

FACTS—FIGURES—FELLOWSHIP

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BUDGET REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1-16, 2018

SEPTEMBER 1-16 RECEIPTS\$ 20,251.67
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$ 30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 10,346.19

ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

SEPTEMBER 1-16 Receipts\$20,251.67
 SEPTEMBER 1-16 Expenses\$11,976.42
 SEPTEMBER 1-16 Receipts over expenses\$ 8,275.25

FINAL BUDGET REPORT FOR AUGUST 2018

RECEIPTS\$25,549.00
 MONTHLY BUDGET NEEDED\$30,597.86
 RECEIPTS UNDER FOR BUDGET\$ 5,048.86

FINAL ACTUAL BUDGET RECEIPT/EXPENSE REPORT

AUGUST 1-31 Receipts\$25,549.00
 AUGUST 1-31 Expenses\$22,924.64
 AUGUST 1-31 Receipts over Expenses\$ 2,624.36

OCTOBER LIST FOR DEACON OF THE WEEK

7—Mike Sullivan 14—David Anderson
 21—Mark Burquest 28—Curtis Dalton

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Curtis Dalton Chuck Hughey
 Ray Durham David Burquest

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY— 57
 MORNING WORSHIP— 78

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, October 1st—12pm
 ALL Senior Adults are encouraged to join us for lots of fun, food and fellowship.



The church office will be closed on **Monday, October 8th** in observance of **Columbus Day**.

3rd Quarterly Family Meeting
Wednesday, October 17th
6pm in the Fellowship Hall
 All members are encouraged to attend



WMU
Thursday, October 18th
10am



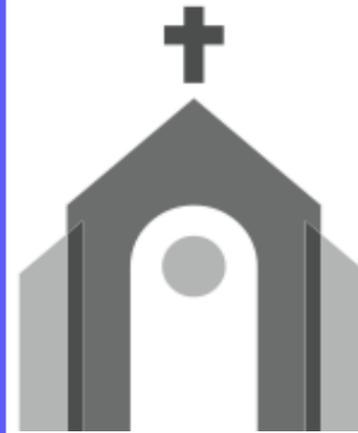
October 22nd—25th
Keenagers Trip to Celebrators Conference
Pigeon Forge, TN
 See Jon or Susan Huguley for more information



Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday, October 28th



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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 & Congregational Care Pastor**

Dream small.

Contemporary Christian artist, Josh Wilson has released a song highlighting life's small dreams and simple moments...

"Dream small.

Don't bother like you've gotta do it all.

Just let Jesus use you where you are.

One day at a time.

Live well.

Loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Dream small."

Small dreams and simple moments are deceptively powerful, "It's a momma singing songs about the Lord. It's a daddy spending family time that the world said he cannot afford... It's a pastor at a tiny little church, forty years of loving on the broken and the hurt...it's visiting the widow down the street or dancing on a Friday with your friend with special needs."

Wilson notes there is nothing wrong with big dreams and big moments. "Just don't miss the minutes on your way to your bigger things, 'cause these simple moments change the world."

This Fall, as we focus on FBCWR's expansive vision and mission, let us also be willing to acknowledge and embrace small dreams and simple moments. Individually and collectively, these dreams and moments profoundly shape our lives, our families, our church, our community...and the world.

See you Sunday,
 Randy

OCTOBER 2018

From the Worship/Youth Pastor

Rusty's Ramblings

*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 Keenagers— 12pm <i>*Hudson Wood</i>	2 Staff Planning —Off Campus	3	4	5 HCBE—Fall Break	6 <i>*Linda Garvin</i>
7 Grace Adoption Celebration— 2:30pm No Connect	8 Columbus Day— Office Closed	9	10	11	12	13
HCBE—Fall Break						
		<i>*Daniel Faulk</i>				
14 Church Council— 3:30pm Stewardship—5pm Connect—6pm	15	16 <i>*Ward Meyerhoeffer</i>	17 Soup Night— 5:30pm Quarterly Family Meeting—6pm <i>*Aubrey Kegley *Mary Van Atta</i>	18 WMU—10am	19 Children's Ministry S'mores Night— 6:30pm <i>*Mary Brophy</i>	20
21 Reformation Day Communion Connect—6pm <i>*Nancy Miller</i>	22	23	24 FCA Fields of Faith—6pm <i>*Deborah Pope</i>	25	26	27
Keenagers Trip to Celebrators Conference—Pigeon Forge, TN						
	<i>*Junia Hulbert</i>			<i>*Joyce Lanier *Linda Gibbs *Ricky Wood</i>	<i>*Jane Speer</i>	
28 Friend Day Pastor Appreciation Day WRHS Feeding Program Connect—6pm <i>*Barbara Lipsey</i>	29	30 RBA Annual Meeting @FBC Centerville	31 <i>*Anderson Sweatt</i>	Nehemiah Project Raising the Roof at FBC 		

The year seems to be zooming by. Though the seasons might be changing on the calendar, the weather seems to remain just as hot as midsummer. I enjoy this time of year when the weather becomes more bearable, and it is actually pleasant to be outdoors. As this last quarter of 2018 approaches, I encourage you to invest in the ministry and life of FBC. We have some special days coming up like Friend Day and Veterans Sunday. God has great purpose for each of us individually and corporately to impact this city and area. I also encourage you to persistently pray the Holy Spirit will work in great ways over the remainder of this year.

Last month, I had the privilege of attending a music conference where the teaching focused on the Psalms and how they can and should affect our daily lives. One of the main takeaways from the teaching was that we should let the Psalms instruct our lives in different ways. One of the reasons it is good to sing the Psalms is that the instruction and emotion contained in them will further impact our lives. The Psalms teach us about who God is, what He is like, and how we are to worship Him (Psalm 107, 150). We also learn about ourselves (Psalm 25) and creation and how it testifies about the Lord (Psalm 8, 19). They talk about sin; how it affects us and how we are to deal with it (Psalm 32, 51). The Psalms are unique in how they can instruct our daily lives and the lives of our families. Start to dig deeper in your understanding of the Psalms, and read them, memorize them, sing them with your family so that you and your family's walk with the Father can deepen and so the Spirit can minister to you through them. Make it a goal to read one Psalm a day!

Nick



While this might be a surprise to you, I'm a history buff. I particularly like church history. For a variety of reasons, I've been reading more of the group of early Christian writers called the "Church Fathers" lately. One feature of their writings that I've found encouraging and even challenging is that they're saturated with Scripture. Even when I'd question a particular interpretation or application of a passage or question, how they'd attempt to adapt the teachings of the Bible to the culture of their day (something we're all doing and probably at least occasionally getting wrong!), I still appreciate the near-universal attempt to submit themselves to the canonical Scriptures and to teach and exhort others on the basis of the Scriptures. What a model for us! I've even read recently that if we didn't have any extant manuscripts of the New Testament, we would still be able to know what was in the New Testament by and large because of all the quotations from the New Testament by the Church Fathers. They also cite the Old Testament quite a lot. In other words, they tried to root their thoughts in the Scriptural testimony to Jesus and filled their writings with the Bible.

One example will suffice. It's believed that the earliest Christian writing beyond the era of the apostles was a letter written by a leader in the church at Rome named Clement (who very likely had known Peter and Paul) to the church in Corinth. Apparently, some young men had led a revolt against the established eldership in the Corinthian church, deposing those elders. Clement wrote on behalf of the leaders in the Roman church to chastise the Corinthians for their ungodly and unhelpful behavior and to encourage them to repent and embrace the humility and holiness in which believers are called to walk. He cites the stories of Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau, Moses, Aaron and Miriam, Dathan and Abiram, David and Saul, as well as more references to Noah, Moses (a few more times), Rahab, Jonah, and Esther. He cites the words of Jesus, refers back to Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (clearly presenting it as holy and inspired Scripture), shows familiarity with the Letter to the Hebrews. Psalm 51 shows up. And I noticed all this from just a casual skimming of part of the Letter.

I point out all of this to say that these ancient brothers illustrate something we see all throughout the Bible. God's people are blessed in knowing God's Word. It is good for us to marinate in the Scriptures. It's good for us to soak ourselves in "the Story" that God has written. We might interpret or apply some things wrong, but if we are in God's Word and approach it with an attitude of humble dependence, we will be ready to repent when it's clear that we're erring.

So, are we immersing ourselves in the Scriptures? How are we filling our time? Do we love God's Word? As Psalm 19 says, (as Charles Carter so helpfully reminded us on the 23rd of September), "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; ... More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb."

Rusty

Operation Christmas Child
 Shoeboxes can now be picked up at the church. Please bring your filled boxes back on or before November 4th. We will have a dedication service that Sunday.

Grace Adoption Celebration
 Sunday, October 7th
 2:30-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
 Isabel and Ephraim were adopted on August 13th and are now in the Grace family forever! Come drop by for light snacks and laughter and help us celebrate how God has grown the Grace family.