



“Being the presence of **Christ** in the world by **celebrating** the worship of God, **connecting** people to people and **caring** for others.”

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A Transformed Christian

Not too long ago I ran across an interesting column in *Christianity Today* by Gordan MacDonald entitled, ‘How to Spot a Transformed Christian’. Immediately I thought of some of the advice from the first chapter of James:

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. (New Living Translation)

A ‘Transformed Christian’ is someone who is actively practicing his or her faith. Of course, she is not perfect, but she is doing her part to focus on those things that will bring her closer to God.

When MacDonald asked, ‘What would be the evidence of a life transformed by Christ?’ he came up with twelve things. Perhaps our lists would differ a bit, but I liked his list a lot.

A ‘Transformed Christian’ is one who ...


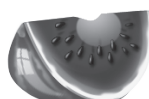
1. Has an undiluted devotion to Jesus.
2. Pursues a biblically informed view of the world.
3. Is intentional and disciplined in seeking God's direction.
4. Worships, and with a spirit of continuous repentance.
5. Builds healthy human relationships.
6. Knows how to engage the larger world.
7. Senses a personal "call" and unique competencies.
8. Is merciful and generous to those who are weaker.
9. Appreciates that suffering is part of faithfulness to Jesus.
10. Is eager and ready to express the content of his faith.
11. Overflows with thankfulness.
12. Has a passion for reconciliation.

Are some of these things taking place in our lives? May we each be transformed by the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Blessings,

Ande

Wednesday Night Fellowships!!
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Watermelon! Ice Cream! Lemonade!
Fresh From the Garden!
We will gather together as a church family for fellowship and Bible study, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm!

Come enjoy the summer as we celebrate with one another!

Wednesday, July 9 — Watermelon
Wednesday, July 16 — Fresh From the Garden
Wednesday, July 23 — Homemade Ice Cream
Wednesday, July 30 — Purely Potluck Picnic

You'll be asked to help on certain weeks!
Watch for details!

Getting Ready for School Already???



FBC will be donating school supplies to area Family Resource Centers to distribute to children this fall. So we begin collecting now!

Think in terms of cap erasers, ruled paper, binders, pocket folders, pencils, rulers, colored pencils, glue sticks, etc.

We are also preparing to increase our number of backpack weekend meals we will be preparing. That being the case, we need: individual-sized meals such as Spaghettios, Mac n' Cheese, pudding cups, fruit cups, Pop Tarts, individual oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, and other nutritious items children can take home to eat. Items may be dropped off in the church office.

RECORDS June 22, 2014

Bible Study: 142
Budget: \$ 3,976
Designated: \$ 991
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 143,591



Hike To Mt. LeConte: Alum Cave Trail

First Baptist Hikes is doing a very special hike in July! On Saturday July 19. Mark your calendars now. We are going to the Great Smoky Mountains to hike the Alum Cave Trail.

The Alum Cave Trail is the most hiked trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. You'll see why if you hike with us on Saturday, July 19! We will hike 2.4 miles to Alum Cave, and then return. The trail is 2.4 miles UP and the 2.4 miles down!

Amazing views! More information will be sent via email and posted on Facebook soon.

July

Sunday, July 6, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church

Monday, July 7, 2014
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Green's Home)

Wednesday, July 9, 2014
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting (FH)
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Sunday, July 13, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:00 pm Dawnings (Parlor)
6:00 pm Praise First
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (Parlor)
8:00 pm Guitar Lessons

Monday, July 14, 2014
11:30 am Adkins-Ellison Group (CLC Kitchen)
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study (Mike & Lora Green's Home)

Wednesday, July 16, 2014
8:00 am Pack for Food Pantry
5:00 pm Zumba (CLC)
6:00 pm Food Pantry (FH)
6:00 pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study

Saturday, July 19, 2014
FBC Hikes to Mt. LeConte

Sunday, July 20, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
4:00 pm Dawnings (Parlor)
6:00 pm Praise First
7:00 pm Guitar Lessons

No Choir Rehearsal or Super Church in Month of July.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 6-July 12, 2014
Lee Bryant - 215-0696
Anita Bowman - 859-396-5007

July 13-July 19, 2014
Paul Estes - 549-1805
David Etter - 549-0060

USHERS OF THE WEEK

July 6, 2014
Mike and Karen Smith
Kirby Clark
Anne Nighbert

July 13, 2014
Donnie and Brenda Rains
Fred and Kim White