

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, February 14

- 8:00AM Deacon's Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:00AM Sunday School Teachers Meeting
(Grades 1 – 5)
- 9:30AM Children's Music
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship and Communion
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 5:00PM Winter Bible Study
- 5:00PM Youth

TUESDAY, February 16

- 6:00PM Roatan Team Meeting

WEDNESDAY, February 17

- 12:00PM Community Lenten Service @ FBC
- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Shrimp Scampi,
Angel Hair Pasta, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 6:15PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY, February 21

Covered Dish Lunch & Conference

MEMORIALS

Flower Fund

Eleanor Knotts by J.C. & Ann Boone

Helper Fund

Eleanor Knotts by Bill & Ruth Ann Rogers

Building Fund

Eleanor Knotts by Ben & Gwen Treece

Organ Fund

Eleanor Knotts by D/M Bill Burnside

Eleanor Knotts by Hawthorn Garden Club

Sunday School Attendance 02/07	166
Worship Attendance 02/07	186
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,144.04
Budget Receipts 01/31	\$14,720.00
YTD Budget Receipts 01/31	\$50,382.75
YTD Expenses thru 01/31	\$51,757.57
Capital Campaign Receipts (thru 01-31)	\$156,024.92
Capital Campaign Commitments	\$278,595.00

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.

HABITAT for HUMANITY FUNDRAISER

Habitat for Humanity BBQ Chicken fundraiser: February 25th starting at 11:00 at Centerview Church. Tickets are available at the church office and in Feb. will be \$9.

CHURCH-WIDE ADULT TRIP

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee: April 11-April 14. Cost: \$250.00 per person/double or \$327.00 per person single, payable at time of sign-up. Trip includes: 3 nights hotel, 3 breakfasts, 4 shows, and 3 dinners. For more details see Lina: 704-982-8877 or 704-796-8589. Sign up sheet in church office.

CBFNC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Be sure to sign up for the bus trip to Raleigh on Friday, March 18 to attend the CBFNC General Assembly. The program and meal menus are posted on the bulletin board outside the office. You may either give your money to Sandra or you may register online at cbfnc.org. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Myers. A list of the workshops should be available by the end of February and these will be posted on the bulletin board. We plan to leave the church at 7:15AM and will return that evening after the worship service.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who donated homemade cookies and their time to making the American Red Cross Blood Drive a huge success. The FBC goal was 45 units and 46 were collected.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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LENT

From the Desk of Andy Jung...

Life is full of disappointments. After a tremendous regular season and historic run through the playoffs, the Carolina Panthers fell short of their ultimate goal of a Super Bowl win. During the game, Cam Newton took a beating from the Denver Broncos' vaunted defense. After his postgame news conference, Cam is taking even a tougher beating from the media and fans.

There is no doubt that Cam acted poorly during his postgame interview. His disappointment was evident and his emotions were raw. As sports fans, we all wish our star athletes would act with class and maturity. However, if I step back and try to see things objectively, I can see Cam's actions with a great deal of compassion. I certainly do not condone the attitude he displayed after the game but it is understandable.

Physically, Cam Newton's body has fully matured into adulthood. No one would doubt that. He is a gifted athlete and has used it to accomplish great things on the football field. However, sociologically speaking, Cam is still learning how to be an adult. He is only 27. His prefrontal cortex of his brain, a section of his brain that weighs outcomes, forms judgments and controls impulses and emotions, has probably just finished developing. Throughout his life, his family, friends, coaches, teammates and fans have told him that he is the best. He has experienced the ultimate success in high school, college and the NFL. So when everything seemingly fell apart in the biggest game of his career, he reacted poorly.

The crucifixion of Cam in the media and by adults all over the world is the very reason why many of the millennials have walked away from the church. They see how others are treated when they make a mistake. They have experienced the backlash of their own sins and failures from people in the church. Thus, many millennials have transferred the spirit of judgment and condemnation within the church to how they view God.

What Cam is experiencing is a good example of why we need to change how we are the body of Christ. This is the very thing we will be discussing at our Winter Bible Study starting this Sunday from 5-7pm. Whether you

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are young or more advanced in age, I invite you to come and learn how we can become an intergenerational church that will pass on a lasting faith to future generations.

In addition, this Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent. We will begin a series focused on the 24 hours leading up to Jesus crucifixion on the cross. Fittingly, we will begin in the Upper Room with the Last Supper as we gather around table together. See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Linda Henson

February 14 – February 20

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, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Carl Bowen

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, Jackie Harward, Helen Baugess, Todd Williamson, Linda Hall, Dick Kolk, Nellie Roush

PRAYER REQUEST

Hospice has been initiated as Lucy's health is declining and our objective is to keep her comfortable and well loved.

Thank you for all of your cards and prayers.

Pete and Lucy's family

BENEFIT CHICKEN DINNER

Friday, March 4: 11AM – 7PM for Daphne Sykes at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Frog Pond. Benefit to raise money for medical expenses and family needs incurred during recovery from an accident. \$8.00 donation per plate.

Community Lenten Services at FBC beginning February 17 at Noon.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

February 14 – 5:00PM Youth

February 21 – 5:00PM Youth

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

I recently read an article by Walt Mueller that shed light on a topic I had not really thought about before. The title of the article was "Body Image Pressures". As a Student Pastor and teacher, I am painfully aware of the difficulties that middle school and high school students have in finding their identity and loving themselves for who they are. This is probably not a shock to anyone. What caught me so unaware with Walt's article was the age group he addressed. He started the article with a personal story about the day his daughter first went to kindergarten. While they were getting ready she paused and said, "Daddy, will people make fun of me?" He was caught off guard. As the conversation continued he asked her, "Make fun of you for what?" Her response floored him. His daughter looked at him and said, "because of how I look." She was five at the time and Mueller wrote that he suddenly realized that even at that young age his daughter already realized that looks matter when it comes to being accepted. As parents we have a responsibility to send a clear message to our children about our identities. Mueller suggests the following:

- 1) Teach your kids how to spot the wrong messages in marketing ads. If no one tells them otherwise why shouldn't they believe what they hear?
- 2) Do not criticize yourself, your kids or others about body weight or body shape. Kids hear and pay attention, even if you don't think so.
- 3) Compliment them on their character traits and God-giving talents. Validate the things that matter and those will become important to them.
- 4) Spend time with them, reading and talking about how God's values are different from the world's values

These are things that we must do. We cannot stop the onslaught of messages and images that they see in the world. We can however produce an understanding that these messages don't have to define them as Christians. Michael

THANK YOU: Marvin and I want to thank our church family for the prayers, calls, emails and cards we have received during the recent death of my brother, Robert Allen Griffin. His death was sudden and unexpected. Our church family has brought us much comfort during this past week and the prayers are helping us get through this difficult time. Please continue to pray for our family, especially his daughter, Kimberly Stumbo, as we lay Robert to rest on Saturday, February 13, 2016 in Fayetteville, NC. Thank you, Marvin and Vicky Smith