

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

Earlier in my life, I was afraid to travel overseas. I had this "what if something happened?" phobia that kept me in the United States. I have since changed that position, and enjoy taking an occasional mission trip to remote places representing Jesus. I was "forced" to go overseas on my first mission trip. I was minding my own business at my church when I got a call from an acquaintance. The friend was heading to Managua, Nicaragua in a week and one of the members of the mission team had to drop out. The caller said, "the ticket is paid for, the trip is paid for, all you need is a passport and you can go to Nicaragua". I was terrified, but there was no excuse to be found. So, I got my passport and off to Nicaragua I went.

When I got off the plane, I was struck by the poverty in the country. Managua had been ravaged by hurricanes, drought, war...you name it...I was overwhelmed. I saw people who were so poor. "How could they survive?" It was moving and I will never be the same.

After a couple days of serving, preaching, helping, one day I noticed something that is true of Central American countries. FRUIT GROWS WILD. I mean, everywhere you looked, there were mangoes, bananas, coconuts, cashews (cashews grow on the end of a fruit), avocados...Fruit was everywhere. I began to realize that God had provided abundant fruit for the people to eat, and those who were the poorest, were being taken care of by God's bounty of fruit.

As we focus on spiritual fruit today, I want to encourage you to harvest fruit that remains. In the Colossians 1:9-14, Paul lists 19 qualities of a spiritually fruitful life that provide nourishment for the soul:

1. Continuous prayer for self and others
2. Knowledge of God's Will
3. Growing Wisdom (that can only be gotten from God).
4. Spiritual Understanding
5. A "Worthy Walk" (lifestyle)
6. A Life "Fully Pleasing" God
7. Good works as knowledge of God increases
8. Strengthened in ALL Might
9. Tapping into His glorious power
10. Patience
11. Longsuffering
12. Joy
13. Thankful continually for God
14. Claiming the inheritance
15. Delivered (and staying delivered) from darkness
16. Kingdom Minded
17. Loved by the Son
18. Redeemed
19. Forgiven

These qualities take a lifetime to "master" with the help of "The Master". I hope you are craving some fruit today.

Blessings, Dr. j

Ps Will vote on the 2018 budget today

PSs We will start a New Members Class Sunday February 4 @ 9:15am in the Fellowship Hall. I hope you can attend.

Church News



The enrollment period is now open where only church members and those families who currently have children enrolled may sign up their child or returning child for this coming school year. The registration fee during this special period will be **\$40.00**.

On **February 1st**, registration will also be opened to the public. At that point, your child's place in the preschool or kindergarten is not guaranteed. You need to register your child as soon as possible. The registration fee starting February 1st is **\$50.00**.

Membership Class

The next membership class will start in February. The class will meet on **February 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 9:15 a.m. in the Family Life Center Dining Room.**



Committee Chairman Training will take place this **Sunday, January 28th** at 4pm in the Family Life Center.

Ad Hoc Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 31** at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE



There is a job opening for a CUSTODIAN. This is a part-time position and would be for the church building from the sanctuary to the refuge area. Contact Brian Wells for more information. Applications can be obtained in the church office.

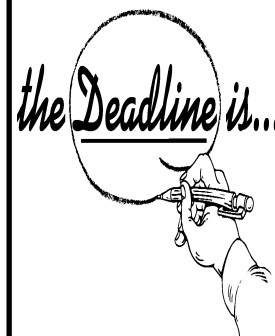
There is a job opening for a NURSERY WORKER. The position would be for Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening during church activities. Contact Brian Wells or Nancy Walters for more information. Applications are available in the church office.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, January 29th from 3-5pm.**

If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.

To send a prayer need to the prayer chain, e-mail Liz Bollich at bollich@bellsouth.net text or call @ (337) 580-2896.



Any articles or postings for the Sunday Bulletin need to be in the office by Wednesday.

Articles for the Newsletter need to be in the office by the 20th of each month.

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Student Ministry students.fbcjennings.com

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us each Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible study. Our current series "This Is Your Year" takes us thru having a God-given vision, committing to follow Him, and then join in the service of the church to work together to complete the Great Commission.

Opportunities to join in Student Ministry:

Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm
Sunday Mornings: 9:15-10:15
Sunday Nights: 5-6:30pm

*** Summer Mission Camp ***

This summer students will be going to the East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX for Mission Camp, July 2-6th.

Deadline to signup is January 24th. Deposit of \$60 due February 14th. Total Cost will be \$330.

KIDZ KONNECTION

Kidz Konnection is working on their next musical presentation "All About the Call".



The Kidz Konnection meets each Sunday evening at 5pm in the Education Building and all children ages 4 -6th grade are welcome to participate.



Sunday, January 28- Saturday, February 3

Sunday, January 28:

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Committee Chairman Training
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Small Groups
- 5:00 p.m. Kidz Konnection

Monday, January 29:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise Walking
- 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution
- 6:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health

Tuesday, January 30:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Wednesday, January 31:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:00a.m. Jeff Davis Living Center Sing-a-Long
- 5:00 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Refuge
- 6:00 p.m. G.A.'s R.A.'s, C.A.'s & Mission Friends
- 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Prayer Service
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 1:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
- 10:00 a.m. Camelot Nursing Home Visitation

Friday, February 2:

- 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Saturday, February 3:

Nursery workers for extended session:

- January 28 Samantha Patterson
- February 4 Cassandra Garbarino
- February 11 Glenn Carter
- February 18 Regilyn Carter
- February 25 Donna Trahan

Window/Door Offering

March 19 - Jan 21 \$34,405 received
Amount invoiced to date: \$56,706.82

Offerings and pledges will continue to be received throughout the construction period.

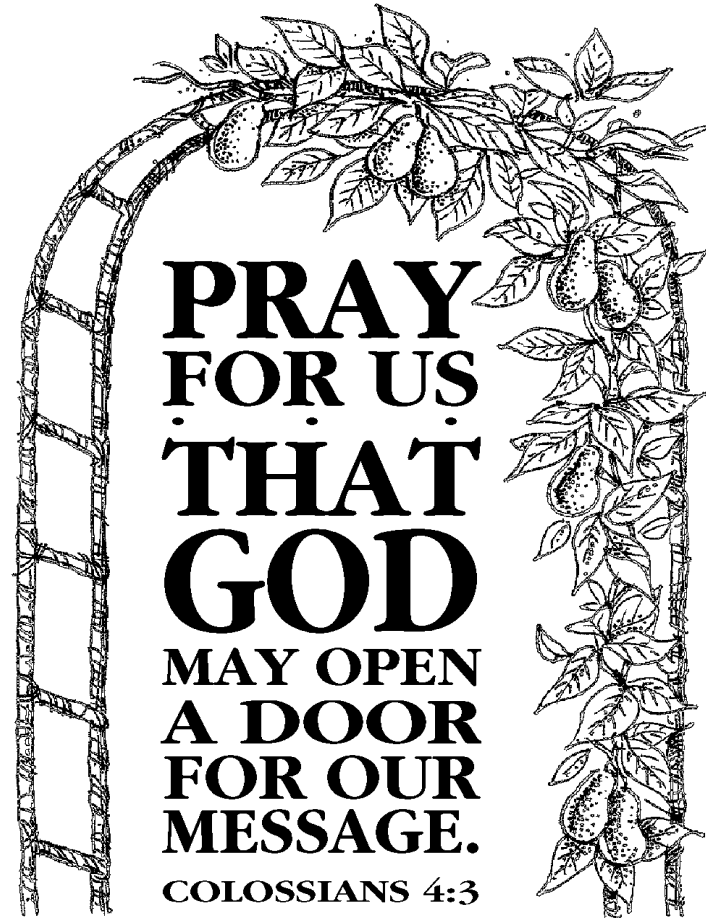
CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
January 2018 Receipts to Date: \$26,329.00



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 28, 2018



Dr. jeff Cook Pastor	Brian Wells Minister of Education & Sr. Adults
Derrick Laughlin Youth Leader	Eric Sonnier Children's Leader

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Morning Worship

“Worthy of Worship”

Welcome & Fellowship

“Christ Is Able to Save”

Choir

“Because He Lives”

“In Christ Alone”

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Offertory

Children's Church Dismissal

“Your Are My All in All”

“Jesus Messiah”

“I Bowed on My Knees” Rev. Charles Dean

Sermon

Dr. jeff Cook

Invitation

“I Surrender All”

Evening Activities

Evening Worship 5pm

Discipleship Small Groups 5pm

Kidz Konnection 5pm

Sermon Notes

CRAVING FRUIT

Colossians 1:9-14

Craving fruit in me

Craving fruit in thee

Craving fruit in the world we see