

Bridge Builders Newsletter

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Search Committee Update

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For the month of February, the search committee has been reviewing candidates from our second round of searching, compiling information into reports that candidates had asked for, and working with the regional minister on resources needed to continue in the search process. By the end of February, the committee was still in the interview process, and did not continue on to the neutral pulpit with the most recent candidate. Some additional questions needed to be asked and answered between the committee and candidate before moving forward. The Search Committee has been diligently working through this process with the help of our area minister, Dr. Rex Rogers.

Thank you for your continued prayers over the committee, our candidates, and our future pastor. When prayers go up, blessings come down. It is important to remember that the church is us. We are the leaders. We lead by our individual ministries. Reaching out to your neighbor or friend who is in need spiritually, to be a friend, to be a reflection of God's mercy and glory. We as a church of people come together, united in a passion of knowing Christ. We want those around us to know Him too. And we do so by being the fragrance of Jesus who set us free from the bondage of sin this world is in.

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Endure in your commitment to prayer and devotion. We are looking to God, patiently, to lead us. We must set our heart, mind, and body right with God, and His plan will be revealed step by step. "Oh Lord, your way is our desire. Help us to align our will with yours so that we do not miss out on any blessing you want to give us. Give us peace. Let us know encouragement. Allow us understanding in your wisdom. And strengthen our fellowship. Amen."

Russell Glaue
Search Committee Chair

Interim Pastor's Article

Opening Prayer Leaders

March 4

Bob Babcock

March 11

Justin Derry

March 18

Jane Coplan

March 25

Judy Hurt

**April 1—Easter
9:30 a.m.**

Jim Richardson

April 8

Rob Wallace

Candle Lighters

March 4

Abigail Wallace

March 11

Taylor Richardson

March 18

Jaydn Glaue

March 25

Mykel Glaue

April 1—Easter

9:30 a.m.

Kyler Glaue

April 8

Celena Mangalaraj



Most of us are able to keep clear in our minds the origin and goal of Christian ministry. Its origin is in Christ, who gives spiritual gifts and gifted people to the church. Its goal is the building of the body of Christ in knowledge, faith and love. Less clear is the living, dynamic, God-appointed process that moves from origin to goal. Notice carefully what the following verses teach us. God gives to the church spiritual leaders whose role it is to equip saints for ministry.

The Apostle Paul echoes this truth in Ephesians 4:11-13: *“The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.”*

God’s pattern for producing people with powerful faith and genuine love is not to have the pastor-teachers do all the work of the ministry. They are to equip the saints to do the ministry. They are you—all of you—who have set yourselves apart for God through faith in Christ. According to God’s pattern, the building of the body in faith and love is the immediate result of the ministry of the laity.

The Lord Jesus Christ intends every member of the church to do the work of the ministry. The intention of ministry is to build up each other’s faith and love. God’s design is to use human support and encouragement to sustain the faith of his children and to lighten the burdens they bear in the service of love.

The America for Christ Offering (AFC) 2018 reminds us that it is in our service to the church and the community that many experience the Christ in us. We are encouraged by this year’s theme to come alongside people and build them up. I am asking you to join me in giving generously to this year’s AFC offering and help us to reach our goal as we partner in home mission.

Claudia McCain
Interim Pastor

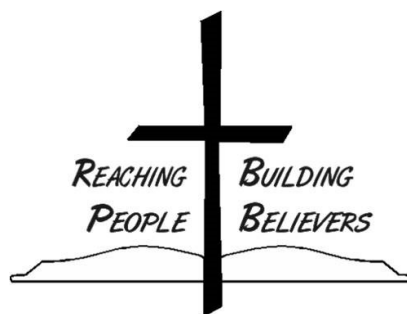
Sermon Series

Seven Last Words from the Cross

Lent & Easter Message Series

Seven times Jesus spoke during His final hours on the cross. We've read these words many times, yet do we understand the profound benefits and guidance these words give to our lives? During the Sundays leading up to Easter, we will explore these phrases. We will delve into Jesus' final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross and we will examine the meaning of his dying words for our lives today.

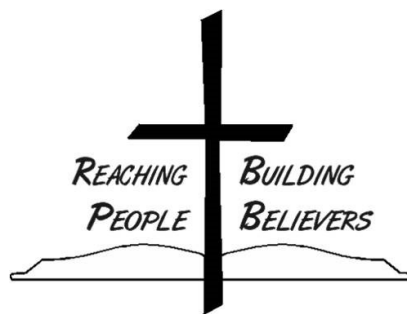
March 11	Love "Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother" John 19:25-27	Communion
March 18	Abandoned "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" Mark 15:33-34	Russell Glaue Preaching
March 25	Humanity "I Thirst" John 19:28-29	Palm Sunday
March 29, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship at FBC Rev. Kelly Ingersol Preaching	
April 1, 7:00 a.m.	Victory "It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit" John 19:30, Luke 23:44-46	Easter Sunrise
April 1, 9:30 a.m.	Resurrection A Deal Breaker Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-18	Easter Worship



General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$12,914.66	\$15,841.83
February	\$14,441.77	\$18,646.26

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

1—Kathy Brooks
18—Zech Foulk
 Don Garlick
 Sandra Riggins
19—Richard & Judy Hurt (a)
24—Kay Adair
 John Ceder
 Jaydn Glaue

April

1—Richard Hurt
4—Wendy Geltmacher
 Richard & Sharon Sample (a)
11—Pat Allison
12—Keith Rose
16—Pastor Wally Holt
 Betty Ingledue
 Abigail Wallace
20—Johnson Wu
26—Leann Walters
28—Linda Braun
 Eldon & Debbie Derry (a)

Building Update

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Come join us on Saturday mornings to help complete the east end of the building. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, your help and encouragement are appreciated. Drywall mudding, sanding, cleaning and painting are some of the current tasks. We will also be needing help moving material from some of the rooms to the storage areas when they are ready.

Our New Beginnings Capital Campaign pledge total was \$317,350.00. As of February 28, 2018, \$255,797.49 has been donated. You can contribute to the building fund by putting the amount of your donation on the line "Building Fund" on an offering envelope. Money designated there will go to our monthly loan payment of \$6640.12 and toward completing Phase I of the project.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."--2 Corinthians 9:7.

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

Church Board Summary

This past month The Board met on February 13th. Items discussed/completed this month were.

- Normal financial and Staff business was conducted.
- Pastor Claudia presented Lauren Surprenant's idea for a Lent station experience at the church. The idea was discussed and agreed for her to work with Lauren on this. It will be held on Maundy Thursday at the church.
- It was agreed to move April communion to the second Sunday due to Easter falling on the first Sunday.
- Starting a new capital campaign was discussed. The board has requested additional information before making a decision.
- Weather permitting, the Saturday work crew will be moving the borrowed items to furnish the apartment at 12 Cedar Dr. on March 10th.

We would appreciate your prayers as the board conducts the business of the church.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 29

5:00—7:00 p.m.—Prayer Journey

Based upon the events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus, the Prayer Journey experience is designed to meet your style of learning and introduce you to other ways to connect with God. It is an untimed movement among twelve stations, you may find you want to spend more time with one and less with another. Nothing is “required” – just follow God’s leading. Do as many or as few stations as you feel led.

7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Worship at FBC
Rev. Kelly Ingersoll Preaching

8:00—10:00 p.m.—Prayer Journey

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1

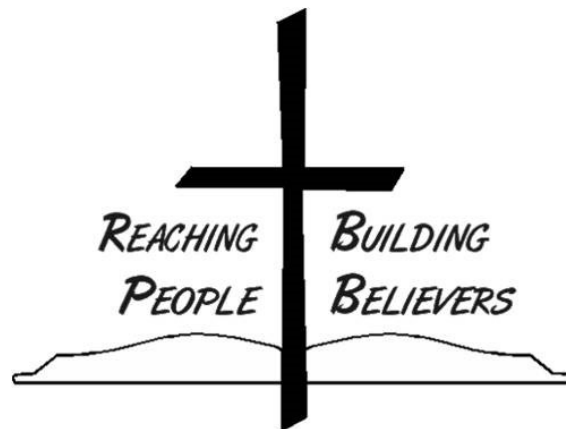
6:30 a.m.—Guided Reflection & Prayer in the Sanctuary

7:00 a.m.—Sonrise Worship in the Sanctuary

8:00 a.m.—Breakfast, seating in various classrooms

9:30 a.m.—Easter Worship

There will be no Sunday School



◀ Feb 2018	March 2018					Apr 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
America for Christ Offering						
4 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School class 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes	5	6 1:30 p.m. – American Baptist Women's Ministries Meeting at the Riggins 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 16	7	8 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)	9 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Wedding Rehearsal	10 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Wedding 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Reception
11 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School class 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie	12 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	13 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Meeting of the Church Board in Room 11	14 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	15 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)	16 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6?	17 SCHOOL SPRING BREAK 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6?
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25 PALM SUN-DAY 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School class 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School classes	26	27 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting	28	29 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – Prayer Journey TBA – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary) 7:00 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Worship at FBC 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Prayer Journey	30 GOOD FRI-DAY 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6?	31 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6?

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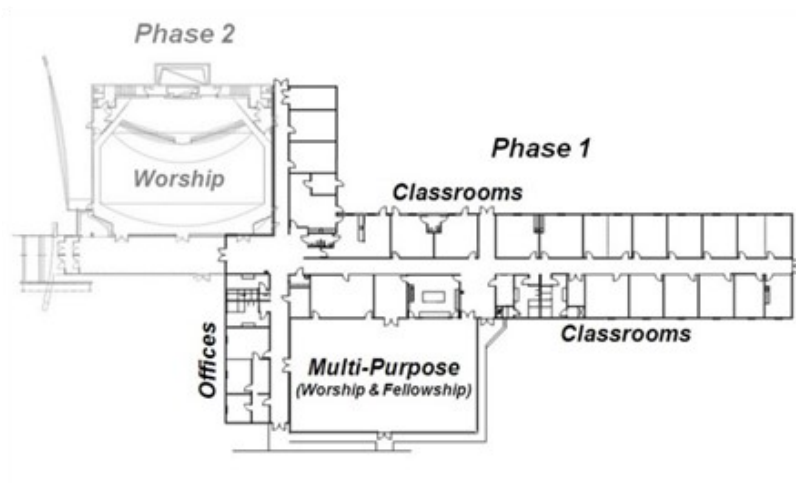
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Our New Worship Center

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Our Mission

Reaching People—Building Believers

Our Vision and Purpose

*To encourage and empower changes within ourselves
to meet the needs of the congregation,
community and the world*

Philippians 4:13, James 2:26

Please Join Us!

Worship—Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

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