

Opportunities for the Week

SUNDAY, February 25

- 8:45AM Youth Bells
- 9:30AM Children's Choir
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship and Communion
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 4:00PM Pastor Advisory Committee Meeting
- 5:00PM Youth

WEDNESDAY, February 28

- 12:00PM Community Lenten Service
- 5:15PM Fellowship Meal (Chicken Alfredo, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Cuba Mission Trip Presentation
- 6:00PM Knitting in the Parlor
- 6:00PM Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 6:00PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:00PM Sanctuary Choir

SUNDAY, March 4

- 12:00PM Covered Dish Lunch and Church Conference

Records at-a-Glance

Sunday School Attendance 02/18	154
Worship Attendance 02/18	164
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$11,491.00
Budget Receipts 02/04	\$15,629.00
YTD Budget Receipts 01/31	\$43,283.84
YTD Expenses thru 01/31	\$40,320.07

MEMORIALS

Building Fund

Frank Gann by M/M Norman Wilson

General Fund

Julia Crumpler by M/M Tony Oettinger

Frank Gann by M/M Tony Oettinger

Frank Gann by M/M Reed Furr

Julia Crumpler by M/M Reed Furr

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Deadline for submissions for the TIE is Tuesday at noon

Our Church Family

MISSIONARIES

Rob & Amanda Rone	Myanmar
John Taylor	Far East
Molly Peele	Rhode Island

PRAYER LIST

Mary Sullivan, Julie Crumpler, Barbara Bowers, Geraldine Causby, Jont Johnson, Jim Henson, Cathy Smith, Danny Martin, Anne Denning Myers, Melisa Isenhour, Chris Bell, Bev Tucker, Evelyn Rogers, Bud Morton, Gary Howard, Johnny Barbee

CONTINUAL CARE

Mildred Archer, Mildred Cooper, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Frances Newton, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Aileen Taylor, Herman Faulkner, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, David & Sandy Young, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Pete Johnson, Peggy Hill, Mary Garber Don Bennett, Carol Brummitt, Rachel Chandler, Jim Mauney, Agnes Blalock, John & Bonnie Herring, Raynell Cooke, Bear Knotts, Patsy Turbeville, Betty Hartley, Joanna Morgan

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks and appreciation to our church family for your support during the illness and home going of my sister, Julia Crumpler. Your words of inquiry, encouragement and especially prayers and cards have been a blessing and source of strength to our family. May God bless each of you.
Margaret & Maurice Radford

Here is your *TIE* to



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Transformational Teachings of Jesus

John 13:1-17

“Path to Greatness”

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Words From the Pastor

Maybe it is because I have worked with teenagers most of my adult life. Maybe it is because my wife is a teacher. Maybe it is because I am passionate about standing in the gap for young people who are dismissed as being selfish, lazy and self-absorbed. Maybe it is all of the above but every time I hear about a mass school shooting, I am moved to tears.

It breaks my heart to know that young people will not live out their God-given potential because their lives were taken from them by a senseless shooting. It breaks my heart to know that our society systemically failed a young person to the point that he would intentionally kill his former classmates. It breaks my heart to know that life will never be the same again for those who witnessed the mass horror.

It is easy to feel helpless and even hopeless. The systemic changes needed to make a significant difference seem too large to tackle. There are no easy answers. Yet, I cannot stand by and simply place the blame on our culture or on our systems.

Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, self-examination, and penitence to prepare for the great celebration at Easter. During this forty-day journey, we are reminded that we are totally unworthy before God, that we have nothing with which we can obtain salvation, and that our best efforts at being righteous fall far short. Lent reminds us how much we need grace in our lives in order to live a transformed life that reflects God's love. We are called to renew our commitments and our faith as we continually acknowledge our need of God's transforming presence with us.

So, during this season of Lent, I commit to examining my own heart and actions. I commit myself to loving deeper and caring more. I commit to seeing each person as a son or daughter of God whom God loves extravagantly. I commit to having meaningful conversations with people who feel lonely and broken.

Maybe I cannot change the systemic issues of our society. Maybe I cannot prevent future school shootings from occurring. But maybe I can show one young person he or she is loved by God. Maybe I can help one young person to know there is hope for today and for tomorrow. Maybe I can help one young person choose life over death. Change begins with me.

How about you? What can you do to help bring about change? How can you be part of the solution? Everyone has a part to play. Spend some time this week with God in reflecting on what God might be asking of you.

This Sunday, we will observe the Second Sunday of Lent by looking deeper into how greatness is defined in scripture. We will also gather around the Lord's Table to share communion with one another. In addition, as is our tradition, we will take up a love offering for SCCM in response to God's goodness in Jesus and to assist those who are struggling to make ends meet in our community. See you on Sunday!

Deacon of the Week

John Sullivan

February 25 – March 3

General Announcements

NEW HYMNALS

Currently, over 250 hymnals have been "purchased" in memory or in honor of our loved ones. We have 320 hymnals that fill our sanctuary and choir loft. If you still would like to designate one (or more) of these hymnals in memory or in honor of someone special, please drop off your order form and money (\$20/hymnal) by the church office. A label will be placed on the inside cover of each hymnal in recognition of the special gift. The new hymnal dedication will be on **March 11**.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

BBQ Chicken Fundraiser Thursday, February 22

Cost: \$9.00 (in advance), \$10.00 (at door)

Centerview Baptist Church on the Northeast Connector

If you volunteered to provide baked items, please bring them to FBC on Tuesday, February 20 or early Wednesday, February 21.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGE

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee is proposing changes for the duties of the Financial Oversight Committee. A copy of the changes are available in the church office. In addition, the proposed changes can be found on the church website. These changes will be voted on at the next Church Conference scheduled for Sunday, March 4.

COVERD DISH LUNCHEON

AND

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our quarterly covered dish luncheon and church conference will be held on March 4, immediately following the worship.

Let's Play! Card Games and Board Games

March 4, 3-5PM in the Fellowship Hall

Welcoming all ages to enjoy some games and time together. We'll have some card games available, or bring your favorite. For more information contact Kevin Taylor or Geraldine Springer.

STRETCH YOGA

Stretch Yoga - Thursday, February 22, at 6:00PM. Bring your mat and come join the fun!

STAFF ANNIVERSARY

Judy Fraley celebrates her five-year anniversary as Food Service Director at First Baptist Church.

JOY Group

Upcoming Trips: JOY Trip to Anderson, SC: Senior Follies
March 17-19, 2018, Cost: \$250.00 per person.

and

The Ark Encounter: June 18-21, 2018 – Charter Bus
Cost: \$575.00 per person (children: \$440.00 each). Sign-up sheets are in the church office.

Family Ministry News

We had an excellent time away on retreat at Ft. Caswell! We spent some good time together playing some board games, watching the Olympics, hanging out on the beach, and exploring the forts. Throughout the course of the

weekend we looked at the narrative sweep of God's covenant promise to Abraham to bless the nations through his family, and God's covenant faithfulness in



blessing the nations and expanding Abraham's big family through Jesus. We worked on finding our place in God's big family. We had a fun, restful but action-packed, exciting weekend away, and we thank you for your prayers and support as we retreated!

Looking ahead, we are taking a trip on **Saturday, March 10th, to the Charlotte Hornets game against the Phoenix Suns!** We'll have more info out soon, but tickets for youth will be **\$20**. We look forward to going over to Charlotte, taking in some Hornets basketball, and enjoying a postgame concert by 7eventh Time Down. The game tips at 5:00, and the concert will follow shortly after. We'll have more detailed plans soon, but an initial plan is that we'll meet at 2:30, leave by 2:45, and be back around 10. Also plan to bring money for concessions for supper – and remember, those will be concessions prices!

We are excited about all that is happening with the student ministry! Thank you for your support as we continue to seek to Know God's story, understand who we are in Jesus, and Live in and for the Kingdom of God. For the Kingdom, Jacob

Missions Corner

Puerto Rico Disaster Relief Missions Trip

April 15-21, 2018

Cost: \$600

Last call for anyone interested in going on the mission trip. We will be setting truss systems and putting on metal roofs on homes that were devastated during recent hurricanes. If you are interested in going on this mission trip, please contact Andy. There are three spots remaining and the deadline is February 28.

SCCM needs for February

Canned Fruit: light syrup or no sugar added.

SCCM need for March

Canned Vegetables: corn, peas, beans, tomatoes, etc.