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This month I have been the pastor of First Baptist Church for eight [8] years. I would like to take a moment and reflect on the time that The Lord has given me as your pastor and to look forward to what The Lord might do if He gives us eight more together. As I reflect I am always reminded of the many saints that have gone before us. I am always reminded of the many solid-servants of Jesus Christ that we have seen slip into His hands and that leave an obvious absence from our fellowship. We certainly have seen many that have joined their Savior, and we rejoice in the truth and the hope of the Gospel!

We are also reminded that the mandate given to First Baptist Church Union must move forward. We must continue to seek His will and equip our church to do the same. This was my call eight years ago, and it remains my call – To equip the saints for the work that God has arranged. It is my heart’s desire to see all of us ‘Glorify God and Connect to Followers by Making Disciples and Impacting Culture with The Gospel.’ We have a system that allows us to see this mission accomplished. It is called The Discipleship Pathway and is one of my hopes for this next year. **I want to see our church embrace The Discipleship Pathway with more intent.** I want you to find yourself on this pathway and press yourself, challenge yourself to walk deeper walk with Jesus. This will make us a better church and it will help us be more obedient to the call that we have been given by the Lord.

I want to see us become a multiplying church. One of my favorite books concerning the work of the church is *Gaining by Losing* by J.D. Greear. In his book he details how churches can become multiplying churches, how they can spread their influence and impact into their community by doing more than simply adding new members into their congregation. He believes that the local church should be a sending agency to the world but also inside their community. I wish we would become that type of church, a church that could intentionally send ‘missionaries’ into our community to be a help in revitalizing other churches. This would truly be a New Testament practice. This sounds counterintuitive to our common church growth models, ‘Isn’t the hope that we get more people in our sanctuary?’ The New Testament purpose of the church is to see the Kingdom multiplied and the Gospel carried further. We can’t do this by simply sitting within our own walls. We must find ways to reach out, to partner with other followers and to multiply our church so that others might be discipled. (Note: For a deeper and better understanding of this idea, I suggest you read *Gaining by Losing*. I have a couple of copies in my office.)

Finally, we give about 14% of our budget to ‘mission’ efforts. This includes money to the Cooperative Program as well as money to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Baptist Children’s Village, and our own mission efforts. This is quite a generous gift from us to the work of the Gospel around the world. However, **I want to see us become more generous in our giving.** I want to see us as individual followers of Jesus give more to His church, so that we can in turn give more to the work of the Gospel. My vision for FBC includes us, alone, supporting a church planter in one of our North American Mission Boards “Send Cities” (The cities with the greatest amount of lost people). My vision for FBC also includes us, alone, fully supporting an International Mission Board Missionary as they serve on the field sharing the Gospel with an unreached people group. But to do any of this, we must become more generous as individuals and we must become more generous as a church.

I hope you will pray through these points of ‘vision’ with me for our future. I am blessed to be your Pastor and I am grateful that God allows me the opportunity to serve with you as we Glorify God and Connect Followers by Making Disciples who Impact the Culture with the Gospel. God has done so much in the lives of so many and He has so much still to do! I am excited to be on the journey with you to see just how He will move among His people.

Jon

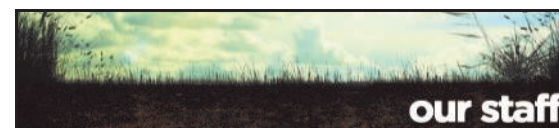
The work of the Kingdom
 is the work of the Church

The Church at Work:

Tithes & Offerings:

January 2018

Regular Tithes & Offerings	52,257.16
Pastor’s Insurance	14.21
Minister of Students Insurance	390.33
Haiti Missions	50.00
Backpack Ministry	8,214.12
Extreme Basketball	2,720.00
Youth Ministry	1,647.05
Social Committee	261.00
Building Fund	3,180.53
Lottie Moon	1,751.00
Jeannine Leach	440.00
Total Deposit	70,925.40



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Church Hostess: Karen Adkins	Associate Secretary: Margaret Rush

Deacon of the week

February

- 4th - Walter Capps
- 11th - Ashley Burroughs
- 18th - Dr. Bill Adkins
- 25th - Brett Rigby

DADDY daughter DATE NIGHT

February 24 at 6:30pm

FBC Union Fellowship Hall
 RSVP by February 7 by calling
 the church office, 601-774-8144,
 or visit fbcunion.net

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes for All Ages

ATTENDANCE January

- 7th - 222
- 14th - 208
- 21st - 180
- 28th - 208



SUNDAY MORNINGS

11:00 AM

February 4th

Melissa Carleton, Hilda Ferguson

February 11th

Sandy Robinson, Whitney Capps

February 18th

Mim Lott, Diane Norman, Brandy Hansford

February 25th

Kim Breland, Peggy Quinn



New Members

Jeremy Warren
 Kristy Warren
 Peyton Killen

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

TEACHERS:

February 4th

Jodie Burroughs

February 11th

Amy Kennedy

February 18th

Deborah Rigdon

February 25th

Celeste Brasher



Share God's love with our
 special Home Bound
 members through cards,
 visiting, and prayer.

Elnora Rigdon
 Maurice Cooksey
 Elawease Boler
 Jackie Richardson
 Bonnie Ferguson
 Floyd & Mary
 Stafford Smith
 Molly Parks
 Shirlen Thomas

Ruby Jean Chaney
 Rosemary Langley
 Sewanna Dewease
 Shirley & Chester
 Estes
 Lois Griffis
 Chloe Luke
 Pauline Gomillion
 Bill Edwards

STUDENT MINISTRY

DATES:

FEB 9-11 DNOW \$90
JULY 1-5 FUGE \$279

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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4 Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 D-Groups	5	6 Stewardship Committee Meeting Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship	7 Bro. Jon & Bro. Steve will serve at T-Bones for Crisis Pregnancy Center	8	9 Youth DNOW	10 Youth DNOW
11 8:30am Deacons Meeting Youth DNOW Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 D-Groups	12	13 Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship	14	15	16 Fellowship Hall Reserved	17 Fellowship Hall Reserved
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25 Extreme Basketball Banquet	26	27	28 Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship			