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As I have spent time thinking and praying about the strengths and weaknesses of our church, I am often reminded of how blessed we are as a gathered group of followers of Jesus. We have many things to celebrate, and we should often be reminded of those things. I hope you spend time with your Sunday School Class and your D-Group celebrating some of the joys of being a follower of Jesus and a part of this fellowship. I want to encourage you to intentionally spend a moment in your group time (Sunday School or D-Group) sharing your testimony of blessing of being a part of this church body.

We also recognize that there are areas in which we need to constantly address and continue to get better. Over the next couple of months, we will address one of those areas; we will begin to have meetings about becoming a more 'guest friendly' church. I have compiled training material that I will invite Sunday School Leaders and then others to walk through with me. I also came across a book written by Thom Rainer, *Becoming a Welcoming Church*.

In this text, Rainer lists the top ten responses from guests who have had pleasant experiences in churches they visited. These are areas that we need to work on together as we move toward becoming friendlier and better assimilated with our visitors.

- Someone asked the guest to sit with her.*
- People introduced themselves to the guests.*
- There was clear signage.*
- There was a clearly marked welcome center.*
- The kids loved the children's area.*
- The children's area was secure and sanitary.*
- Guest parking was clearly visible.*
- The church did not have a stand-and-greet time.*
- The members were not pushy.*
- The guest card was simple to compile.*

These ten encouragements are all areas that we, as a staff and leadership, will be addressing over the next several weeks. I hope you will join us as we move forward in becoming a more welcoming church.

I started this article with this request, "Spend time with your Sunday School Class and your D-Group celebrating some of the joys of being a follower of Jesus and a part of this fellowship". I want you to consider what a blessing it is to be a part of such a sweet fellowship, hoping that this will encourage you to want others to also be a part of such a sweet fellowship. Your experience should drive you to want to encourage others to be a part of His Bride!

Let's join together to become a more welcoming church!

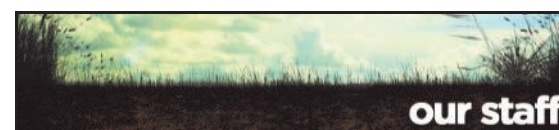


**The work of the Kingdom
 is the work of the Church**

The Church at Work:

Tithes & Offerings:
 February 2018

Regular Tithes & Offerings	47,247.70
Children's Ministry.....	100.00
Youth Ministry	1,020.00
Social Committee	698.00
Building Repair & Maint.....	5,094.57
Building Fund	695.00
Annie Armstrong	100.00
Jeannine Leach	500.00
Haiti Missions	2,751.00
Backpack Ministry	140.00
Total Deposit	58,346.27



Pastor: Dr. Jon Martin 601-513-6970 jon@fbcunion.net	Student Minister: Corbin Jenkins 601-562-2667 corbin@fbcunion.net
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Church Hostess:
Karen Adkins



SUNDAY MORNINGS
11:00 AM

March 4th

Betty Smith, Janice White

March 11th

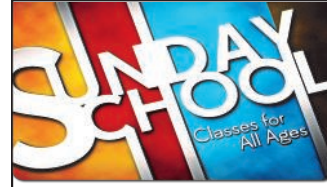
Amy Kennedy, Janis Watts, Madonna Capps

March 18th

Deanna Rush, Susie Lockety

March 25th

Tesa Quinn, Lee Ann Henry



ATTENDANCE

February

4th - 194

11th - 182

18th - 208

25th - 203



TEACHERS:

March 4th

Sue Cockerham

March 11th

Susie Lockety

March 18th

Renee Johns

March 25th

Olivia Manning



March

4th - Bryan Norman

11th - Chad Brasher

18th - Edsel Cliburn

25th - Harold Cleveland



MOTHER/SON
BASEBALL GAME
Saturday, April 7th

** Sign Up at fbcunion.net before March 21st*

Saturday,
March 31st
at 10:00am

**Location TBA*



Easter
EGG HUNT

STUDENT MINISTRY

DATES:
JULY 1-5 FUGE \$279

*** Please pay \$50.00 deposit ASAP**

"I was sick and you visited me..."

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

Elnora Rigdon	Ruby Jean Chaney
Maurice Cooksey	Rosemary Langley
Elawease Boler	Sewanna Dewease
Jackie Richardson	Shirley & Chester
Bonnie Ferguson	Estes
Floyd & Mary	Lois Griffis
Stafford Smith	Chloe Luke
Molly Parks	Pauline Gomillion
Shirlen Thomas	Bill Edwards

MARCH 2018

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FLC Reserved Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 D-Groups			Stewardship Committee Meeting Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
"Day Light Savings" 8:30am Deacons Meeting Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 D-Groups			NO ACTIVITIES			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Fellowship Hall Reserved Regular Sunday Schedule 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 5:00 Adult Choir 5:00 Prayer Meeting 6:00 D-Groups		FLC Reserved	Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:30 Fellowship Meal 6:30 Children's Activities 6:30 Elevate Student Worship 6:30 Refresh Worship		FLC Reserved	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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SPRING BREAK

