & Christopher
Tony & Keely Stephens
Emma Johnson
Matthew & Jennifer Hulbert

Children's Ministry

The Children's Ministry will have a blurb in the bulletin each week to share what the children learned. It will include the Bible Lesson, Bible Truth, and Memory Verse. If you would like a family devotion to follow along with your child's Bible study lessons, please see the nursery worker.

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

February for me means wedding planning and finalizing is a top priority. It is certainly an exciting time that can come with small hints of stress. Hannah moved into what will be our home a couple weeks ago and we have been diligently working on it over these last couple of weeks. Life has been quite a whirlwind, if I can be quite honest. It is a whirlwind that comes with this season of life. There are a couple things I would like to point out that God has been teaching me through this. First, in all the craziness, the Holy Spirit has clearly reminded me that God must remain first in everything I do. Verses like Colossians 3:1-4 and Matthew 6:33 have been on my heart. I don't want to look back over this wonderful yet busy season and see that I did not keep God as my focus and the One I worship and His plan and purpose for my life central. When things get overwhelming, it is essential that we do not focus on the situation but on Jesus who is the Prince of peace. Secondly, as I reflect on my life, I am thankful the Holy Spirit has been refining me and preparing me for marriage. God has used different people to encourage and admonish me in purity and holiness in waiting for God's plan and His best to unfold. I have prayed for years for Hannah (though not knowing her) and for strength and patience with God's plan, and even though it can be tough to wait for Him, it has been worth it. It is always best to trust God and His plan for our lives.

Nick

Family Promise

Our next Family Promise Rotation is February 15-22. We are pleased to welcome Linda Gibbs to the FBC Family Promise Coordinating Team. Please pray about becoming involved in this ministry. You will not only help bless the families, but you will receive a blessing by working with them.

We are always in need of overnight hosts to spend one night. Singles are allowed as we have plenty of rooms for each. However, we always have additional ways to be involved other than spending the night. Perhaps you would be willing to serve a meal, be a meal host, help the Men's Ministry move beds/tubs in and out for the week, provide breakfast and snack foods, hang out with guests on Saturday, play with the children, etc.

If you have not been to the one time hour and 1/2 training, that is a requirement before interacting with guests in any capacity. This is held periodically in a church in the community.

Sign up to participate or contribute in the right vestibule on Feb. 1 or Feb. 8. See Beth McConnell or Mary Sanders with questions.