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CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

9:30a Bible Study Groups

10:50a Morning Worship

12:15p Camp Fundraising Lunch

5p Evening Worship

5:30p 180 Student Worship

Monday, March 2

10:30a Joyful Praise Ministry

Wednesday, March 4

5p Wednesday Dinner

6p Kids Clubhouse Friends

Student Social & Serve Night

6:15p Special Business Meeting

Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

7:15p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 8

Compassion Sunday

9:30a Bible Study Groups

10:50a Morning Worship

4p Second Sunday Summit

5p Evening Devotion

5:30p 180 Student Worship

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“I know you’re works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.” Revelation 3:8 ESV



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THE SCOOP

Volume 4

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our vision

To lead people into a life-changing relationship with God through personal faith in Jesus Christ.

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newsletter

publications

March 11
March 25
April 8
April 22

deadlines

March 5
March 19
April 2
April 16

sermon series



This Sunday
The Broken Heroes Series:
"Tips on Finishing Well"

Next Sunday
The Broken Heroes
Series Continues

Christ Chapel
Items for February
Pasta & Canned Veggies

SUNDAYREPORT



Bible Study Attendance	205
11 am Worship Attendance	246
Annual Budget	564,227
YTD Budget Needs	86,808
YTD Budget Giving	90,131
Total Receipts for the Week:	13,077
Weekly Budget Giving	11,638
Weekly Freedom Giving	797
Weekly Missions Giving	485

VOLUNTEERS

deacons of the week

March 1

Ray Cox
Bob Johnson
Jean Stone

March 8

Jeff Fletcher
Randy Maxwell
Jeff Wells

wednesday kitchen

March 4

Donnie Lindsay
Donna Lindsay
Brenda Jones
Martha Cope

March 11

Jeff Pobieglo
Amanda Pobieglo
Randy Maxwell
Nan Maxwell



security team

March 1

Kris Kubler
Russell Harp

March 8

Tom Acker
Jeff Ingram

March 15

Diedra Smith
Jeff Pobieglo

greeting team

March 1

Marlin Paulson
Randy Maxwell
Nan Maxwell
Cathy Cox
Ryan Stinson

March 8

Elaine Steele
Luke Daniels
Linda Daniels
Jeff Pobieglo
Sue Overlin

March 15

Brenda Jones
Randy Maxwell
Nan Maxwell
Jake Lee
Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine

Nursery & Launchpad

Sun. March 1

9:30a Linda Daniels
Heather Bridges
10:45a Bonnie Hurst
Gary Hurst

Sun. March 8

9:30a Hillarie Baker
Drew Todaro
10:45a Becky Pennington
Sue Everett



Sun. March 15

9:30a Cathy Cox
Emily Gilreath
10:45a Donna Graves
Bob Graves

Sun. March 22

9:30a Stacy Thomas
Dakota Kelly
10:45a Rachel Wilson
Jayda Shirley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Fundraising Lunch

Everyone is invited to our next Fundraising Lunch happening on Sunday, 3.1, immediately following our morning Worship Celebration. Proceeds benefit our Kids & Student summer camps and the menu is: Chicken & Dressing and Veggies.

Special Business Meeting

On behalf of our Personnel Team and Staff, we are excited for you to meet our Kids Minister candidate. There will be a Meet & Greet for families, teachers, and volunteers on Sunday, 3.1, followed by an opportunity for everyone to meet our candidate and have a time of discussion and confirmation on Wednesday, 3.4, at 6:15p.

Keenagers Lunch Meeting

Our next Keenagers Lunch Meeting will be Tuesday, 3.10, at 10:30a in our downstairs Gathering Circle. The lunch meeting will include a time of business and special entertainment by our Joyful Praise Singers. Everyone is invited.

Ecuador Mission 2020

Our Mission to Ecuador is scheduled for Friday, 7.3 - Saturday, 7.11. Team fundraisers are underway and there is still room if you would like to join the team. Check out our 2020 Ecuador Mission T-shirts available for purchase as part of our fundraising effort. Contact churchoffice@fbcfo.org for more.

Coming Soon in 2020

As a next step from our Vision Sunday on 2.23, we are encouraging every church member and guest to find their place in our ongoing goals of greater gospel relationships and greater financial freedom. New LifeGroups will be launching on Sunday evening, 3.1, as a counterpart to our Sunday School ministry and a new modern 9:30a worship experience will be launching on Sunday, 4.19, as a counterpart to our 10:45a service. To learn more, email churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

JASON THOMAS

lead pastor - jason@fbcfo.org

A Better Way to be Confident: In our previous edition, I told you that I struggled with self confidence when I was a kid. There were moments when my self-esteem was too high and moments when it was too low. The ups and downs were tailored to how I viewed myself at the time, which in most cases, was a result of how I perceived others were viewing me. Most of us have experienced those highs and lows and we've tried the common remedy of trying harder to believe in ourselves.

Through the life of Gideon in Judges 6, we see a more gospel-centered view of self-confidence. When God reached out to Gideon to be the next "hero" for Israel, God revealed His view of Gideon, which was very different than Gideon's view of himself. Through this revelation, we learn that a proper view of self must begin with a proper view of God. I would ask it this way, how can you believe in what God says about you if you have a low view of God? Using Gideon as an example, the stronger his faith was in God, the more he trusted and started living out what God was saying about him (see Judges 6-7).

How does a high view of God impact your view of self? Consider the gospel in answering that question. The gospel teaches us that God is holy, and that apart from Him, our best efforts are no better than the filthiest rag (see Isaiah 64:6). We need to be humbled by this spiritual reality, but yet encouraged to find our identity and value in the grace of God. On our own, we are a filthy mess. Yet, in Christ, we are children of God who have been raised with Jesus for abundant living with value and purpose and eternity on the horizon. Now that is a confidence booster! -Jason



Our next Second Sunday Summit will be Sunday, 3.8, at 4p in our downstairs Gathering Circle. All leaders and ministry teams are encouraged to attend as we continue to build on our 2020 Church Vision and plan ahead for Easter. There will be meaningful ministry team planning in our special breakout sessions.



BRAD LEWIS

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Hungry For More... Of What Is Good

Proverbs 15:14 *A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash.*

It is God's heart for us to always be improving, growing, and stretching. Our place in His Kingdom is not one of passivity, but of active involvement in what He is doing. God is always acting and doing. Our job is to get in on what He is up to. That is why He tells us in His Word that being hungry for more knowledge defines us as wise.

The converse in the above verse is a focus on that which defines us as a fool: Feeding (our minds) on trash. Although, we would never immerse ourselves in harmful things (movies, music, culture), what about *neutral* things? Is something that is *neutral* beneficial to us?

We need to discipline ourselves to not immerse ourselves in pursuits that don't benefit us. But, I cannot define what is beneficial or non-beneficial for you. *You* must take the initiative to ask God, and allow His Holy Sprit to define those things for *your* life.

We are shaped by the influence of the people who teach us (both those we know (leaders and mentors), and those you don't know ("famous" people, personalities, bloggers, commentators, Facebook posters and commenters, etc.). That is why all of us, no matter what our age, need to have at least one mentor in our lives. We need to continually be influenced, stretched, and challenged so that we can be the best for God's Kingdom. ***Worship Well!***

(Want to join my India Ministry mailing list? Send an email to Brad.Lewis@2wells.org and put "India" In the subject line.)

-Brad



PATRICK EVERETT

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Sunday Night Oneighty- Our BIG weekly Student Ministry moment now happens on Sunday evenings! We begin with food and hang-out time at 5:30p. Our worship rally begins at 6p and flows into small group huddles that last until 7:30p. The 180 menu for Sunday, 3.1 is hotdogs and chips.

Social & Serve Wednesday Nights- Our students are growing deeper in the Word and living out the Word every Wednesday evening from 6 to 7:15p. We have students doing small group Bible studies alternating with weeks of serving in Clubhouse Friends and other ministries. Parents, make sure your students are plugged in, growing, and serving this year!

Camp Lunch Sunday, 3.1- Make sure to come and support the students as we continue raising support for our Summer Merge Camp in June! Parents, we need a \$50.00 deposit given to Ms. Darlene Lane, who will be in the Library (next to the Gathering Circle), during the Camp Lunch.

Newsboys United, 3.6- Students make sure to give your \$20 to Miki, to reserve your seat for this exciting concert happening on Friday, 3.6. We will leave the FBC campus at 5p to eat and get to the Tivoli by 6:30p. Bring a friend! We have 25 spots available, so reserve yours today!



Oneighty is a weekly worship experience that helps middle school and high school students connect with new people who want to build Christ-centered relationships. If you would like to invest in the lives of our students, there is no better way than 180! Contact Pastor Patrick if you are interested.

KIDS MINISTRY



Summer Camp 2020: Note the change: We are planning two local day trips during the month of July this Summer for our kids, rising 1st grade - rising 6th grade. This will take the place of our Summer Camp. More details will follow soon. All money raised from our Sunday Fundraising Lunches will support these special fun days.

We are excited to share that we have a new candidate to present to the church for our Kids Minister position! All parents, grandparents, kids, and current teachers and volunteers are encouraged to come to a **Meet & Greet** on Sunday, 3.1 at 1:30p, immediately following our Sunday Lunch Fundraiser. We will meet in our upstairs Choir Room. Email churchoffice@fbcfo.org for more information.



The Practice: We will have The Kid's Practice Breakout on Sunday, 3.1 working on memorizing new Bible verses and building on ones we've already learned. The kids are having fun and doing a great job! Kids return to the main Welcome Center at 12:05p for pickup.



Clubhouse Friends

All elementary school kids, kindergarten and up, are invited to our Clubhouse Friends happening at 6p in our large Kids room every Wednesday evening. Kids enjoy pizza as early as 5:45p and then move into games, worship, crafts and Bible study time.



The Point

Our next Point - Kids Worship will be on Sunday, 3.8, as the breakout time from the Morning Worship Celebration. This is a worship experience just for kids ages 4 and to 5th grade filled with music, games, and a sermon geared just for them.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Hospital

Betty Brackett

Home

Sharon Mullins
Jean Stone
Carl Morgan
Betty Westbrook
Jo Ann Davis
Doris Neese
Sue Overlin
Bimol Poole
Elaine Steele
Luke Daniels
Judy Long
Raymond Pendley
Louise Pendley
Ray Cox

Wilma Burt

Tommie Brock
Jerry & Angela Gann
Wanda McArthur
Susan VanWagner
Ruth Wagoner
Helen Epperson
Wayne Honeycutt
Faye Smith
Betty Goodner
Dean Moore
Mike Ulman
Wanda Kitchen
Richard Long
Lila Mears
Carol Whelchel

Assisted Care

Betty Phillips
Lila Archer
Aline Hannah
Joetta Roderick
Eunice Mosman
Norma Carpenter
Robbie Fletcher
Shirley Bryan
Jean Wilson
Bob Lloyd

Death

Amy Wyatt Williams
(the daughter of Dr.
John & Linda Wyatt)

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BIRTHDAYS

Drew Todaro (1st)
Cindy Daniels (2nd)
Heather Craig (3rd)
Pamela Bethune (5th)
Melissa Pittman (5th)
Mark Paulson (6th)
Louise Pendley (6th)
Ken Hall (7th)
Jake Brown (8th)
Aline Hannah (8th)
Brittany Taylor (8th)

Paul Overlin (11th)
Rene Varnell (12th)
Patricia Clark (13th)
Sheila Hall (14th)
Helen Fisher (15th)
Becky Pennington (16th)
Mary Anna Paulson (18th)
Jacob Trotter (20th)
Brandon Hill (21st)

Rob Randall (21st)
Ray Leath (22nd)
Spencer Emous (23rd)
Parker Ingram (23rd)
Cindy Hall (25th)
Chris Parente (25th)
Jeanetter Dupree (26th)
Lynn Tyree (26th)
Beth Daugherty (29th)
Hugh Collis (31st)

WEDNESDAY MENU

3.4 - BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Slaw

3.11 - Chicken w/ Noodles, Green Beans, Broccoli Salad

Relationships **Matter**

helping you get connected in Group Ministry

4 Reasons Why Praying Leaders Have More Magnetic Groups

One of the most significant findings from my research involving over 4000 small group leaders is that praying leaders have faster growing groups. I've always been intrigued by this. Why does something that no one sees, the leaders personal time with God and their prayer for their group, impact a small groups growth so significantly? I think there are four simple reasons why praying leaders have more magnetic groups.

1. God answers prayer. Jesus said, Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. (Luke 11:9, NLT) Praying leaders ask God to do great things in their group and he loves to answer their requests.

2. Praying leaders are compassionate. When leaders pray for their members, the capture Gods heart for them, and people are drawn to the concern and love that they feel in a group led by caring leaders.

3. God directs praying leaders. When we take time with God, we can better hear his voice and more clearly receive his direction. Instead of just running with our own ideas, the Holy Spirit can begin to direct things and this makes everything go better.

-Adapted from Jim Egli

(Continued in the next article.)



Women's **Ministry**

Women of Joy: Money is due now for the April 24th-26th WOJ trip. Make checks payable to FBCFO and submit to the church office or directly to Ms. Laura Jones. Contact Laura @ 423.605.1816 asap with any questions or if you would like one of the few remaining spots. There will be no remaining spots after Friday, 2.28.

Women's Luncheon: We are looking ahead to Saturday, 7.25, as the tentative date for our annual Women's Luncheon. Stay tuned for more information in the near future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2019 are available in our online directory, [Fellowship One Go](#). You can access your statement by logging into your profile at fbcfo.fellowshiponego.com. Call the Church Office (706.866.0232) if you have any questions or need assistance.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

You are invited to help us support Christ-centered missions and church planting in our country by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our 2020 goal is \$6,000, and the special week of prayer begins Sunday, 3.1.

Compassion Sunday

Compassion International is a ministry through which people are able to sponsor children and give them a hand up in the name of Jesus. Join us on Sunday morning, 3.8, for a special Compassion Emphasis and lunch for our current and prospective Compassion Sponsors. Pray now about becoming a sponsor.

Newsletter Publications

More and more people are choosing to receive our Newsletter either by email or from our church [website](#). As a result, we will now be mailing out the newsletter only to our home-bound and assisted care members and to special out of town recipients. Hard copies will be available for you in our main Welcome Center.