

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1-23

FEBRUARY 1-23 RECEIPTS\$22,822.77
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$25,123.83
RECEIPTS NEEDED FOR BUDGET..... \$ 2,301.06

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

FEBRUARY 1-23 Receipts.....\$22,822.77
 FEBRUARY 1-23 Expenses.....\$15,535.85
FEBRUARY 1-23 Receipts over expenses.....\$ 7,286.92

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR JANUARY 2014

JANUARY 1-31 RECEIPTS.....\$19,578.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED.....\$25,123.83
RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET..... \$ 5,545.83

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

January 1-31 Receipts.....\$19,578.00
 January 1-31 Expenses.....\$24,600.75
January 1-31 Expenses over Receipts..... \$ 5,022.75

USHERS FOR MARCH

Ralph Pannell, Arthur Yawn, David Burquest
 Alt.: David Peck

MARCH LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

2—Curtis Dalton 9—Chuck Hughey
 16—Jon Huguley 23—Mike Sullivan
 30—Terry Wood

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY

BIBLE STUDY— 93
MORNING WORSHIP— 114

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!

Family Promise Host Week March 16-23

Another opportunity to be a part of this wonderful ministry is around the bend. Come be a part and receive a blessing!
Needed: Volunteers—Overnight hosts to spend one night each and hosts in two hour blocks to be at church Saturday afternoon **Food**—2 gallons whole milk, 1 gallon each orange and apple juice, muffins, 1 large loaf bread, 3 dozen baked cookies, bunch of grapes and bananas, 4 each oranges and apples, one small package each of turkey and ham.
 Contact Beth McConnell @ bpmcconnell@cox.net or 954-6154



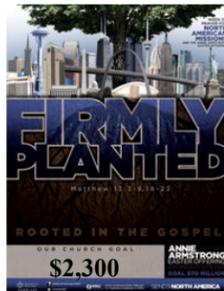
Keenagers Monday, March 10 Noon—Covered Dish

All Senior Adults are encouraged to bring a dish and join us for wonderful food, fellowship and entertainment.

1888-2013 WMU Celebrating 125 Years missions for life

Please join us at Shirley Hills Baptist
 Church Christian Life Center
 615 Corder Road, Warner Robins, GA
March 8, 2014 @ 3 P.M.

WMU Ladies—we will make this our
 March meeting, therefore, we will not meet on March 20.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 30—April 6 Goal: \$2,300

Walking Offering on Sunday, April 6
 Funds support the North American
 Missions

Daylight Saving Time Begins Sunday, March 9

Set your clocks ahead one
 hour before you go to bed on
 Saturday, March 8.



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Worship & Youth Pastor

From the Pastor

Dear FBC Faith Family,

If you do not yet know, I have felt that the Lord is leading our church to take part in a group fast. 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 if you do not yet have one. This is for us to know HOW we need to be praying during this time. The 40 Day Church-wide fast will begin on March 12, 2014 and finish on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014.

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 of people thinking about so far:

Fasting from Food:

- 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.
- Etc.

Fasting from Technology:

- No TV or Radio
- No Internet
- No Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Linkin, etc.

Fast from Habits:

- Read only Christian growth books and no fiction
- Smoking, 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: The Daniel Plan by Rick Warren

MARCH 2014

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

Wednesdays
 4:30 pm Revelation Study
 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 <i>*Wayne McConnell</i>
2 CONNECT @ the McConnell's home—6 pm	3 HS Bells 10 am	4 Senior Adults to Perry UMC for Play—6:10 pm	5	6	7	8 WMU—125th Anniversary—Shirley Hills BC—3:00 pm
9  <i>*Faye Hooper</i>	10 HS Bells 10 am Keenagers—Noon Men of Faith Bible Study 6:30 pm <i>*Dot Carpenter</i>	11 Ann on Vacation	12 Soup and Sandwiches 5 pm <i>*Linda Whitaker</i>	13	14	15
16 Church Council - 3:30 pm Stewardship—5 pm Celebration Service— Hymns Night —6 pm <i>*Anne Colquitt</i>	17 HS Bells 10 am	18 <i>*Lily Gavin</i>	19 <i>*Margaret Selmon</i> <i>*Beverly Nasworthy</i>	20 Pastor & Wife to Timothy	21 <i>*Earline Williams</i>	22
23  Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser for Youth Summer Camp—following morning service	24 HS Bells 10 am	25 <i>*Monique Morgan</i>	26 <i>*Betty Turner</i>	27 Christian Social Ministry Canned & Dry Goods Drive— 5th Sunday Designated collection day March 30, 2013 	28	29 <i>*Lauren Silverstruck</i>
30 Youth to Passion City Atlanta—2:30 pm CSM 5th Sunday Canned Goods Drive	31 HS Bells 10 am	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions—GOAL: \$2,300				

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

It is hard to believe we are looking toward summer already! This summer, we are excited to take our students to Student Life Camp *The Original*. This promises to be a very impactful week for spiritual growth and development and crazy fun! However, we are seeking your help. As you may know, we only ask a portion of the total payment from our students and their families. To cover the rest, we ask for your help through participating in fundraisers and giving scholarships. Our FIRST fundraiser will be the Spaghetti Lunch, March 23rd right after our morning Worship Service. You can get tickets from our students for a suggested donation of \$10. Also, many love to provide scholarships to help our students get to camp. That's great too!! Feel free to designate your giving to "Youth: Summer Camp." We greatly appreciate your investment but also your prayers as God can use weeks like these to **truly** change a student forever!

Recently, God has been reminding me of the victory in which I stand in Him. While the enemy constantly threatens defeat, discouragement and destruction, God has been refining me in understanding that 1) in Him I have newness of life 2) in Him I am completely dead to sin and 3) I need to know my stance in Christ. If the enemy can defeat you, he has gotten you. We will fall and fail, sure. BUT, according to Romans 8:11 we as believers have **life** because the Holy Spirit dwells within us. And, the mind set on the Spirit is "life and peace" (Romans 8:8). Isn't that wonderful!!!

Nick Prieto

Bible Study - The Place to Grow

Wow!!! Can't believe we've been studying The Gospel of John for the past six months. Time does go by fast when we're having fun. It's been fun for me and I pray it has been fun for you. It has not only been fun but it has been a time of growth. In the first part of John, we were reminded how much God loved us. "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have life eternal," (John 3:16). In the last chapter of John, we are asked how much WE love God when Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me more than these?" (John 21:15). I have always loved God, but not as much as I should have. During this study I have grown more in love with our Sovereign Father and I pray you have also grown more in love with Him. That is one of the reasons I say that Bible Study is The Place to Grow. It is the place to not only grow more in love with Him but also more like Him. That is why I'm looking forward to our study of the wisdom books, Proverbs and The Song of Solomon. Our study will help us grow more like God by acquiring His wisdom in dealing with relationships (with Him, family, and others), finances, work, and moral purity just to list a few. I'm expecting a great study. If you are not in a Bible study group, please come and grow with us at 9:15 am on Sundays. We also have other opportunities to grow through Bible study. We have women and men small groups meeting during the month and we're starting a study of Revelations at 4:30 pm on Wednesdays. Please contact our staff or me for details. See you in Bible Study - The Place to Grow. **Jon**

MEN OF FAITH

The Men's Ministry has entered into 2014 with a fresh perspective, mission, and vision. We want to grow spiritually, serve others, reach our community for Christ, and leave a lasting legacy.

After studying Eric Metaxas' "7 Lives," looking at the lives of ordinary men who made a great impact for God's Kingdom. We have decided to dive in a little deeper into a spiritual study and to challenge us in our daily walk with Christ. We are now studying "The Radical Disciple" by John Stott, learning how to follow Jesus more intentionally, passionately and spiritually. Rusty Grace and David Peck are doing a superb job of leading our monthly Men of Faith study by developing a genuine community within our ministry through the introduction of open and encouraging small group discussions in each meeting.

If you would like to be a part of our men's ministry at First Baptist we meet every second Monday of the month @ 6:30 pm. I have ordered additional copies of "The Radical Disciple" for those who would like a book.

Once every quarter the men's ministry provides a dinner. This first quarter we had an awesome chili cook-off. There were 32 men in attendance and we had a superb time tasting all of the chili that was prepared. Our 5 judges visited us from First Christian Church of Perry, GA. Thank you for everyone who brought chili: Mark, Terry, Charlie, Mike, and Joe. Congratulations to our top three winners, Joe, Charlie and Mike Gonzalez; In my opinion, every participant was a winner because there was not a single drop of chili left in the pots. I'd also like to thank those who brought desserts for adding a delicious treat to our dinner. Church, it takes everyone to make this Men's Ministry work and we are so thankful and blessed to have a loving church that cares about our mission vision and goals. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." As Men's Ministry director, it is my responsibility as the leader to bring vision to our group. Come and be a part of spiritual growth at FBCWR. Our next Men of Faith monthly meeting will be March 10, 2014 @ 6:30 pm. Thanks for allowing me to share.

Jeff Sweatt



Youth Summer Camp Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch Sunday, March 23, 2014 Immediately following morning service

Suggested Donation—\$10 per ticket—you may purchase your ticket from any youth.

We thank you in advance for your participation. The cost for one student to go to summer camp is \$320, so this is greatly appreciated; it will help tremendously.