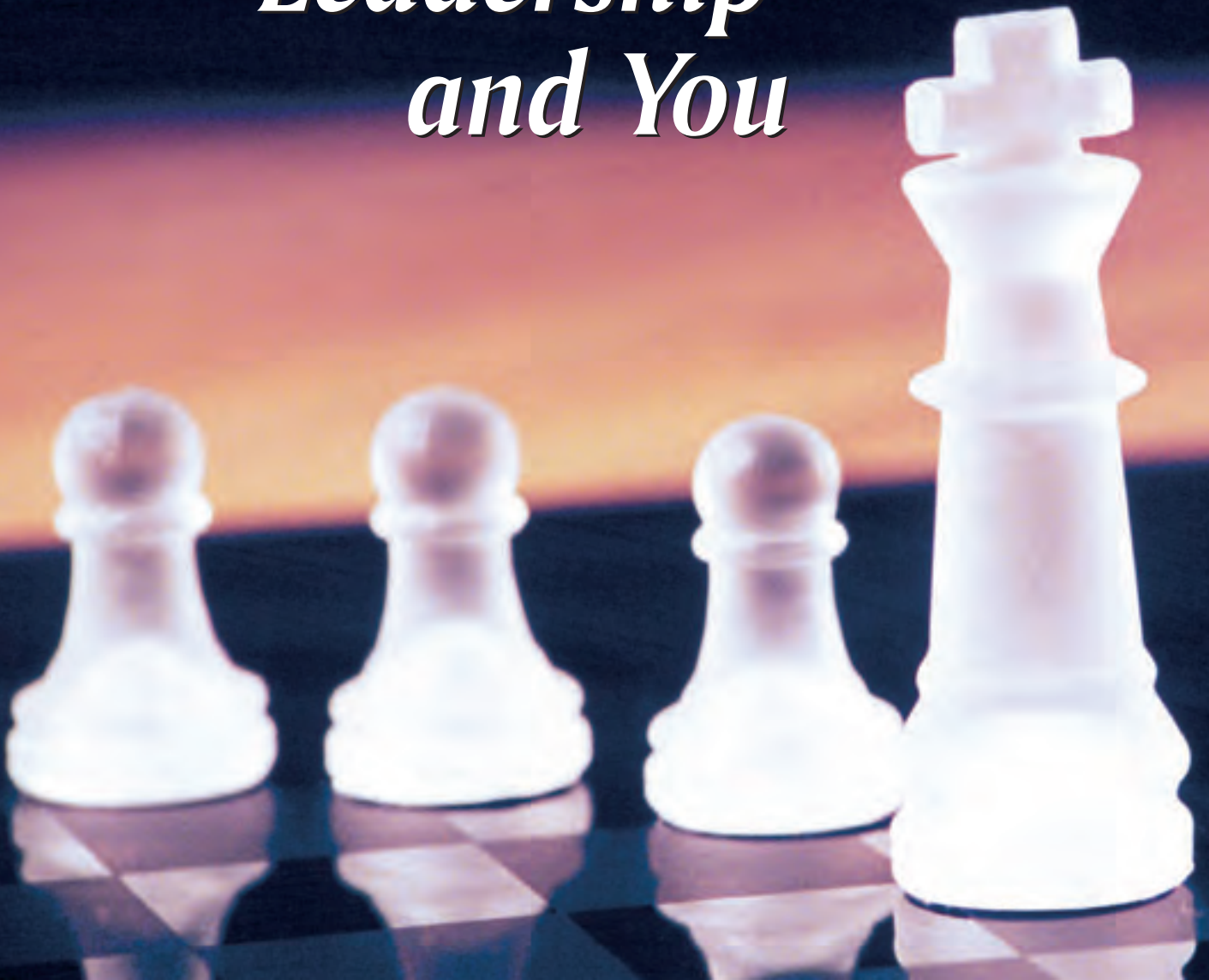




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Statement of Basic Beliefs

We affirm the Holy Bible as the inspired, infallible word of God and the basis for our beliefs. This church subscribes to the doctrinal statement of The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 2000. We voluntarily band ourselves together as a body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ, personally committed to sharing the good news of salvation to lost mankind and to minister to all.

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Introducing... *IMPACT!*

In today's culture, quality publications are vital to a church's ability to send a positive message to its members and the community. *Impact* is the result of First Baptist Church Joelton's desire to reach as many people as possible with the hope, peace, and purpose of Jesus Christ. Beginning with this initial printing, *Impact* will be published quarterly and will replace the monthly newsletter our members have received in the past.

With church growth comes the opportunity to reach more people in more ways. More activities require more time, energy, and organization. In 1 Corinthians 14:40 the instruction is given that "all things be done decently and in order." Providing a quarterly magazine will be beneficial to the staff and church body. The desire of the staff is to provide quality, spiritually edifying activities that members can prepare for and make plans to attend. Hopefully, providing advance notice will allow more people to be involved.

Along with more opportunities, church growth requires more people to become leaders. For this reason, we chose leadership as our theme for this quarter. Throughout this issue, the emphasis on leadership can be recognized within the articles written by the staff and events that have been planned for and prayed about.

The desire of the staff, as well as the church body, is to continue to reach more people for God's kingdom. *Impact* will serve as a tool for reaching people and continuing to grow and expand with the church. Future issues of the magazine will include pictures of new members and even more information that will help people become more involved in impacting others with the hope, peace, and purpose of Jesus Christ.



Jesus...

The Reason for the season.

May the love that came that holy night
Light all your days with hope and joy.

Merry Christmas!

Your staff at FBCJ

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JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

Serving God with Determined Faith Studies in the Book of Nehemiah

**Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m.
January 8–29, 2006**

The book of Nehemiah begins with an enormous challenge that Nehemiah could have received with despair but instead he received with prayer. Nehemiah's character is displayed not only through this initial incident but throughout the book. Nehemiah was a man of faith, humility, and deep dependence on God. He recognized that God alone was his hope for the task that lay before him. On the other hand, Nehemiah was a man of courage, determination, and valor. He did not passively wait for God to act but actively undertook to accomplish God's plan. Using Nehemiah's remarkable story of dedication and perseverance for the purpose of serving God and doing His work, and using the challenges that Nehemiah faced in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, the January Bible Study will lead us to know God better- His ways, His laws, His character- so that when we face life's difficult tests, we will be able to respond to them with strongly rooted faith and valor.



Willing and Determined to Serve

Leadership Development Classes



All current teachers and leaders, and anyone else who is willing and determined to serve, are encouraged to join us on Sunday evenings at 5:00 prior to the January Bible Study for a time of specified training in the areas of Adult Sunday School, Preschool and Children's ministries, Youth Ministry, and First Impressions Ministry. Below is the schedule of classes :

January 8

- Preschool Sunday School Teachers
- Youth Sunday School Teachers
- Adult Sunday School Teachers - Reach
- Deacons

January 15

- Children's Sunday School Teachers
- Wednesday Night Youth Workers - Relational Training
- Adult Sunday School Teachers - Teach
- Parking/Greeters/Ushers

January 22

- Awana Leaders
- Adult Sunday School Teachers - Minister
- Salt House Training
- Lifetouch Ministries

For more information, contact Danny Davidson at 876-0527 or danny@fbcjoelton.org.



Seeking the Kingdom

BY DAVID ROYALTY

Years ago, there was a young man who decided he wanted to become a clown. He went to clown college, made up a clown name, worked out his own unique make-up, learned how to juggle, and went out to make people laugh. Ironically, much unhappiness followed him in the years ahead. The young man's search for happiness as a clown was really a need to laugh and find happiness for himself. Sometimes what seems, on the surface, to be an obvious source of joy is not because it doesn't fit God's plan and purpose.

Many people talk about finding God's plan for their life, but they're not truly willing to step outside of their comfort zone to live for Him. On one of television's most watched programs *Survivor*, contestants willingly give up creature comforts and modern conveniences for the hope of winning one million dollars. The irony is there are vast numbers of people every day simply surviving. For them it is not a game, and there is no prize.

The devastating events of recent days in America, and in the world, reveal that we need to see the urgency of what God wants. Our efforts are focused on the wrong outcome. So much of our time and energy is spent seeking personal satisfaction and happiness that we are missing out on the blessings that come from seeking and serving the kingdom of God. When Jesus was 12 years old, his family lost him while leaving Jerusalem. His mother rushed back and found him in the temple. When she asked him where he had been, he told her he had to be about the Father's business. Like Jesus, we should be focused on doing the Father's business.

The upcoming year will require the church to seek and realize the urgency to train and equip leaders, both present and future. Jesus modeled the need to prepare future leaders when He spent all night in prayer before beginning the process of selecting the disciples. He commissioned them by sending them out in pairs to preach, lead, and cast out demons. They came back with great excitement and enthusiasm about how they had been used of God. On-the-job training doesn't get any better than that!

While the church can be an easy place to get lost and wonder if anyone cares, this

doesn't change the fact that our church has and will continue to respond to the needs of individuals and the community. As a church member, each of us should look for people in our neighborhoods who are unchurched and begin praying for and witnessing to them. We should seek out elderly and people who need help with running errands and completing small repairs. Opportunities to serve others can be found in almost every publication of the church. There is a need for greeters, ushers, teachers, helpers, organizers and many others if we are to increase our ability to reach people.

When David Livingstone served in Africa as a missionary, he sent a request back to his sponsoring group asking for people to come and help. He received a letter inquiring about the quality of the roads and available housing. His reply was to send those who do not care about such things but want to serve anyway. The church needs leaders who will step out and serve with no thought given to personal comfort or reward. God wants Christians to serve for no other reason than because He has called them.



David Royalty
Senior Pastor

Leadership Summit & Appreciation Luncheon

Saturday, February 18, 2006

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

All current and potential ministry leaders and teachers are invited to attend this time of leadership development and appreciation.

Break out sessions include:

- Servant Leadership
- A First Impression Goes a Long Way: Training for Parking Lot Attendants, Ushers & Greeters
- Leading Worship Through Technology: Sound, Lights, Cameras, PowerPoint, Action!
- Leading Worship as a Praise Singer or a Member of a Praise Band: More of Me in the Monitor
- Making Room for More: The Five Step Formula for Sunday School Growth
- Youth: Connecting to the Heart of a Teenager
- Youth: Working as a Part of a Ministry Team
- Children's Sunday School: Making the Curriculum Work for You
- Children's Sunday School: Reach Up and Reach Out
- Preschool Sunday School: Age Level Teaching
- Preschool Sunday School: Safety is a Must
- Awana: Going Beyond Handbook Time
- Awana: Sharing Christ Effectively

Schedule:

- 10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. - Opening
- 10:30 a.m.–11:45 a.m. - Session 1
- 11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. - Lunch
- 12:45 p.m.–2:00 p.m. - Session 2
- 2:00 p.m.–2:30 p.m. - Closing



MINISTRY FAIR '06

**Sunday Morning
February 5, 2006
8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Tour the church halls and Family Life Center to discover areas of ministry in which you can be involved.

Visit tables, get valuable information about different ministry opportunities, and sign up to get involved!

The Benchmark of True Leadership

BY DAVID SIMMERMAN

When one hears the word leader, courage and character often come to mind. Over sixteen years of ministry has taught me that the attributes of courage and character come out of necessity. They are by-products, if you will, of the very essence of leadership. Leaders need courage and character because sacrifice is often a crucial part of leadership. Yes, that's right, sacrifice. Facing conflict, walking through adversity, going out of one's comfort zone, and sacrificing for the cause all create character and courage within oneself. The Bible contains many examples of leaders who gave up a great deal to be a leader for God.

Noah was one of the first persons to make a great sacrifice to become a leader. How would you feel if you were required to give up every place and every person you had ever known (other than seven family members) to be the leader God wanted you to be? That's exactly what Noah did. The world started over from scratch with him. Many people faced with the same prospect would have said, "Forget it," and laid down to die.

The calling of Abraham involved his leaving his family and home in Ur to go to a land he had never seen. He went not knowing where he was going. And after he got to his destination, he wasn't allowed to put down roots and establish himself. He lived in tents all his life.

Joseph, one of the most gifted and promising leaders in the history of the Hebrews, was sold into slavery. He gave up his comfort, his home, and his freedom. Only after years of service and imprisonment was he freed from prison for interpreting Pharaoh's dreams. His reward was being put in charge of the most powerful nation on earth.

Nehemiah gave up a cushy job in the palace of a king to travel a thousand miles to a broken

down city. When he got there, he faced opposition and death threats, yet he was able to rebuild the city walls of Jerusalem, bringing pride and protection to its people.

Paul, a disciple of Jesus Christ, gave up his secure life as a Pharisee of Pharisees to become an itinerant preacher in Asia. Through the course of his career, he was persecuted, beaten, whipped, stoned, shipwrecked, and ultimately executed because of his leadership for the cause of Christ. He is considered the greatest of the apostles.

I thank God for these and many other leaders throughout time who have sacrificed so much of themselves. They have truly understood that sacrifice is a benchmark for leadership. For every Christian, the very heart of the religious experience is the meaning of sacrifice, yet it is somehow the hardest truth to truly trust. Jesus of Nazareth teaches us repeatedly that the only way to really have something is to give it away. The only way to truly possess anything is to let go of it. He says this continually and in ways so numerous as to make his point inescapable. If you want to be truly wealthy, give your money away. If you want to be truly happy, embrace your pain. If you want to truly adore that certain person, be ready to let go of them. If you want your life, give it up. In a way, this is God's answer to any problem you present.



David Simmerman
Associate Pastor

Generations Campaign Progress Report

Generations

Celebrating the Past • Challenging the Present • Claiming the Future

*One Generation shall
praise thy works to another,
and shall declare thy mighty acts.*

PSALM 145:4



We are well into our first year of the Generations campaign and God is continuing to bless in mighty ways. Over \$460,000 has been raised since the beginning of this year, and people continue to support the vision before us. We have had many families join our church since the start of this campaign, and we want to make sure all of them know of the vision God has given this church. We also want each and every member of FBCJ to know how they can play a part in fulfilling this vision. The total cost of this project includes paying off our current debt on the new sanctuary, building and furnishing a new 46,000 sq. ft. children's building, and completing other capital improvements on our church campus. We currently owe \$1.4 million on the new sanctuary, and we voted last April to go forward with the construction of the children's building, not to exceed \$5.3 million. As you can see, this is a God-sized task, and it will take each of us working together to see this vision fulfilled. The Generations program is a three-year campaign to raise funds for these projects, and everyone needs to be involved.

In the midst of this campaign, God blessed our church by allowing us to purchase the store property, formerly owned by the Bates family. This property is located adjacent to our church property and provides 40 more parking spaces and a 6600 sq. ft. building. Because of our desperate need for more preschool space, we are looking into the possibility of moving our church offices to this building, freeing up much needed preschool classrooms for our children. In the past several months we have



realized that we are not yet ready to officially begin the building process. Our objective at this point is two-fold. We need to take care of space needs now, and we need to continue to raise funds for the building process. Let us be clear in saying that our vision to build a building where children can learn about Jesus has not changed. Assuming continued growth and a continued effort on all of our parts to be obedient to God's vision, we hope to meet the needs of our church, continue working toward the vision God has set before us, and be debt free within 10 years. Keep in mind that as we increase in numbers over the next 10 years, we will continue to build and grow in our ability to effectively "impact our communities with the hope peace and purpose of Jesus Christ." God's work is never done!

Celebration Day for the Generations campaign was held this past May, and many church members have already made faith commitments for the next three years. It's not too late to get involved. Simply pick up a faith commitment card from any of the welcome centers in our church, fill it out and drop it in the offering plate. Maybe you have already made a commitment and feel led by God to raise it, or maybe you never made a faith commitment and now realize it is time to do so. We believe it is a privilege to be a part of the exciting work God is doing at First Baptist Church Joelton. Now we have the opportunity to prepare together for the future God has set before us.

Ask God what He would have you give to make this vision a reality. Trust God to provide what He impresses you to give. The scriptures do not teach equal giving but equal sacrifice to accomplish God's work.

Psalm 145:4 states, "One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts." God has blessed our church over the past 90 years, and we can truly "praise thy works" to the next generation. If we want to continue to declare His mighty acts in the future, we must expand our facilities. Together, let us make space, reach people and change lives. Let us claim the future in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

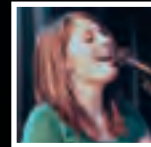
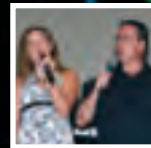


Our current facilities can accommodate 180 children in crowded conditions, and the number of children attending our church is quickly growing beyond that. We are currently averaging about 190 children on Sunday mornings, underscoring the urgency of our need for space.

The new building will accommodate 360 children in the classrooms, an additional 150 in the children's worship center, and another 50 in the preschool multi-purpose room. That is a total of 560 children.



Leading Through Worship



BY
LYNDEL
LITTLETON

What if the next plane load of Americans heading to Iraq to fight the war on terror was made up of singers, including choir members from First Baptist Church Joelton? Adding to the absurdity of the idea would be the placement of a skinny little music guy out in front giving the orders, “You all are going to lead us into battle today. Let’s hear some good singing!”

CNN and Fox News would have pundits from all parties tripping over themselves. Everyone would want to be the first to explain that the President had indeed gone totally crazy; such a plan would surely have the entire world roaring in one huge collective laugh. Congress would immediately launch an investigation into how such a plan could ever have been conceived and would demand the quick dismissal of generals and cabinet officials.

Fortunately, this wasn’t the reaction when Jehoshaphat sent singers out in front of the

army into battle. (No, he wasn’t trying to get rid of them because they were singing the wrong style of music.) Three large armies were on their way to attack Jehoshaphat and the people of Judah, but God had promised them victory. God chose to fight the battle for them. In 2 Chronicles 20:21-22 the story of Jehoshaphat unfolds, “Then he consulted with the people and appointed some to sing for the Lord and some to praise the splendor of His holiness. When they went out in front of the armed forces, they kept singing, ‘Give thanks to the Lord, for His faithful love endures forever.’ The moment they began their shouts and praises, the Lord set an ambush against the Ammonites, Moabites, and the inhabitants of Mount Seir who came to fight against Judah, and they were defeated.”¹

How cool is that? God began His work the moment His people began their shouts and praises. The same principle applies today. God inhabits the praise of His people. So, as we praise Him, our all-powerful God works in our lives and in our church.

As Christians who face challenges and great opportunities, the first action should always be to praise God. Praise and worship should be at the forefront of all we endeavor. What better way to teach a small group than out of



Lyndel Littleton
Minister of Music

the fullness of a heart that worships God? What greater power is there than what is revealed in the life of a leader who worships God with all his heart? What huge things will God do in our church as we worship Him in spirit and in truth?

Everyone must spend time each day praising and worshipping God, but His great power is magnified when praise and worship is offered to Him collectively. I'm thankful to those who week by week lead us in worship: the choir, the Praise Band, other musical groups, drama members, decorators, and those who work with sound, lights, video and computer graphics. Each person involved in these ministries is a leader in worship. I encourage you to join us as we lead in worship through music, the dramatic arts, technical arts or other fine arts.

Leading in worship is not an exclusive activity for those on the platform. Parents lead their children in worship when they attend church as a family and participate in worship with the congregation. Older youth lead younger youth in worship as they sing and pray. Each person in the congregation leads in worship as voices join together singing the greatness of God and the wonder of His love and grace. Some people should consider joining or rejoining the choir or drama team. Everyone should need and want to worship together each Sunday. Will you join me in leading worship this week?

*1*Scriptures quoted from the Holman Christian Standard Bible

LEADERS NEEDED

A dream exists to have musical, artistic and dramatic ministry training and ministry opportunities for every age group, from preschool to senior adult. It is not necessary for a volunteer to have fifty years of training or be considered a top expert in the field. All that is required is a love for God, a desire to see ministry take place, and the willingness to commit time to invest in the lives of others. A great joy emerges when one is able to encourage others to use their skills and talents in worship, ministry and missions. A wonderful result of helping people become better in what they do is seeing God grow people in their faith. Materials and training are available from your Minister of Music. Let's work together to make God's praise glorious through all of the arts.

Wondrous Gift

THE TREASURE OF JESUS

The Joelton
Christmas Pageant

December 10 & 11
at 6:00 p.m.



Presented by the Music & Drama Ministry
of First Baptist Church Joelton

The Christian, the Arts and Truth

The third annual Christian Artist Art Show will be held January 6–7, 2006. Each year many beautiful works representing a wide range of mediums and techniques are displayed. These include everything from paintings, photography, pencil drawings and woodworking to needlework, glass, pottery and more. The question sometimes arises, “What is ‘Christian’ art?” For a lengthy explanation, read Frank E. Gaebelein’s book *The Christian, the Arts and Truth*. For a short explanation, Philippians 4:8 reads, “Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is any praise—dwell on these things.”

Genesis reveals that through God’s creative work, everything He did was “good.” God’s instructions in the building of the tabernacle and the temple were for the very finest materials to be used and the very best craftsmen to

do the work. God is honored as when people create things of beauty. Any work that is true, honorable, lovely, commendable, etc. is something that honors God and is therefore “Christian.”

The art show will include categories for preschoolers, children, youth and adults. Submissions will be judged and prizes awarded for each category, as well as for “Best of Show” and “Best Sacred Art.” Artists should bring their works to the Salt House on Thursday, January 5, between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. or on Friday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Judging will take place on Friday afternoon. All artwork will be on display from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Friday, January 6, and from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, January 7. Everyone is encouraged to stop by and see the works of art that are honorable, lovely, and commendable.



AXIOM: A Singles Experience



An axiom is something that is considered worthy and is regarded as a self-evident truth. It requires no proof—nor disproof—and is accepted as a basis for reasoning. Axiom is the name given to our singles ministry here at First Baptist Church Joelton. If you are a college student, a widower, divorced, a college graduate, seeking a career, in the military, a single parent, single again, or just plain single, AXIOM is for you!

AXIOM stands for five purposes:

- A = Attend in fellowship to connect
- X = eXalt God in worship
- I = Imitate Christ for discipleship & growth
- O = Open your heart to service
- M = Minister through evangelism

Sunday Schedule:

Singles Small Groups (groups for all ages)
9:30 a.m. Family Life Center

Wednesday Schedule:

Singles Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Classroom #1105

Upcoming Events:

Christmas Party December 16

Singles Retreat January 27–29
Location: Fall Creek Falls State Park
Topic: “Matters of Maturity”
Cost: \$25.00

If you’re single and would like to know more about ministry and fellowship opportunities for singles at FBCJ, contact David Simmerman.

Senior Adult Ministry Provides Fellowship and Service Opportunities

If you are a senior adult, First Baptist Church Joelton has several activities just for you. In addition to many Sunday School classes, seniors meet on the first and third Tuesday of every month for the Love-in-Action Bible Study and a covered dish lunch at the church. The Bible Study begins at 11:00 a.m., and lunch follows at noon. After lunch on the third Tuesday, this group travels to the Nickens Nursing Home in Springfield, TN for a time of fellowship with the residents there.

On the first Thursday evening of every month a senior adult group known as the Forerunners meets at 6:30 for a covered dish dinner. Dinner is followed by a guest speaker and board games.

Special events are always being planned, so be sure to check the bulletin each week for announcements concerning other upcoming activities for senior adults.



Some enchanted evening...

*Listen to the music of Rodgers & Hammerstein
while enjoying a delicious lunch at the*

2nd Annual Senior Adult Valentine's Day Luncheon

February 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Location: The Salt House ~ Cost: \$5

Please call the church office at 876-0527 to RSVP by January 29, 2006

Presented by the Ministers of Music of North Central Tennessee

Get in Tune

Working Together in Harmonious Service

BY DANNY DAVIDSON



One of my favorite pastimes is listening to music. I like to listen to many different genres of music, but I often choose to listen to classical music when I'm trying to relax. Something about a symphony orchestra calms my spirit.

Recently, I was flipping through the channels on TV and came across a program that featured one of the nation's finest orchestras. As I sat there watching the instrumentalists play their different instruments and listening to the beautiful music, I was struck with the thought that ministry is often like an orchestra.

Like an orchestra, ministry requires the gifts, talents, and abilities of many individuals. While an orchestra consists of woodwind, string, brass, and percussion players, ministry involves people in a variety of different areas and types of service.



Danny Davidson
Minister of Education

Occasionally a symphony orchestra will feature an accomplished soloist as part of their concert, or a piece of music will feature a particular instrument. As beautiful as that soloist may play, or as beautiful as that instrumental part may be, in my opinion, nothing compares to the depth and beauty brought forth by an accompanying full orchestra. Likewise, one person, such as Rev. Billy Graham, can have a dramatic impact in ministry, but when Christians work together in unity for the sake of ministry, eternal things can be accomplished.

Like the talents of the instrumentalists in an orchestra, God has given all Christians spiritual gifts to be used within the body of Christ. In Romans 12: 4-8, Paul says:

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We all have different gifts according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching,

let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do so cheerfully. NIV

There are many different ways one can use his or her spiritual gifts in ministry. The old cliché, "With God, it's not your ability, but your availability that counts" encourages a servant attitude. Christ will use us when we make ourselves available. Just as an orchestra relies on each member to play his or her part to produce a piece of music, the church body relies on every member to do their part in ministry in order to have the greatest eternal impact.

If you are looking to discover your spiritual gifts or find a place in ministry, try PLACE, a program designed to help you discover your place in ministry. PLACE classes will be held on Sunday Evenings at 5:00 p.m. beginning on February 12, 2005.

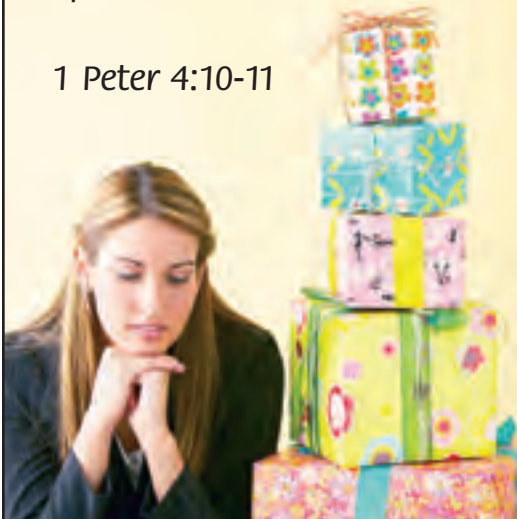
What Does the Bible Say about Spiritual Gifts?

1 Corinthians 12

Romans 12:4-8

Ephesians 4:11-16

1 Peter 4:10-11



PLACE is...

- P** - Personality Discovery
- L** - Learning Spiritual Gifts
- A** - Abilities Awareness
- C** - Connecting Passion with Ministry
- E** - Experiences of Life

PLACE is a process to help individuals discover how they have been uniquely designed by God with their personality, spiritual gifts, and abilities and then realizing what God has been doing in their lives through their passion areas and experiences of life. Through the PLACE process, people discover that God has created and gifted them with a unique capacity to serve others.

PLACE meets the needs of people who are...

- on a personal journey with God.
- looking for answers to life's questions.
- trying to find meaning and purpose in their life.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to identify your unique spiritual gifts and find your PLACE in the ministry of First Baptist Church Joelton.

PLACE CLASSES

Sunday Evenings at 5:00 p.m.
Beginning on February 12, 2005

For more information, contact Danny Davidson at 876-0527 or danny@fbcjoelton.org.



XTREME WINTER CONFERENCE

**December 28–30
Gatlinburg, TN**

Cost: \$125

(\$75 deposit due to reserve a spot)

Speakers include David Nasser,
Johnny Hunt, Tony Nolan and
Dave Edwards

Concerts by Hawk Nelson, Toby
Mac, Barlow Girl, Thousand Foot
Krutch, Casting Crowns
and Newsong

STUDENT LIFE
TOUR '06



“Chasing Daylight”

We must be willing to not be paralyzed about what we should do but rather simply take the initiative to do something, seeking to honor God and fulfill His will for the world. As we do so with integrity we become people who might influence others to come to a better understanding for themselves of God and His work, with them and through them.

February 6–7, 2006

Cost to Attend: \$35

STUDENT LIFE
2006 TOUR
Chasing Daylight

As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. John 9:4

TURNING HEARTS TOUR

UNITING MOMS, DADS,
AND TEENAGERS
AT THE SAME EVENT!

Come and experience this life-changing weekend! Leading youth ministry spokesman Richard Ross, worship leader Joel Engle, and worship artist Tyra Lokey have teamed up to bring healing to the relationships between parents & their teenagers.

Cost: \$30 per person (scholarships available)

MARCH 17–18, 2006

—Must Register by January 15—



WWW.TURNINGHEARTSTOUR.COM

AND HE WILL TURN THE HEARTS OF FATHERS TO THEIR CHILDREN AND
THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN TO THEIR FATHERS. MALACHI 4:6

YOUTH
SPAGHETTI
DINNER
FUNDRAISER

SUNDAY
JANUARY 29

Leading from the Heart

BY JAY BEERLEY



I am a big movie fan. The movies that really catch my attention have great iconic figures in the lead, such as Marlon Brando or Al Pacino in *The Godfather*, Mel Gibson in *Braveheart*, and Bruce Willis in *Armageddon*. While all of these leads suffer character flaws, they all have one great thing in common—leadership. What makes all of these gentlemen such great leaders?

Each of the afore-mentioned characters have the common trait of being completely devoted to whatever they are called to lead. To be more specific, in *The Godfather*, it was all about the family; nothing came before the family. In *Braveheart*, it was Scotland. In *Armageddon*, it was the planet! Each of these individuals puts all he has into what he is passionate about.

Would you prefer a biblical example? In the book of I Samuel we find Jonathan, the son of King Saul, wanting to follow the leadership of God and take the attack to the Philistines. Saul preferred to stay in camp and wait things out. Not wanting to overstep his father's authority, Jonathan took it upon himself to set out with his armor bearer to engage the enemy - just the two of them. Did I mention that only Saul and Jonathan had swords out of the entire Israelite army?

When they came upon the Philistine camp, Jonathan came up with a brilliant, strategic military plan; okay, so I'm being facetious. The Philistines were on a large cliff. Jonathan's plan was for him and his armor bearer to show themselves to the Philistines. If the Philistines told them to stay there, they would. If they told them to come up to them so they could kill them, then they would do that too. Talk about being led purely by the Spirit!

In 1 Samuel 14:7 Jonathan's armor bearer expresses his feelings about the fight, "Do what you think is best. I'm with you completely,

whatever you decide." (NLT) What would drive a person to follow with such loyalty and courage? Maybe more importantly, what were the qualities of the leader he was following?

Leadership qualities matter as much in church as anywhere else. What does it take to be a great leader in the church? Many people would say it is a love for the church that makes great leaders. While the idea is noble, it is not a good motivation! The church is made up of people, and people will fail. What should the criteria be for someone to be considered 100% devoted to a cause or ministry? Where should passions lie? To what or whom should allegiance be given?

Recently, I saw a wonderful skit at the beginning of one of our youth services. In the skit, there were two knights who conversed back and forth with a narrator. Both of the knights performed the same job functions. However, one knight enjoyed her work, and one knight didn't. When questioned about her motivation in her job satisfaction, the knight who enjoyed her duty spoke of a love for the king.

Revisiting the *Braveheart* reference, it was obvious from his actions that William Wallace was passionate about Scotland, its freedom, and its advancement. This character is a great example to follow. To be a bold leader in the church, complete devotion to the kingdom of God is a necessity. Once a person masters this trait, God can use their talents in many different ways—hopefully in the youth ministry! All good leaders have the same purpose of the advancement of the kingdom. Can you envision us lined up at the battle field and with a cry of "For the kingdom of God!" as we storm the gates of hell? People will follow that!

The youth ministry is dedicating itself to raise students to care about the kingdom and to see the impact of the kingdom in their lives and the lives of their friends. To accomplish this task, leaders are needed who care about the kingdom, especially parents. Do you?



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Minister of Youth

Whom Will They Follow?

BY JEFF LAND



Everyday, we are exposed to leaders. It is hardly possible to drive down the road without seeing some example of leadership. Police officers and construction crews are out performing their daily tasks. Parents drop their children off at school and leave them to learn from their teacher. Most people go to work and have to answer to some kind of boss or leader. Even the highest ranking official in a company still has to answer to someone. Bosses exist in everyone's lives.

I realized early on in my career is that there are good bosses and others who are less capable of leading effectively. Once you have shared in my experience of working with both good and bad leaders, you know the frustration of working under poor leadership. Developing leaders is one of the most important jobs I

perform. What does the discussion of secular leadership have to do with church? Everything.

Ministry takes a great deal of administration. For each ministry that occurs in a church body, many people are needed. Different levels of leadership are needed within each ministry. The minister or ministry director must make sure that resources of both people and finances are properly divided amongst the ministries. For example, the preschool and children's ministry currently needs over 160 people to effectively impact all of the children involved in our programs. Once that number is reached, even more people will be needed because the numbers of children will continue to grow. When parents see that their children are well cared for, they are more excited about bringing them. Children also respond well to a smaller student to teacher ratio, and it encourages them to want to come to church.

Being a college graduate or some big time executive is not necessary to be a ministry



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leader. In fact, the Bible says that all Christians are supposed to serve. In today's religious society people think that a once in a blue moon commitment is an appropriate contribution of service, but this pattern is not developed in the Bible. The Bible highlights leaders with the following qualities:

Leaders have a gift. Romans 12 teaches that "in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts:" Several gifts are listed in the Bible, but every gift is not revealed. Everyone has a gift. While some have more than one gift, ministry requires everyone to use his or her individual gift. One does not have to have the gift of teaching to work in the preschool or children's ministry. People are needed to care for babies, to share the gospel with children, or to organize events. The inability to teach does not exclude someone from volunteering.

Leaders see themselves as ministers. Members often view their roles in the church as ones of unimportant positions. For the most part, they see themselves as part of the family of God, but most members are more along the lines of a young child. Ministers in the church have gotten into the routine of doing things themselves. At some point, members of the church become less involved in the administration of ministries. Randy Pope phrased it best when he wrote, "We need to give the work of God back to the people of God!"¹ In order to do this, churches must begin to develop leaders.

Leaders are willing to learn. Do you remember the first day you started a particular job? You probably had no idea what you were doing. Eventually though, through on the job training and practical experience, you became competent at handling the requirements of the task. Becoming a leader in the church is very similar to the secular work environment. At first, you may feel completely oblivious to what you are supposed to be doing, but there are many training opportunities for lay leaders throughout the year. Opportunities exist to serve as an apprentice in a particular ministry by another lay leader who has been involved for a while.

Leaders are committed. My least favorite time of the week is 10:30 A.M. on Sunday morning.

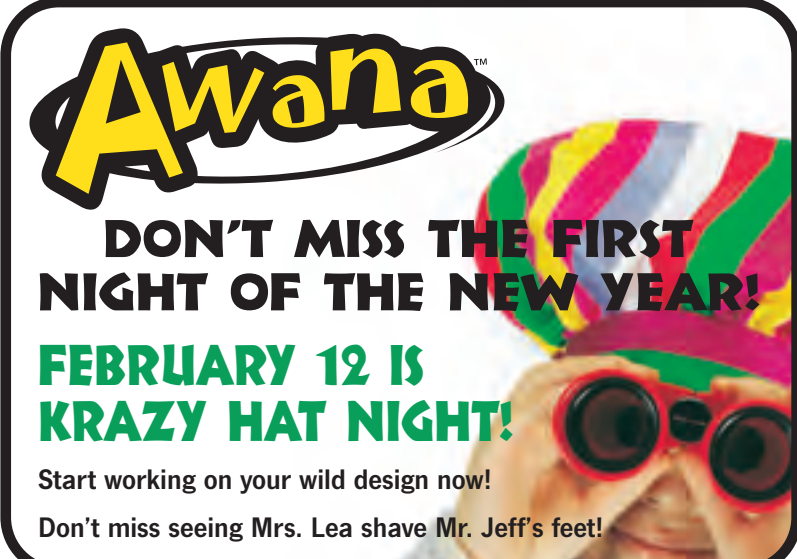
Extended Teaching Care (ETC) is like a thorn to almost every children's minister I know. ETC is a vital ministry that people are not always committed to seeing succeed. People need consistent leaders in their lives, and preschoolers and children are especially responsive to leaders who are consistently available to them. The leader's example and commitment level is reflected in the learner's attitude in class.

Developing good leaders is a task of epic proportions. It is a job that is to be taken seriously by all church members. Are you personally vested in the successful ministry of your church? If so, how? All members of the church should have a time where they are providing a weekly service to the church.

I read about a church once that only had a few members of actual paid staff members. Even the need for janitors had been eliminated due to the fact that every member of the church was involved in service. Do you know what happened to this church? It grew and continues to grow. People want to know that they are a vital and irreplaceable part of the church. Can you imagine what First Baptist Church Joelton could do if this was the desire of every member? Laurie Beth Jones wrote "Jesus had a huge heart and a big eye when it came to seeing the possibilities of unity among people of like hearts and minds."² Our church can meet unknown possibilities if everyone will choose to serve the body of Christ.

¹Pope, Randy. *The Prevailing Church*. Moody Press. Chicago, Illinois. 2002.

²Jones, Laurie Beth. *Teach Your Team to Fish*. Waterbrook Press. New York, New York. 2002.



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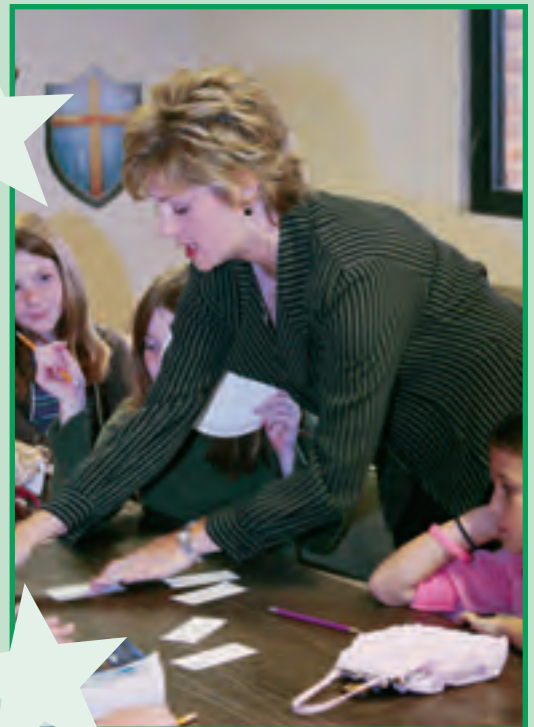
(Note: If cost is an issue, please see Jeff confidentially. Scholarships are available.)

We want to take the largest group of children ever. Invite your friends and join the fun. Centri-Kid is a blast, just ask anyone who has been before. Wouldn't it be cool to take 100 kids from our community?

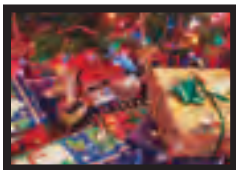


Super Star: Leslie Jenkins

Leslie Jenkins is a fourth grade girls Sunday School teacher. She has been teaching Sunday School for about 10 months, but has 12 years of experience serving in children's areas. Leslie and her husband Daniel have been married for 13 years and have been members of First Baptist Church Joelton since 2001. They have two children, Cara and Luke. Leslie enjoys reading just about anything and working in the yard. Leslie says, "I am really enjoying teaching the 4th grade girls—they rock! This age group is really able to participate in class; they love taking ownership of the class and activities. I remember those years, and it is a tough time with finding your place among your peers, but it's also pivotal time in making spiritual decisions. They are at an age where they can see how what they learn at church can be applied to everyday life. I love that part of it. It's not just learning the Bible stories now; it's applying them. They are very thoughtful, and I am surprised each week by their insight. I get a lesson out of the class too." We are truly blessed to have committed leaders like Leslie Jenkins as a part of our church body.



Other Preschool & Children's Ministry Activities & Events

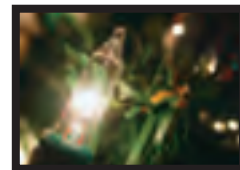


The Giving Tree: Children's Christmas Party

Come celebrate Christmas at our Children's Christmas Party on December 14, 2005. We ask that children bring new toys that will be given to needy children in our area. The church will provide pizza, soft drinks, and LOTS of FUN!

GLOW: Go Light Our World

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Artic Edge. While summer and VBS may be months away, you can help right now. For two weeks after Christmas, we are asking you to bring fake snow, icicle lights and other lighted items that give the illusion of coldness. We will be collecting these items from December 26 through January 8, 2006. Thank you for your support.



Parents' Night Out

Friday, February 10 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The perfect opportunity for you to have a Valentine's date with your spouse. Your child(ren) will receive quality care in a safe environment while getting to interact with their friends from church. A light snack will be provided. Cost: \$4.00 per child, \$15.00 maximum per family.

Leaders Needed

With all this talk about leaders, are you ready to serve? With a growing church like ours, there are many growing areas of need. Contact Jeff today to find out where YOU might fit into the preschool and children's ministries. Currently, we are looking for Sunday School teachers, Extended Session volunteers, Wednesday night program volunteers and Children's Worship helpers.





LIVE **OUT** LOUD WEEKEND

MARCH 17-18

LIVE OUT LOUD Weekend is an overnight event for 3rd–6th Graders where children will learn how they can serve God through service projects and evangelism. **People today need to live their faith "Out LOUD!"**
Matthew 5:13-16: BE SALTY!

Cost: \$25.00 per child
(includes study materials, t-shirt, and meals)

Deadline: Register by March 1, 2006.

Contact Children's Minister Jeff Land at 876-0527 or jeff@fbcjoelton.org for more information.

**SIGN UP
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www.fbcjoelton.org

Welcome New Members

First Baptist Church Joelton welcomes these new members added during the months of June through August 2005:

Tim and Tara Adams
Goodlettsville

Travis and Elizabeth Appling
Pleasant View

Gabriel Arterburn
Greenbrier

Dave and Tara Bailey
Pleasant View

Jay and Christi Beerley
Springfield

Beth Binkley and son, Dakota
Greenbrier

Marilyn Brady and son, Matthew
Nashville

Porshia Carney
Greenbrier

Coy Duke
Pleasant View

Blake Elliot
Springfield

**Will and Dawn Fisher and daughters,
Harmony and Melody**
Chapmansboro

Jim and Carla Gibson
Joelton

Gary and Lindy Gupton
Goodlettsville

Aaron and Anjeannette Hammer
Pleasant View

Sheridan Hitchcox
Pleasant View

Jim Holloway
Clarksville

Carole Kelly
Joelton

Dan and Monica Lain
Joelton

Kevin Leighton and sister, Shelby
Greenbrier

Brittany Lewis
Chapmansboro

Jennifer Martinson
Nashville

LeeAnn McGrew
Nashville

Zach Pursley
Goodlettsville

Ciera Raymer
Nashville

Andrew Reeves
Greenbrier

Jamey Ryan Burklow
Pleasant View

Alex Simmerman
Pleasant View

Elizabeth Sinor
Chapmansboro

Manson and Heather Sluss
Goodlettsville

Savanna Williams
Joelton

Bettye Wood
Nashville

Cindy York
Nashville

Jack Yuill and sister, Leann
Pleasant View

How to Become a Christian

ADMIT to God that you are a sinner.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
—Romans 3:23*

*"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life."
—Romans 6:23*

BELIEVE Jesus is God's son, that He died for your sins and was resurrected from the dead.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
—John 3:16*

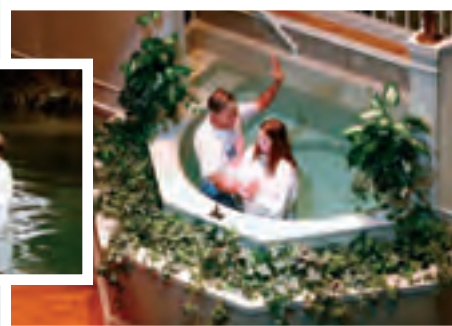
*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us."
—Romans 5:8*

CONFESS your faith in Jesus as Lord.

*"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe... and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."
—Romans 10:9-10*

THE SALVATION PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, I admit that I am a sinner, and have displeased you in many ways. I believe in faith that you died for my sin and that you arose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and ask that you to come into my life as Savior and Lord. I want to follow you by living a life that pleases you. I ask you to forgive me of my sin and grant me your precious gift of salvation. Thank you for saving me. Amen."



CHURCH SCHEDULE

December

- 4 Ordination Service for Jeff Land @ 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Christmas Pageant @ 6:00 p.m.
- 11 Christmas Pageant @ 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Christmas in Mayberry @ 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Church Business Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Church Office Closed
- 25 Christmas Service at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(no Sunday School or evening service)
- 26 Church Office Closed
- 28 No Mid-Week Service
- 31 New Year's Eve Service @ 5:00 p.m.

January

- 1 News Year's Day (no evening service)
- 2 Church Office Closed
- 6 Christian Artist Art Show 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 7 Christian Artist Art Show 9:00 a.m. – noon
- 8 Leadership Development Classes @ 5:00 p.m.
January Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.
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- 22 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
Leadership Development Classes @ 5:00 p.m.
January Bible Study @ 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
January Bible Study Conclusion
and Deacon Ordination @ 6:00 p.m.
(reception to follow)
- 30 Lifeline Screening 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

February

- 5 Ministry Fair from 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Evening Worship Service @ 6:00 p.m.
- 12 DiscipleLife classes begin @ 5:00 p.m.
AWANA begins @ 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- 14 Sr. Adult Valentine Luncheon @ 11:00 a.m.
- 18 Leadership Summit & Appreciation Lunch
from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Services and programs meet at regularly scheduled times unless otherwise noted in the church calendar.
- During the month of January, DiscipleLife, Awana and Evening Worship will be replaced by Leadership Development and the January Bible Study, respectively. The regular Sunday evening worship service will resume on Feb 5 at 6:00 p.m. Awana and DiscipleLife classes will resume on February 12 at 5:00 p.m.

WEEKLY SERVICE/PROGRAM TIMES

Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/ Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 4:00 p.m. Wind & Fire Instrumental Group
Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Awana for Children/Preschool (2 hours)
Salt House/Family Life Center/Classrooms
The River (Youth)
Choir Suite
DiscipleLife* for Adults (1-2 hours)
Various Classrooms
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Praise Band Rehearsal
Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship
Sanctuary
Free Your Mind – Café will be open (Youth)
Salt House

**Please see DiscipleLife brochure or the church web site for details on class descriptions and locations*

Wednesday

- 5:15 p.m. Meals will begin again in January
Family Life Center
- 5:45 p.m. Men's Prayer Group
Room 1103
Women's Prayer Group
Room 1104
Children's Choir
Choir Suite
- 6:30 p.m. Mission Friends (Preschool)*
Preschool Rooms
WOW (Children)*
Family Life Center
The Rabbit Hole (Youth)
Salt House
Pastor's Mid-Week Bible Study (Adults)
Sanctuary
Singles Bible Study
Room 1105
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Choir Suite
Calvary in Motion Drama Team Rehearsal
Room 1102


**Mission Friends and WOW will end at 7:30 p.m., extended care will be offered for parents who are involved in choir/drama or helping with the youth.*



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- Discover how to have a personal relationship with Christ
- Study God's Word and learn how it applies to our daily lives
- Seek God's direction for our lives and our church
- Proclaim the name of Christ
- Celebrate and Worship the Lord God Almighty
- Experience the Holy Spirit
- Fellowship with others
- Minister in Christ-like compassion to the spiritual, social and physical needs of those around us
- Learn along side each other how to live in a loving, growing relationship with God
- Impact our communities with the hope peace and purpose of Jesus Christ



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5:00 p.m. Awana
DiscipleLife Classes
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday

5:45 pm Women's/Men's Prayer Groups
5:45 pm Preschool/Children's Choir
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study
Youth Worship Service
WoW (Children)
Mission Friends (Preschool)
Singles Bible Study

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