

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

GIVEN TO REACH OUR WORLD FOR CHRIST

BUDGET REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1-23, 2015

OCTOBER 1-23 RECEIPTS\$32,164.85
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$33,327.98
 RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET.....\$ 1,163.13

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

OCTOBER 1-23 Receipts.....\$32,164.85
 OCTOBER 1-23 Expenses.....\$18,849.28
 OCTOBER 1-23 Receipts over expenses.....\$13,315.57

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

RECEIPTS\$31,013.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$33,327.98
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET.....\$ 2,314.98

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

September 1-30 Receipts.....\$31,013.00
 September 1-30 Expenses.....\$28,155.50
 September 1-30 Receipts over Expenses.....\$ 2,857.50

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

David Anderson, Curtis Dalton,
 Allen Quattlebaum & Ricky Wood

NOVEMBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK*

6—Curtis Dalton 13—Chuck Hughey
 20—Jon Huguley 27—Lee Miller

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 94
 MORNING WORSHIP— 142

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
Wednesday, November 9
Noon—Covered Dish

Guest Speaker:
Zachery Horton

*Come hear a testimony of faith in God's
 healing and provision*

Upcoming Senior Adults Hosted Trips

**Thursday, December 15 - Rock Ranch Christmas
 Lights**

Sign-up sheets are located in your Bible study classes
 or contact Jon Huguley



WMU—Current Missions

Our WMU Current Missions group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at **10 a.m.** (occasional exceptions) Our next meeting will be **November 17**. We encourage our ladies to join us as we study, share and plan for mission opportunities.

Veteran's Day Friday, November 11

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 10, in observance of Veteran's Day.



Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal Wednesday, November 16 6pm in the fellowship hall

Bring a covered dish and join us as we fellowship with each other and thank our Lord for the blessings of this past year.

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 23rd & Thursday, November 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

We wish everyone Thanksgiving Blessings and for those who will be going out of town, safe travel. The church office will resume regular hours on Monday, November 28th.



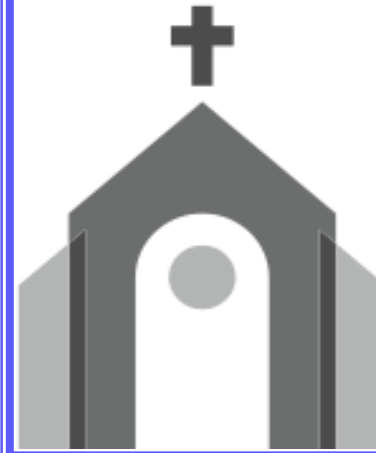
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"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"

Our Ministerial Staff:

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

From the Pastor

When I was 15 and learning to drive, I was blessed to have a 1964 Ford Mustang. I loved that car. As you could imagine, it was a 3 speed manual driving car that was just plain fun to drive. One of the things my father taught me while waiting at stop lights was to simply shift the gear into neutral so that I wouldn't have to hold down the clutch in first gear longer than was necessary.

As many of you remember, we had a meeting a couple months ago about the urgent needs to repairing our roof on the church building. Since then, we have in a sense, been sitting in "neutral". This has not been intentional, but various scheduling has simply had us there. However, now it is time to move forward and to "shift into first gear." God knows the needs we have and He has called us to this project for this time. This is simply one of the costs of doing ministry that we must endure. And we must endure it as God calls us.....with joy, faith, sacrifice, and gladness. So as we begin to talk more about how we are moving forward, God is calling us ALL to be prayerful and sacrificial in our giving above our general tithes and offerings. Giving can be a touchy subject. Most people would rather avoid talking about the subject altogether. Many Christians abide by the principle of the Old Testament tithe (ten percent). A 2013 Barna study shows that at best 12% of born-again Christians are giving this percentage of their income.

The reality is that giving is important to address because the Bible speaks clearly about it. And if we "follow the money trail" in our own lives, it typically leads us to what we truly value. Where our treasure is, there our heart will be also. It is my desire that we truly be a church that rises up in faith and honors God with our money with whatever costs of doing ministry He puts before us. My challenge to you, my personal family, the staff, and the entire faith family of FBCWR is to give sacrificially. If you do not tithe, ask God to help you to do so and honor Him. If you do tithe, or even already give well beyond the tithe, ask God to stretch you even more in your sacrificial giving. I'm reminded of what Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians about the point of giving. It's THANKSGIVING, GRACE, and the GLORY OF GOD!!! May we be this way!

2 Corinthians 9:6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." 10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, 14 while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Pastor Chad

Recommended Reading: The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn

NOVEMBER

2016

*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 Deacon Lunch 11 am <i>*Joey Doris</i>	2 Pastor Chad to Bryant Wright Mentor <i>*Ruth Cooke</i>	3 <i>*Aimee Megahee</i>	4	5
6 Fall Back 1 hour OCC Dedication Discover FBC—3pm CONNECT—6pm	7 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer—2pm Friendship Baptist Church	8 Election Day	9 Keenagers Noon— Guest: Zachery Horton	10 Office Closed In observance of Veteran's Day <i>*Daniel Ledger</i>	11 Veterans' Day Children's Ministry Fall Get-Together <i>*Ryan Kegley *David Anderson</i>	12
13 Orphan Sunday CONNECT—6pm	14 GBC Annual Meeting Calvary Baptist Temple Savannah	15 GBC Annual Meeting Calvary Baptist Temple Savannah	16 Church-wide Covered Dish Thanksgiving Dinner	17 WMU 10am	18	19
20 Communion Church Council 3:30pm Stewardship 5pm Youth—Passion City Church Trip	21 <i>*Aiden Daigle</i>	22	23 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed <i>*Sherell Yawn *Linda Strong</i>	24 Thanksgiving Holiday Office Closed <i>*Brent Cavanah</i>	25 <i>*Eric Dalton</i>	26
27 NO CONNECT	28	29	30 <i>*Erinn Peck</i>	<p>Event: WMU – World Day of Prayer Date: Monday, November 7, 2016 Time: 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Place: Friendship Baptist Church 1322 Feagin Mill Road Warner Robins, GA 31088 478-953-9509 Dr. Paul Cowles, Pastor Guest Speaker: Jason Hamlin Singing: - Jenny Ledger</p>		
<p>Thank You! We are so blessed and thankful for the overflowing love, support and appreciation on Pastor Appreciation Day. We were all blown away by the cards, notes, hugs, gifts and compliments. Thank you for valuing us and allowing us to serve as pastors at FBCWR. We are so grateful to be at a place where people love Jesus, His Church, and the mission He has called her to. <i>Pastor Chad, Pastor Nick & Pastor Rusty</i></p>						

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Christmas is upon us!! If you haven't figured it out yet, I love Christmas. Sometimes I can be overenthusiastic and have to dial it back a little. It seems the end of summer and fall are zipping by, and Christmas will be here before we know it. In years past, our choir has joined with other area church choirs to put on a joint concert. This year, I felt very led for our church to do something different. We will have our own Christmas Evening of Worship. It is my desire for our church to join together to worship our God through music and the Word. This will consist of our Choir, Band, children and YOU! It is a powerful thing for the congregation of believers to join together in worshipping our Savior. Throughout Scripture, we see the importance and power of people joining together to worship and seek the Lord together. That is our plan for this night! Go ahead and make plans and get the word out for December 4th @ 6:00pm in our Worship Center!

Lastly, I want to thank you for your love, support and appreciation of Hannah and me specifically over this last month. I am very grateful that we consistently feel supported throughout the year, but we thank you for the emphasis over Pastor Appreciation Month. Your support, words of affirmation and encouragement are very impactful and serve to strengthen us as we serve you. We take God's call on our lives very seriously and desire to be faithful to that calling. We also know it is a great privilege to serve God and you in this way. We thank you and love this church!

Nick

**Children's Ministry
Fall Get-Together
After Dinner S'mores
Around a Fire Pit
November 11, 2016 6:30pm
at Chad and Shana Wood's Home**



**Shoe Box Dedication
Sunday, November 6
During Morning Worship
Please bring your filled boxes to
the church on or before
November 6.**

Rusty's Ramblings

I am so very grateful for the fact that we are a church seeking to be faithful to the command to "not grow weary of doing good...as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith (Galatians 6:9-10)." In October and early November, we're participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry to bless children in developing nations. We've agreed to support a weekend feeding program for students who are in need of food in our own community. We have our regular Christian Social Ministry canned food drives. We're collecting coats for the Association's ministry to an impoverished part of Appalachia. We contribute financially to local and international ministries regularly. There are other projects that we've undertaken this year as well. And those are just our church-wide efforts. There are folks who cook for others, who provide rides to church or doctor's appointments, who take the time to sincerely ask how someone is doing and to pray for them. Again, I'm grateful to be part of a fellowship that is seeking to do good.

But why do we seek to do good as a church and as individuals? Isn't the Bible clear that we're saved by God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ? Absolutely! Good works aren't a way to wash away our sins or a way to gain eternal life. But, the Scriptures contain numerous exhortations and commands to do good! The verses from Galatians referenced above isn't unique or exceptional. Hebrews 10:24 instructs us to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works." James 1:27 states quite plainly that "religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." Abraham was blessed to be a blessing. Isaiah declared that a failure to treat others justly invalidated the people's activities of worship. Jesus himself "went about doing good." He healed, he fed, he dignified others. We're not just called to avoid certain attitudes and behaviors that are sinful. We're not just called to pray, to sing, and to study. We are called to do good for others.

But again, why? Why has God commanded this? I believe the Bible answers this deeper question for us. When God's people, saved by Christ alone, by grace alone, through faith alone, do good, they demonstrate the character of God Himself. We were created in God's image and likeness. Sin marred that image, but salvation frees us from sin's disfiguring presence and power. By the Holy Spirit's work in us, we can progressively reflect the holiness, love, and grace of God, who has created us in His image, who has restored that image in us by Christ, and who is working to cause His people to conform to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29). When people see the glory and grace of God revealed in His people, it bears witness to who He is and it brings glory to His name. While we need to be wise, responsible, and humble, we also need to recognize that doing good is not secondary, merely about a good market image, or a nice extra or bonus to the Christian experience. Doing good for God's glory is part of the point. And so, as Jesus instructed us in Matthew 6, "let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

Rusty

