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The Pastor's Pen

It is finished! Borrowing the words of Jesus Christ from the cross, I am now referring to our completely finishing our payment on the note we owed to the Citizen's Bank. As of Tuesday, October 24, 2017, Bro. Paul Luter, our church treasurer, made the final payment on the note. We are completely debt free.

It is an emotional moment for me. When the debt was over \$1.8 million it was intimidating. The church had never had to pay a debt so high. I personally had never had to help tackle one of that nature, either. But it was what was looming before us and regardless of what we thought about it, or how we got there, it still had to be paid. And to pay it off early saves us from paying over \$1 million in interest. So, we as a congregation geared ourselves up to deal with it. And deal with it we did.

We started by establishing our Jubilee Drive in 2012, with the intent of paying it off by the Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 2015. We made significant strides towards that goal, but didn't complete it by then. We agreed to continue the drive until it was completed. Earlier this year, when we realized we were in striking distance to do it this year, we gave another strong push to complete it. We also committed that we would formally end the drive at the end of the church year (September 30, 2017) regardless of what the balance would be. The members and friends of First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill excelled in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7). Some even went beyond September to complete the task. What a blessing to say that it is finished!!

There was great leadership in fulfilling the task. The late Bro. Edward Risby served as chairman of the Jubilee Drive Committee. He spent a considerable amount of time coordinating the effort, contacting people, keeping track of how much was given and many other things that was associated with it. The mantle of leadership was passed over to Deacon Richard Dinkins and Bro. Paul Luter earlier this year when Bro. Risby's health continued to decline. Even some of Bro. Risby's thoughts during the last weeks of his life were centered on the Drive. We thank God for him and others who gave leadership.

As I reflected upon that fact that it is paid off I could not forget that though we had to pay over \$1.8 million, prior to our tackling that, the church had to raise around \$500,000 back in 2009 just to reoccupy our building. The congregation had been worshiping at Pearl-Cohn High School for several years while our building laid in disrepair. But the faithful remnant of FBCCH decided that they needed to do what they needed to do to repair the building enough to come back home. They did that, to only occupy the sanctuary and a couple of other rooms. A little more than a year later we were able to complete what needed to be done on the original structure on all floors of the building.

Words do not fully express how it feels. I just simply want to praise God for it. It is my hope that we would have our formal "burning of the note" service during our 152nd Church Anniversary, December 10, 2017 and to thank God for where God has brought us (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Even with that behind us we are encouraging our members and friends to give as generously to our regular tithes and offerings as we have done with the Jubilee Drive. The debt relief gives us the latitude to be more faithful to the work of ministry God calls us to do, reaching people through mission and outreach, and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a glorious time for us!

Kelly M. Smith Jr.
Pastor



NOVEMBER 2017

“*An Everlasting Covenant*,” develops four lessons, drawn from the books of Numbers, 1 Samuel, Jeremiah, Hebrews, and 1 Corinthians, that examine the components of the covenant God made with the priest, Phinehas, and the divine promise to Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. The unconditional divine promises are to maintain a perpetual priesthood, forgive the unfaithful, and establish a new covenant with Israel. God sealed this covenant of pure grace through Christ as mediator and by writing the law in the hearts of God’s people.

November 5th: FAITHFUL GOD, UNFAITHFUL PEOPLE
Adult Topic

Unwavering Commitment

Youth Topic

Unwavering Commitment

Children Topic

Do What is Right

Background Scripture: Numbers 25; 1 Samuel 2:27-36

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 2:35 *“I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who will do according to what is in my heart and mind. I will firmly establish his priestly house, and they will minister before my anointed one always.”*

November 12th: PROMISE OF A NEW COVENANT
Adult Topic

Written on the Heart

Youth Topic

Promise of a New Day

Children Topic

Promise of a New Day

Background Scripture: Jeremiah 31

Key Verse: Jeremiah 31:33 *This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.”*

November 19th: MEDIATOR OF THE NEW COVENANT
Adult Topic

The Go Between

Youth Topic

Warning!

Children Topic

Awesome!

Background Scripture: Hebrews 12:14-15, 18-29; Psalm 66

Key Verse: Hebrews 12:28-29 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.”*

November 26th: REMEMBERING THE COVENANT
Adult Topic

Promises to Remember

Youth Topic

Remembering Promises

Children Topic

Remember!

Background Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11; Jude 3

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 11:25 *In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

September
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"A Dirty Church"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: John 9:1
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

The work of the church should be dirty business. And somebody has to do it. Jesus consistently stayed on the dirty side of situations.

- Washes disciples' feet
- Touches man with leprosy
- Talked to Samaritans
- Stayed homeless

There are some who may give some pushback to the idea of a dirty church. For sure the word in Ephesians 5:27 that the church is to be presented without spot or wrinkle. There were purification rites. Etc. But it was a dirty situation for Jesus to get involved in the life of this blind man.

Point 1- A dirty church understands that the care is more important than the cause.

The disciples raised a question that was judging the man because of his condition.

Who sinned, this man or his parents? Jesus had to change the understanding of what should be their concern. We are good at trying to analyze things, especially outside of our area of experience. It is not a matter of the cause of the blindness. It is a matter of if you care enough to try to do something about it.

Point 2- A dirty church understands that the mission is more important than the mess

Jesus put some nasty spit on some nasty mud and put that nasty mess on the blind man's eyes. Too often churches do what makes them look good. We should be less concerned about what makes us look good than to what makes God look good.

Point 3 – A dirty church understands that obeying is more important than the opposition

This man had no prior relationship with Jesus. But when he told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloam he obeyed the command of Jesus. His obedience was due to his understanding the seriousness of his condition.

God, however, places us in the crosshairs of those who serve in opposition to the will of God. Too often we refuse to do what God has commanded us to do because of the pushback or commentary of others. But we need to heed God's word and do God's will for the church and our lives.

September
10

"A Clean Church"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Acts 10:9-23a
Submitted by: Constantine L. Fenderson

A clean church may be defined as one that is consistently seeking to be holy. It does not mean getting rid of sin or to dismiss people with unethical behavior but to be what God requires us to be. Sometimes there's filth in the church resulting from our unwillingness to do what God wants us to do or our developing of habits that do not advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

God needed to help Peter to understand what is and is not clean so that he could see the value of bringing Gentiles, into the church, people who were not a part of the Jewish tradition. That aids the growth God needed for God's church.

Point 1 – A clean church is God directed.

God is always in the middle of pulling things together. Peter, a Jew, and Cornelius, a Gentile, both loved God and were in conversation with God, but had a different mind-set. God established a way for them to come together. We need to trust the orchestration by God to understand God's desires for us.

Point 2 – A clean church is internally cleaned.

God wanted Peter to see things in a way that is different from that of the Jewish tradition. Peter needed internal cleansing because there were things in his religious tradition that were contrary to what God wanted him to do. We should be concerned about what is in our hearts rather than what is outside. We need to work on our internal cleansing.

Point 3 – A clean church is Kingdom focused.

Peter made a difference in the early church because he was Kingdom focused. God told him to get with Cornelius so that he could have a different perspective on how to minister to people of different backgrounds. God wants the church to be Kingdom focused on Him and His son Jesus Christ. He wants us to forget our own mind-set and focus on the things that advance His Kingdom.

September 17
“A Happy Church”
 Pastor Smith
 Scriptural Text: Matthew 5:1-12
 Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

Though our text on the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes uses the word ‘blessed’, some Bible translations use the word ‘happy’ (Today’s English Version-Matthew 5:3-12). Too many don’t see churches as being places where we should be happy, but think it should be a quiet, peaceful, and low-key place. Many cannot see a happy church because they struggle to live a happy life. Yet, Jesus admonishes us to strive towards happiness!

1. A happy church is a relational church.

People are happy and effective when they are in relationship with others. Much of The Sermon on the Mount is about relationships. We too must have a communal spirit that allows us to establish strong, healthy and whole relationships with others and with Christ. We are to see each other not as individuals, but as sisters and brothers.

2. A happy church is a promising church.

A promising church is filled with expectation, hopefulness and aspiration. Wherever we are right now is not the end of our story, but we ‘press toward the mark’ and trust God to get us to the place God needs us to be.

3. A happy church is a meaningful church.

A meaningful church has purpose and reason. We value who we are. There is guidance, direction and understanding of what God’s intentions are for the church. A happy church is all about our *character* and the way we approach those things that God has called us to do. And even when others come against us, we can *still* be a happy, relational, promising, and meaningful church, because we know that our reward is in the hand of God!

September 24
“A Perfect Church”
 Pastor Smith
 Scriptural Text: Matthew 5:43-48
 Submitted by: Beverly Brown

Our perfection is determined by how hard we strive to be at the place God needs us to be. Jesus’ admonition is for us to be perfect. Seems like an impossible task. But there are ways that help us to reach perfection, even as a church.

Point 1 – A perfect church is rooted in love.

Even conflicts needing resolution are to be handled in love, otherwise we are no different than those who serve pagan gods. Love means caring for the welfare and wellbeing of others. Also, love means sacrifice for others and seeking peaceful and God/Christ Jesus loving ways to resolve differences.

Point 2 – A perfect church specializes in imperfect people.

Jesus built the church on imperfect people, such as Peter and the other Apostles. This showed the power and grace of God to do things even what others may see as an impossible task. Christ is still building the church on imperfect people such as you and me.

Point 3 – A perfect church maximizes its potential.

God/Christ Jesus is not satisfied with mediocrity, He wants our best self in all areas which means doing and going beyond what is expected. Whether there are conflicts personally and professionally, we were prodded to aim for the highest levels of interactions and encounters with others and in resolution of issues that may present themselves. Amen, Amen, & Amen.

October
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"Making Disciples"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: John 1:35-42
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

The most important thing we can do in our lives is to make disciples. A disciple is one who follows Jesus. What a blessing to help people not only to see Jesus, but to become followers of him.

Many are apprehensive in choosing to be disciples because we don't know or don't want to commit the time it takes to truly be a disciple. We want to blend it in with the other things we do in life. But it should not be a blend in, but a way of life.

Point 1-To make disciples we must put people in the pathway of Jesus.

John the Baptist brought two of his disciples to put them in the pathway of Jesus so they could see him. The only statement John uttered was, "Look, the Lamb of God" and they began to follow Jesus. Since we know Jesus we need to find ways to put others in his pathway so they too may follow him.

Point 2- To make disciples we must make the personal investment.

To make disciples we must be a disciple first. We must make it a life priority. To be a disciple is to be more than just a Christian. Discipleship places meat on the bones of being a Christian. To be a disciple is not for the faint of heart.

Point 3 – To make disciples we must show that it matters.

What a blessing it would be if everyone would have the spirit of Andrew. Every time the Gospel of John mentions him he is bringing someone to Jesus. We never know what the impact will be for our bringing someone to Jesus. John the Baptist introduced Andrew to Jesus. Andrew introduced Peter to Jesus. Peter introduced 3000 people to Jesus on the day of Pentecost. We, too, are the product of the Pentecost experience. We need to demonstrate in our faith walk how it matters in the lives of others that they become followers of Jesus.

October
8

"A Clean Church"
Pastor Smith
Scriptural Text: Acts 10:9-23a
Submitted by: Constantine L. Fenderson

God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows the intricacy of our being from the day He puts us together at conception. He knows the very reason why He created us. We all try to figure out how others operate. We try many times to get into their minds to understand how they think, but the only one who can figure us out is God.

Psalm 139 helps us to understand the beauty and power known by God. God knows things about us that we do not like to admit. However, regardless of our weakness and failure to love Him, He never stops loving us.

Point 1 – God knows us because of God's place.

The Psalmist admitted that God knows every intimate and minute detail of his life. Many times we say things about ourselves that are not true but because God sits in a high place He knows every move we make and everything we say or harbor in our hearts. He expects us to develop and maintain a continuous personal relationship with Him.

Point 2 – God knows us because of God's space.

God's space is boundless; consequently, we are constantly in His space. Sometimes our life's burden is so heavy that we think of running away and hide. The Psalmist reminds us that regardless of where we go God is always there and He is always willing to guide and protect us. His endless space ensures that we are always in bounds.

Point 3 – God knows us because of God's grace.

The Psalmist is acknowledging God's knowledge of his inner being. He asked God to look through him to see his needs and fix them. Sometimes we deceive, lie, justify and rationalize ourselves but God sees and knows things about us that we ourselves are unwilling to admit. We should therefore ask Him to look beyond our fault and see our needs. We must ask Him to fix all that is wrong and lead us into life everlasting.

November Deacons of the Week

If you should need pastoral assistance, contact the Deacon of the Week for assistance.

Week of	Deacon	Phone #
5 th	Martin Currie	(615) 832-9662
12 th	Beverly Brown	(615) 885-5334
19 th	Brian Wood	(615) 259-0623
26 th	Ernest Dismuke	(615) 876-3522

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to provide blood pressure screenings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

Help Needed!

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this fall. We plan to begin with Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

Thank You!

The Jerry Schrader Family wish to thank the FBCH family for the cards, calls and prayers following the death of my mother, Marie Schrader-Leimbach. Jerry, Kerry & Family.

Countdown to Christmas Ditty Bags

It's time to start collecting donations for our Prison Ministry, Nashville Rescue Mission for women and children and Homeless Adults.

Our outreach ministry for women in prison: full-size shampoos in see-through bottles, soap, tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, sanitary items, shower shoes (must be Black or Grey), folders, stationary, envelopes, stamps, greeting cards, pens and pencils, religious tracts, dictionaries (for GED program).

Gloves, scarves, hats and socks are needed for the shelters.

We will have Ditty Bags containers at both levels of the church.

Mona S. Hayes
Church Women United
Ecumenical Action Coordinator

Children's Church convenes every 2nd and 4th Sundays (September through May) in The Chapel. Children ages 5 – 12 are welcome. Parents may pick children up downstairs after the worship service is over. To volunteer, or for questions, contact Felecia Johnson at fakcjohnson@aol.com or (615) 209-8035.



Praise Dance Rehearsals	Wednesdays 4:30 pm– 5:30 pm (November 1 st , 8 th , 15 th , 22 nd , 29 th)
Hand Bell Choir Rehearsals	Saturdays 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (November 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th)



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LET'S CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED

The Benevolence Committee is requesting your continued support of donations of the following items:

- Seasoned and gently-used men's and women's clothing
- Children's clothing and toys
- Household items and linens
- Hotel-size personal care items.

For questions on where to deliver your donations or how you may be of additional assistance, please contact Rev. Arrol Martin. Rev. Martin is also available in the church office every Thursday from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm to receive and review benevolence requests.

**WINTER
IS COMING**

Will we be ready?

The air will be getting a little cooler soon and the Room In The Inn Winter Shelter season will soon be here. Here at FBCCH we have been a part of the "Inn Crowd" for two years. We shelter eight men on Tuesday nights during the months of; December, January, and February. We look forward to your volunteer spirit to help use provide a warm place to stay along with a warm meal for the growing numbers of our shelter deprived citizens. We will be signing up volunteers during the months of October and November. Please consider what role you can play in this vital ministry of our church.

Volunteers needed for the following positions:

- Host/Hostess: Tuesdays 5:30 pm—8 pm
- Inn Keepers (men): Tuesdays 5:30 pm—6:00 am Wednesday
- Dinner Provided for 15 persons: Individuals, families or groups
- Laundry: Wash and return before the following Sunday. Potential to be on site.
- Persons to prepare Lunches for Wednesday departure.
- Persons to lead bible study.
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For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, Matthew 25:35

Arrol N. Martin, Ministry of Missions and Evangelism

**First Baptist Church Capitol Hill
Administrative Assistant**

Job Overview

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill (FBCCH) is seeking an experienced Administrative Assistant to support its ministerial staff and Church Office operations. The successful candidate provides administrative support in carrying out the operational responsibilities of the Church Office. The successful candidate performs these functions while providing a cheerful and organized atmosphere for all who enter or contact the Church, meeting the needs of staff, guests, volunteers, and congregants with care and discretion. Provides administrative support for assigned members of the Ministerial staff including scheduling appointments, meeting and travel requirements, preparing and mailing correspondence, emails, handling messages and in-coming mail; preparing reports, presentations, etc. This is a part-time hourly position averaging 24 hours per week. No benefits are offered with this position.

Qualifications

- Minimum of 2 years of experience in an executive level administrative role and/or hold a degree from an accredited institution.
- Excellent verbal communication and interpersonal skills
- Proficiency in the Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Proficiency with desktop publishing, Facebook and/or web page skill a plus
- Strong organizational skills; ability to multi-task and handle requests from multiple sources
- Effective writing and editorial skills (proficient in English)
- A caring attitude, excellent people skills, high integrity and the ability to exercise strict discretion and confidentiality
- Ability and willingness to learn FBCCH's organizational structure, ministries and protocols
- Collaborates well with others

Interested applicants should forward their resumes to FBCCH.personnel@gmail.com.

Joining God in Missions

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
Matthew 28:18-20

Submitted by Joe Ella Darby, Chair of Ministry of Discipleship

It was the summer of 1998 when I participated in my first home mission experience, the Atlanta Urban Project. My first international mission experience was to the Republic of Guatemala in 2001, which was also my first time flying. Yes, my first plane ride was at the age of 24 years old and I flew alone to a foreign country knowing very little Spanish. Since 1998, I have participated in six home mission experiences and six international experiences, my longest being 6-weeks in Ghana, West Africa. It has been a joy to join God at work around the world, while being transformed myself as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Interestingly enough, I was not at all excited about the thought of international mission work. I had a lot of reservations even as I sat at Urbana 2000, a national student mission conference hosted by InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and heard a clear call to join God in a short-term, international mission experience. While my heart and soul said yes, my mind did not like the idea of colonization and westernization under the guise of Christianity. I also struggled with the idea of serving as a disruption by entering someone's life, sharing the gospel, and then just leaving. Yet, I felt a strong sense to follow Jesus, internationally, trusting that it will all make sense *as* I obeyed.

As I followed Jesus internationally, I began to understand that I was going in Jesus' name and authority...I was being commissioned and sent. I quickly learned that I was not "taking" the gospel anywhere, but according to Matthew 28:19-20, my responsibility was to "go" and "make" disciples of all nations, entrusted to share the gospel. In the Greek, "go" is active voice and it simply means "while one is on their way". So, this call was something that should have been happening naturally as I went throughout my day, week in the U.S. and that call for me to go was both domestic and international. Going to another country was just an opportunity to join God in the work of making disciples of a different nation.

It was not until I went to Ghana, West Africa that I began to understand discipleship in a broader context as discipleship, not conversion, was our focus. As we went door to door, if someone was not a follower of Jesus, we were to pray and discern the Jesus story already present in the life of an individual and see where the gospel and one's life experience intersected. If one was already a follower of Jesus, we were to pray for a specific scripture to share as a word of encouragement and spend time praying with the individual. This model of discipleship brought me joy, allowing me to understand the great commission more broadly. As I joined God at work, I was simply a link in another person's spiritual journey for conversion was, and is, God's business and responsibility; my responsibility was being faithful to join God at work.

As Paul said in 1 Corinthians 3:7, "one plants, the other waters, but it's God who gives the increase." As you think about your life as a disciple, where is God calling you to plant or water God's Word in another person's life? Whether "going" in the U.S. or internationally, we are all called to join God in missions. Are your spiritual antennas up allowing you to discern how you are being called to join God in fulfilling the great commission? My pray is for each of you to join God at work, beginning where you are and as you are on your way. May you enter into the joy of joining God and being missional in your discipleship.

01 	WEDNESDAY <i>Jamal Buchanan</i> 12:00 <i>Victoria Knight</i> 5:00 Noonday Bible Study 6:00 Fellowship Meal Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>	11 	SATURDAY Veterans Day <i>Alice Smith Risby</i>		<i>Spencer Washington, II</i>
02 	THURSDAY <i>Mark Richardson</i>	12 	SUNDAY <i>Danielle Anderson</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	21 	TUESDAY <i>Titus J. Wootson</i>
03 	FRIDAY <i>Kamryn Cruson</i> <i>Asalean Springfield</i>	13	MONDAY	22 	WEDNESDAY <i>Carol Boone</i> <i>Adrienne L. Fancher</i> <i>Howard Smith, Jr.</i> <i>Diantay D. Westbrook</i>
04	SATURDAY	14 	TUESDAY <i>Frances Baker</i>	23 	THURSDAY Thanksgiving Day <i>Asia C. Adams</i>
05 	SUNDAY Daylight Savings Time Ends 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	15 	WEDNESDAY <i>Lois Suttles</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>	24	FRIDAY
06 	MONDAY <i>Terry Deas</i>	16 	THURSDAY <i>Clara Elam</i> <i>James E. McGriff</i> <i>Leotha Williams</i>	25 	SATURDAY <i>Ty'ki Beasley</i> <i>Ty'kia Beasley</i> <i>Jan Jones Carter</i> <i>Melody Grace Neely</i> <i>Allison Wootson</i>
07	TUESDAY	17 	FRIDAY <i>Dawann T. Westbrook</i>	26	SUNDAY 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10L00 Worship Service
08 	WEDNESDAY <i>Jesse L. Carter, Jr.</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>	18 	SATURDAY <i>Jasmine Easley</i> <i>Evelyn R. Gaines</i> <i>Ruth Higginbotham</i>	27 	MONDAY <i>Dorothy K. Fort</i>
09 	THURSDAY <i>Kevin Johnson</i> <i>Evelyn Okediji</i>	19 	SUNDAY <i>William McDaniel</i> <i>Christina R. Slay</i> 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service	28	TUESDAY
10 	FRIDAY <i>Kimiya Beasley</i> <i>Robert L. Boone</i>	20 	MONDAY <i>Aaron Powell, Jr.</i> <i>Rita W. Seay</i>	29 	WEDNESDAY <i>Anthonol Neely</i> 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
				30 	THURSDAY <i>Jeremy Suggs</i>

01	FRIDAY  Gary M. Faulcon, Sr.
02	SATURDAY  Barbara Doughty
03	SUNDAY  First Sunday of Advent Deborah H. Luter Ilee L. Wade 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
04	MONDAY  Linda Thompson Torrie Washington
05	TUESDAY  Ashley P. Slay
06	WEDNESDAY  Jennie P. Wilkins 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
07	THURSDAY  Bernice Barnes Tondrick Chandler Vicki Todd Stubbs
08	FRIDAY  Jesse L. Carter, Jr.
09	SATURDAY
10	SUNDAY Second Sunday of Advent 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
11	MONDAY

12	TUESDAY
13	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
14	THURSDAY  Brenda Duff Nia Tolbert Louise Walker
15	FRIDAY  Bettye Springfield
16	SATURDAY  Gloria Elam Norris
17	SUNDAY  Third Sunday of Advent Leon A. Deaderick Daryl Mason Myles Sidney 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
18	MONDAY  Vonda McDaniel
19	TUESDAY
20	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
21	THURSDAY
22	FRIDAY  Ivan R. Davis

23	SATURDAY  Solomon Westbrook
24	SUNDAY Christmas Eve Fourth Sunday of Advent  Breanna Grimes Cora Johnson 8:45 Sunday Morning <i>LIVE!</i> 10:00 Worship Service
25	MONDAY  Christmas Day Valerie Lin Robinson
26	TUESDAY  Kwanzaa Begins
27	WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noonday Bible Study 5:00 Fellowship Meal 6:00 Wednesday Night <i>LIVE!</i>
28	THURSDAY
29	FRIDAY
30	SATURDAY  Al Duman
31	SUNDAY  New Year's Eve Jacqueline Knight



Daily Bible Readings for November

November 1 "Serve the Lord and One Another"	Romans 12:9-18	November 16 "Praise God for Answered Prayer"	Psalm 66:16-20
November 2 "Called to Mission Service"	Philemon 8:16	November 17 "Everlasting Single Sacrifice for Sin"	Hebrews 10:11-18
November 3 "Tragic Result of Baal of Peor Worship"	Numbers 25:1-9	November 18 "Mediator of the New Covenant"	Hebrews 9:11-15
November 4 "Treating Offering with Contempt"	1 Samuel 2:12-17	November 19 "Receiving the Unshakable Kingdom"	Hebrews 12:14-15, 18-29
November 5 "Covenant of a Perpetual Priesthood"	Number 25:10-13, 1 Samuel 2:30-36	November 20 "Christ Our Creator, Savior, Peacemaker"	Colossians 1:9-20
November 6 "God's Love Brings the People Together"	Jeremiah 31:1-6	November 21 "Mealtime, Foretaste of the Lord's Supper"	1 Corinthians 11:17-22
November 7 "People with Disabilities Welcome"	Jeremiah 31:7-9	November 22 "Keeping the Faith Entrusted to Your"	Jude 1-4; 17-25
November 8 "Israel Celebrates Their Homecoming"	Jeremiah 31:10-14	November 23 "Preparing to Share the Passover Meal"	Mark 14:12-16
November 9 "Rachel's Children Come Home"	Jeremiah 31:15-20	November 24 "Jesus Celebrates with Bread and Cup"	Mark 14:22-25
November 10 "Covenant Relationship Restored"	Hosea 2:16-20	November 25 "Participating in Spiritual Worship"	Romans 12:1-8
November 11 "In Remembrance of Me"	Luke 22:14-20	November 26 "Observing the Lord's Supper"	1 Corinthians 11:23-24
November 12 "Accountability under the New Covenant"	Jeremiah 31:27-34	November 27 "Take Refuge in the Lord"	Psalm 118:1-9
November 13 "God's Awesome Power"	Psalm 66:1-4	November 28 "The Lord, My Strength and Salvation"	Psalm 118:10-14
November 14 "Covenant Blessings"	Matthew 5:1-12	November 29 "A Blessing Promised to All Peoples"	Acts 3:22-26
November 15 "Keep Your Covenant with God"	Deuteronomy 4:21-24	November 30 "Your Faith Saved You"	Luke 7:44-50

"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer..."



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In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

Baptism - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

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Watchcare - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

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Scheduling Access to Church Buildings

To all groups needing entry and use of the church, sanctuary, and Ennix-Jones Center during the week, please call the church office at 615-255-8757 in advance of your event. This is to ensure personnel are available to allow entry and to have a record for security purposes. Your cooperation is highly appreciated.

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