

FAITH FELLOWSHIP *Baptist Church*



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✧ Transition Team News ✧

February Birthdays

- 2 - Brady Canaday
- 5 - Mindy Johnson
- 6 - Jessica Hagewood
- 7 - Allen Winslett
- 7 - Cindy Manchew
- 8 - Jenni Mayes
- 12- Patty Pearson
- 12- Jennifer Utley
- 14- Amy Mills
- 14- Ke'najah Bryant
- 15- Lindsey Stewart
- 17- Raymond Fulenchek
- 17- Chad Burgess
- 20- Sylvia McBrayer
- 20- Tiffany Coker
- 21- Kristen Capo
- 22- Ken Wampler
- 24- Donna Powell
- 25- Ashlea Welch
- 25- Chance Mercer
- 26- Cylas Hanson
- 27- Nicole Dophied
- 28- Kay King

**Join us February 11th
in the Celebration of
Nineteen years of Worship,
Discipleship, Ministry,
Missions & Outreach**

The Celebration will include a luncheon
and "Everybody's Birthday."

The Stories We Tell

When I came to Faith Fellowship I realized early on that Faith Fellowship has a story... I learned that this church was conceived in and dedicated to radical freedom in Christ – a story of intensity and preparedness before God. Immediately I got the overriding sense that this church was being guided from beyond rather than orchestrating its own development...

If the congregation that is Faith Fellowship Baptist does not continue to know something of the stories that capture the church's calling, resolve, mission and role in the community, the church will lose its heritage and have to rediscover who you are again and again.

One of the saddest lines in the Hebrew scriptures is found in the opening verses of the book of Exodus where Moses describes an era of history with the words, "Now there arose a Pharaoh...who did not know Joseph." The new ruler did not know the stories that could helpfully inform the present and shape the future.

...If we don't know the stories bathed by an earlier dream, we doom ourselves to mistakes that can be avoided, we risk the forfeiture of a mission that we have treasured as a divine call, and we face the necessity of having to re-create ourselves again and again. The identity, continuity and security – to say nothing of the inspiration, courage, and strength – all needed for coping with the present and preparing for the future are gifts that come to us through hearing and telling the stories of the past.

What are the stories we are telling? What are the stories we are missing? "What do these stones mean?" the children of Israel would ask their parents as they approached the Jordan river where Joshua led. And so their children heard the story. The Story. The apostle Paul asserted, "Faith comes from what is heard." And so it does. Thank you Faith Fellowship for allowing me to be a part of your story.

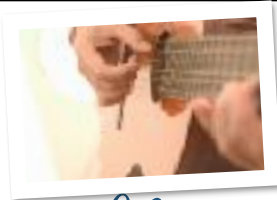
Condensed from Interim Pastor Jeff Johnson's article in May 2002 newsletter.

Come February 11th prepared to hear the stories and share your own as we explore who we are and what God wants us to be about today and in the future. Pray fervently for the Pastor Search Committee as we seek to find the pastor who will lead us into the future God has prepared for us as a church family.

Monthly Church Conference

Sunday, February 25th following morning worship





Music Notes

February is going to be an exciting month for FFBC as we celebrate our 19th anniversary as a church on Sunday, February 11th! It's hard to believe that it's been 19 years since we first began this ministry. God has blessed us in so many ways that it would be impossible to list everything and He continues to bless us daily as a church, as families and as individuals. God is good all the time and all the time God is good! That Sunday, February, 11th, we will have a barbecue lunch right after church and also we will be celebrating not only our church's birthday but we will celebrate everyone's birthday with our annual "It's Everybody's Birthday fellowship. We usually have this fellowship in January but we decided to celebrate this along with our church anniversary this year. What a great day we will have. Please make plans to come and invite others to come and worship and celebrate with us that day!

I'm excited about what God has in store for us as a church. Please keep our Pastor Search Committee in your prayers daily as they continue to work hard to find our new pastor. They have been doing a marvelous job in preparing us

for the future and getting many things in order. Also, I'm excited about our choir and the excellent job they do with our special music. Easter is fast approaching and this would be a great time for you to come and join us. There's always room for more.

Kristen Testerman is looking for people who would like to join the Chimes of Faith chime choir. Several of you expressed an interest in the chime choir when we had our ministry fair this past fall and I'm sure Kristen will be contacting you shortly. I am looking forward to seeing this awesome part of our music ministry back going again. Also, Rob Hanson is helping get our Praise Team back going again. They are singing on Wednesday evenings for our Youth worship upstairs and I'm looking forward to including them in Sunday morning worship soon!

Looking forward to all that God has in store for us!

-David

BUDGETED OFFERINGS

JANUARY 7
\$9,674

JANUARY 14
\$942

JANUARY 21
\$1,637

JANUARY 29
\$539

EXTENDED SESSION SCHEDULE

Babies

- 4- Sharon Lovell & Sharon Lafitte
- 11- Karen Harrington & Betty Cunningham
- 18- Chase & Courtney Lovell
- 25- Chris & Rachel Wilburn

Preschool

- 4 - Rachel Wilburn
- 11 - Emerald Bartley
- 18 - Stephanie Canaday
- 25 - Emerald Bartley

Wednesday Night Supper

7 - Baked Potatoes

14 - Chicken Tenders

21 - Baked Potato Soup

28 - Chili

Judy White Adult Mission Study

Tuesday, February 12th at 10:30am

Singing Valentines

\$10

Purchase yours from the FFBC Kids ASAP!

Operation Lighthouse

Apartment Ministry

Join us Saturday, February 10th at East Coast Apartments on Crawford at 10:00am.

19TH ANNIVERSARY & EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY

February 11th following the morning worship service.



Student Ministry News

We will be having our Super Bowl party at the Hanson's new home this year! We will meet at their home around 5pm on 2/4 and watch the game. Please bring your favorite snack to share.

During the Upper Room bible study on Wednesdays we are studying the Unstoppable Gospel. The study focuses on the beginning of Acts, how the early church was so powerful, and how Christ's followers became empowered men and women advancing the gospel throughout the world.

This year instead of a Disciple Now, our students will be going to Planet Wisdom in Irving. The focus this year is all about the Holy Spirit at work in our lives. We will discuss the fruits of the spirit, sinful nature vs. spirit, spiritual warfare and spiritual gifting. We are so excited to be able to attend this conference again and can't wait to see how our students grow over the weekend.

It's time to begin getting ready for Fuge Camp for our students! This year our theme is Missions. During the students time at camp they will study about the importance of missional living, then they will go into Pineville Louisiana each day to work on the skills they learned in their bible study groups. Students will be able to choose from yard/and or construction work, working with children, or social work. If you have a student in 7th-12th grade that would like to sign up please let me know so that we can get there account set up. The first deposit for camp is due now and is \$100. The total for each student will be \$300. There will be fundraisers to help families but they rarely meet to entire cost so please begin to make payments as soon as possible.

FFBC Kids

The kids had a great time at the sleep over at the church on January 19th. We played many games, worked on puzzles, made crafts, and had tons of snacks and pizza.

February is valentines month and Singing Valentines. If you would like the kids to sing to your loved one, please complete the form on the tables in the foyer. The cost is \$10.00 and the money we raise will go toward helping our kids go to summer camp.

February kickoff for:

Planting Seeds

Raising Children

We look forward to digging the dirt, adding the seeds, watering and watching the seeds grow.

On **March** 18, the kids will have a bake sale. If you can help with bakes good we can sell, that would great.

A big thank your to the teachers - **Dot, Sally, and Christi**

-Children's Ministry Team

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Happy 19th Birthday FFBC!

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We have a new app!
Search for "My Church App" in the App Store.

