

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR APRIL 1-26, 2018

APRIL 1-26 RECEIPTS\$28,483.61
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 2,114.25

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

APRIL 1-26 Receipts\$28,483.61
 APRIL 1-26 Expenses\$15,138.56
 APRIL 1-26 Receipts over expenses\$13,345.05

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR MARCH 2018

RECEIPTS\$28,586.10
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 2,011.76

FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

MARCH 1-31 Receipts\$28,586.10
 MARCH 1-31 Expenses\$25,424.25
 MARCH 1-31 Receipts over Expenses\$ 3,161.85

MAY LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK*

6—Mark Burquest 13—David Anderson
 20—Jon Huguley 27—David Peck

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Curtis Dalton Jon Huguley
 Ray Durham David Burquest

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 77
 MORNING WORSHIP— 108

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!

Deacon's Meeting

May 1st @ 11:15am



Thursday, May 3rd

Keenagers trip to Eatonton to eat lunch at the Ritz Carlton and visit the Uncle Remus Museum. The bus will leave the church at 10am.

Please sign up today! See Jon or Susan Huguley for more information.

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May 12th – All Day
 REGISTER TODAY FOR \$39
 Toby Mac, Passion Band, Worship Services, Blob,
 Zipline, Dodgeball, Paintball, Rock Climbing,
 Fishing, Food and Fireworks



Keenagers

Covered Dish Luncheon
 Monday, May 14th
 12 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Bro. Randy Marshall will be the guest speaker



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 will be Thursday, May 17, 2018.**

May 23rd
 HCBE Last Day of School
May 25th-26th
 HCBE Graduation

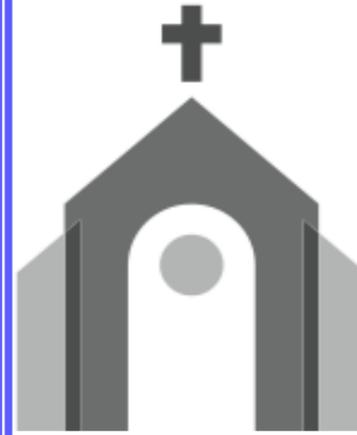
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"We Seek to Glorify God By Making Disciples of ALL Nations"

Our Ministerial Staff:

Dr. Randy Marshall **Interim Pastor**
Nick Prieto **Worship & Youth Pastor**
Rusty Grace **Discipleship & Systems Pastor**

The 2018 observance of the National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 3rd. This annual observance is a call and a reminder to pause and pray for our great nation. The roots of this national observance go back to 1952 when it was initiated by joint resolution of the United States Congress and then signed into law by President Harry S Truman. The foundational roots of national prayer go even deeper to the first call of prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation. Prayer has been part of our national DNA - local, state, and national leaders have oftentimes called people to pray. One can go even deeper, much deeper in history to discover the importance and societal impact of prayer. A Scripture that calls the people of God to fervently pray for their nation is found in 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sins and heal their land."

This verse reminds us that national prayer is more than an observance. Prayer, true prayer that links humble, contrite, faithful people to an all-knowing, all-powerful, ever-present God is a matter of national survival. We know what the Biblical writers knew, what our founding fathers knew, and what people of faith from all generations knew and continue to acknowledge...faithful prayers have an impact on those who pray and the nation in which they live. Let us all be committed to pray for our nation. Throughout the month, as we celebrate our Family May Days, let us also pray for our nations' families, including your own. Together, let's daily pray for personal, church, and national renewal as we turn to God Who promises to hear and respond to our deepest needs.

See you Sunday,
 Randy

MAY 2018

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Rusty's Ramblings

Spring has sprung, and it has been wonderful to be outside experiencing the beauty of God's changing of the seasons. And, the temperature has been much more pleasant this spring. In our family, it has been a fun season with Benaiah. He is starting to make squeaks and jabbers. He is also smiling and grinning. It has been a wonderful time, and I try to soak in every moment. Over the last couple months, my article has been related to what God is teaching me over this season with Hannah and Benaiah. I would like to continue that with this month's article. The lack of sleep and the trying times with Benaiah have been something God is using to teach us. How can a day filled with great joy, laughter and sweetness quickly be eroded by fussiness, screaming and the unexpected blowout of his diaper? The Holy Spirit has convicted me about my perspective over my days and throughout my life. It is easy to think after one of these frustrating moments that the day has been terrible. How quickly I forget God's blessings and God's grace over our lives. I am convicted that my thinking and my perspective is often simply too shallow, shortsighted and misaligned. God has called me to maintain a kingdom mindset throughout every part of my day. In Philippians 4:8, Paul challenges us to think on things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise (ESV). Philippians 2:14 states we are to do all things without complaining. While the circumstances surrounding me might be challenging, I am reminded from Colossians 2:9-10 that the fullness of God dwells in Christ, and I have been filled with Christ. My challenge to you is to let the truth of God's Word and Christ guard and guide your thoughts through your days. Though this is difficult, seek Christ and trust His power to be at work in you through the Holy Spirit.

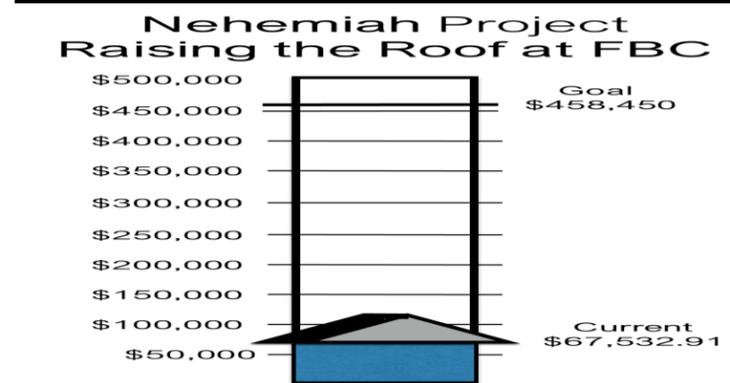
Nick

You probably won't be surprised to learn that my wife and I are using a couple of old fashioned catechisms to help teach our children the truth of God's Word. This is a time tested method of communication the precepts of our faith. One reason we do is because I've become convinced that, as a couple of different Christian authors have pointed out, if we don't catechize our children, someone or something else will. While using the question and answer format of the Westminster Shorter Catechism isn't essential to faithfully point our children toward Christ, the reality remains that we are to teach our children and point them to the Lord. There are actually many good methods to do this, but again, the point is to pass on the knowledge of the truth. I can already tell how are children are bombarded by messages from the world. And it's true, they're really like sponges, soaking up so much! If we don't point them to Christ, someone else will point them to an idol; if we don't teach them how we believe we're called to live, someone else could teach or influence them to live in ways that are unhealthy and unholy.

The reality is that we're all being "catechized" by something. We have been our whole lives, and I suspect we always will be. We're shaped by our families of origin, our friends, our careers, our experiences, the news we pay attention to, even in subtle ways by society at large. This leads to a basic question: what are we filling our minds with? Are our desires, our perspectives, our words, and our behaviors shaped more by the truth of Scripture or by brokenness of the world? Paul reminds us of this in Philippians 4:8 - **Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.** Let's fill our minds with truth. Let's be in the Word of God. Let's listen to things that point us to the truth and beauty of God. Let's surround ourselves with friends who will build us up and encourage our walk with the Lord. Let's read things that promote wisdom and help us reflect on how to apply God's Word in our daily lives. And let's make a commitment to join other believers in Bible study and in worship.

Paul goes on in Philippians 4 to share another principle of how to catechize or teach or train others. He says in 4:9 - **The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.** Again, we are shaped by so much. It's been sobering to be reminded in different ways that my children's outlook will be shaped by what they see in me. Will they see me as a man of prayer, as a man who loves their mother well, who loves them well? This principle certainly goes beyond just how parents train the children through example. The children of our church will notice what we value, will notice how we react to disagreement or frustrations, will notice how we worship, will notice whether or not we were loving and humble and generous. We are all catechizing all of the children of FBCWR each time we gather and they're around! What messages about God and about what it means to be the church will they see in us?

Rusty



*Birthdays

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

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 Mtg— 11:15am	2	3 Keenagers Trip National Day of Prayer	4	5
FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK—APRIL 29—MAY 6						
		*Anna Peck			*Libby Price	
6 Connect—6-8pm *Grace McMillan	7	8	9	10	11	12 Rush—Youth Event
13 Mother's Day	14 Keenagers— 12pm	15	16 *Anna Sweatt	17 WMU—10am	18	19 *Debbie Durham
20 Communion; Student Life Parent Lunch; Student Life Deposits Due; Church Council— 3:30pm Stewardship—5pm Connect—6-8pm *Jenny Ledger *Raeley Findlay *Rose Bryant	21 Men's Cookout—6pm *Jim Silverstruck	22	23 HBCE—Last Day of School *Chuck Hughey	24	25 HCBE— Graduation *Seth Kegley	26 HCBE— Graduation
27	28 Memorial Day— Office Closed	29	30 *Santi Peck	31		



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in Observance of Memorial Day.