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Classes5P	Μ
Youth Connect	
Groups5P	Μ
Evening Service6P	M

Wednesday Service

Adult Prayer	6:15PM
Children & Preschool	
Classes	6:00PM
Adult Prayer Meeting	6:00PM
Youth Service	6:00PM

Office Hours

Monday	8AM-5PM
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	8AM-5PM

World Mission Month

Mission Offering:	2012	2013	Sept 2014 - Feb 2015 (6 Months
			The new World Mission Offering
Association:	-	-	\$495.15
Georgia Barnett	\$1,954.00	\$2,513.30	\$2,026.80
Annie Armstrong	\$2,797.00	\$2,249.75	\$3,243.60
Lottie Moon	\$4,367.00	\$2,164.00	\$7,091.00
Total	\$9,118.00	\$6,927.05	\$12,856.55

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come." (Jesus in Matthew 24:14)

Thank you for making our February World Missions Month a blessing and a huge success! It was encouraging and inspiring to hear from Jerry Price, our Association Director of Missions reminding us of the mission work and mission opportunities going on right here in Ouachita Parish.

We rejoiced hearing George Ross, the North American Mission Board's Send North America coordinator for New Orleans sharing with us that the eleven

church planters that he works with have a goal of planting 120 new churches in the New Orleans area in the next 10 years!

On the last Sunday of the month we heard from one of our International Mission Board missionaries to Eastern Europe. He told us how God is using his farming skills to help the people learn new farming methods that enable them to produce more, and thus are better able to feed their people. As He shares with them new farming techniques, He also shares Christ with them - the "Living Bread that came down from heaven."

By hearing from some of God Bless, those who are on the field we're able to put a

face to missions and see that we can have a real part through our praying, going, and giving in what God is doing around the world.

Speaking of giving... your generous giving to our World Missions Offering enabled us in the six months of the new missions campaign to receive more than we given annually the last few years!

Praying God continues to empower us and bless us as we Reach Up to Him. Reach In to each other, and Reach Out to a lost and hurting world!

Bro. Neil



Our goal for the World Mission
Offering was
\$7,000.00. FBC is proud to announce we exceeded our goal. The total offering to date is \$10,512.00.





Marching On Cross Camp Is coming soon! Camp dates are June 29-July4. Cost is \$255 and that covers everything. Deposit of 1\$27.50 is due Sunday April 12th/ Wednesday April 15th. After the 15th the cost goes from \$255 to \$270. Speaker is Eddie Briery and Worship is Michael Young and the Good Times Band. Gonna be a great time, we only have 50 spots... so sign up soon!

We will be doing a **Chicken Spaghetti Fundraiser** Thursday April 2nd to help offset/pay for Cross Camp. You will sell tickets, which you get from Mrs. Alicia, and will receive a portion of each ticket sold.

Student and Adult Leadership. We are looking for people who are interested in taking a more active role in their Student Ministry; People who want to be a part of an Adult or Student Leadership Team, People who have or want to have a vision for what God is up to @ FBC Cal. We will be going to "Still Conference" April 10 -11 (which is Friday and Saturday of your spring break). This will be @ Southwestern Seminary in Dallas. Cost will be \$55. Please see Bro. Joey if interested.

D-Life - This is a time when we will begin to let students invest in the lives of other students. It's an accountability time, a time a little like connect groups, and a time for students to encourage one another. They will be meeting Wednesdays from 5:15-5:55pm!

Upcoming Events to begin planning for!
Still Conference— Apr 1011/ Cost: \$55
Cross Camp— June 29July 4/ Cost: \$255
Mission Arlington— June 1
-6/ Cost: \$125

You can pay for any of the **above trips** in advance, or begin paying for them now. Turn your money into Bro. Joey and we will keep a record of how much and to what events you are prepaying for. Also, we will be doing some fundraisers for Cross Camp and for Summer Missions.

Connect groups! Come and grow in your faith and grow in community. We meet in the youth room @ 5pm every Sunday!

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Worship from 6:00 - 7:15pm. Wednesday – D-Life Groups from 5:15-5:55pm Sunday School from 9:00 -10:15am Sunday morning worship service @ 10:25am. Monday Night Basketball – 6:30-9:00pm

Connect Groups – Sundays @ 5pm

All of this is on our facebook page so keep up with us, come hang out with us, and come grow with us! Love you guys and praying for you

Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease!

Bro. Joey Student Pastor, First Baptist Calhoun

Things 2 Check Out

Music:

"Carry the Fire" Worshipmob "Christ be Glorified" Bridgecity

Books:

"Counter Culture" David Platt

Book of the Bible

New Testament: Ruth
Old Testament: Hebrews

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member!

Though February was a cold, wet month for our area, the FBC Calhoun kids have continued to learn many new things about missionaries near and far in GA's and RA's on Wednesday nights. Our emphasis for the month of February in GA's and RA's was on missionaries in Russia. The children learned that even though Russia is the largest country in the world, only two percent of people in Russia claim to be Christians. The children learned how important mission work is, not only around the world, but also in Calhoun! We also had some new faces this month helping in children's ministry. Special thanks to Mrs. Anita Southern and Mrs. Deanna Brown for the work you are doing with our children on Sunday mornings! Also, special thanks to Mrs. Laura Brown and the work she continues to do with our kid's choir. They did a fantastic job leading worship one Sunday morning in February!

This month is an exciting one for the children's ministry as we prepare for Easter and a fun-filled summer! Here are some dates to re-

FIRST CAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

March 4: \$50 deposit due for GA and RA summer camp

March 29: Kid's Choir Easter Program (10:25am service) -Practice continues each Sunday night from 5pm-6pm in Aswell Hall

April 3: Annual Easter Egg Hunt (Time and location coming soon)

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Preschool

It is hard to believe we are already approaching the Easter season. Please contact me or Jessica at the church office if you can help with our Easter egg hunts this year. We have a daytime hunt for preschool through 3rd grade and then we have a night hunt for 4th and 5th graders. We are still finalizing the details and will have these available very soon. If you have never been a part of this you have certainly missed out on some fun and fellowship.

With that said, have you thought lately about how you can serve other families through the preschool and children's ministry? We have so much going on and we love to

share the fun experiences with as many families as possible. We always have room for more encouragers in the children's and preschool ministry.

Here are some opportunities:

March 22nd Parent/Child Dedication. This service is for parents that wish to dedicate themselves as Christian parents to raising their children in the admonition of the Lord. All parents need encouragement and support. This is a service dedicated to the parents, and the church family where we can say, yes we will raise our children in the Lord; and we ask for the support and encouragement of the church family. The deadline for getting vour information to me for the dedication service is March 12th.

April 3rd Easter egg hunts; times and locations coming soon. It is also time to let us know if you plan on serving in Vacation Bible School this summer. Our theme this year is Journey off the Map. It promises to be an exciting year for the Children's and Preschool ministry so stay tuned.

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Special Events

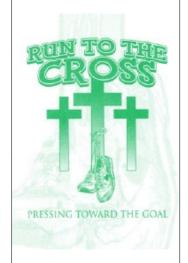
March 13 **Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser**

March 15 **Quarterly Business** Meeting

March 22 **Baby Dedication**

March 28 **Run to the Cross**

March 29 Kid's Choir Easter **Program**



March 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Youth DNOW Deacon Meeting 3pm	2 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	3 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Visitation 6pm	4 RA & GA Camp Deposit Due \$50	5	6	7
Kirkland, Jessica Lehr, Kelly Smith, Billie Snyder, Gracie 8 Daylight Savings	Smith, Katie 9 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	Milstead, Laura 10 Ladies Prayer 9am	Roberts, Loretta Wallace, April 11 Young at Heart 10am	12	Johnson, Dajuana 13 JP Rieger Band 5pm	Nelson, Katelin Taylor, James 14 Desiard Street Ministry 3:30pm
Church Council Meeting 3pm	·	FAITH Visitation 6pm				
Booth, Amanda Danna, Machelle Mccallister, Katie	Huey, Ronald Ostic, Jasmen	Boatner, Dorry Pepper, Corey Williams, Brooklyn	Bennett, Ray	Hicks, Meagan Hocevar, Brittany Hodge, Rebecca McDonald, Beth Murphy, Donna	Tucker, Luke	Petch, Sharon
Finance Committee Meeting 3pm Quarterly Business Meeting 6pm	16 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	17 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Visitation 6pm	18	19	20	21 Threads of Love 9am
Lingenfelder, Blake	Tucker, Jacob	Bennett, Casie Wade, Chelsea	Davis, Lexi Rogers, Paula	Crosser, Bill	Baugh, Bailey	Pepper, Michael Terry, John
22 Baby Dedication 10:45am Personnel Commit-	23 Basketball Outreach 6:30pm Gardner, Donna Herrington, Lisa	24 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Visitation 6pm Andrews, Tasia	25 Phillips, Mallarie	26	27 JP Rieger Band 5pm	28 Run to the Cross
tee Meeting 4pm Coker, Natalie Linder, Laura	McMichael, Judy Quarles, Betty Smith, Christie	Huey, Ainsley Thompson, Kane Willis, Hannah	Ragan, Spencer Williams, Jason Wyatt, Brittany	Camp, Ewell	Neal, David Walker, Cindy	Whitehead, Sumer
29 Kids' Choir Easter Program 10:25am	30 Basketball Out- reach 6:30pm	31 Ladies Prayer 9am FAITH Visitation 6pm				
Stout, Gillian	Futrell, Lynn Richardson, Jamie Worthey, Marie	Herrington, Benny Smith, Beth				