

FAITH FELLOWSHIP

Baptist Church



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✧ Transition Team News ✧

December Birthdays

- 1 - Elaine Morris
- 1 - Courtney Virgin
- 3 - James Testerman
- 6 - Savanna Hennington
- 7 - Kendall Washburn
- 10 - Sally Waits
- 10 - Terea Certain
- 15 - Cyndy Hancock
- 16 - Daniel Foltermann
- 17 - Carrolyn Wampler
- 17 - Trevor Brotherton
- 17 - Maggie McLaren
- 18 - Jamy Stumbaugh
- 18 - Brad Canaday
- 22 - Carolyn Neasbitt
- 25 - Amanda Byland
- 25 - Crystal Clay
- 27 - Glenn Hancock
- 27 - Beth Helm
- 28 - John Pearson
- 28 - Deborah Walters
- 30 - Samantha Wilson
- 31 - Sally Southard
- 31 - Cody Palmore

2017 in Revue

We started our work last year with Proverbs 3:5-6 *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths.”*

As a Transition Team we were tasked with 5 areas to work through with the church family. In this year as a church we have learned and affirmed the following:

Connections – Faith Fellowship is a “1963 Baptist Faith and Message” Baptist Church that is affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (Texas Baptists), Grayson Baptist Association and the Southern Baptist Convention. Local organizations we support include: Helping Hands, True Options Pregnancy Center, Grayson County Shelter and the Boys & Girls Club of Denison.

Leadership – Faith Fellowship is incorporated as a non-profit in the state of Texas, we have adopted a Constitution & Bylaws. A church handbook is in the works, current church policies (pool, wedding, facilities, nursery, transportation) have been reviewed, new policies written (ministry teams, extended session, code of conduct, conflict resolution, personnel) and have several groups working on policies for their areas of ministry (children, students, kitchen, finances, safety & security).

Members have also been encouraged to individually look at our S.H.A.P. E, to discover how God has created us for His purposes.

Missions – Faith Fellowship has held a Ministry/Missions Fair and is in the process of learning where each church member fits in God’s design for the church’s ministry and missions.

History – The Transition Team is in the process of completing a Church Profile which includes a recap of our history as well as other information about our church organization. We have decided to combine the annual Everybody’s Birthday Celebration with a 19th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon on February 11, 2018.

Future – The Transition Team has worked with the BGCT Architecture Department to develop a realistic site plan for our future and specifically a Phase 1 design for expanding our current worship space. As soon as we started hearing pulpit supplies we began listening to you share your hearts about the type of pastor and style of preaching that speaks to each of you. We are currently surveying everyone to learn what you believe our new pastor’s priorities should be. With your input the Transition Team will complete the Pastor Profile, leaving the wrap up with Karl Fickling and Brother Bobby as the only major task remaining before we turn our attention to seeking a pastor

Pastor Search began in earnest, the first week of November as we posted the Bi-vocational position of Pastor with Grayson Baptist Association, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Southwestern Theological Seminary, Dallas Theological Seminary and B.H. Carroll Theological Institute.

Keep trusting in the Lord and He will direct your paths.

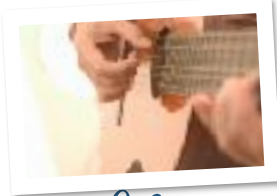
Have a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Transition Team: Rob Hanson, Joel Huff, Courtney Lovell, Priscilla McCabe, Jerry Pace, Dale Utley, Steve Wampler, Kathy Wilburn

Monthly Church Conference

Sunday, January 7th following morning worship





Music Notes

"Come and Worship - A Christmas Invitation" is the title of our annual Christmas program and Open House this year. The dates for our program are Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm and Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00. The choir will be presenting the musical (along with a little help from our puppets) and following the musical we will have a fellowship time with great Christmas goodies and sweets. Please pray for a great weekend, make plans to attend and invite someone to come with you as we

present this gift to our community to kick off the Christmas season.

Other events coming up for the month of December are the annual Christmas fellowship at the Wilburn's house on December 17th beginning at 6:00 and our always special Christmas Eve Carols, Candles and Communion service at 6:00 on December 24th. May you all have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

-David

BUDGETED OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 5
\$2,133

NOVEMBER 12
\$4,111

NOVEMBER 19
\$2,382.25

NOVEMBER 26
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EXTENDED SESSION SCHEDULE

Babies

- 3- Chris & Rachel Wilburn
- 10- Marijane Wilburn & Debra Fulenckek
- 17- Jerry & Carol Pace
- 24- Sharon Lovell & Sharon Lafitte
- 31- Karen Harrington & Betty Cunningham

Toddlers

- 3 - Kaley Ellis & Emerald Bartley
- 10 - Kaley Ellis & Layla Canaday
- 17 - Kaley Ellis & Emerald Bartley
- 24 - Kaley Ellis & Layla Canaday
- 31 - Kaley Ellis & Emerald Bartley

Greeter Schedule

- 3 - Canaday
- 10 - Winslett
- 17 - Fulenckek
- 24 - Massie
- 31 - Pace

Wednesday Night Supper

- 6 - Chili & Sopapilla Cheesecake
- 13 - Sandwiches & Dessert
- 20 - No Wednesday Night Supper
- 27 - No Wednesday Night Supper

Judy White Adult Mission Study

Tuesday, October 10th at 10:30am

Operation Lighthouse Apartment Ministry

Join us Saturday, December 9th at East Coast Apartments on Crawford at 10:00am.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Come and Worship
Saturday, December 2nd at 7:00pm & Sunday, December 3rd at 4:00pm

Carols, Candles, & Communion

Christmas Eve
6:00pm



Student Ministry News

I love December! All of the time we spend in fellowship with one another, the wonderful snacks, and all of the the Christmas music makes makes my heart overflow with joy. I hope to see everyone and some guests at our many activities this month. We will not have a family worship this month so that we can continue our annual events, but we will have family worship again in January with a trip to the Dallas Museum of Art! Our students have been wanting to go for several months, so I am very excited to go as families together! I pray that everyone takes a moment during this busy month to celebrate the real reason for the season, in order to help families do this as a whole, students will bring home devotional the first Wednesday of the month. If anyone else would like one, please just ask, I would love to get one for you! Merry Christmas!

Dec. 6 Youth Decorating and Sock Exchange 6pm

We will decorate our tree and have a crazy sock gift exchange.

Dec. 15 Youth Christmas Party at the Canaday's 6pm

Bring your favorite chips and deserts, we will have hot dogs and a bonfire.

Dec. 20 Caroling 5:30pm

We will head out early to make sure we can make it to all of the homes before it gets too late.

Dec. 17 Christmas Party at the Wilburn's 6pm

Dec. 24 Candles, Carols, and Communion 6pm

Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party 7pm - 12:30am

Bring your favorite snacks and games for a time of celebration of the new year!

We're Accepting Resumes!

Faith Fellowship Baptist is accepting referrals along with resumes for the position of Pastor, through January 5th, 2018. Bi-vocational responsibilities include: Sunday morning, Wednesday evening and occasional Sunday evening or special occasions. To be considered all applicants must submit a referral letter and their resumes along with a minimum of two personal and two ministerial references to the attention of

Kathy Wilburn

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Come & Worship

Christmas Program & Open House

Saturday the 2nd at 7:00pm and Sunday the 3rd at 4:00pm

Church-Wide Christmas Party

@ The Wilburn's
December 17th at 6pm