

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, January 24

- 8:00AM Baptist Men's Day Breakfast
9:30AM Children's Music
9:45AM Sunday School
11:00AM Worship
5:15PM Youth (Interdenominational)

MONDAY, January 25

- 6:00PM Church Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 27

- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Chicken Noodles, Pinto Beans, Cole Slaw, Dessert)
6:00PM Bible Study
6:00PM Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
6:15PM Cathedral Bells
7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The CBFNC General Assembly will be held on Friday, March 18, at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. The bus will leave the church no later than 7:15 a.m. We will return after the worship service that evening.

MEMORIALS

General Fund

Martin Brewer by Agnes Brewer

Music Fund

Joann Morton by Darlene Stibal

Kaleb Furr by Darlene Stibal

Building Fund

Martin Brewer by Ben & Gwen Treece

HONORARIA

Music Fund

Hudson Family by Glenda Pope

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| Sunday School Attendance 01/17 | 135 |
| Worship Attendance 01/17 | 175 |
| Weekly Budget Requirement | \$11,144.04 |
| Budget Receipts 01/10 | \$6,832.75 |
| YTD Budget Receipts 12/31 | \$559,204.80 |
| YTD Expenses thru 12/31 | \$547,480.26 |
| Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 01-10) | \$148,144.92 |
| Capital Campaign Commitments | \$278,595.00 |

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

The FBC Baptist Men's group would like to invite you to the **Baptist Men's Day Program** this **Sunday, January 24 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall**. A light breakfast will be served. Sign-up sheet in the church office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Glenda Pope on the birth of her granddaughter, Eleanor Parker Thompson. She was born on Thursday, January 14 weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces. Proud parents are Danni and Derrick Thompson.

THANK YOU

The Mission Friends would like to thank everyone who donated winter items. We collected 111 total items which included 36 hats, 21 scarves, and 54 pairs of gloves. These will be given to SCCM to distribute to those in need. Thank you!

ORGAN REDEDICATION

FBC Organ Rededication: Sunday, January 31
11:00am Worship

Please join us for this special occasion as we rededicate ourselves and our renovated pipe organ to God's ministry

WINTER BIBLE STUDY

Winter Bible Study will be on the Sunday evenings of February 14, 21, and 28 from 5-7PM. A light supper will be served.

Here is your *TIE* to



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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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“Rescued and Redeemed”

Sunday, January 24, 2016

8AM in the Fellowship Hall
(Breakfast will be served/Sign-up in office)

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From the Desk of Andy Jung...

In a recent blog post by Dr. Guy Sayles, former pastor of FBC Asheville and current consultant with the Center for Healthy Churches, he mulled over everything our world is currently facing and what our response should be as followers of Jesus. We are faced with the already failed New Year's resolutions, the unorthodox presidential race, the refugee crisis in the Middle East, the instability of the stock markets around the world, gun control debate and so much more. The question he addresses is "How does one passionately and pragmatically engage the challenges and problems of our time and also exercise grateful and wise steward of one's own gifts and opportunities?"

This is an interesting question for every Christ-follower to consider. What am I called to as an individual? What has God gifted me to do to help build up his kingdom? How can I make a difference when there seems to be so much that needs to be done? Here are a few things Dr. Sayles suggests to keep in mind:

- It's necessary to have a healthy rhythm (the specifics of which differ from person to person) between engagement and disengagement, community and solitude, activism and reflection, work and Sabbath.
- Burnout, compassion fatigue or whatever the current term might be is a real threat to the soul. Failure to tend to one's health, relationships and joy leads, over time, to crippling cynicism, jaundiced thinking and numbed awareness.
- It's crucial to be sure that we are investing ourselves beyond the circle of our personal and immediate concerns and needs and not to allow the inability to do everything to be an excuse for doing very little.
- It's not possible to engage every important issue with the same amount of time, energy, attention and money. There are issues that compellingly call out to us (and, again, different issues will call more urgently to some of us than to others of us), and those are the issues that will have a greater claim on us.

God has gifted us in unique ways. God also gives us certain passions to expend energies toward in order to grow God's kingdom. Follow the Holy Spirit's lead as you care for yourself and others along the way. (continued)

This Sunday, we will continue to discover the person of Jesus Christ as we consider the Good News Jesus came to fulfill. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Ritchie Hearne

January 24 – January 30

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Brendan Hearne, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, Sue Hunsucker, Martha Lowder, Lori Stiller, Lucy Johnson, Chloe Fraley, Bonnie Herring, Buck Hill, Charles Burris, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Bud Morton, Bob Sweet, Todd Williamson, Betty Mabry, Linda Hall

SYMPATHY

Christian love and sympathy to Bear Knotts and family in the passing of Eleanor Knotts.

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

The Pregnancy Resource Center of Stanly County's (PRC) Baby Bottle Boomerang will held January 17 – February 7. Please take the bottles home, fill them with cash, coins, or check (made out to PRC), and return them to the church on Sunday, February 7.

THANK YOU

Harold and Cindy Brewer and the family of Martin E. Brewer wish to thank the church family for the calls, cards, and expressions of sympathy in the passing of Harold's father. Your sincere caring has lifted us greatly.

SCCM need for January is Canned Beans and Dried Beans

YOUTH SCHEDULE

January 22-24 – Youth Winter Retreat
January 24 - 4:30PM High School Mission Trip Meeting
5:15PM Youth (Interdenominational)
January 25 - Middle School Camp \$60 deposit due
January 31 – 5:15PM Youth (Interdenominational)
High school mission \$ 90 deposit due
February 7 – 5:00PM Super Bowl Sunday

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I was reading the other day an excerpt from C.S. Lewis' "mere Christianity and found that it, interestingly enough, paralleled a concept that is central in sticky faith. In his writing Lewis spotlights one of the biggest stumbling blocks for Christians. This hurdle is the search for moral perfection. What we call "being good", Lewis asserts can only end in one of two ways. We will either fail and give up or live a very unhappy life. He puts it like this, "In the end, you will either give up trying to be good, or else become one of those people who, as they say, "live for others " but always in a discontented, grumbling way- always wondering others do not notice it more and always making a martyr of yourself." It is here in the ideas expressed by Lewis that we find one of the foundational problems with the way our young people are being taught about faith. It is a notion that many adults hold and therefore one that is passed down to our youth. Dallas Willard calls it the Gospel of sin management. It is the idea that we can somehow improve our standing with God by acting in a certain way. We create a checklist of things that make us a good Christian and or a bad one. The problem is we will always fall short. Unfortunately for many of our young people giving up trying has been the pathway of choice. They walk away from their faith with many never returning. If we truly want to pass a life long faith to our students we must begin with the recognition that our relationship with Christ is based on unconditional love. His love was so strong that he came and sacrificed his life for us. Not just those who are "being good", but for all of us. It is a gospel of grace not sin management. Christ wants us in a relationship with him there are no qualifiers. I like the way Lewis puts it, Christ says, "Give me all. I don't want so much of your time and so much of your money and so much of your work: I want You." I hope you have a great week! Michael