

VOLUME 11 ISSUE 2

FEBRUARY 2015

The First Word

Glorifying God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ motivated by a love for God and a love for others.

6 Habits Class Begins

February 1



Winter Choir Retreat

February 6-7



Start Here Class

February 8



**Fresh Encounter Prayer
Service**

February 8



Parents' Night Out

February 14



CM Volunteer Lunch

February 22



Celebrators' Choir Festival

February 23-24



fresh encounter
PRAYER SERVICE

Sunday, February 8, 2015

6:00 pm

If there was a defining characteristic of the early church, it might very well be prayer. The book of Acts begins with Jesus' instructions to the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they have been empowered by the Holy Spirit. Their response was to wait before the Lord in prayer: *"All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers."* (Acts 1:14, ESV)

Throughout the pivotal moments of the early church they prayed. In making key leadership decisions they prayed (Acts 1:24). When faced with opposition and persecution they prayed: *"And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness."* (Acts 4:31, ESV) While they prayed God directed their next steps in ministry and mission: *"While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off."* (Acts 13:2–3, ESV) When they were imprisoned for their faithfulness to God, they prayed: *"About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."* (Acts 16:25, ESV)

The early disciples learned of the priority of prayer by watching the life of Jesus. It was his custom to pray: *"But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."* (Luke 5:16, ESV) The praying life of Jesus motivated his followers to ask Jesus to teach them to pray: *"Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.'"* (Luke 11:1, ESV) Jesus prayed before going to the cross (Luke 22:40–41), Jesus cried out in prayer on the cross (Luke 23:46) and Jesus is continually praying for us even today (Romans 8:34).

With such a heritage of prayer in the Bible and throughout the history of the church we are calling one another to be a people of prayer. We spent 21 days in January in individual prayer seeking God's face. We are calling one another now to join together in corporate prayer as we follow the model of the early church and cry out to God together in prayer, asking God to move in us and through us in a fresh and powerful way. **Will you be among those who gather on February 8th to cry out together in expectant faith? Will you be a part of this growing movement of prayer that God is calling us to?**

*"To get the nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees."
Billy Graham*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

LIKE us on Facebook @firstbaptist.childrensministry

Questions or Comments??

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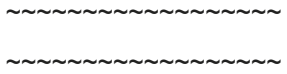
Mother's Morning Out

FALL 2015

Registration

Begins Monday, Feb. 2

Check the website (click MMO link) OR
call Marsha Jones (547-2051) for
all the details.



Vacation Bible School 2015

Save the Date!! June 7-11

Volunteer sign-ups for this huge
summer event have begun.
Find your "sweet spot" in VBS
early ... you are needed to make
this time of outreach, evangelism,
& discipleship all that God
intends.

we HEART VOLUNTEERS !!!

February is *Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Month*
... and we want you to know how very much we love you.

If you proudly wear a tie-dye lanyard, then this is for YOU!!

Watch for more details about some great things during the
month that will be a tangible effort to thank you for your
availability and dedication to FBC kids.

YOU are making an eternal difference!

Don't Miss!

Camp KidJam Sign-Ups

Spaces limited ... sign up on the Uptown Hall or in the office during March.

First Step Class - March 15

Be sure to get on the list by 3/12. Contact Natalie.

Watch for more info on these special events.

Parents' Night Out for Valentine's Day

Saturday, February 14

6:00-9:00p.m.

Infants - 5th grade

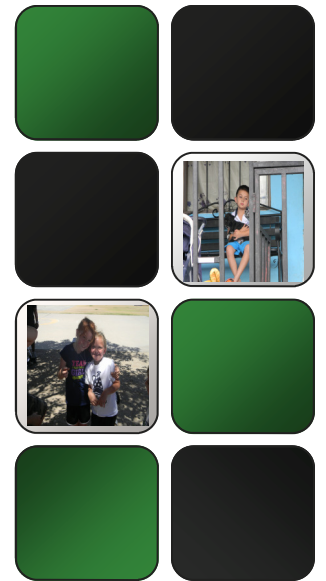
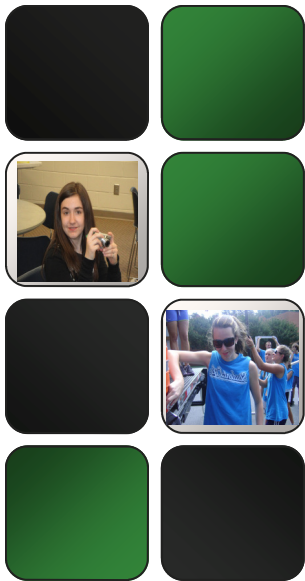
Kids will be fed & have lots of fun while you're out celebrating or
enjoying a quiet evening with your spouse or friends.

** It's FREE ... but ... envelope registration is REQUIRED by Feb. 8**

Do you LIKE us on Facebook ??

—> Hint: a special giveaway will happen on FB
just before this event. You don't want to miss it!!!





6:17

Just a reminder that 6:17 starts back this month. The schedule is as follows:

- 6:17 Bible Study and Worship
- 7:00 Middle School D-Groups
- 7:00 High School Hang Out and Homework
- 7:45 Dismiss

Catalyst Missions Meeting

This year we are participating in three mission trips:

1. Belize July 6-11
2. Tucson, AZ July 13-19
3. ENGAGE Fort Mill August 11-14

We will have a missions' meeting Sunday, February 8, 12:15 p.m., following the 11:00 worship service, in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss the mission trip agendas and the cost. These are family trips so student's families are encouraged to come.

Sunday Night Live

Sunday Night Live Schedule:

- 6:00 Snack Supper
- 6:20 High School D-Groups
- 6:30 Middle School Bible Study
- 7:30 Middle School Dismiss
- 8:00 High School Dismiss

High School Destination Unknown

Sunday, March 22, is our next High School Destination Unknown. The cost is \$20.00 which includes entrance to the event and dinner. We will meet at 4:00 p.m. at the church and return at 7:30 p.m. If your student brings a friend who is unchurched, the friend can attend at no cost. What a great way to get those who are unchurched to come.



Adult Ministries

Experience It!

Upcoming Events in February

Feb 1 - 6 Habits class starts

Feb 8 - Start Here

Feb 8 - Fresh Encounter Prayer Service (6 p.m.)

Feb 14 - Parents' Night Out

Feb 18 - Celebrator (Sr. Adult) Luncheon



Upcoming Adult Ministry Opportunities

Titus 2 Tuesdays (Ladies) - A new ladies' event will meet the second Tuesday each month for a time of fun and fellowship. (Fellowship Hall, 7-9 p.m.)

CAMO Class (Men) - **Calling All Men Out** class is a new class for men that meets every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. to discuss God's Word in a friendly environment. John Snincak is the class facilitator. The class meets downstairs in the brick building (parlor).

6 Habits – This six-week class will strengthen your spiritual walk. Starts Sunday, February 1 (9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.) in room 202-F. All six classes will be on Sunday mornings. To sign up contact Shannon Ford at sford@fbcfm.com.

Overflow - This off-campus special event is scheduled for Sunday, March 1, from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. at Fort Mill High School auditorium and commons area. The purpose of this event is to help you discover your right place of service. There will be corporate worship, a ministry fair and lunch. ABF classes will not meet.



Looking for a Bible study group during the week?

You are invited to be part of a weekly Bible study that meets in room 113-WC (A) each Wednesday morning.

Matthew 5-7: Sermon on the Mount
(Wednesdays: 10:00 - 11:30)

☛ This study does not meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month because of the Senior Adult Luncheon.



2015 Midweek Connection Wednesday Classes (6:15 – 7:45)

➡ Still looking for a place on Wednesday nights? Come check out one of these three classes. These classes do not require the attendance from the previous week.

ADULTS

1. **First Serve** – Neely Potts
2. **Holy Spirit study** – Shannon Ford
3. **Grief Share** – Bill Mayes



Music News

Music ~ Celebrators ~ Media

Adult Worship Choir

- * Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights and there are three ways to join: (1) 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. (sing on Sundays and all presentations); (2) 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. (sing only on Sundays); or 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. (sing at special presentations, such as Easter and Christmas). Contact Diane at the church office if you are interested in being part of the choir.
- * Celebrate Easter
February 6 and 7: Winter Choir Retreat to prepare for the Easter music. The retreat will be held at the church. If you are not part of the choir and are interested in singing in the Easter program, please contact Diane at the church office to find out more about being a "seasonal singer."
Schedule: Friday, February 6, 6:00 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. dinner*; 7:00 p.m. - 8:55 p.m. rehearsal
Saturday, February 7, 9:30 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. rehearsal
At this retreat, you will learn at least 75% of the songs.
Childcare is available, 5th grade & under, upon request by contacting Diane Dulin at the church office. Deadline to register for childcare is Wednesday, February 4, by 12:00 p.m.
* Dinner: Cost is \$2.00/person for the chicken (grilled & fried). Please sign up to bring a covered dish - vegetable or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Sign up for the retreat and food during choir or email Diane at the church office.
- * March 29 - Palm Sunday
- * April 5 - Easter Sunday

CELEBRATORS' (Senior Adult) News

- * The Celebrator Choir meets on Mondays from 10:30 -11:30 a.m. in the Worship Center choir room. We would love for you to join us. We sing at local senior adult facilities twice a month followed by a group lunch and on Sunday mornings a few times a year.
- * February 18: Luncheon, bring your favorite dish to share. We will have a musical tribute to the Gaither's and Friends, featuring some of our own talented friends from the Celebrators.
- * February 23-24: Celebrator Choir trip to Myrtle Beach for the State Senior Adult Choir Festival for those who have signed up. Be at the church by 8:30 a.m. on Monday; we will leave at 9:00 a.m. Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. and the program begins at 2:30 p.m.

Upcoming Events:

- * March 18: Luncheon. Ron Edwards will share about his work as general manager of the Springs Farm operations.

Media News

Audio & Media Needs

~ Training will be provided for those willing to serve in the areas of audio, ProPresenter and camera. Contact Tim Gale (tim@tmgale.com), Bryan Trotter (btrotter@fbcfm.com) or Diane Dulin (ddulin@fbcfm.com).



OVERFLOW

... discovering your Right place of service

Sunday, March 1
@ Fort Mill High School
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*an OFF-CAMPUS event
you don't want to miss*

One Service. One Event. One Lunch.
for the ENTIRE church family
(infants-5th have an event of their own ... see below)

WHY? ... because we believe growing as a fully devoted follower of Christ includes knowing and actively fulfilling your Right place of service.

What does "Right place of service" mean? God has intentionally created each of us with unique gifts and abilities for the purpose of serving Him and others. We want to help FBCers on the journey of discovering what those are and where they can be used in the life of our church family.

What am I committing to? If you attend this special event (and we sure hope you do!), you are committing to participation in a corporate worship service, engaging in a ministry fair, and lunch (if you purchase a ticket). You will not be signing your life away at a booth!! There will be an interest form available to request more information about specific areas of ministry.

What about the KIDS?? Glad you asked! This is super important. There will be a special event for 5th grade and younger at First Baptist Church while the main event is happening at the high school. The kids will have a blast and will have lunch (if parents purchase an adult lunch ticket). Along with a great staff for the event, there will be extra security in place provided by the FM Police Dept. Children will be checked in at 9:00 a.m. and picked up at 1:00 p.m. (If adults do not purchase a lunch ticket, children must be picked up by 11:45.)

Lunch tickets? There will be food trucks available at the event and we're looking forward to hosting a huge FBC Sunday lunch! To help off-set the cost, lunch tickets will be \$4/person and can be purchased at the table in the main lobby on Sundays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22, or directly from the church office through February 20. Note: *adult tickets purchased also allow for children to eat lunch at the church.*

WORSHIP ARTS

by Bryan Trotter

10 Worship Guidelines from the Early Church

Dr. Lee Martin McDonald
www.worshipleader.com

- 1. Worship Involves Sacrifice** - In New Testament times, worship consisted initially of sacrifice (of animals). However, the focus of worship for Christians is on self-sacrifice in honor and adoration of Christ (Mark 8:34-36). Worship appears to be the total response of grateful persons to the grace of God that comes to us in the work of Jesus Christ (see Romans 12:1-2). It is no longer related to the temple notion of animal sacrifice, but rather, in Christ the whole Church has become a temple and a priesthood inhabited by the Holy Spirit, or presence of God (see 1 Corinthians 6:19; Ephesians 2:19-22; and 1 Peter 2:9).
 - 2. Worship Is Spiritual** - Even though worship does involve rituals, our worship, from a New Testament perspective, is essentially spiritual (see 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:2). It was an internal attitude rather than a practice of external rituals. This understanding is also found in Isaiah 1:11-20 and Psalm 51:15-17.
 - 3. However Worship Did Include Specific Practices** - Some of the rituals in the New Testament include baptism (Matthew 28:19); communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-34); laying on of hands (Acts 6:6; Acts 8:17; 13:1-3); foot washing (John 13:5-17); lifting up hands in prayer and worship (Luke 24:50; 1 Timothy 2:8; see Psalm 134:1-2 and Psalm 143:6); the reading of Scriptures (1 Timothy 4:13); and contributions for ministry to those in need (1 Corinthians 16:2). Because we are not given explicit instruction on how to practice these rituals, many variations of their practices emerged in the early churches. Of course, the early Church patterned much of its worship service after that of the Jewish synagogue service. Worship services at first were on the Sabbath (Saturday), but by the middle of the first century, many Christians were gathering regularly on the first day of the week (see 1 Corinthians 16:2; Acts 20:7; Revelation 1:10) out of respect for the time of Christ's resurrection. At first, however, followers of Jesus in Jerusalem gathered daily in the Temple for prayers (Acts 3:46).
 - 4. Worship Was Filled With Charismatic Praise** - The offering of enthusiastic praise and prayer under the influence of the Holy Spirit was characteristic of the early Church's worship. This was demonstrated through speech (1 Corinthians 14:19) and tongues, or ecstatic speech (1 Corinthians 14:2, 6 ff.). Each person was given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good (1 Corinthians 12:7) and to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15).
 - 5. Worship Was Didactic** - The early Christians were a teaching community giving instruction in their time of worship (see 1 Corinthians 12:8; 14:26; Ephesians 4:11; 1 Timothy 3:2; 4:13; 5:17).
 - 6. Worship Was Eucharistic** - The early Christians were a community that was conscious of the need to give thanks to God (Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:17).
 - 7. Worship Involved Koinonia** - The Greek word, koinonia, means "sharing" or "participation" and is seen as the kind of giving in the fellowship that builds up the family of Christ (Acts 2:42-47). This is the focus of 1 Corinthians 12:1-7—each person was expected to come and share in the event of worship rather than simply listen to one person.
 - 8. Worship Was Corporate** - There was also a corporateness in worship in every sense (1 Corinthians 12:12-26). The church was consciously a body or a fellowship of persons who saw themselves as inextricably bound together as brothers and sisters in Christ.
 - 9. Worship Included Music** - The early Christians lifted their voices in praise to God. The New Testament frequently mentions the corporate singing which took place in their midst and also indicates some of their hymns and spiritual songs (e.g., Philippians 2:6-11; Ephesians 5:19-20; Revelation 4:8-11; 5:9-13).
 - 10. Worship Included Singing and Songwriting** - There are a number of hymns or spiritual songs in the New Testament literature. Among many others, here are examples of Christian spiritual songs: Ephesians 5:14 (three lines, first two rhyme in Greek, and the last is a promise), 1 Timothy 3:16, Philippians 2:6-11, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrew 1:3. There are also the Nativity hymns in Luke: the Magnificat (1:46-55), the Benedictus (1:68-79), and Nunc Dimittis (2:29-32). Besides these, there are a number of well-known Christian hymns that date from roughly the early second century AD currently known as the Odes of Solomon, a collection of some 42 spiritual songs. One can see in all of these songs both praise and testimony to the greatness of God's activity in His son in Jesus the Christ. All of the above hymns relate to the person and work of Jesus the Christ. They sometimes mention His pre-existence, or how He became a man and accomplished redemption (salvation) for the world through His suffering and death. The dominant motif in most New Testament hymns is that Christ is victorious over all of our enemies and is rightly worshiped as the image of God Who is over all.
- The Good News** - The above examples show us how the early Church lived out its life in worship of God. Worship, of course, was not a simple act done occasionally, but rather a way of life that involved one's complete dedication to honor Christ and give our complete lives to serve Him. Worship cannot be reduced to a few songs, a Scripture reading, a sermon, and a closing prayer. It is a whole life of submission to the call of God that comes to us in the proclamation of good news. Christian worship is good-news oriented, even when reflective music is sung. We serve a God who does not abandon His children when this world's challenges are overwhelming, but comes to us in all circumstances of life.

created for connection



Can you remember a time when you had a task so large and so complex that you didn't know where to begin or what step to take first? Well, getting connected to a church when you are new can be a very similar experience. We have a lot of awesome things going on here at FBCFM, but trying to figure out where to start to get connected can be difficult. That's why we have something called START HERE. The concept is simple. When someone is new here at FBCFM, they can begin by attending START HERE. START HERE is a monthly class designed as a quick orientation to FBCFM. It is the very first step they need to take to learn about how to connect to our church family. So if you are new, or know of someone who is new, START HERE is the place to be! Details for our next START HERE are at our Guest Info tables and are also listed below:

When: Sunday, February 8th, 11 a.m. – noon

*Where: 113-WC – take the stairwell or elevator in the
Worship Center lobby to the 1st floor and follow
the Start Here signs!*

What: Start Here – a quick orientation to FBCFM

Contact: Matthew Cavin (mcavin@fbcfm.com) with any questions.

IN OUR FELLOWSHIP

Welcome New Member



**Donna Roberts &
Kyle Roberts**



Robert Sherrill



Brianna Black

In Sympathy

Our fellowship of faith extends the deepest love and sympathy to the following who have lost loved ones during the past month:

Rick Johnson on the loss of his grandmother
Terry Boatwright on the loss of his aunt
Robert Wheeler on the loss of his father
Michelle Beyer on the loss of her mother
Andy Jones on the loss of his father
Amanda Scott on the loss of her grandfather
Caroline Austin on the loss of her mother

**Articles for the March *First Word* are due
in the church office by February 19.**

February Top 5 Ministry Opportunities

1. Uptown Set Design Team
2. Overflow Set-Up Team
3. Host Team Greeters
4. Link Team Volunteers
5. Pastor's Prayer Partners

More information about these positions is on the church's website and in the Worship Center lobby.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

Stephen Ministry

**Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life?
Our Stephen Ministers Can Help!**

The winter weather we've had recently can be symbolic of what may sometimes happen in life. A crisis hits, and we feel like we're buried beneath a drift of snow. Relationships can become icy, or we can feel frozen by life circumstances. Little difficulties build up like slush, making us slip and slide, causing every decision to seem treacherous. Life seems dreary, and we begin to doubt that spring will ever come. We can wonder, "Is God even there?"

Stephen Ministers are trained to provide confidential Christian care, giving you the emotional and spiritual support you need to make it through a winter in your life. To learn more about how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, contact one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

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Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

February Deacons

Sunday, February 1 ~ David McWilliam & Brad Chatham

Sunday, February 8 ~ Michael Wright & Jeff Collins

Sunday, February 15 ~ Cam Johnson & Larry Ashworth

Sunday, February 22 ~ Scott Mingonet & Scott Motsinger

Congratulations To:

Ron & Dot Whitmire on the birth of their grandson, Grayson Wade, on December 22. Parents are Jeremy & Kristal Whitmire.

Gordon & Marsha Jones on the birth of their granddaughter, Evangelina Louise, on December 28. Parents are Brandon & Jamie Jones.

Jim & Linda Nicholson on the birth of their granddaughter, Hannah Kay, on December 31. Parents are Chad & Allison Nicholson.

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. ~ Blended Worship

9:30 & 11:00 a.m. ~ Contemporary Worship/ABF and Serving Opportunities

6:00 p.m. ~ Catalyst Sunday Night Live

Regular Wednesday Schedule

5:15 p.m. - Midweek Connection Meal

6:15 p.m. - Midweek Connection Classes

6:17 p.m. - Catalyst Worship/Classes

7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir/Wind Ensemble Rehearsal

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>9:30 Six Habits Class</p> <p>No Evening Activities</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>6:00 Men's Prayer Group 8:00 FM Pastor's Prayer Time 10:30 Celebrators' Choir</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study and ESL Classes</p> <p>6:30 SM Training Classes 6:30 SM Supervision Groups 8:00 AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting 10:00 Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 Midweek Meal 6:15 Midweek Classes 6:17 Catalyst Worship/Classes</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>8:30 Prayer Meeting</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>9:30 MOPS</p> <p>6:00 Winter Choir Retreat 7:00 NA</p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:30 Winter Choir Retreat</p> <p>10:00 Baby Shower</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>9:30 Six Habits Class 11:00 Start Here Class</p> <p>4:00 Deacons' Meeting 6:00 Fresh Encounter Prayer Service 6:00 Catalyst Sunday Night Live</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>6:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30 Missions Prayer Group 10:30 Celebrators' Choir</p> <p>7:00 MOPS Triad Meeting</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study and ESL Classes 10:30 Priscilla Group</p> <p>6:30 SM Training Classes 7:00 First Ladies - Titus Two 8:00 AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting 10:00 Bible Study 5:15 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 Midweek Meal 6:00 GLOW to CAH 6:15 Midweek Classes 6:17 Catalyst Worship/Classes</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>8:30 Prayer Meeting</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>7:00 NA</p>	<p><i>14</i> Valentine's Day</p> <p>6:00 Parents' Night Out</p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>9:30 Six Habits Class</p> <p>4:00 High School Destination Unknown 6:00 Catalyst Sunday Night Live</p>	<p><i>16</i> President's Day</p> <p>6:00 Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>10:30 Celebrators' Choir</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study and ESL Classes</p> <p>6:30 SM Training Classes 6:30 SM Supervision Groups 8:00 AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting 11:30 Celebrator Lunch</p> <p>5:15 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 Midweek Meal 6:15 Midweek Classes 6:17 Catalyst Worship/Classes</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>8:30 Prayer Meeting 10:00 Stitches Group</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>9:30 MOPS</p> <p>7:00 NA</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>9:30 Six Habits Class 11:00 CM Volunteer Orientation 12:00 CM Volunteer Lunch</p> <p>6:00 Catalyst Sunday Night Live</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>6:00 Men's Prayer Group 9:30 Missions Prayer Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Celebrators' Choir Festival ~ 23-24</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:30 Ladies' Bible Study and ESL Classes</p> <p>6:30 SM Training Classes 8:00 AA/Al-Anon</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>6:30 Prayer Meeting 10:00 Bible Study</p> <p>5:15 Handbell Rehearsal 5:15 Midweek Meal 6:15 Midweek Classes 6:17 Catalyst Worship/Classes</p>	<p><i>26</i></p> <p>8:30 Prayer Meeting</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><i>27</i></p> <p>7:00 NA</p>	<p><i>28</i></p>

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT Through December 31, 2014

We are celebrating God's faithfulness through His stewards within the First Baptist Family! We are so thankful for the many folks who week by week honor God with the first fruits of all that God has entrusted to them. Your continued faithfulness is making an eternal difference! Here's a quick financial snapshot through December 31, 2014

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Budget	\$ 2,385,274.00	\$ 2,385,274.00
Budget Income	\$ 2,420,353.21	\$ 2,384,534.76
Budget Spending	\$ 2,329,657.32	\$ 2,311,123.33
Balance on Building Loan 12/31/2014	\$112,121.73	

You can monitor your year-to-date gifts by going to the church website and clicking on "member login."
Follow the instructions for creating a username/password if you don't have one.
Contact Karen in the church office if you need assistance.



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