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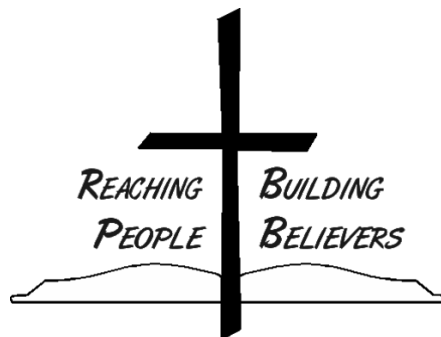
Search Committee Update

During the month of December the search committee finished receiving applications, reviewing and interviewing candidates. There were no candidates that emerged from that process. The candidates the committee were interested in were unavailable to move forward at this time. However, each expressed how our church has an incredible passion, and good momentum in ministry and spirit.

Dr. Rogers, our area minister, will conduct a new search in the minister profile database, and we will start again from there in January. Come to the annual business meeting this month to hear more.

Remain encouraged. You are part of a congregation with passion to see the gospel preached, lives changed, and the community impacted. We are strong together, standing on the Rock our Lord. Spread our joy - reach out to someone this month with an encouragement. And please continue in prayer for the search committee.

Russell Glaue, Search Committee Chair



Interim Pastor's Article

Opening Prayer Leaders

January 6

Bob Babcock

January 13

Justin Derry

January 20

Judy Hurt

January 27

Richard Hurt

February 3

Lora Wallace

February 10

Rob Wallace

February 17

Jane Coplan

February 24

Jim Richardson



Extend Our Hands to Our Neighbors

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Paul instructs the Philippians to have the same mindset as Jesus when relating to others, and he details just how humble Jesus was. Jesus is, himself, a spectacular picture of humble obedience to God; placing our needs as broken humanity (to be saved), above his own divinity. Holy God became like us in the flesh. This is the wonder of both his birth (Christmas) and his sacrifice (Easter).

Selfish ambition is defined as elevating oneself by rank, fame or power lacking consideration for others. Our humility prompts us to serve others. It leads us to give our own personal interests a lower priority than the concerns and needs of others.

The emphasis of this Scripture is on others not ourselves. It is “being the hands and feet of Christ” personified. In a culture of selfishness and ambition, this Scripture teaches the virtues of empathy as exemplified by Christ and taught by St. Paul. Those who put others first exhibit Christ-like character through love and humility.

True Christian leadership is not reflected in position or advancement, but through the mind and heart of service and being a servant. We are truly blessed by what we can do for others. We do not elevate ourselves above others but willingly sacrifice in order to love them. When all believers act this way, we are of one mind and everyone is cared for.

To God be the Glory!

Claudia McCain
Interim Pastor

Candle Lighters

January 6

Celena Mangalaraj

January 13

Jaydn Glaue

January 20

Mykel Glaue

January 27

Kyler Glaue

February 3

Deena Mangalaraj

February 10

Abigail Wallace

February 17

Grace Chenoweth

February 24

Jaydn Glaue

Sermon Series

I AM... Seven Statements of Jesus Message Series

The Gospel of John paints a profound picture of Jesus Christ. In it, Jesus claims His divinity by using the phrase *I AM* seven times, joining the phrase to tremendous metaphors, expressing His saving relationship toward the world and showing that He is everything we need. For Jews who knew their Bibles well, the force of all these *I AM* sayings would have been clear. Jesus was saying, "I AM God. In hearing me you are hearing God speak." During these next weeks, we will explore these seven *I AM* statements and the message Jesus has for each of us.

Jan 6	<i>I AM the Bread of Life</i>	John 6:35-39
Jan 13	<i>I AM the Light of the World</i>	John 8:12-19
Jan 20	<i>I AM the Gate for the Sheep</i>	John 10:1-10
Jan 27	<i>I AM the Good Shepherd</i> Russell Glaue, Speaking	John 10:11-18

Church Board Summary

In December the Board met on the 11th. After a devotional and opening prayer, the following items were discussed/completed this month:

- Normal financial and church business
- The budget for 2019 was approved. The budget will be posted and submitted to the congregation at the annual business meeting in January.
- The board was updated on the progress on finishing rooms on the east wing. The 2 youth rooms have been primed and ready to be painted. Also one of the two classrooms is ready to be primed and painted.
- The Board thanked Mike Geltmacher, George Mangalaraj and George Sewell for serving on the Board.

We would like the continued prayers from all of you as we conduct the business of our church.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson

General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$12,914.66	\$15,841.83
February	\$14,441.77	\$18,646.26
March	\$16,747.44	\$12,713.81
April	\$14,557.30	\$10,424.13
May	\$15,777.72	\$11,434.62
June	\$10,675.87	\$10,776.93
July	\$14,008.16	\$13,318.83
August	\$16,744.75	\$13,619.59
September	\$12,802.34	\$12,069.36
October	\$12,839.76	\$11,296.30
November	\$17,789.61	\$10,956.51
December	\$15,043.63	\$13,998.68

- **Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest**



January

1—Jerry McKamy
 2—Jim Harman
 3—Emily Jordan
 10—Richard Sample
 14—Christina Harman
 15—Tyler Green
 16—Kyler Glaue
 17—Kathleen Barry
 George Sewell
 22—Steve Smart
 23—Rob Wallace
 24—Tammy Carson
 Evelyn Hagan
 26—Margaret Ellis
 27—Fred & Kay Adair (a)

February

1—Julie Adair
 Marjory Alexander
 8—Lauren Jordan
 10—AJ & Marilyn Bourn (a)
 14—Eddie Green
 17—Jean Simmons
 18—Judy Hurt
 Pam Sewell
 20—Orval & Evelyn Hagan (a)
 23—Tina Sewell
 24—Jo Sanders
 25—Celena Mangalaraj
 29—Vy Lucas

Building Update

Our 3-year 2018 *Vision 4 Tomorrow* campaign is off to a great start! As of December 31, 2018, \$44,823.70 has been given toward our commitment total of \$320,775.00. If you haven't had a chance to add your commitment to this total, you can still do so. Just contact Leann in the office and either ask for a commitment card or tell her the amount you would like to commit and it will be added. Remember, your commitment is confidential.

Another way to contribute to our building program is to volunteer to help out with the completion of Phase 1. Volunteers meet most Saturday mornings. There are tasks that don't require a lot of construction skill and it would be great to see more volunteers helping out. Check with Rich Sample to see what you can do.

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share . . . "
1 Timothy 6:18

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Special January Offering Emphasis

As we celebrate over 40 years of the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, I invite you to reflect with me on how this Offering touches the lives of so many families. This long-standing tradition established in 1977 supports ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses who have devoted 15 or more years of their lives to service in ABCUSA.

This year's theme, *Extending Our Hands to Our Neighbors*, illustrates the importance of being there for one another and remembering that "we are stronger together than on our own" is central to the Christian faith.

We are called to remember our Christian character as mentioned in the scripture Philippians 2:3-4 which teaches "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others."

We are grateful for the generous giving to RMMO that raised \$1,024,706 in 2017 and helped to provide 3,457 Thank You checks. This is a tangible expression of our faith and character as we collectively embody being "the hands and feet of Christ." Our goal in the 2018 RMMO Campaign is to reach \$1,200,000 in contributions.

Please ask God how he wants you to be involved with this special offering.

Rev. Dr. Perry Hopper
Associate Executive Director
MMBB Financial Services

Thank you

Thank you for your well wishes, cards, gifts, food, and generous love gift given to us during the Christmas season. We so appreciate each of you. We are so blessed!

Jim & Claudia McCain

Dear FBC Church Family

I'm honored and humbled by your gifts and thoughtfulness to me and my family. It's been a blessing being able to serve you in the Christian Education capacity. Many blessings to you all and may our Lord graciously bless each of you with love, joy, peace and good health.

With love,
Gee Min Glaue

Thank you all very much for the love gift. It was greatly appreciated and very thoughtful for you to think of me during the holiday season.

Thank you very much!
Lisa Barker

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for the prayer's on my behalf. I can feel them. And thank you for the gift of Christmas.

In Christian Love,
Christina Harman

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers and all the help that took place during Allen's health problems. We are truly blessed! God Is Good ALL the Time!

Thank you,
Allen & Paula Black

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you,
Mary Hoff

Dear FBC family

Thank you for your generous love gift and your prayers during 2018. I love doing what I do and I appreciate each and every one of you for helping make my job easier. God Is Good All the Time, and All the Time, God is Good.

Leann Walters

January						Feb 2019 ▶	
◀ Dec 2018	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day – Office Closed	2 (Learn Vacation) Church Office Closed 6:30 p.m. – CAM, Room 11	3 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	4	5
6 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie	7	8 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	9 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Em-maus Bible Study in Room 11 6:30 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	10 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	11		12 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
13 Souper Bowl Starts 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 6:00 p.m. – Annual Business Meeting	14	15 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11 6:30 p.m. – Meeting of the Church Board (Note Change of Date)	16 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Gelsosomo's 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Em-maus Bible Study in Room 11 6:30 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	17 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	18		19 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
20 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School	21 Martin Luther King Day	22 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	23	24 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	25		26 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
27 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School	28	29 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	30 6:30 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	31 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) Collecting canned soup for Super Bowl Sunday to go to Loaves and Fishes.		

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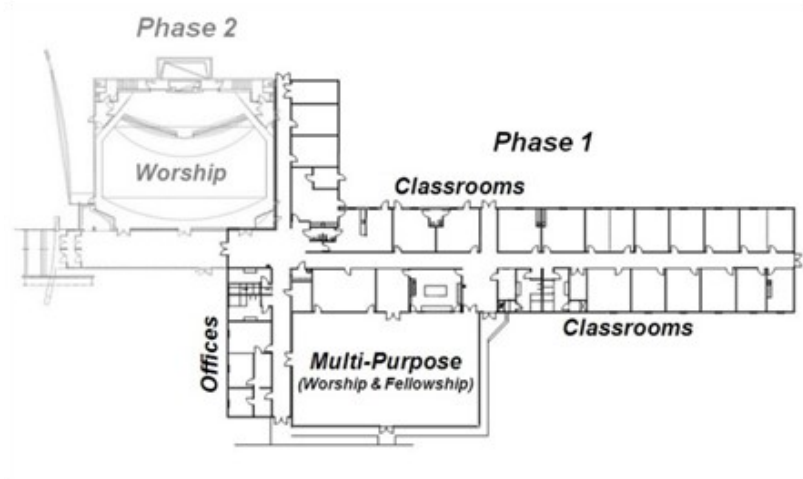
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Our Mission

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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