

## Devotions Challenge

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a common one-year devotional book entitled **Jesus Calling** throughout 2013. Contact the church office by Monday, December 16 to order the devotional book (\$9). The book offers a focal Scripture passage and a brief devotional thought for each day of the year. Near the end of December you will be given an opportunity to formally covenant with God and with the church to make your devotional life a higher priority in your life by following a daily devotional plan.



## BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE

(As of 10-31-12)



Members: Drew Houston, Treasurer; Connie Lowe  
Carolyn Mahon; Jane Walker, and Jim Wind.

### WHERE DO WE STAND?

1. Monthly budget \$23,186
2. October 2012 general fund offerings \$17,824. YTD offerings are \$238,310.
3. 2012 YTD general fund budget \$278,236.
4. YTD Offerings compared to budget to date are \$6,447 over budgeted amount.
5. Unrestricted cash on hand as of October 31st was \$56,549.

Our general fund offerings were below the monthly budgeted amount by \$5,362 for the month of October. We are \$6,447 over budgeted revenue through October. Please note that we have collected \$14,692 more in budgeted funds than we have expensed for the ten months ending 10/31/2012. We collected \$2,739 in designated funds for the month. There are 2 more months left in the budget year, so all committee chairpersons should keep an eye on their budgets.

Please continue to help your church with your tithes and offerings as well as volunteering in any way that you can. God is surely blessing this church and thanks for all that each of you do.

## The Timothy Award



For the month of December **The Timothy Award For Excellent Service** goes to Rex Creech & Steve Walker. **“Well done, good and faithful servants!” (Mt 25:21).** Everyone take some time to express your appreciation to these exemplary servants in the church. To nominate someone for **The Timothy Award**, contact your deacon or the pastor.

## Zumba

Our ladies' Zumba class will not meet again until January.



## Middle School Girl's Group

Marlies Treppel will be leading a Middle School Girl's Group on the first Fridays of each month. The next meeting will be Friday, **December 14<sup>th</sup> (note change)** at Marlies' home from 6:30-9:00 pm. Please feed the girls supper before bringing them, but dessert will be provided. For more information and directions, contact Marlies (367-0071).

## Children's Choir



The children seem to be enjoying themselves! I know I am! Thank you to everyone that has supported this new program by being there or providing snacks. If you are interested in “just being there” or providing snacks, just let me know. We are keeping it simple, pizza, subs, or sandwiches, nuggets, bagel bites, are a few suggestions. As always I ask that you keep our future leaders in your prayers! Please encourage any and all children in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> to come. We meet every Sunday evening at 5 pm. Call Marcelle Tyler for information.

## THANK YOU

Jennifer, Devon, and I want to thank everyone for the wonderful Pastor's Appreciation celebration on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The worship service was inspiring. Your expressions of love and support meant the world to us. Thank you so much for your generous gifts. We are truly blessed to be a part of the FBCCB family. Thanks and God bless! Pastor Jimmy



## Be More... Women's Study Group

Be More Bible Study class meets on Mondays at 6:30 pm. Ladies come and join us as we explore the book of Esther with Beth Moore: Its Tough Being A Woman. For more information contact Shirley James (233-2829).

## Bible Challenge

Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate in a Read-the-Bible-through-in-a-Year challenge throughout 2013. Each month, we will print a daily Bible reading plan in the newsletter.



## Are you handy?



The Facilities Committee is searching for skilled and semi-skilled persons to assist with current and future facilities projects here at the church. Interested parties can contact Rich Abeling at 910-233-5155 or E-mail at [abelingr@charter.net](mailto:abelingr@charter.net).

## NURSERY WORKERS: VACANCY

**ANNOUNCEMENT** needed especially for 11:00 service. Hostesses needed for both 8:30 and 11:00 services. Must be willing to have your heart filled with laughter and happiness that you will receive from the children; interested applicants must be able to donate 1 hour a few Sundays per year; creditable service will lead to best retirement plan known to man; interested applicants should search their hearts to see if the Lord is calling you for this job.



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## MARTHA'S KITCHEN BIBLE STUDY



Every Tuesday evening from 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm (just before the Martha's Kitchen meal is served), Tom Campbell leads a Bible discussion group for all who wish to attend.

It's held in the church Sanctuary.

**We will NOT meet for the rest of the year**

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## Meals on Wheels

On the 4th Saturday of each month, our Missions Committee has a team that prepares and delivers meals in the community for the Meals on Wheels program. If you are interested in learning more about how this ministry works or if you would like to be a part of this ministry, contact Lori Griffin (798-5857). The next opportunity to serve will be Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 am.



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## Wednesday Night Meals

We are offering a Wednesday Night Meal before the children's and adult activities.

The Wednesday schedule will be supper from 5:30 to 6:15 pm and TeamKid and the Adult Bible Study from 6:15 to 7 pm. The meals will be catered with a donation of \$6/person or \$15 per family (of 3 or more). Please make plans to join us each Wednesday for fellowship. (In December there will be **NO MEAL** on Dec. 12, 19 & 26, or Jan. 2)

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## Book of Galatians Small Group Study

Bob Hodge is leading a small group that is studying the Book of Galatians on Mondays at 7 pm. If interested, contact Bob at 458-4302.

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## Small Group Study – *Crazy Love*

The church is offering 2 small groups working through the study, *Crazy Love*, by Frances Chan, geared toward helping you dive deeper into God's love. Pastor Jimmy (458-5134) is leading groups at the church on Wednesdays at 2 pm and 6:15 pm. (**NO SMALL GROUP** on December 19, 26).

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## TeamKid

All children age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us each Wednesday for a fun time of fellowship, recreation, and Bible study. The schedule is as follows: Meal from 5:30-6:15 pm and TeamKid from 6:15-7:00 pm. (**NO TEAMKID** on December 19, 26, or Jan 2).



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## TeamKid Volunteers Needed

We still need to recruit volunteers for the following areas: Wednesday Nursery Volunteer(s), Pre-K/K Assistant, 4-6 Grade Assistant, Recreation Leader. If you would be willing to help with TeamKid in any way, please contact the pastor.

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## New Bible Study - God Provides



We will begin a new small group/Bible Study, entitled God Provides, on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at both 2 pm and 6:15 pm. Throughout history, people have wrestled with the concept of trusting God to meet their needs versus relying on their own efforts, other people, money, or other things society has to offer. Thankfully, through stirring accounts and parables found in the Bible, God reveals how He wants to be our Provider. These relevant biblical stories present us with wisdom, truth, encouragement, and practical steps that we can take to develop and deepen a relationship of trust with the God of the universe. An optional companion study guide is available for \$5. Call the church office or sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by Dec. 16 to order your guide. Additional small groups are encouraged to form for this inspiring study.

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## Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie



Deadline for the **January Newsletter is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>**.  
Please email your articles by the deadline.  
**All receipts are due by December 21<sup>st</sup>.**

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## Children's Church Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month for the 8:30 am service. We have all of the necessary materials that you will need. All you have to do is review the material. Please call Angie Qureshi at 231-0471 or [angiequreshi@yahoo.com](mailto:angiequreshi@yahoo.com). Thank you.



## Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts

Each Monday night our church hosts Boy Scout Troop # 230 at 6:30 pm and Cub Scout Pack #230 at 7 pm in the Education Building. For more information on these groups, contact church office.

## Category 5

All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join us every Sunday afternoon at 5 pm for Category 5. We have great fellowship, fun activities, snacks, and Bible studies. Bring your friends! Contact Melinda Latta for more info.



## Help Needed

We like to provide healthy snacks and drinks for children and youth when they meet. We need your help collecting individually wrapped snacks (cheese nips, snack bars, chips, pretzels, Handi-Snacks Cheese & Cracker dips, Gold Fish, etc.) and drinks (Kool-Aid, Lemonade, Capri-Suns, water, etc.). Anything and everything is appreciated! If you would like to donate snacks or drinks for the children and youth, please bring them to the church office or call Melinda Latta (297-8354). Thank you for your help and support!



## Fellowship/Friendship Building



How would you like to invite this group into your home?!!! Category Five would like to meet and spend time with a different family each month and get to know each other outside the church walls! This is your opportunity to learn all about these wonderful young people we are shaping to become our future leaders! Please call Melinda or Leslie to book a Sunday evening from 5 - 7 pm.



A Thank You to all who contributed to the shoebox ministry. Great Job! I think God is very pleased that we donated 90 shoeboxes this year. I'm sure they will put smiles on a lot of children's faces! Thanks to Etha Bland for helping me load and deliver them to the collection site.

Thanks, Lori Griffen



## Mike's Farm

It's that time Again!!! Mike's Farm Road Trip on December the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm: Eat at 8 pm  
We will be leaving the church at 5:30 pm.

Sign-up sheets are in the Foyer as well as the Educational Building!!!

Adults 56 & up: \$26.00, Adults 12 - 55: \$27.00, Age 7-11: \$18.00,

Age 5-6: \$15.00, Age 3-4: \$6.00, Children 2-0: Free

(Dinner, Hayride, Tax and Tip Included!!!)

Liz Burge will be collecting the monies (Cash only) that evening of the trip. Hope to see you all there!

We have reserved only 50 spots!!!



# Merry Christmas From the Staff

*Jimmy*

*Roger & Linda*

*Debbie*

*Betty*







## Online Bible Study Resource

Our church has enrolled in an online Bible Study Resource that will give us access to hundreds of video Bible studies by well-known and trusted teachers and preachers. The media portions of these studies can be accessed, streamed from your phone, pad, laptop, desktop, or TV, and used by individuals, couples, families, small groups, etc at NO COST to you. You may choose whether or not to purchase any supporting print materials that go along with the studies. Studies are divided into the following categories: Youth, Adult Small Groups, Work, Family, Marriage, Men, Women, Bible Characters, and Video Illustrations. To check out the available studies, go to [rightnowmedia.org](http://rightnowmedia.org). After clicking on the Login button in the upper right-hand corner, enter [jimmy@fbccb.org](mailto:jimmy@fbccb.org) in the Email Address box and then enter jimmy in the Password box. Under the Browse Media tab, click on the category you would like to view. Then click on the particular study you are interested in. To find out what print resources go along with the study, click on the orange button labeled Books, Workbooks, and Handouts. If you are interested in engaging in one of the studies, contact the pastor (458-5134) and he will add you as a user in the system. This is an excellent resource that offers unlimited topics of study.