

FIRST THOUGHTS

On Monday, January 20th, I attended my first Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer breakfast as your pastor. It was held at the Green McAdoo Cultural Center and featured Scripture, prayers, and a challenge about the life and legacy of Dr. King.

The program cover featured one of his quotes: **Life's most persistent and urgent question is 'What are you doing for others?'** Throughout its history, this church has asked this question of itself and sought to respond in an honest and authentic manner.

We had the **New Members Brunch** a few Sundays ago. We enjoyed food, time around the tables, and an orientation about our church leadership, ministries, and mission. My hope for doing this was to introduce our church to those who are new here (I'm new too!) and encourage them to get involved in their new family of faith.

It was interesting to hear stories of how people came to us. A few folks connected with us via the Family Life Center, "I was looking for an indoor walking track", or through one of our worship services. What I was reminded of is that we don't always know what people are searching for in a spiritual home, but what we do know is that we should provide a warm and hospitable culture that exalts Christ and encourages friendship.

The first century church experienced that. We get a peek at what that early fellowship was like through the window of Scripture. Acts 2:42-47 offers a beautiful image of that community of faith with these closing words, "and the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

I remember a story from a previous pastorate when a little girl came forward for her profession of faith. We celebrated her baptism and rejoiced with her family. Her mom told me afterward that whenever they would drive by our building, the little girl would exclaim, "That's my church!"

I'm excited about what the Lord is doing through this church. I am so grateful for all the volunteer time and energy that is being used for the glory of God. Let's continue to be in prayer and in our place as we serve our Lord together.

Finally, **I want to thank Antonio** for his leadership in the contemporary worship service. He has announced his departure effective Sunday, February 23rd. We will miss him but bless him as he takes his leave of us. There will be time at the conclusion of the early service that day to express our gratitude to him.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Dr. Chisholm

PRIMETIME

- **Singin' & Devotion**
Monday, February 3
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Singin' & Devotion at Morning Pointe**
Monday, February 10
10:00 a.m.

- **Singin' & Devotion**
Monday, February 17
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium



- **Bingo & Soup/Chili**
Monday, February 24
10:00 a.m.
Lower Auditorium
Bring a White Elephant Gift and Soup, Chili, Chips, Crackers, Toppings or Sandwiches to share. Drinks provided.

- **Save the Dates:**

Mighty Musical Monday
Tennessee Theater
Monday, March 2
Leave FBC at **11:00 a.m.**

Holy Week Service
XYZs Sing & Dr. Chisholm gives the message at St. Mark's Holy Week Service.
Monday, April 6
12:00 p.m.

Tune Share
Tuesday, May 5
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church
Knoxville

YOUTH

- **Refuge**
Wednesdays
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Grades 6 -12
FLC Youth Room



- **Super Bowl Party**
Sunday, February 2
5:00 p.m. Arena Football
6:30 p.m. Super Bowl
Family Life Center
Food Provided!
Grades 6 - 12

- **Winter Retreat**
Presidents' Day Weekend
February 15-17
Gatlinburg, TN
For High School Students
See Jason to sign up.

MISSIONS

- **Towers Movie Night**
Saturday, February 1
7:00 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!
Free popcorn and movie!

- **Crafts at the Towers**
Saturday, February 8
10:00 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!

- **reNew Recovery**
Tuesdays
6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

- **Shepherd's Table**
Saturday, February 22
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Free Community Meal



KIDS KORNER

- **FBC Kids**
Wednesdays
6:15 p.m.
Main Church Building - Level 3
Bible Study, Music, and Games
Led by Betty Kay Pierce and
Lauren Queener

- **Church Library Books**
Children, please remember to return your Library Books to the Church Library. The drop off box is located in the main church building, off the elevator on lv 2.



February 1 & 8 at First Baptist
February 15, 22, 29 & March 7
at Second Baptist
Awards Celebration is **Monday, March 9** at Second Baptist Church.

LOVE OFFERINGS



LOVE Offering

We are accepting Love Offerings for

Antonio Gomez

as an expression of our appreciation for his 18 months serving as Interim Music Director for the Contemporary Service. The offering will be presented to Antonio on February 23rd, his last service with us. Please be sure to mark on envelope who it's for.

Love Offering



We are accepting Love Offerings for

Jason & Amanda Taylor

from now to the end of February for those who wish to contribute to the expenses of

their new baby girl due in March.

Please be sure to mark on the envelope who it's for.



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CO-ED
BABY SHOWER
HONORING
Amanda & Jason Taylor
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9
DROP IN
2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
HEARTH ROOM
REGISTERED AT BUY BUY BABY,
AMAZON & TARGET

NEW MEMBERS



Charlotte Hutchins, pictured front and center with her family.



Adeline Queener, pictured with her parents.



Ron and Karen Eslinger



Andy and Bradley Harness



Brenda McRae

FBC INFORMATION & EVENTS

• Memorial Flowers

The flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday, February 9, are in loving memory of **Herbert Ward**, given by Chloe Ann and family.

• Christian Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Ada Byrd** (1/14), to Joe Card, whose mother, **Sandra Jeffers**, passed away (1/20) and to Terri King, whose mother, **Maxine Ownby**, passed away (1/23).

• Fellowship Dinners

Wednesdays
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Family Life Center
Cost is \$8.00 per person.
Please call the church office to RSVP!
Kids & Youth Eat Free!

• Deacons Meeting

Sunday, February 16
8:30 a.m.
Lower Auditorium

• Combined Service

Sunday, February 16
10:40 a.m.
Sanctuary
Communion will be observed.

• Prayer Service and Bible Study

Wednesdays
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium
Led by Dr. Chisholm

• Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursdays
5:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

FRIENDLY FIGURES

• December Financial Summary

Budget Receipts	\$118,385
2019 Receipts/Wkly Avg.	\$ 16,207
2019 Weekly Budget Req.	\$ 16,339
Budget Expense	\$ 89,529
Dec. Deficit/Income	\$ 28,856
2019 Deficit/Income	(\$ 47,883)
TOTAL December 31	(\$ 19,027)

BUSINESS MEETING

Business Meeting - January 15

The December Minutes and Financials were approved. Jason Taylor's housing allowance was approved. Love Offerings will be accepted for Antonio Gomez and Jason and Amanda Taylor. A/V equipment will be purchased for the FLC and Sanctuary. A new server will be purchased for the church office. We have a new standing committee, Sexual Abuse Prevention Committee. The members of this new committee will be Vicki Violette, Greg Fay, and Debbie Long. Leon and Karen Bradley's letter was moved to Beech Park in Oliver Springs. The following names were added to our church roll: Paul Oglesby, Andy & Bradley Harness, Brenda McRae, Ron and Karen Eslinger.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, February 19
6:30 p.m.
Lower Auditorium

YOU ARE INVITED
TO A CO-ED
WEDDING SHOWER
HONORING

Alex Williams
and
Michelle McMillan

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
DROP IN 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER - HEARTH ROOM
REGISTERED AT TARGET AND AMAZON

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WIDOWS & WIDOWERS SPRING BANQUET

Sponsored by the Deacons

Sunday, March 15
5:00 p.m.
Calhoun's in Oak Ridge

We welcome back
Sonja Moore for our
entertainment!

She will be singing
Tennessee and Jesus songs!

**Wear your
Orange and White
if you wish!**



~ FEBRUARY 2020 ~



YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

GRADES 6 - 12

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:00 P.M.
Arena Football in the FLC Gym
6:30 P.M.
Super Bowl on the Big Screen

Food Provided!