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CALENDAR

Saturday, March 14

8:30a Men's Breakfast

Sunday, March 15

8a Deacons Meeting

9:30a Bible Study Classes

10:50a Morning Worship

5p Evening Worship

5:30p 180 Student Worship

Monday, March 16

10:30a Joyful Praise Ministry

Wednesday, March 18

5p Wednesday Dinner

6p Kids Clubhouse Friends

Student Social & Serve Night

6:15p Business Meeting

Worship Orchestra Rehearsal

7:15p Worship Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 22

9:30a Bible Study Classes

10:50a Morning Worship

5p Celebrating Ms. Sandra Mullins

5:30p 180 Student Worship

Pastor - Jason Thomas

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March 11, 2020

"Then Samson called to the Lord and said, 'O Lord God, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.'" (Judges 16:28)



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THE SCOOP

Volume 5

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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

publication	deadline
March 25	March 19
April 8	April 2
April 22	April 16
May 6	April 30

sermon series



This Sunday
The Broken Heroes Series:
"Just a Man After All"

Next Sunday
The Broken Heroes
Series Continues

Christ Chapel
Items for March
Peanut Butter & Pasta

SUNDAYREPORT



Bible Study Attendance	202
11 am Worship Attendance	249
Annual Budget	564,227
YTD Budget Needs	108,510
YTD Budget Giving	117,029
Total Receipts for the Week:	18,897
Weekly Budget Giving	14,112
Weekly Freedom Giving	1,886
Weekly Missions Giving	648

VOLUNTEERS

deacons of the week

March 15
Charles Helton
Becky Pennington
Ronnie Born

March 22
Hank Humphrey
Wayne Rasbury
Mary Jo Case

wednesday kitchen

March 18
Wayne Rasbury
Charlie Rasbury
Sue Hughes
Cathy Cox

March 25
Harold Parrish
Betty Parrish
Charles Tant
Dolores Tant



security team

March 8
Tom Acker
Jeff Ingram

March 15
Diedra Smith
Jeff Pobieglo

March 22
Ken Lee
Shannon Born

greeting team

March 15
Brenda Jones
Randy Maxwell
Nan Maxwell
Jake Lee
Rena Caradine
Mickey Caradine

March 22
Preble McDaniel
Dakota Kelly
Linda Morris
Pat Medearis
Mackie Yatooma

March 29
Harold Parrish
Jeff Pobieglo
Bruce Underwood
Regeania Nicholson
Luther Nicholson

Nursery & Launchpad

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



Sun. March 29
9:30a Drew Todaro
Amanda Pobieglo
10:45a Brynna Frantz
Stephen Frantz

Sun. April 5
9:30a Linda Daniels
Heather Bridges
10:45a Bonnie Hurst
Gary Hurst

UPCOMING EVENTS

Kids Egg Hunt

Kids of all ages are invited to our 2020 Egg Hunt happening Saturday, 4.11, from 11a to 1p. Everything will happen on our church campus, rain or shine. We will enjoy hotdogs, egg hunts, inflatables, and more! We need your help donating plastic Easter eggs and chewable, individually wrapped candy. Bring them to our main Welcome Center.

Easter Sunday 4.12

Who are you inviting to celebrate Easter with you this year? Pray for that one person as we look forward to Easter Sunday Sunrise @ 7a, Breakfast @ 8:15a, Bible Study Classes at 9:30a, and a Resurrection Celebration Service at 10:45a.

Sunday School Invite Night

Join us on Tuesday, 3.24, anytime between 5p and 7p in our downstairs Gathering Circle for an opportunity to reach out to your Sunday School classmates for encouragement and a special Easter invitation. We will have the roster for each class and all of the post cards and supplies that you will need. There will be soup and sandwiches to enjoy as well.

Celebrating Ms. Sandra Mullins

You are invited to a special reception on Sunday, 3.22, at 5p to honor Ms. Sandra Mullins. Sandra retired from our ministry staff team at the end of 2019 after 40+ years of dedicated service. Bring your favorite finger food to our downstairs Gathering Circle to celebrate with her and her family.

Coming Soon in 2020

We are opening new doors for members and guests to find their place in worship and gospel community. New LifeGroups have begun and will continue to launch as a counterpart to our Sunday School ministry and a new modern 9:30a Worship Experience will begin on Sunday, 4.19, as a counterpart to our 10:45a service. To learn more, email churchoffice@fbcfo.org.

JASON THOMAS

lead pastor - jasont@fbcfo.org

What Would it Take for You to Care? A man named Samson becomes the next hero up in our Sunday morning "Broken Heroes" Sermon Series. God raised up Samson with a special calling in a season when the people were not only guilty of ongoing rebellion, but they were in a place of not caring about it. Unlike other times with the raising up of other heroes, the people were not crying out and were not asking to be rescued when God initiated new hope through Samson.

Consider what that teaches us about the character of God. The apostle Paul would express it this way, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Imagine how lovingly patient and gracious God must be that He would make a way for us to be rescued from our sins even when we continue to sin and do not care about Him.

With Samson, we find evidence of God caring even when the people were not. God was the one pursuing as the people were rebelling. God was the one calling as the people were serving themselves. And God was the one stirring when the people's faith had become cold. "And the young man (Samson) grew, and the Lord blessed him. And the Spirit of the Lord began to stir him..." (Judges 13:24-25). The word "stir" in the original Hebrew means to interrupt and disturb, as if to shake us up and wake us up from a spiritual slumber. Consider this week how amazing it is that God would want to do that for us. What causes our faith to become cold and how is God working in your life to ignite a fresh passion for Him? -Jason



Our next Second Sunday Summit will be Sunday, 5.3, 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 for our June VBS. There will be meaningful ministry team planning in our special breakout sessions.



BRAD LEWIS

worship arts pastor - bradl@fbcfo.org

Do You Feel Like You're Being Followed?

Sounds a little creepy, doesn't it? But did you know that there is a hidden treasure buried in a promise at the end of the beloved Psalm 23. It says in verse 6: *Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

We tend to latch-on to the phrase *I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever*, but overlook the beginning of the verse: *Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life.* Heaven is a promise for Believers, but *right now* God wants us to experience His goodness and love.

Notice that the psalmist says *Surely* to begin the sentence. He is seeking to declare a fact, a definite, an indisputable certainty. God desires to pour out His goodness and love on all of His children, all of the time. God's goodness is for all of us, every day.

What is required by us is that we walk out this verse by faith. The goodness is there, but we need to look for it. Instead of being overwhelmed with the bad and negative things that surround and invade our lives, we need to be aware that God's goodness and God's love are right behind us, following us wherever we go. We need to declare by faith, "God's goodness is with me, behind me, beside me, and before me!" **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



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PATRICK EVERETT

student pastor - patrick@fbcfo.org

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, 3.15 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, 4.5- 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.

D-Now Weekend, 3.20-22- Is a weekend of fun, community, and growing in Christ. Make sure to get with Pastor Patrick and let him know you are attending! Bring a friend and an expectation for God to move in our group!



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.

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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.

WELCOME OUR NEW KIDS MINISTER! We are excited to announce that Ms. Reagan Christol is joining our team as our new Kids Minister! Join us on Sunday, 3.15, as she begins her ministry with us. We will introduce Reagan and her fiancé Jacob Frogge at the end of our Morning Worship Celebration that Sunday. You can reach out to Reagan personally by emailing reagan@fbcfo.org.



The Practice: We will have The Kid's Practice Breakout on Sunday, 3.22 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.



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.



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

Jim Carlton
Betty Brackett
Kevin Stone
Phil Alsbrook

Home

Sharon Mullins
Dian Colwell
Jean Stone
Edna Morgan
Carl Morgan
Betty Westbrook
Jo Ann Davis
Doris Neese
Sue Overlin
Bimol Poole

Luke Daniels
Judy Long
Raymond Pendley
Louise Pendley
Ray Cox
Wilma Burt
Tommie Brock
Jerry & Angela Gann
Wanda McArthur
Ruth Wagoner
Helen Epperson
Wayne Honeycutt
Faye Smith
Betty Goodner
Dean Moore
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

Tim Thompson
(Linda Daniels' brother-n-law)

Pastoral Emergency Line - 423.708.5303

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

3.18 - Meatloaf, Mac N Cheese, Salad
3.25 - Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

Relationships **Matter**

helping you get connected in Group Ministry

4 Reasons Why Praying Leaders Have More Magnetic Groups

(Continued from the last article.)

4. Praying leaders invite God's presence. Have you ever noticed in the Gospels how magnetic Jesus was. Crowds of people always wanted to be with Him. They loved to be touched by Him, to hear His voice, and receive His blessing. The same thing is true today. People don't need us, they need Jesus. As we take time with Him and invite His presence in our lives and into our groups, Jesus becomes more central and He is the real secret to group growth. He said, "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (John 12:32)

What does this mean for you and me as small group leaders and Sunday School teachers? It's pretty simple: Consistently take time to enjoy God. Make time with Him a refreshing part of your daily routine. As you do that, take some time to pray for your group members and your group meeting. Ask God to do big God-sized things that show just how awesome, great and compassionate He is.

Remember Jesus promised: Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. What are you going to ask God to do in your group this week?

-Adapted from Jim Egli



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 Breakfast: We're inviting woman of all ages to a special breakfast happening Saturday, 5.9, from 8:30a to 10a in our downstairs Gathering Circle. You will enjoy a delicious breakfast and be encouraged by our guest speaker, Carey Bandy, who is a missionary to China.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Digital Newsletter

As you enjoy this hard copy of our Newsletter, we want you to know that a digital copy is available for you as well. If you would like to receive a digital copy, email churchoffice@fbcfo.org or follow this link: [FBCFO Scoop](#).

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 \$6,500, and the opportunity to give is now through the end of April. Thank you for your support!

Baby Shower

We are excited to celebrate a new arrival for Rene & Louis Varnell! Join us on Sunday, 3.29, from 1:30p to 3:30p in our downstairs Gathering Circle. Their baby girl, Matilda Jean, will be arriving soon. The family is registered at Target and Amazon.

Ecuador & More

Our Mission to Ecuador is scheduled for Friday, 7.3 - Saturday, 7.11. Check out our 2020 Ecuador Mission T-shirts available for purchase as part of our fundraising effort. We have all sizes, but need your order by Sunday, 3.15. Contact churchoffice@fbcfo.org for more information.