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Our deepest Sympathy for:

Bess Kelly and family in the loss of her mother, Doris Kelly.

Dear First Baptist Church Members,
I wanted to first start by saying Happy New Year to each one of you! The year has started out well for the CDC. We are excited to be able to watch the building of Harrison Pruitt Park with your wonderful donations. I know the children not only in the church and our CDC but also in our community will enjoy this for many years to come!

As many of you know we normally do a "winter wonderland toy tree" but this year we thought any donation would be a nice change. The center is always in need of crayons, markers, coloring books, small toys such as matchbox cars, baby dolls, puzzles, etc. If it would be easier another option would be any monetary donation that can be deposited for use to buy other necessities we need such as new swings for our infants, crib sheets, and other toys or books.

I know many of you have been gracious with your giving in the past; and I pray you will continue to be a blessing to the children of the CDC.

In His Service,
Shannon Griffin, CDC Director

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Opportunities at First Baptist

Sunday, January 28

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Church Conference and Luncheon
- 3:30 PM Basketball Banquet
- 5:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Youth Praise Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 31

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 4

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship - The Lord's Supper
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 2:00 PM Not-So-Super Bowl Game, Old McCants Field
- 4:00 PM Youth Super Bowl Party

Tuesday, February 6

- 7:07 AM Youth Breakfast Club

Wednesday, February 7

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/ Luncheon
- 3:45 PM Youth - Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper - Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 8

Beacon Mailed

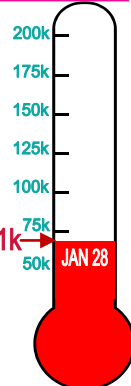
HARRISON PRUITT PARK

*For Church.
For Community.*

Contributions Needed: \$200,000 **71k**

Harrison Pruitt Fund: \$400,000

Total Cost: \$600,000



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**This Sunday, January 28 - 11:30AM
CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON**

Fellowship Hall
(12:15pm if attending the conference only)

**Elect Church Council
2017 Stewardship in Review**

If you forgot to make a reservation
please check the no show list at 11:45.

Next Sunday, February 4



9:30AM

Remembering...The Last Supper

A "different" Lord's supper experience that will begin our journey together toward Easter.

2:00PM

**NOT SO SUPER BOWL!
Old McCants Field**



Join us for our annual Flag Football Game! All ages and abilities (or lack!) are invited!

Youth Super Bowl viewing party to follow in the gym.



All FBC women are invited to join the

FBC Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship at First Baptist Church, Anderson is a fellowship for women of all ages to build relationships and share Christ's love.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2018

2:00-4:00PM

THE BLECKLEY INN DINING ROOM
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



BOO SHEPPARD WILL
SHARE POEMS ABOUT JOY

Please reply to the office by February 4, 2018



From one Minister to Another...

On the first Sunday of 2018, I mentioned that, while our study of foundational Biblical texts last year caused us to spend a lot of time in the Old Testament, our focus this year would be primarily on Jesus and the New Testament. Even as we looked at passages like the Ten Commandments and the lives of the Patriarchs, we did so in light of the fuller revelation of God that we find in His Son.

Each passage of Scripture we've considered during the first three Sundays in January has described something foundational as to the identity and mission of Jesus. I want to share with you how this emphasis will continue. Beginning with the first Sunday in February, we will pivot our attention toward the cross of Jesus, His sacrificial death, and triumphant resurrection.

On February 4, we'll share together in an observance of the Lord's Supper that will be quite different from the norm. I've already given instructions to our musicians, pastoral staff and deacons so they will be ready to lead us that day. I believe we'll come away from the service with some deeper insights into the meaning of this sacred meal for our lives.

The following Sunday, February 11, we will begin listening to and learning from the seven final statements Jesus made from the cross. I've always found these words from the cross to be foundational to our understanding of Jesus' heart.

As people who seek to follow Jesus, who ask the question, "What would Jesus Do?" to help us discern what discipleship means, these seven statements take us deep into the bedrock of Jesus' spirit. They challenge our attitudes and our relationships and help us discover even more ways in which we need to be "more like Jesus."

Please pray for me as I prepare to share these messages with you, and pray also that we will all have "ears to hear" these final statements that Jesus made before He breathed His last and was placed in a tomb. People who stood close enough to His cross to hear these words were deeply affected by them. Our Lord has preserved them for us in Holy Scripture so that we might be deeply affected as well. Thanks be to God!

Now, we still have one more opportunity to worship and fellowship together in January—and it's a big day for us! Our worship service will focus on... WORSHIP! Yes, Jesus, as our Master Teacher, talked about worship and what should happen in "the Lord's House." As His followers, worship is not all we do; but there is a sense in which everything we do for our Lord grows out of our expressions of love and devotion in worship. There is nothing in the life of the Christian that takes its place!

Also, this Sunday is our fellowship luncheon and church conference. If you failed to make a reservation, check downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We can usually accommodate a few more at the buffet! Remember, the Apostle Paul told us to "buffet our bodies." Well, I think he said something like that. Anyway, I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

Jan
James R. Thomason, Pastor

PS Ladies, it's been a while, but I've heard Boo Sheppard speak. She's good--you're in for a treat!

PSS Looking forward to cooking some pancakes for you. See you at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper!

Our Members in Action

January 28

Worship Childcare:

Jan Page

Deacons of the Week:

Chad Waters, Offertory Prayer
Gwen Bolt, Visitor Outreach

Security:

David Turner and Jimmy Newton

February 4

Worship Childcare:

Chad and Kara Waters

Deacons of the Week:

Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
Alene Sullivan, Visitor Outreach

Security:

Ed Sokol and Bradley Orr

February Collection Committee

Steve Madden, Mathias Richardson,
Chad Walker, Becky Campbell,
John Nichols

Wednesday Lunch & Supper

January 31

Lunch

Chipped Beef over Rice, Lima Beans,
Fried Squash, Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Supper

Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread,
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

February 7

Lunch and Supper

Country Fried Steak, Rice and Gravy,
Black Eyed Peas, Carrot and Raisin
Salad, (Fruit Salad for Supper)
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

Lunch & Supper Reservations

**Please contact the church office
by Noon on Tuesdays to make or
cancel your reservations.**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Tuesday, February 13 16th ANNUAL SHROVE PANCAKE SUPPER - 4:00—7:00PM Boulevard Baptist Church Fellowship Hall FBC is helping sponsor the event this year! Proceeds to benefit Family Promise, Soup Kitchen, and the Developmental Center for Exceptional Children \$5 Tickets are now available in the FBC church office.		1 Last day to sign up for Dnow!	2	3
4 9:30am Remembering... The Last Supper A "different" Lord's supper experience that will begin our journey together toward Easter.	5	6 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	7 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	8 Beacon Mailed	9	10
11 9:30am From the Cross: Father, Forgive Luke 23:26-34 2:00 PM Women's Fellowship Gathering Bleckley Inn 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES Join us for the Ash Wednesday fellowship meals and worship services. Noon - Lunch with Service following in the Fellowship Hall 5:00 PM - Supper with Service following at 6:00pm in the Chapel. Reservations are required for meals: 224-1622	15 DNow for Youth (Discipleship Now) Cost: \$20 Sign up with Amy by February 1.	16	17
18 9:30am From the Cross: Today...Paradise Luke 23:38-43 11:30am Deacons' Meeting	19 <i>Presidents Day</i> No School 6:00pm Stewardship Mtg.	20 7:07am Youth Breakfast Club	21 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	22 Beacon Mailed	23	24
25 9:30am From the Cross: Dear Woman John 19:23-27 6:00pm Youth Bible Study	26	27 10:00am Margaret Williams Bible Study	28 Noon and 6:15pm Bible Study	Staff Anniversaries: February 1 - Jamie Smith - 10 years February 19 - Janice Fouts - 44 years		