



“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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Students Need Adults Who Care

A couple of weeks ago I received a newspaper article titled, “Students need adults who care enough to learn their name” by Joe Ball. The article discusses that “teenagers need at least five adults in their lives who know their names, their hopes and dreams.” The author goes on to say how awesome it would be if each student in our church had an adult who treated them like family.

One of our goals in the student ministry of FBCW is to connect all ages of the church together. In order to meet this goal, we need YOU. Yes, YOU. To make a difference in a student’s life today, personal relationships are the key. We need everyone within our church family to be involved in one or two (or more) student’s lives.

What does this mean? How do we fulfill this task within our busy lives? First, choose to make a difference. Take a student to lunch after church. Invite them to dinner.

When you are doing something that you enjoy, find a student that enjoys that too. Don’t fall into the trap of thinking I don’t have time or I am too old. A dear friend of mine, Sherry, turned 70 this year. She had a moment earlier this year where she thought she was done working with teens and possibly even working for the Lord. Then one day, while studying Scripture, God gave her the following guidance from Psalm 92:12-15.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, “The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

After reading this Scripture, Sherry recognized that God was not done with her. She still had a lot of “fruit” to give. Since this time, she has chaperoned youth camp, zip-lined with her grandson and other youth at camp, and is currently teaching un-churched youth the Bible.


In 2015, the student ministry at FBCW will be doing quite a lot of weekend retreats and a variety of other activities where YOU can be involved. Or YOU can decide to be involved in a more personal way by getting to know a student well and by treating them like they are a member of your family.

The article from Joe Ball was passed on to me by one of our “older” church members who realizes that teens need people like her to be involved in their lives in order for the church to make a difference in the teen’s lives. She has chosen to act when she sees a need. It is a blessing to see how the students respond to her. It has been life changing for at least one of the students already, and I expect it will be for others as well.

In Him,
Mike

Christmas Missions

- ◆ **“Christmas Forget Me Nots”**
Select a “Forget Me Not” at the door with the name and address of one of our homebound or nursing home residents. Mail a card, take a gift, or pay a visit to let them know they are not forgotten.
- ◆ **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the CBF World Missions Offering** are collected during December. Watch for the envelopes in the pew racks.



Basketball & Cheerleading are coming and we need volunteers! Are you willing to coach, referee, work concessions, or present a devotional? Contact Mike Green!
Upward Evaluations will be Saturday, December 6 and Saturday, December 13 for children ages Kindergarten through 8th grade.

RECORDS-Nov. 16, 2014

Bible Study: 113
Budget: \$ 8,463
Designated: \$ 114
Budget Gifts 2014: \$ 268,431

2014 GIVING

Since First Baptist Church is a charitable organization and gifts to it are tax-deductible, IRS regulations and rules must be followed. Gifts to FBCW must be received by **Wednesday, December 31, 2014**, to be counted as a 2014 gift. Donations by check mailed to the church are considered to be made on the date the check is mailed. **IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS A 2014 DONATION, YOUR GIFT ENVELOPE MUST SHOW A 2014 DATE POSTMARK.**


December

Sunday, November 30, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Youth Study
6:00 pm Guitar Lessons
7:00 pm Praise First

Monday, December 1, 2014
5:00 pm Firstercise (CLC)

Tuesday, December 2, 2014
10:00 am Peace by Piece
3:30 pm Staff Meeting
6:00 pm 3rd & 4th Grade Basketball (CLC)

Wednesday, December 3, 2014
5:00 pm Firstercise
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:00 pm Youth Worship
6:30 pm Center Shot
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 4, 2014
5:30 pm First Grade Basketball (CLC)

Saturday, December 6 2014
9:00 am Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Evaluations (CLC)
1:00 pm Family Movie Day

Sunday, December 7, 2014
10:00 am Bible Study
10:00 am Kids Connect
11:00 am Morning Worship
11:00 am Super Church
6:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Youth Study
6:00 pm Guitar Lessons
7:00 pm Deacons’ Meeting (Parlor)

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2014

Paul Estes - 549-1805
David Etter - 524-0103

December 7-13, 2014

Jon Carroll - 215-3142
Steven Moses - 521-2910

USHERS OF THE WEEK

November 30, 2014

Paul and Theresa Estes
Bruce Hicks & Anne Nighbert

December 7, 2014

Mike and Karen Smith
Kirby Clark
Eddie Byrd

SUPER CHURCH WORKERS

November 30, 2014

Mike Green and
The Youth!

December 7, 2014

Steven and Julia Moses
Emily Perkins