

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR JANUARY 1-22, 2017

JANUARY 1-22 RECEIPTS\$23,982.76
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$35,042.76
 RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET.....\$11,060.00

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

JANUARY 1-22 Receipts.....\$23,982.76
 JANUARY 1-22 Expenses.....\$19,217.45
 JANUARY 1-22 Receipts over expenses.....\$ 4,765.31

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

RECEIPTS\$34,132.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$33,327.98
 RECEIPTS OVER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 804.02

FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

December 1-31 Receipts.....\$34,132.00
 December 1-31 Expenses.....\$29,423.98
 December 1-31 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 4,708.02

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Curtis Dalton, David Anderson
 Jon Huguley & Lee Miller

FEBRUARY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK*

5—Mark Burquest 12—Curtis Dalton
 19—Chuck Hughey 26—Jon Huguley

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 94
 MORNING WORSHIP— 119

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!



Keenagers
Monday, February 13, 2017
Noon—Covered Dish
Entertainment:
Southern Style

A registered sweet adelines quartet

Bring a covered dish and join us as we enjoy fun and fellowship together.

WMU—Current Missions



Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** (occasional exceptions) We encourage our ladies to join us as we study, share and plan for mission opportunities. **Our next meeting is February 16 at 10am in Fellowship Hall.**

WMU Project—WMU is asking ladies to donate any gently used purses and/or hygiene items to be put in purses for a Pocketbook Ministry. See Pat Bartlett.

Endurance



FBC Men's Conference— Feb 3 & 4

February 3
 5:30pm (Steak Dinner—
 9:35pm
 February 4
 7:30am (Breakfast) -
 12:15pm
COST: \$40
Deadline to sign up—
January 30—Contact FBC

Please Allow us to Honor You
 at the 5th Annual
 Widow and Widower's

Valentine's Day Banquet

Friday, February 10, 2017
 6 p.m.

First Baptist Church
 Fellowship Hall

RSVP by February 2, 2017
 478-922-8152 (Church Office)

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is
 from God” 1 John 4:7

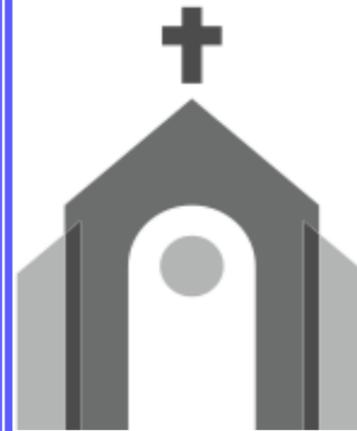
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“We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations”

Our Ministerial Staff:

Chad Wood Pastor
Nick Prieto Worship & Youth Pastor
Rusty Grace Discipleship & Systems Pastor

From the Pastor

One of the things I love to do is sit outside on my back porch. It's a great place for me to study, pray, read, think, and write. It is typically a very quiet place with just the sound of the wind and the occasional squirrel in the trees. However, for over a week now there has been a small distraction in the quietness.....a woodpecker banging its beak on the oak tree next to my porch. I have found myself wondering if that bird will ever be done making that hole he is working on. Because honestly, I don't see much progress to his work and he has been throwing his head into the tree for a long time.

Sometimes we can feel that with our labor in ministry. Perhaps we've been praying specifically for something and there seems to be no outcome. Perhaps we've been witnessing about the gospel to someone and they don't seem to care. Perhaps we have been serving in a ministry at church and it doesn't feel like things are progressing. Maybe you feel like you are just banging your head against a tree for no reason. Well thankfully, even though we may feel that way at times, we can hold on to the truth that our feelings are actually inaccurate according to what Paul told the Corinthians. He said, *Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).* According to this verse, everything that we do in Christ for His glory is not in vain, even if we don't see the results we may want. So I encourage you to keep praying, keep witnessing, and keep serving in ministry, because the Lord does not see it as vain.

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: Fools Talk by Os Guinness

FEBRUARY

2017

***Birthdays**

Sundays

8:30 am Prayer Group
9:15 am Small Group Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm CONNECT—Youth

Wednesdays

6:00 pm Mid-Week Activities
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Band Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 75th Anniversary Meeting—6:30pm	3 FBC Perry—Men’s Conference See ad on back of newsletter *Shana Wood *Michael Silverstruck	4
5 Youth Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser Noon No Connect *Margaret Wood *Lynn Carter *Keisha McKay	6 *Matthew Hulbert	7	8	9	10 Widow/Widower’s Valentine Banquet—6pm *Charles Carter	11 Pastor Prayer Partners—9am
12 Discover FBC 3pm Connect—6pm	13 Keenagers Noon	14 Valentine’s Day	15 *Josh Pope	16 WMU—10am	17  *Heather Cavanah *Billy Sanders	18
19 Jason Hamlin preaching No Connect	20 President’s Day Church Office Closed *Allen Quattlebaum	21 *Emily Gibbs	22	23 Southside Summit—Eagle’s Landing Baptist Church	24 *Mary Walker	25 FH in use 1pm—4pm
26 Church Council—3:30pm Stewardship – 5pm Connect—6pm *Daniel Burquest	27	28 *Madi Potter (29th)			75th Anniversary Celebration Sunday, April 30, 2017	

Please remember to PRAY about how you can honor God in your support of the **Nehemiah Project**. The urgent needs of roof repair for our church is part of doing ministry. We need ALL of the faith family of FBC to be a part of this mission that is underway, that God has called us to at this time; through faith, prayer, thanksgiving, and sacrificial giving.
Current Total: \$21,657.02 (2 Cor. 9:7-8)

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Recently, I read Psalm 24 where the psalmist asks the question “Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?” The answer he gives is the person who has clean hands and a pure heart. It is one who does not lift his or her soul to things that are false. It is one who does not swear deceitfully. As I reflect on these things, I am reminded of the holiness of the LORD (Yahweh). As I approach Him and seek Him, my life must be clean, pure and fully devoted to Him. Thankfully, our purity (as believers) is not based on what we try to do for Him but on what Jesus has done for us. But that does not give us liberty to sin. Though we have been redeemed, we must (through the power of the Holy Spirit) guard our hearts and lives from impurity each day. May we not fill our lives with death and darkness but continually devote ourselves to the One who is glorious and life giving.

We have a couple of exciting things coming up with the Youth that you can be involved with. First, it is time for the Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. Please come out on February 5th to support the students and to help support them going to Summer Camp. As well, if you want to help with scholarships for camp, you can do so! We offer camp at a discounted price to help each family with the cost. Summer Camp is such an important time for each student to grow in their faith or to come to faith in Christ! Your prayers and support are coveted and appreciated! Also, February 17-19, our students will be apart of a joint Disciple Now weekend with other area churches. Please be in prayer as we seek to lead our students to grow in their relationships with Christ and with others.

Nick



FAMILY PROMISE Thank you! Thank you!

Thanks to each of you who helped with the most recent Family Promise. Regardless of your contribution it was most appreciated by the three families we served.

This ministry is supported widely in our church. Small group Bible studies provide four nightly meals. Individuals serve or spend time with guests or staying as overnight hosts. Others provide snacks, breakfast or lunch food. Men (and sometimes ladies) help unload and load beds and belongings).

Just as it is said, "It takes a village....," it takes a church to make this ministry successful. We absolutely could not do this without your help and support.

Please continue to pray for families as they put their lives back together, to find affordable housing, and in some cases to find jobs and transportation.

Rusty’s Ramblings

I’m writing this article a day after the conclusion of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board (formerly the “Georgia Baptist Convention”) annual Evangelism Conference. I’d like to briefly share a few reflections in this month’s article.

As you’d expect, there was a great deal of talk of the importance of sharing our faith. I was convicted about the deficit of evangelism in my own life. While I do share my faith at times, there is certainly a need to grow in the area. With whom have you recently shared your faith?

Our personal evangelism is not unrelated to our view of God and our gratitude for His mercy in our lives. Do we have a large view of God? Do we need to grow in our recognition of His glory and the appreciation of His grace?

We are called to make disciples. As believers, we have been saved from both the penalty of sin and the power of sin. We are called to grow in our conformity to Jesus Christ himself. Our individual lives and our corporate life together as a church are to serve of signs of God’s Kingdom. We are to reflect, as redeemed image-bearers, the love, justice, and grace of God. When we share our faith, we are not simply inviting people to avoid hell; we are inviting people into a transformative relationship with the living God that is designed to reflect His goodness and His promise into the world.

Again, a church body is called to reflect the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom in which sinners are forgiven, the broken are mended, and the dead are raised to life, a Kingdom that stands in stark contrast to so much that is seen in the world, a world filled with selfishness, arrogance, and division. Consequently, since the church must seek to model an alternative to the world’s systems, we must seek to identify and repent of anything that is not consistent with “seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). As was mentioned by several of the speakers (as well as our own Pastor in a powerful sermon on “Justice and Injustice”), as the people of God, it’s long past time that we repent of any prejudice based on ethnicity or culture and instead seek to be ministers of reconciliation.

My wife, who works for a faith-based foster care agency, represented her organization in the vendor section of the conference. It was encouraging to hear so many believers share about their own experiences in foster-care and adoption or a sense of calling for that avenue of ministry.” Several people also mentioned that they hadn’t seen that kind of ministry represented at such events before. While there are several possible reasons for this, it seems a little odd that a ministry to children in crisis was a novelty at an evangelism event. We are called the “salt of the earth” and the “light of world” by Jesus himself, who calls us to “let our light so shine before all men that they may see [our] good deeds and praise [our] Father in heaven.” In no way am I suggesting that we neglect verbal sharing of our faith. We must, however, be people who are known for goodness.

Last, but certainly not least, I met a man who I’ll call “Charlie,” and this was one of the top highlights of my experience. Charlie was a worker for one of the vendors at this event and he possessed a contagious joy and a sincere love for others. I was truly encouraged in the few conversations we were able to have and thank God for the opportunity to meet him. Who can you be an encouragement to today? It’s a ministry we can all participate in somehow or another.

Rusty