

YOUTH WEEK Is Coming!

Please pray for our Youth as we prepare for the activities for the week. Our theme this year is *The Big Picture* (Jeremiah 29:11).

Our Youth Week Officers are:

Pastor—Zach Lilly

Deacon Chair—Mackenzie Blum

Minister of Music/Senior Adults—Caroline West

Minister of Outreach and Activities—Caleb Harrison

Youth Minister—Chris Thompson

Sunday School Directors—Chelsea Mundy and Russell Clark

Church Hostess—Rachel Vernon

Publicity Head—Molly Smith

Middle School Representatives—Sydney Blum, Bo Wicker, and Katy Langston

We meet every Wednesday after regular youth activities for approximately one hour in the Shepherd Sunday School Classroom.

Note from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has begun the process for filling positions for the 2010-2011 Church Year. Please prayerfully consider the many opportunities you may have to serve.

FBC Youth 30 Hour Famine

This Sunday, February 28, please remember to skip breakfast and bring your \$5 or more donation to give to our youth. You can give whether you skip breakfast or not. Our youth group goal is \$2,000.

Discipleship Training

Sunday, February 28—No Adult Discipleship Training

Sunday, March 7—Islam 101

Beginning Sunday night, March 7, Rob Bowers, a Judge Advocate General (JAG) with the US Army will begin the study **Islam 101**. He will explore the background and fundamentals of Islam beginning with the 15th century to the present conflict with the Sunni and Shiite and our current conflict in the Middle East. Rob and Andrea are members of the Immanuel Class and presented this most informative program to their class earlier.

Reflections

The season of Lent is all about learning what it means to follow Christ. The truth is most of the ones who call themselves Christian know what all is involved. After all, we are equipped with the Holy Spirit of God who informs us, all be it rather quietly at times, when we misstep. As most of us have experienced, in the every day living of life, knowing what is involved and actually practicing it are two entirely different things. Whether it is exercising, eating a healthy diet, or maintaining a daily devotional time, self-discipline is required if we are to be successful. If we are to join Christ on His journey to the cross, most of us won't need a radical change in our behaviors. Like Peter, in the 14th chapter of Matthew, we must "fix our eyes on Christ." Otherwise, we will surely sink!

One of the greatest tools at our disposal is the church! Participation within the Body of Christ in this place is absolutely essential for our spiritual health and well being. The difficulties of the journey are lessened as we draw strength from one another. Within our church you can be sure that someone has been where you are, and will gladly offer aid and comfort as you strive to imitate the Master. But before one can participate, one must acquire enough knowledge to know how to begin. The church has often been lax in this role. Too often persons have been left to their own devices, wit, and cunning, as the journey is begun. Here at FBC of Sanford, we want to help. On the first two Sundays in March, I will be leading a special New Member's Class. This is open to any adult who has joined our church in the past year. Cindy will be leading a class for the children, grades 1-5. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about all that God is doing here!

Blessings, Jeff

FLC News

We are finishing up with two more weeks of Upward Basketball/Cheerleading (thanks to the snow) and once again, God has blessed us with a wonderful time. We thank God for all of our Upward Directors, our volunteer coaches and their assistants, our refs, scorekeepers and timekeepers, our announcers, our devotion leaders, and our faithful Prayer Team! Many lives have been touched through this ministry:

- * A young boy who had never prayed before has learned to talk to God.
- * A young boy who lost his father in an accident last fall has a smile on his face (Mom said she didn't know what she would have done without Upward—it has been a lifesaver for both her and her son).
- * A mother of a child fighting cancer last year had a chance to share how God brought her through this difficult time.
- * A young man who became a quad in a wreck six years ago shared his testimony for the first time in a halftime devotion.

We invite you to attend our Awards' Nights, which will be held on March 8 (grades 1-4) and March 9 (grades 5 and up) at 6:30 p.m. in the FLC. We will have action pictures of the children, and a very special speaker: The Spin Man!

Coming soon will be our Fourth Annual Parent/Child Basketball Shoot. We will conduct this during our

WMU Mission Focus

The WMU emphasis for February is collecting paper products for HAVEN. Suggested items are notebooks, typing paper, and personal products. Please place items in the plastic bins by February 28.

Extended Hour Workers

February 28th workers are: Kelly Vernon, June Wicker, Carol and Anne Huber, Greg and Christine Gautier, Paul and Beth Adcock. **Nursery Security Usher: Chet Mann.**

March 7th workers are: Janet Burge and Pat Marion, Ben and Martha Lucas, Kelly and Joy Rouse, Max and Chris Dolan. **Nursery Security Usher: Mike Weunski.**

✠ **Worship at First Baptist** ✠
February 28, 2010

8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Sermon by Dr. Jeff Clark
“Imitate Not Innovate” Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Children’s Sermon Erik Hawks

8:45 a.m. *“Redeemed”* arr. Mark Hayes
 Chapel Voices

11:00 a.m. *“If You Are God”* Luke Garrett & Mike Harland
 Trinity Singers

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Alice Parker
 Chancel Choir and Joe Hanna, Harp

Mike’s Musings

As we move through the Lenten season, the music ministry has several opportunities to assist our worship by guiding our thoughts and emotions on the *Journey to the Cross*. Notice I said “thoughts and emotions” ... this is one of the most significant aspects of music in the church, namely, that it touches both the mind and the heart. We will be led by wonderful writers to ponder some amazing truths about our life in Christ through the music of several of our groups. But we can also open our hearts to the emotions of the Lenten season through the stirring music we will hear. This Sunday will certainly be no exception as our Chapel Voices, Trinity Singers and Chancel Choir lead us. Speaking of Chapel Voices, they will be introducing a new hymn that we will use in both services through the Lenten season. Melody Green’s “There Is a Redeemer” has found its way into many recent hymnals and expresses so many wonderful truths for this time of year. I think we will all enjoy worshipping with this new expression of God’s work through Christ. Look forward to worshipping with you Sunday!

Triple L—For those of you who signed up to go to the NC Transportation Museum in Spencer next Thursday, March 4, we will leave at 7:45 a.m. and return by 4:30 p.m.

Golden Opportunity

Winston & Lena Bobbitt
 Liberty Commons
 310 Commerce Drive
 Sanford, NC 27332

College Connection

Miller Cheatham
 317 Heilman, Meredith College
 3800 Hillsborough Street
 Raleigh, NC 27607

Save the Date: March 27!

“A Day at the Spa” FBC’s Women’s Retreat

Join us to relax, regroup, retreat, refresh, repair, or restore your spiritual life! More information to come.

Sunday, Feb. 28 (FLC open by reservation only)

8:45 am Worship in the Chapel
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary
 4:15 pm Youth Handbell Choir, Music Suite
 5:00 pm Snack Supper, Fellowship Hall
 5:20 pm Youth Choir, Music Suite
 5:30 pm Awana
 6:00 pm Middle School Bible Study
 7:00 pm High School Bible Study

**Monday, March 1 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:30 pm)**

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 10:00 am Bible Study, FLC
 11:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry, Craft Room
 12:30 pm Women’s Bible Study, FLC
 5:30 pm Upward Practices, FLC
 6:00 pm Chapel Voices, Music Suite
 7:00 pm Ju“bell”ation Ringers, Music Suite
 FBC Grief Support Group, Parlor

**Tuesday, March 2 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:30 pm)**

9:00 am Prayer Ministry Team
 Breadbasket Volunteers
 9:30 am *Different Strokes* Art Group, Craft Room
 10:30 pm Hymns and Hers Choir, Chapel
 12:30 pm Line Dancing Class, FLC
 5:30 pm Upward Practices, FLC
 7:00 pm Scouts, FLC

Wed., March 3 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm)

8:30 am Jobseekers, Parlor
 9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 2:00 pm FBC Grief Support Group, Parlor
 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Meal, FLC
 5:45 pm Children’s Choirs
 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting, Chapel
 Acteens and Youth RA’s
 6:30 pm SonShine Group
 Mission Friends, GA’s, RA’s
 6:45 pm Trinity Singers, Music Suite
 7:15 pm Chancel Choir, Music Suite
 7:30 pm Youth Week Officers, Shepherd Class

**Thursday, March 4 (FLC open 7:00 am-2:00 pm;
 5:30-8:30 pm)**

7:45 am Triple L depart for Spencer Day Trip
 8:15 am Aerobics Class, FLC
 9:30 am Bible Study Ministry, Parlor
 10:00 am Men’s Bible Study, Roland Palmer Class
 5:30 pm Upward Practices, FLC
 6:30 pm Christian Yoga, FLC

Friday, March 5 (FLC open 7:00am-2:00pm)

9:00 am Fitness Class, FLC
 10:00 am Line Dancing Class, FLC
 7:00 pm Pinewood Derby Race Sleepover, FLC

Saturday, March 6 (FLC open by reservation only)

9:00 am Upward Games, FLC

Youth News

Thirty Hour Famine—Our 30 Hour Famine is quickly approaching! We will meet here in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 27...and bring sleeping bag and a pillow because we **WILL** be sleeping! Please continue to raise money to help starving children around the world. Remember, for every \$30 we raise, we will help feed and care for one child for a month! Our group goal is \$2,000, but let's see if we can double that! Have a great week!

Grace and Peace,
Erik

Youth Week Officers—If you were elected to serve as a Youth Week Officer, please meet **EVERY** Wednesday night after youth activities for about an hour. We will only meet for four Wednesdays so your attendance at the Youth Week meeting is both required and important! We will meet in the Shepherd Class.

Wednesday Night Meal Sign-Up

Menu for March 3rd: Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Bread, and Dessert. Children's Menu: Pizza/ Carrots/Celery. **Volunteers to assist with dinner are: Rozie Lett and Mary Martha Class.** You can call the church office or email Joan Womble at joanwomble@windstream.net to sign up or cancel by Monday at 4:00 p.m.

In the Hospital

Central Carolina: Emily Duffel

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE

Weekly Budget Requirement	19,173.00
Budget Received.....	18,689.04
Building/Capital Improvement	470.00
Other	2,201.00
Total	21,360.04



The following books have been donated to our church library:

The Christmas Gift (Classification 813.6 Fiction) in memory of Betty Godwin by the Fidelis Class. Italy, in 1940, was torn by war; a young widow wraps her most cherished Christmas ornaments in a piece of her wedding gown and sends them to a cousin for safekeeping. As years pass and the ornaments come to America, find out how the collection is dispersed and then put back in place.

Where Is God? by Dr. John Townsend (Classification 248.8) in memory of John Bass by Mission Group #6.

Is it uncommon to ask, "Where is God? Is there anything wrong in wondering what God is doing around us? Stop, be still, listen, look, pray and you will see that God knows all and is present for us in all circumstances. Discover how to understand and respond with wisdom to your relationships and feelings. Dr. John Townsend is a visiting professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, a psychologist, author, speaker, and leadership coach. He has authored or co-authored 20 books.

If God Is Good by Randy Alcorn (Classification 231.8) in memory of John Bass by the Baraca Class. The introduction states:

- * How we answer the questions in this book will affect how we see God and the world around us.
- * Seeking answers should give us fresh, new insight toward Christ.
- * As we journey through life, we bring along our own burdens.
- * Faith that can't be shaken is the faith that has been shaken.
- * God's Word must remain central in order to gain eternal perspective.

One hundred percent of the royalties from this book will promote good, oppose evil, and relieve suffering around the world.

Brenda Honeycutt has given the church library 19 Feature Films for Families DVD's. Title are:

Tomás and the Rainbow, In Your Wildest Dreams, Secret of Treasure Mountain, The Butter Cream Gang, The Impossible Elephant, Runaway, How I Saved the President, Just Like Dad, Who Gets the House?, Gunther and the Paper Brigade, Down and Derby, Gift of Love—The Daniel Huffman Story, Escape from Wildcat Canyon, Seasons of the Heart, The Inheritance, Booky and the Secret Santa, The Christmas Blessing, The Velveteen Rabbit, and Pig Tales.



Since the church has new audio visual equipment, the Sunday morning services will now be on DVD's.

There are 26 church service videos in the library (the dates are April 5-November 8, 2009). If you would like to have any of these videos, please call and let me know before the end of March.

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