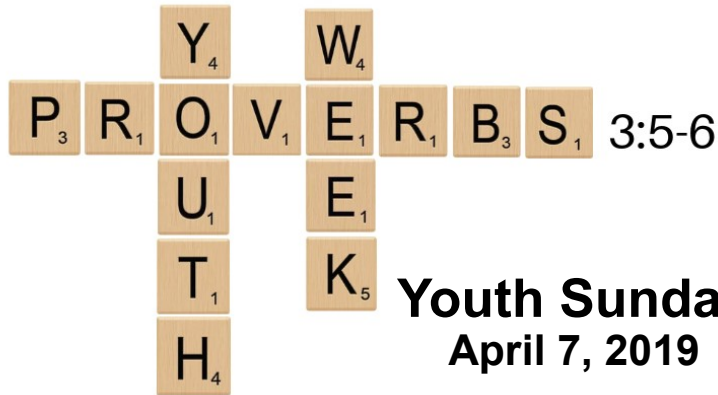


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YOUTH WEEK OFFICER LIST 2019:

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Emily Rust, Cameron Williamson

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Youth Week Assistants:

Dixon Davis, Jackson Davis, Laiken Davis,
Ian Evans, Sam Ivey, Ethan Stevens

Preparing for Sunday . . .

Youth Sunday, April 7

FBC Youth will be leading
Sunday School (9:45 a.m.) and both
worship services (8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.)



COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

Noon Services will be hosted by churches in our
community Wednesdays during the Lenten Season.
A light lunch will be served following each service.

April 10 Chestnut Street United Methodist
Leslie Sessoms, proclaimer

Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 p.m., April 18th
at First Baptist, Dave Hawes, proclaimer

Good Friday Service, Noon, April 19th at
Trinity Episcopal,
David Ruth, proclaimer

Children's Spring Concert



April 10th @ 6:00 p.m.
Cherry Fellowship Hall



A friend recently asked me what I love most about ministry. That is one of the easiest questions to answer! I told the story of two year old, Anna volunteering to say the blessing for a meal at one of our Deacon Care Team gatherings. The twenty or so of us bowed our heads as she thanked God for the good food we were about to enjoy. In telling that story I told my friend that I love helping people respond faithfully to God. I love helping you say “yes!” to the daily invitations God gives us to live the good news. We never outgrow our usefulness to God. No matter how young or old you are, God is inviting you to speak up and to live out your faith. The invitation may be to do something as simple as writing a note to a friend who is grieving the loss of a loved or as challenging as going on a mission trip or teaching a class.

One member of our church family, William Gentry, recently sensed God inviting him to write a book. William recently completed his work and has titled it Let God Transform You. In the book, William challenges us to pay attention to the cultural influences that shape our daily lives. Relationships, entertainment and social media have a profound impact on what we think and feel and thus on how we act. William rightly encourages us to give ourselves fully to God. We “let God transform us” by devoting ourselves to prayer, the reading and study of scripture, being an active part of the body of Christ and service.

It sounds simple and it can be, but we often make Christian transformation difficult. We let life get in the way of the Spirit’s work. We care for our families, do our work, keep appointments, fulfil obligations and before we know it, a day is done and we have given little attention to the opportunities God has placed in our hearts to be transformed and to make a difference in the world. Christian transformation begins with being still and knowing that God is God and that God is with us wherever we go. There is not a day that passes that does not have some divine invitation in it to be transformed and to be an agent of transformation in the lives of others.

William and I presented his book at our Family Night at Prayer service this past Wednesday night and several folks purchased copies of the book. If you would like a copy of Let God Transform You please contact William personally. It’s a good read that will encourage you to a deeper life in Christ.

Peace,
David



Youth Sunday is upon us again. From my observation point I get to see things quite differently from the youth or the congregation. I see works in progress and know who is and isn’t prepared.

My worrying is done while looking over rough drafts and trying to fill holes. As Sunday approaches, my angst decreases while the pressure shifts to the teenagers themselves. At some point all we can do is pray for them. They have to carry out their duties on their own.

While every year provides reasons to celebrate, we can be especially proud of the effort already put forth by not only our seniors but of everyone with a major role. I have read at least some material, including some completed sermons, from all of our seniors. You can look forward to a good mix of personal testimony and universal truth. The Sunday School lesson is complete. It was well done, but the execution may vary by class.

My expectations are high but in the words of Bill Murray, “it just doesn’t matter”. It doesn’t matter because they don’t have to work to earn our love, or God’s. This is their church family. We will pray for them, encourage them, and guide them however they “perform” on Sunday. It just doesn’t matter because I know their hearts and we can all be proud. See you Sunday!

Doug



You're Invited!
FAMILY EASTER FESTIVAL
Sunday, April 14, 2019
3:00 pm
First Baptist Fellowship Hall

Families are invited to join us for a creative walk through Holy Week! Activity stations will provide opportunities to learn about this important week in preparation for Easter, as well as provide resources for additional conversations at home. Be sure to bring a basket to collect eggs at the stations, too!

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Our 5-week Moms' Study of the five love languages of children has come to a close, and it was a great time together. The desire and commitment of this group to

love their children well is inspiring and something to be celebrated! Naturally, I still have love languages on the brain. As I worked my way through this study, I realized that they aren't limited to parenting or relationships – in fact, we can apply them to our family of faith. When we dedicate children, we promise to support and encourage the whole family and be channels of God's love and grace for them. Here are three love languages that you can use to do just that...

Words of Affirmation: Compliment a child after they read/pray/sing. Assure parents that they're doing a good job (because parenting is hard!). Thank them for being present and involved. Let them know that they are a valued part of our family of faith.

Quality Time: Sit with a family at Wednesday night dinner and get to know them. Talk to the family sitting close to you in worship. Volunteer in the nursery. Ask a parent how they're doing, and really listen to their response.

Acts of Service: Volunteer in the children's ministry! It means a LOT to parents when other adults help with events. Here are some upcoming opportunities where you can do just that:

Family Easter Festival – April 14, 3:00 pm

VBS – June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm

Art Camp – July 16-18, 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Music Day Camp – July 29-August 2, 9:00 am-3:00 pm

And, these love languages aren't just limited to families with children! With Youth Sunday coming up, there will be many opportunities for you to share quality time (Sunday School) and words of affirmation with our teenagers and their families. So...how will you share God's love with our younger generations this week?

Erin

For the Record


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| Budgeted 2019..... | \$700,000.00 |
| Weekly Need (2019) | \$13,461.54 |
| Received March 31, 2019..... | \$6,917.00 |
| Need to date | \$175,000.00 |
| Received to date..... | \$149,105.75 |
| Over (Under) Budget..... | (\$25,894.25) |

Family Night Supper Menus April 2019

April 10—Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Cherry Pie (Sugar-free)

April 17 & April 24—No Family Night Supper

FUN & FELLOWSHIP



April 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch at the home of Judy Long
846 Tolarsville Rd.
Meet in the parking lot at 10:30 a.m.
to ride the church bus.

Knit Wits will meet on April 7th at 2:00 in the church parlor. Please note this is a different date and time from our regular monthly meetings. Hope to see you there!



Welcome New Member!



Bryleigh Davis
joined
March 31, 2019.

First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Our next food collection is Sunday, April 7th. Place your donations in the collections bins near the entrances or bring them to the church office.

Donation suggestions: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Vienna sausages, canned meats (such as chicken breast), pork & beans, rice, dried beans, boxed meals, baby foods, bottles of water and juices.



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On April 25th, our Senior Adults will visit the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. The cost of the trip is \$13.00. To reserve your spot, please pay at the church office.



April 21, 2019
 Early Worship—8:45 a.m.
 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
 Worship—11:00 a.m.

Baptist Women's Luncheon
May 6, 2019 at 11:45 a.m.
In the Activity Building

Lynn Rust will be sharing her Ukraine Mission Trip with us. Please bring a sandwich.

The Baptist Women will be collecting the following items for *Purses with a Purpose* (for Southeastern Family Violence Center) during the month of April. You may bring these items to the church office or to the meeting in May.

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| Lotion | Soap |
| Socks | Washcloths |
| Brushes | Hair-bows |
| Combs | Snacks |
| Chap-stick | Flashlights |
| Toothbrushes | Tissues |
| Toothpaste | Bibles |
| Deodorant | Handbags |



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GET READY FOR
FBC Summer Camps
2019

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 17-19, 5:30-8:00 pm
 For children ages 4-6th grade





ART CAMP

July 16-18, 9:30 am-12:00 pm
 For children who have completed K-3rd grade
 Cost: \$15 per child

MUSIC DAY CAMP

July 29-August 2, 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 For children who have completed 1st-6th grade
 Cost: \$50 per child (early bird rate!)
 \$55 per child after June 1



FBC Spring Concert participants may pre-register at the concert (April 10). Public registration will open at noon on May 1.