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Church Offers Place of Fellowship and Love

We all need fellowship. One expert writes, "We live in a community-starved world." We need relationships as much as food.

At First Baptist Church you will find soul-filling, life-inspiring fellowship. We value fellowship. In fact, one of our God-sized initiatives describes the fellowship we are building at First Baptist:

FELLOWSHIP / FRIENDLINESS

At First Baptist Church, we are warm, welcoming, and fellowship together in Christ, sharing His love. Our relationships are characterized by humbleness, gentleness and patience, embracing everyone in an atmosphere thick with love, building up each person in continuing a pilgrimage of faith and deepening discipleship. (Read Ephesians 4:2-4)



You can experience fellowship this week. Family Nights are back on Wednesdays, and people are having a good time. This is a new year and everyone can find something enjoyable and meaningful when they attend. Here is the Wednesday night schedule:

- 5:00 PM Family Night Supper—Family Life Center
- 5:45 PM "Read the Bible in One Year" Adult Bible Study—FLC
- 5:45 PM "Made to Crave" Adult Bible Study/Exercise—Gym
- 5:45 PM Youth Activities—Youth Hall upstairs
- 5:45 PM FBKC Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)—Adams Hall
- 5:45 PM Preschool Missions & Music—Preschool Room
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

The programs we have on Wednesday night are good, but the fellowship is even better. People laugh with each other during dinner. Children dart back and forth between tables. Adults fill the gym and encourage each other to press out one last push-up or make one more lap. Fellowship makes us better.



Psychiatrist Jean Rosenbaum estimates that loneliness is America's greatest killer of those who die between the ages of two and thirty-seven, and that 94 per cent of the people suffer from chronic alienation.

Mother Teresa said that "The worst disease in today's world is not leprosy or cancer: it is the feeling of being uncared for, unwanted, of being deserted and alone."

Jesus attended fellowship dinners frequently. He wants us to do the same. He said that people would know *who we are* by our love for one another.



"If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples" (John 13:35).

Come to the Family Life Center on Wednesdays and feel God's love. His healing love will push out the tension of the week. Laughter around the table will lift your spirits and you will leave feeling refreshed.

I love being your pastor,

Spiritual Statistics

Week of January 22, 2012

Church in Bible Study	240
Church in Worship	346
8:30 AM Service	155
10:55 AM Service	191

SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m.	Early Worship Service—Family Life Center
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service—Sanctuary
4:00 p.m.	Youth Praise Team—Choir Room
5:00 p.m.	SNL for Youth—FLC

Monday, January 30

9:00 a.m.	Prayer in the Sanctuary
9:00 a.m.	Sewing Group—Heritage Hall

Wednesday, February 1

5:00 p.m.	Family Night Supper—FLC
5:45 p.m.	“Read the Bible in One Year”—FLC
5:45 p.m.	FBKC Choir for Grades 1-5—Adams Hall
5:45 p.m.	Preschool Missions & Choir—Preschool Hall
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir—Choir Room
7:15 p.m.	Children’s Minister Search Committee—Heritage Hall

Thursday, February 2

6:30 p.m.	Praise Team Rehearsal—FLC
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Friday, February 3

6:00 p.m.	Center for Congregational Health Planning Team
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Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m.	Center for Congregational Health Planning Team
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Deacons of the Week

January 30—February 5: Henry Hayes & Phil McLain

Church Staff Directory

Rev. Dr. Jeffery A. Porter	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin	Minister of Music & Worship
Miss Elizabeth Barnard	Interim Minister of Children & Families
Dr. David Scott	Interim Associate Pastor
Mr. Eddie Wiseman	Accompanist / Music Assistant
Mrs. Susan O’Keefe	Children’s Music Director

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Financial Statistics

WEEKLY STATISTICS—January 22, 2012

Budget - Received	\$8,397.01
Alms	\$0.00
Designated - Received	\$461.00
Building Reserve - Received	\$75.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 01/22/12	\$8,933.01
Budget for 2011-2012	\$1,095,067.00
Budget Needed-Year to Date	\$413,409.71
Budget Received-Year to Date	96.2% \$398,013.85
Remaining in Budget-Unfunded	\$697,053.15
Remaining Weeks in 2011-2012	35
Weekly Amount Needed	\$19,915.80
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date	\$39,795.74
Alms Received-Year to Date	\$4,132.87
Building Reserve-Year to Date	\$6,031.50
Total Giving-Year to Date	\$447,973.96

Woman to Woman Conference

Seeking God Together

February 3 ~ 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 February 4 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Hickory Metro Convention Center



Featuring Lisa Whelchel, Christian author and star of the 1980’s hit TV show “Facts of Life”

Registration forms are available in the church office.
 Please let us know if child care is needed.

For more information, call 828-322-4924 or go to www.woman2womanconference.com
 \$49.99 per person

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday—January 29

Vicki Miglin, Executive Director of the Pregnancy Resource Center, and other volunteers will have tables of empty baby bottles on display this Sunday, January 29, as we observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. You’re invited to take one of these bottles home and fill it up with coins and cash as a donation to support the work of the Pregnancy Resource Center.

Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life. This day provides an opportunity for the PRC to share about the work they do to bring life-affirming resources to our community and empower families to choose life for their unborn children. With the assistance of PRC, women in Statesville are choosing life and hope every day. Please give generously!



Children's Ministry

Latest Updates on Children's Activities

Operation Christmas Child Challenge—The shoeboxes are still coming in but we still need a bunch. Remember we are trying to package 500 shoeboxes, and that requires a bunch of boxes. The next items we will collect for the boxes are: *February*: hats, gloves and mittens; *March*: toy balls; and *April*: washcloths.

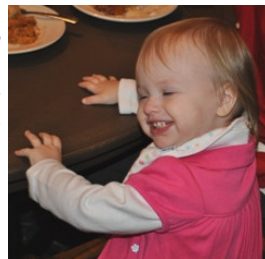


Worship Services and Kids Zone—We are now dismissing the children three years old through 3rd grade during the 8:30 and 10:55 a.m. services to go to Kids Zone. Please pick them up in their respective Kids Zone classes after the services.

As changes come I will try to have them posted as much as possible. Please watch for a new area outside

my office where we will display announcements on a video monitor. As always, please feel free to call or email me with questions.

Wednesday nights for Children—All activities for children start at 5:45 p.m. We have a new, additional time for preschoolers—incorporating missions into their Wednesday night schedule—followed by preschool choir. All children will be dismissed from the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. Kristen Halsted or I will take the preschoolers to the room across from choir to do missions activities. Susan O'Keefe will take the FBKC Choir children in Grades 1-5 upstairs, and nursery children will be taken and picked up by their parents.



Parents, please pick up any of your children from their locations unless you are in the "Made to Crave" Bible Study and have FBKC children. I will bring ONLY the FBKC children whose parents are in "Made to Crave" to the gym.

Many thoughts and prayers,
Elizabeth

Children's Ministry Volunteers ~ January 29

- 8:30 Nursery:** Elizabeth Barnard
- 8:30 Kids Zone:** Elizabeth Barnard
- 9:45 Sunday School Nursery:** Karen Cline
- 10:55 Nursery:** Shannon, Sherry and Grace Ashley
- 10:55 Kids Zone:** Mike and Janet McLain
- Acolytes:** Margo Deal, Grey Deal, Kelly Wilson

Weekday Preschool Fall Registration

Fall registration for FBC Weekday Preschool will begin January 30 for children who will be 18 months through age 5 by August 30, 2012. If you are interested, please call Renae Keesbury, preschool director, at 704-873-7231, ext. 209 between 8:30 a.m. and noon on weekdays.



LookUp Lodge Retreat for Girls

- What?** A Retreat for Girls Only (grades 6-12)
- Where?** LookUp Lodge, Travelers Rest, SC
- When?** March 23-25, 2012
- Cost:** \$119 (Deposit: \$50 made to First Baptist Church)

This retreat focuses on helping young women embrace who God has created them to be, and who He is calling them to become. Through teaching, Bible study, breakout sessions, worship and testimony, girls will learn to navigate the tension between who the world teaches them to be and what to value, and who they are as a creation of the Heavenly Father and what really matters.

Call Jan Hunter for details at 704-437-0633.

Valentine Boxes for College Students

To: Parents of FBC College Students



If you would like for your college student to receive a Valentine box from our First Baptist Church Women's Ministry, please contact the church office by February 3 with the student's name and address. We want to send them a special remembrance this Valentine's Day!

Note to the Church

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and the families we serve I want to thank First Baptist Church for their support and the hospitality shown to our out-of-state collegians who volunteered with Habitat in January.

To a student, all of them expressed to me how much they enjoyed their time as FBC, how great the food was, and how very impressed they were with the people of the church. Your special efforts to make them feel at home had more impact than you know. One student commented that it was very affirming to know that there are people like those who attend First Baptist in the world.

Your continued support of the mission of Habitat is having a great impact on the lives of families in need. For that, we are all appreciative.

God bless you,

Scott Loudermelt
Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of Iredell County

"Discerning the Voice of God"

A 6-Week Women's Bible Study Video Series
Featuring Priscilla Shirer

Mondays starting February 20 at 6:30 p.m.
& Tuesdays starting February 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Watch for more details soon!



Come to Worship

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30 AM in the Family Life Center

10:55 AM in the Sanctuary

Sermon by Dr. Jeff Porter

“The Fellowship of the Spirit”

Text: Ephesians 4:2-6

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FBC Deacon Spotlight

Tim Burgiss

Debbie and I celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary this May, and we have been members at FBC almost that long. Even though we are both from the mountains (West Jefferson and Laurel Springs), we didn't meet until we were established in Iredell County. I am in my 27th year of dental practice in the northern end of the county. We are blessed to have two awesome daughters, Drew and Ali, both graduates of Statesville Christian School. Drew is currently a junior at UNC, where she is majoring in sports and exercise science. She has an internship as the assistant strength and conditioning coach for the women's basketball team at Carolina, and leads a Campus Crusade Bible study for freshman girls. Ali is a freshman pre-nursing major at East Carolina University. She is on the co-ed cheerleading team, where she cheers for the Pirates in home football and men's basketball games.

A few things little known about me that may be interesting include . . . I love snow skiing, and I have been fortunate to have skied in many states in the Rockies, New England, Canada, and in Europe. I really enjoy the outdoors, with a special interest in turkey and pheasant hunting. Also, I am an adjunct professor at UNC's School of Dentistry and teach in the student clinic one or two days a month.

My life scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6. This verse speaks of trusting the Lord, much more than we trust ourselves, regardless of our wisdom and experience. God loves us so much. He has a plan for our lives, so that He will be glorified! His ways and thoughts are so much higher than our ways and thoughts. God's desire is for us to have faith, be obedient, be thankful, be loving, and trust fully in Him!

The thing I love most about FBC is the care, concern, and love demonstrated by the relationships we have with so many of you. In times of need, our church always rises to the occasion and meets that need. As I serve as this year's Deacon chair, I ask you to please pray for wisdom, discernment, and encouragement, as our Deacon body strives to lead our church spiritually, with a servant's heart. I am so excited about the evolving vision of the future of FBC. With our 7 God-Sized Initiatives and upcoming implementation teams, future ministries and opportunities will flourish. Let's all be in prayer together for what would be God's plan for our church and that we would be a lighthouse for His glory!



The Burgiss Family — Pictured from left are Debbie Burgiss, Ali Burgiss, Drew Burgiss, and Tim Burgiss. Tim is serving as chair of the Deacons during 2012.

1st Annual Sportsmen's Wild Game Banquet

**Friday, February 24 ~ 6:30 p.m.
Family Life Center**

Guest Speaker: Jeremy Harrill, Wildlife Officer and
Director of *Heart of a Sportsman Ministry*

Men of First Baptist Church are sponsoring this new event. All men from the church and community are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and a menu of wild game. If desired, they will be able to bring or cook their wild game (deer, turkey, pheasant, duck, etc.)

This will be a fellowship opportunity for men who enjoy the outdoors, and will also focus on a closer walk with Christ.

Cost of the meal is \$10. Donations will also be taken for the FBC Food Pantry and/or Iredell Christian Ministries. For more information, please contact Thomas Alexander at 704-500-9123 or jtallex40@gmail.com.