

# *The Visitor*

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### SMALL GROUP STUDIES FOR SPRING BLOCK 2018

Here are the small group opportunities for spring 2018. Sign up by contacting the church office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the study facilitator(s) or the office. All small groups will begin Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **40 Days of Prayer (7 Weeks)**

God created you to pray. Prayer is so simple that even a child can do it. So why is it that we as adults so often struggle to know how to pray? What is the secret to answered prayer? What are the right words, and how long should we keep praying about something? How can we know God even hears us when we pray? Over the next forty days, we are going to focus on your personal prayer life, and we're going to answer these tough questions. When we're finished, you will be praying with more confidence and greater faith than ever before.

Session One: The purpose of prayer

Session Five: Praying for a Breakthrough

Session Two: How to Pray with Confidence

Session Six: How to Pray in a Crisis

Session Three: The Pattern for Prayer (Part One)

Session Seven: Why Doesn't God always answer the first

Session Four: The Pattern for Prayer (Part Two)

time I pray?

**Cost:** \$10 for workbook    **Time/Location:** 6:30 – 7:30 / Parlor (Sanctuary Building)

**Class Size:** Open

**Facilitators:** Faye Downs and Hank Daniels

#### **The 5 Love Languages for Children (8 weeks)**

Discover how to speak your child's love language in a way that *he or she* understands. Dr. Gary Chapman and Dr. Ross Campbell help you:

- Discover your child's love language
- Assist your child in successful learning
- Use the love languages to correct and discipline more effectively
- Build a foundation of unconditional love for your child

*Plus:* Find dozens of tips for practical ways to speak your child's love language.

Discover your child's primary language—then speak it—and you will be well on your way to a stronger relationship with your flourishing child.

**Cost:** Varies depending upon electronic or printed version.

**Class Size:** Open

**Time/Location:** 6:30-7:30p / Ministry Center Room 110

**Facilitator:** Bryan Harris

#### **Spiritual Simplicity (8 weeks)**

If you crave simplicity and yearn for peace and calm, this group study is for you. Through Biblical teaching and practical insights, Chip Ingram goes beyond so-called quick fixes. This series speaks to men and women who know what they need to do, want desperately to do it, but find it next to impossible to break free of the "too many good and important things" that flood their lives.

**Facilitator:** Blair and Jan Maust    **Cost:** Varies depending upon electronic or printed version

**Time/Location:** 6:30-7:30 / Ministry Center Room 112

**Class Size:** open

#### **Grief Share (13 Weeks)**

GriefShare is a program with direction and purpose. With GriefShare you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where hurting people find healing and hope.

**Cost:** \$15

**Time/Location:** 6:15 – 7:45p/Ministry Center Conference Room

**Class Size:** Open

**Facilitator:** Frank Knott and Bill Clark

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth/Parent Beginning of the New Year Meeting** - Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come fill out 2018 permission forms (please bring insurance card) and receive information about the upcoming trips.

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Mark your calendar and join us Sunday, January 21 for the Youth Fundraiser Luncheon. The menu is Chili, Vegetable Beef Soup, Baked Potatoes and Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches. All proceed go toward the 2018 Youth Mission Trips.

### PASTOR'S CLASS

All 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to attend Pastor's Class beginning Sunday, January 7, 2018. We will meet in the Ministry Center in the Gym/Cafeteria at 5:15 p.m.

### JOHNSTON COUNTY FAITH BUILD 2018

First Baptist Church along with other Johnston County churches will participate in 2018 Faith Build through Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. We will help build a home for a family in Clayton. Our dates to help are January 27 and February 10. We will also be responsible for providing a bag lunch for all workers on February 10. If you are interested in participating, please contact Danny Daughtry for more information.

### ATTENTION SENIORS AGES 65 AND UP

We have an additional supply of smoke detectors to install each with a 10 year lithium battery. If you would like for us to install one or two in your home, or if you have received one and need a second one, please call the church office to sign up. We will follow up to schedule a time for installation as soon as possible. Thank you, Harold Tharrington and Bill Boyette, certified installers

### COASTAL WOMEN'S RETREAT 2018

Don't miss the Coastal Women's Retreat at Caswell, February 23-25, 2018. Theme: The Power of Praise. Life can take us down many dark roads and painful challenges, but if we just remember the power of praising our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, in the good times and bad, we will find our faith strengthened and our burdens light. Guest Speaker, Phyllis Elvington returns to Caswell, bringing a wealth of life experiences and Biblical teaching for women of all ages and walks of life. Also returning to lead worship in song, Katie Furr. If you are interested, call or come by the church office to reserve your space for this retreat. Invite your family, friends and co-workers. Cost: \$165.00

### OUR KNOWN SICK

DeLois Braun (JMC-Clayton), Karen Brown (JMC), Ella Price (Home), Linda Barefoot (Home), Bob Barefoot (Home)

### SYMPATHY

We express our Christian sympathy to Carol Arnn and family in the recent homegoing of her mother.

## FIRST BAPTIST BELLS

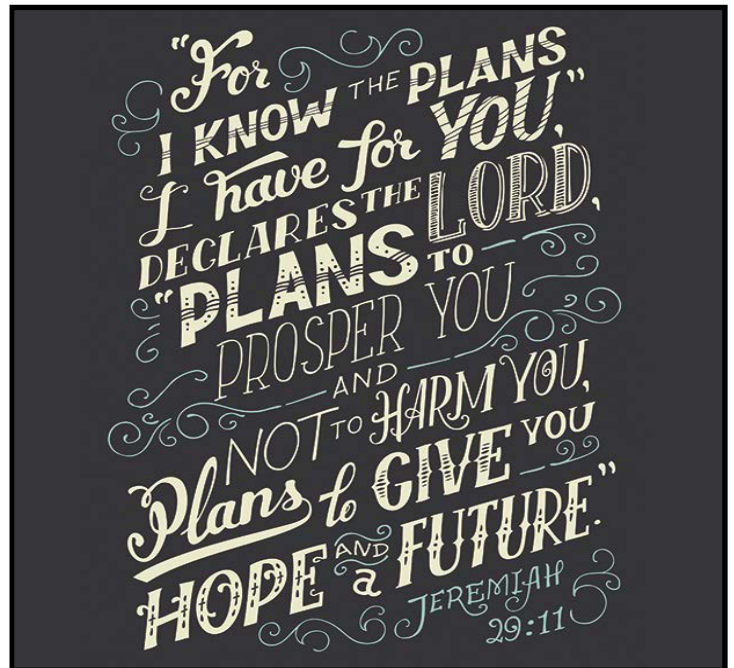
The First Baptist Bells Handbell group will resume practice, Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

### NEW MEMBER

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Rachael Peralta who comes to us by letter from Wendell Baptist Church.

### THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Family, On the behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank each and every one of you for the calls, prayers and cards that you sent in the recent death of my mother. I am so happy to have a wonderful church family such as First Baptist Church. I can't express how I feel to be a part of this great church family. It is hard to let go but I know she's at peace and is with God. Again, thank you all. May God bless you. Travis Frierson.



### 2017 BUDGET INFORMATION

#### General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,762.35
Received as of 12/24/17	\$38,595.57
Budget needs Year to Date	\$871,642.20
Received Year to Date	\$859,644.95

#### Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,922.75
Received 12/24/17	\$4,675.00
Needs Year to Date	\$140,292.00
Received Year to Date	\$145,476.21

#### Lottie Moon

Received Year to Date	\$2,070.02
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#### CBF-Global

Received Year to Date	\$1,457.16
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## FROM THE PULPIT

January 7 Sermon by Lee Colbert  
“Building Codes”  
Matthew 7:24-27

January 14 Sermon by Lee Colbert  
“Foolishness of the Cross”  
Exodus 20:1-7; 1 Corinthians 11:22-25

## WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

- 8:45 A.M. Early Worship
- 9:45 A.M. Sunday School Classes for all ages
- 10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
- 10:55 A.M. Morning Worship, broadcast over 1090 AM & 105.5 FM
- 11:00 A.M. Hispanic Worship Service
- 5:15 P.M. Youth Choir Practice, Sanctuary (1/14/18)
- 5:15 P.M. Pastor’s Class, Ministry Center
- 6:15 P.M. Youth Snack Supper, Ministry Center (1/14/18)
- 6:30 P.M. Praise Ringers Handbells, Alatheia Room (1/7/18)
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Bible Study, Ministry Center (1/14/18)
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Parent Meeting, Fellowship Hall (1/7/18)

### Monday

- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

### Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ministry Center
- 5:30 P.M. Family Night Supper
- 6:00 P.M. Children’s Choirs, Ages 4, Kindergarten: Preschool V; Grades 1-6, Adult II
- 6:30 P.M. Informational Meeting, Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 P.M. Small Groups for Adults (1/10/18)
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 2 – grade 6
- 6:30 P.M. MaD 4 Youth
- 6:30 P.M. Handbell Practice, Alatheia Room (1/10/18)
- 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Music Room

### Thursday

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Bar, Ministry Center, end at 11:00
- 10:00 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Household Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon
- 10:00 A.M. Adult Respite Care, Ministry Center, end at 2:00

### Friday

- 9:00 A.M. Coffee Bar, Ministry Center, end at 11:00.

<sup>24</sup>“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”  
Matthew 7:24-27

20 And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup>“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup>“You shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>“You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.” Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>22</sup>Don’t you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter! <sup>23</sup>For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup>In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”  
1 Corinthians 11:22-25

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Minister of Children and Families	Sarah Kroll
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Director of After School Care Program	Emily Harris
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Glenda Strickland Margie Crumley

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