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FEBRUARY 2020

You're Invited!  
Phase II Celebration  
Sunday, February 9

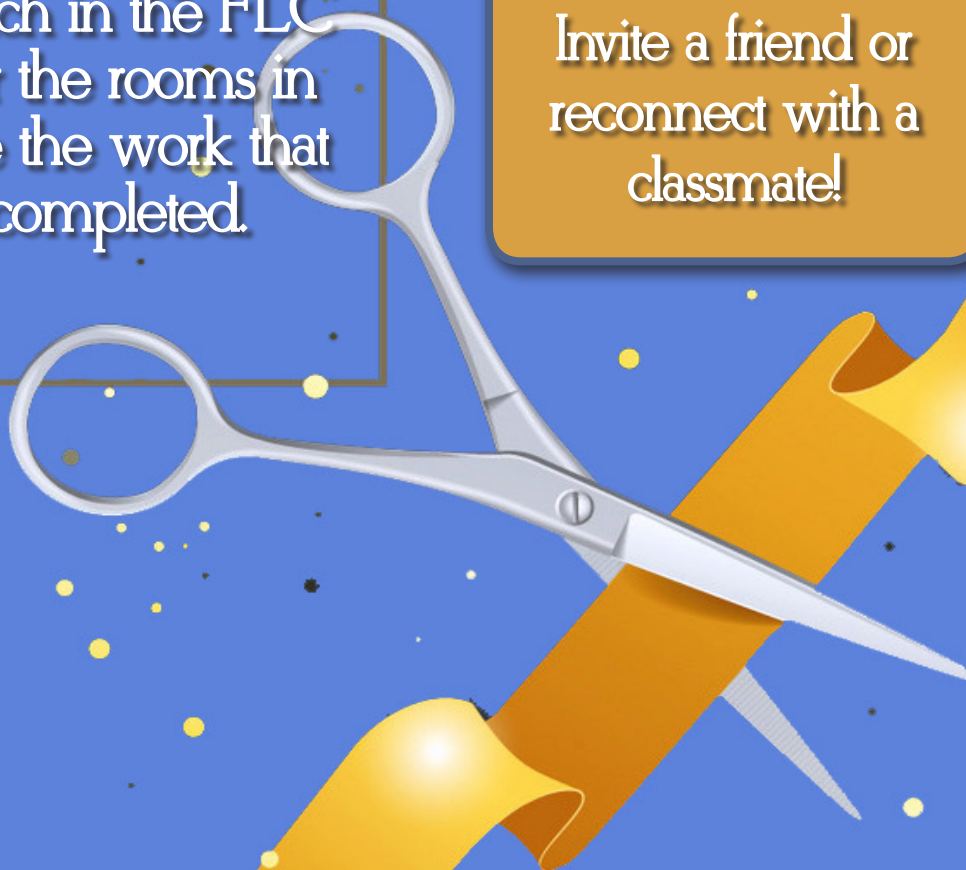
after Worship

Join us for lunch in the FLC  
and then tour the rooms in  
Phase II to see the work that  
has been completed.

Sunday School High  
Attendance Day  
February 2

Fellowship in the  
Rotunda at 8:45am.

Invite a friend or  
reconnect with a  
classmate!



# FEBRUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Randy Garrett
<b>2</b> 8:45am Sunday School High Attendance Day 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 6pm Youth Super Bowl Party Sunday Night Activities See Below David Veneklasen Carl Tolbert Meredith Sims	<b>3</b> 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Philip Hill Alex Rogers	<b>4</b> 7am Men's Study 1pm Norton WMU 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers	<b>5</b> Wednesday Night Activities See Below Victoria Blackstone Melanie Kennemore Garrett Addy	<b>6</b> C3 Visitation Card Pick-Up Any time during the day. 5pm Grief Support Group Lillian Spears Furman Ott	<b>7</b> Ashley Jenkins	<b>8</b> Brook England
<b>9</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 11:30am Phase II Celebration Sunday Night Activities See Below Betty Ann Walsh Rodney Stevenson Ryan Bolding	<b>10</b> 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Sarah Evett	<b>11</b> 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers Sylvia Power	<b>12</b> Wednesday Night Activities See Below Don Burroughs	<b>13</b> 5pm Grief Support Group	<b>14</b> Joan Owings	<b>15</b> Patricia Greer David Burroughs
<b>16</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Blakely Prescott Macy Greer	<b>17</b> 10am Senior Adult Game Day 3pm Drop-in for FBC Members @ Martha Franks 4pm Prayer Team 7pm Deacon's Meeting	<b>18</b> 7am Men's Study 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers Byron Brown Marlene Owings Anna Ottosen Ross Jacks	<b>19</b> Wednesday Night Activities See Below	<b>20</b> 2pm Knitting Group Katherine Braswell Carolyn Lindley Bob Kesler Don Wessell	<b>21</b> Laura Red Debbie Price	<b>22</b> Marion Lynch Philip Hall Jamie Field
<b>23</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Sunday Night Activities See Below Debbie Marchman	<b>24</b> 10am Senior Adult Game Day 4pm Prayer Team Kelsey Turner	<b>25</b> 7am Men's Study 11am CWA Meeting 12pm Men's Study 3pm Children's Music Makers	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday Service 12pm @ Episcopal Church lunch following @ FUMC Wednesday Night Activities See Below Sam Davis Nathen Luiz	<b>27</b> Kathy Hardy Eddie West Emily Parks Harley Lail David Stevenson	<b>28</b> Bryan Mahon	<b>29</b>

## Wednesdays

5pm Supper	6pm Youth Worship
5:45pm 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Choirs	6:30pm Kids on Mission
6pm Preschool Choirs	7pm Adult Choir
6pm Adult Studies	

## Sundays

5pm Youth Choir	6pm Men's Study
6pm Youth Group	6pm Women's Study
	6pm Adult Study

### Looking Ahead to 2020...

As our deacons gathered for our January meeting recently, I took time to share with them some of the things that seem important to me for us to focus on in 2020. This act of looking ahead and asking where our energy and focus should be is a good beginning of the year exercise for our church leaders just as it is for you and I as individuals. Most Januarys, I offer similar reflections to our deacons for the new year. As members of our congregation, I want you to be aware of the five things I mentioned to them.

First, I think we need to continue to do what we are doing. We continue to be church that is slowly but surely growing on lots of levels. We are not necessarily doing this in huge waves but little by little over several years we have added to our numbers in lots of ways - attenders, finances, programs, missions, etc. Using the old axiom "if its not broke don't fix it", I think we have a lot to celebrate and thus a big focus for us in my opinion is to keep moving ahead.

Second, I think we need to commit to finishing our Capital Campaign strong. Phase I & II are in the books. Likewise, they are 80% paid for financially speaking. Our job now is to spend the last year of the Campaign finishing strong by paying ourselves back the money we have borrowed from reserves and by meeting our initial pledges in hopes that we can accomplish the last task on our list which is renovating Easterby Chapel.

Third, I hope we can be a strong contributor and continued supporter of Family Promise. This wonderful new ministry to address family homelessness opens its doors in February with our church set to be the first host. We have been a huge advocate of this work since the beginning. We need to be equally involved in the first year of the ministry's existence.

Fourth, I have a desire for us to reach unchurched people. Like many churches, we do a good job at reaching those moving from one church to another. But, we are not as strong at reaching those with no faith background or no church connection. I hope we can find good ways to do this hard but important work this year.

Fifth, I want to see us dream and listen to the Holy Spirit about next ministries for our church. The ministries we have are terrific and we are doing good work through them. But, where is there an unmet need in our community that FBC is uniquely resourced to meet?

We have an exciting year ahead. I hope you will join me in prayerfully seeking God's direction for our church in these days. With anticipation...*Rickey*

### February Worship at First Baptist

February 2	<i>Power</i>	Genesis 41:37-49
February 9	<i>Learning from the Past</i>	Genesis 42:21-25
February 16	<i>Forgiving Family</i>	Genesis 45:1-11
February 23	Danny Nicholson, Director of Connie Maxwell, preaching	

### Haiti Mission Trip

Our Haiti Mission Trip scheduled for February has been postponed because of the unrest in Haiti at this time. The trip will be re-scheduled later this summer. If you're interested in joining us, please see Adair for more information.

### At a Glance: Current Adult Studies

#### Tuesdays

- Men's Groups meet at 7:00am in the Conference Room and 12:00pm at Martha Franks in the Conference Room

#### Wednesday Nights at 6:00pm

- *The Miracles of Jesus* meets in the Conference Room, led by Tommy Cox.
- *The Rest of the Joseph Story* meets in Bobo Hall, led by Rickey Letson.

#### Sunday Nights at 6:00pm

- *Love Over Fear* meets in Bobo Hall, led by David Corley, Phillip Dean, John Topping, and Rickey Letson.
- Women's Group meets in the Conference Room (beginning February 9)
- Men's Group meets in the Fireside Room.

A new **Women's Bible Study** will begin on Sunday, February 9. *In All Things* by Melissa Kruger is a 9-week study of the book of Philippians. In this study, Kruger walks you through the power-packed words of the apostle Paul to believers in the early church to discover what he knew about the secret of unshakeable peace. Georgianna Martin and Kate Orcutt will lead the discussion at 6:00pm in the Conference Room. Purchase your own copy of the book (Amazon, christianbook.com, target.com, etc.) and join us on February 9!

### CWAs (Comfortable with Age)

Our February Senior Adult gathering will be held on Tuesday, February 25, at 11:00am in Bobo Hall. It's always a joy to hear the Culbertson Brothers as they entertain us, and Til Culbertson will prepare our meal. The cost of the meal is \$7. We hope you'll join us and bring a friend!

### Handyman Ministry

We are interested in establishing a group of individuals who have a gift for and willingness to do basic home maintenance projects for older, shut-in members of our church who cannot take care of these tasks for themselves. Simple projects such as changing light bulbs, unclogging a drain or fixing a leaky faucet are the types of tasks we have in mind. Our goal is to keep a database of needs and then assign them to volunteers who can accomplish the task on their schedule and when convenient for the person in need. For now, however, we simply want to create a list of those interested in helping out. Jim Cothran will lead the ministry. If you have an interest, let Jim know by connecting with him at church or by email at [jcothran@prtncnet.com](mailto:jcothran@prtncnet.com).



# FBC Children's Ministry

- February 2 - Be here to use the children's NEW space for the first time in Sunday School! It's also High Attendance Sunday!
- February 3 - Passport Deposit #3 due (\$67)
- February 9 - Preschoolers sing during worship (practice at 9am); PHASE 2 CELEBRATION! Join us for a hamburger lunch after worship and tour the new children's wing!
- February 13 - FBCK Early Release from 11:15-11:30
- February 16 - D6 Parenting Class at 4:50 in the Youth Room! You will not want to miss it! Drawing for a FREE Circle Device for those who attend!
- February 17 - No School at FBCK
- February 23 - Music Makers perform during Worship (practice at 9am)



### C3 Meeting for February

Those in our church family who help visit our homebound and shut-in members can pick up visitation cards on Thursday, February 6, anytime during the day, in the choir room. It's never too late to be a part of this vital ministry in our church!

### Youth Choir

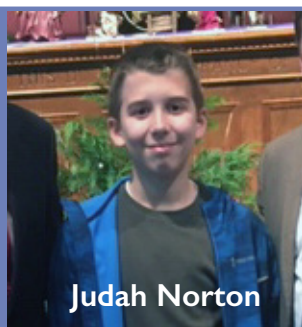
The Youth Choir will meet every Sunday in February at 5:00 to prepare for their Youth Choir Festival in Myrtle Beach on March 6-8.

### Children's Choir

"Mr. Rickey" is preaching a series about the life of Joseph. As he reminds us of the integrity, faith, courage, endurance, compassion and forgiveness of Joseph, our children are also learning about those Godly traits through a musical they are working on called, *Joseph, From the Pit to the Palace*. They will share that musical with us on Sunday, April 26, at 5:00pm in the sanctuary. If your 1<sup>st</sup>-5th grader is not a part of our graded choir program, we would love for him or her to join us!

**Attention Golfers:** The FBC Golf Fellowships will restart in early Spring 2020! More specific information on start dates and other information will soon be available! Make plans to join us this Spring!

Meet our  
Newest Member!



Judah Norton

### MINISTER ON CALL

One of our ministers will be on call every weekend, so if you have a need, please don't hesitate to call us! The minister on call schedule is:

Jan 27-Feb 2	Rickey Letson	678-230-8341
February 3-9	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631
February 10-16	Carl Tolbert	229-798-0620
February 17-	Tommy Cox	864-684-7424
Dec 30-Jan 5	Adair Rogers	864-923-1631

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### For the Record - Final Numbers for 2019

Average 2019 SS Attendance: 339  
Average 2019 Worship & Extended Session Attendance: 450  
2019 Budget Needs: \$1,072,032.94  
2019 Budget Giving: \$1,125,838.10  
2019 Capital Campaign Giving: \$364,361.60



**Sunday, Feb. 2: Super Bowl Party.** Come and watch the biggest event in the world with all your friends @ 6:00. Stay till halftime or for the whole game. We will have plenty of door prizes, food, video games and plenty of screens of the game.

**Sunday, February 16: D6 Parenting Seminar, Adolescence, Technology & Parents.** A 3-part series to aid parents in one area that we all fall short - technology and media platforms. We will discover what's out there and find out what we can do about it as a parent. We will have a give away door prize to a lucky parent in attendance of a "Circle Home Plus" which allows you to control internet and mobile devices in your home. We will meet from 4:50 until 6:00 in the youth room.