February/March 2020



Dates to Remember

February

Feb. 2 Men's Ministry 6 p.m.

Feb. 9 Souper Bowl of Caring - Canned food donations due

Feb. 12 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m. Church Council 8 p.m.

Feb 16 Valentine Fundraiser meal for Youth (after Morning Worship) Women on Mission 6 p.m.

Feb. 19 Family Night Supper 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study & Business meeting

Feb. 21-23 Disciple Now Weekend "Together"

March

March 1 Men's Ministry 6 p.m.

March 11 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m. Church Council 8 p.m.

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March 15 Women on Mission 6 p.m.

March 18 Family Night Supper 6:30 p.m. followed by Bible Study & Business Meeting

March 27 Palmetto Relay 5:30 a.m.

March 29 Youth Sunday



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Since then, more than \$150 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

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Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hungerrelief charities, and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Let's share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously. **The Youth have challenged the adults to see who can collect the most canned goods!** Non-perishable food items will be collected through February 9th. Money may also be donated to help buy other items that may be needed. One hundred percent of every dollar or food item collected will go directly to <u>our</u> Souper Bowl of Caring Charity of Choice: **God's People in Service ministry center.**

Adults, let's give the youth some competition !!

Attention Youth: We will need some volunteers to help load the canned goods on Friday, February 7th, at the high school and help load and unload at GPS on the afternoon of the 9th. We will get lunch and then back to work. Students can get community service hours for helping.



Florence Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous gift at Christmas. I am very grateful for your support and the love you show me and my family. I am grateful to be a part of a body that loves and seeks to follow Jesus. I am very grateful for the love you show to your students. I love my church family at FBC and I look forward to what God has in store for us!

Your sister and servant in Christ,

Amanda Bannister

Youth are planning a Valentine Fundraiser Meal!

The Youth will have a **Valentine Fundraiser Meal** after the Morning Worship Service on February 16th. Plan to support the youth by participating. This meal is to help off-set the cost of camp for our families at FBC. Camp costs \$245 per person. Please pray about what God would have you to give above your tithe as an offering.

We need crafted gifts for door prizes. If you can donate, please let me know. We will have a short skit for entertainment by our youth. Please make sure you respond using the insert in the bulletin. We welcome visitors to join us.

Attention Youth: We will decorate and rehearse for the Valentine Meal on February 12th. We will meet in the fellowship hall.

Parents: please pick up potatoes for the meal.

Disciple Now Weekend "Together" - February 21–23

Your students will learn that they can come from different backgrounds but still reach others for Jesus together. Visiting Youth Evangelist, Johnny Kittrell will be the special speaker on February 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. We will wrap up the study on Sunday morning during Sunday School. The cost is \$30 per person. This will cover the cost of T-shirts, study materials, and food.



Winter Jam 2020 will be held on March 8th at the Colonial Life Arena in Columbia. The cost will be \$20 per person.

Performers for Christian Music's largest tour include Crowder, Passion, Andy Mineo, Building 429, Red, Austin French, Newsong, Riley Clemmons, Ballenger, Zauntee, & Louie Giglio.

See Amanda for more info.

Community Outreach!!

The Palmetto Relay will be run on March 27th. **Our church has been asked to be a hospitality station on their route. The runners will begin arriving at our church at about 5**:30 a.m. and continue coming until around 2:30. Our job will be to show hospitality and allow them to use our facilities for a break. If you would like to volunteer to help, see Justin Shumpert.





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Women on Mission Christmas Projects The Women on Mission group went to the Lexington Extended Care to deliver Christmas cards to the residents and sing carols. The residents enjoyed our visit and so did we.

The ladies also collected items for a family in need. The items were distributed through the elementary school.

All ladies are invited to join us when we meet again on February 16th at 6 p.m. Refreshments this time will be finger foods.



Notes from Music Department

by Russ Stansell

We are so delighted that Janet Crossland, Samantha Downer, and Jaliyah Cook have chosen to share their talent and join us in the choir! They have been a great blessing to the church family!

We still have some empty seats and want to invite anyone to join us. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 for practice.

February 14th is Valentine's Day. If you were asked what your favorite love song is, just think of the many great songs written about love. From Pop to Country, there are so many great ones. Many of the best ones are used commonly for weddings. They use many various ways to express love, devotion, commitment, sacrifice, and promises. Well, all of these things and so much more are offered us in God's Word! It is the greatest love song ever written and has been described as "Written In Red." What is your favorite hymn that expresses God's love for you?

I have many, many favorites, but none more than the simple childhood song, "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know." Enjoy February and the songs about God's love!!

Russ

Family Night Supper

Plan to join us for Family Night Supper on the third Wednesday night of each month. After we eat, we have Bible Study and then the business meeting for the month.





Upcoming Events: April 12 Easter Sonrise Service 7 a.m. May 2 Mother's Day Banquet 12 noon May 24 Graduates Recognition May 31 VBS Kick-Off June 22-26 VBS

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Dessert & Chili Cook-off - January 26th



Our Dessert & Chili Cook-off was a great success! The men made the desserts and the ladies made the chili. There were 8 entries in each division. **Special thanks to our judges and all who participated!** The winners were:



Ronnie Troutman—3rd Place Johnny Eason—2nd Place Russ Stansell & Barry Fogle—1st Place Tie



Joy Smith—3rd Place Kelly Wade– 2nd Place Peggy Williamson– 1st Place