

Wednesday, February 21	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Pre School & Children's Choirs
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, GA's, RA's & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 22	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Friday, February 23	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Sunday, February 25	
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
4:00	pm Youth Choir & Activities
Monday, February 26	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Tuesday, February 27	
9:00	am Kindergarten
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ CHS
Wednesday, February 28	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
1:00	pm Open House @ Center of Hope
3:00	pm Children & Youth Pickups
3:30	pm Kid's Klub
4:00	pm Youth Activities
5:00	pm Pre School & Children's Choirs
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ FBC
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm Youth Activities
6:45	pm Prayer Meeting, RA's, GA,s & \ Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, March 1	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Friday, March 2	
9:00	am Kindergarten
7:00	pm Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner
Sunday, March 4	
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service
4:00	pm Youth Choir & Activities
4:00	pm Finance Committee Meeting
5:00	pm Deacon's Meeting
6:30	pm Mission Team Meeting
Monday, March 5	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
10-12:00	am FBC Staffs Food Pantry
5:30	pm Building & Grounds Meeting
Tuesday March 6	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
10-12:00	am FBC Staffs Food Pantry

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MARCH 2

Youth Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

DEACONS OF THE WEEK	
February 18	Michael Wade Jim Gough
February 25	Donnie Abercrombie Will Hodge
March 4	Jamey Abercrombie Douglas Josey

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mar 5-9	FBC Staffs Food Pantry
March 7	Chili Cookoff
March 16-18	Youth Spring Retreat
March 21	Messiah in the Passover following Prayer Meeting
March 25	Children's Easter Party 1:00

SUPPER Feb 21 Spaghetti Bake, Salad, Fruit, Roll, Dessert


Feb 28 Beef Stroganoff, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Dessert

Church Library Ministry

Do you ever ask where to find comfort in a world that seems filled with danger and evil, and where loss and disappointment strike so unexpectedly? In *When Prayers Aren't Answered*, author John E. Welshons faces these tough question head-on. With wisdom, insight and compassion, he shows readers what to do when prayers aren't answered the way we want them to be. The book is available in your church library.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Our youth are having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, March 2nd. Tickets are available from our youth ministry members, \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, February 25th. Following the meal, you will also have the chance to bid on some 'prize' baskets and buckets. These prizes will include things like movie theater tickets and babysitting services, yard cleanup tools and workers to use those tools, and car wash supplies and car wash personnel. All groups providing these services will include students and at least one adult. Thank you for your support of our students!


Center of Hope
A Homeless Shelter for Women and Their Children

Cordially Invites

You to Save the Date for the Center of Hope

Open House scheduled for Wednesday,

February 28th at 1 pm at 125 Hudson Street.

Please meet at 1pm and the Ribbon Cutting will be at 1:15 pm

along with desserts, coffee,

and tours of the Facility.


<u>Tithes & Offerings</u>		
<u>February 11</u>		
Worship Service		187
Sunday School Attendance		129
Budget Offering Required		8,193.00
Offering Received		7,423.12
Gift		135.00
Total		7,558.12
<u>Memorials</u>		
Chuck Bryson	Eunice Horton	
Harriett Dover		
<u>February 18</u>		
Worship Service		208
Sunday School Attendance		129
Budget Offering Required		8,193.00
Offering Received		8,053.17
Gift		427.00
Initial Offering		8.00
Youth Special Offering		200.00
Total		8,688.18
<u>Memorials</u>		
Wayne Ligon	Atha Branham,	
Ricky Stevens	Eunice Horton	
Chuck Bryson	Dana Roberts	


Messiah in the Passover

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, we have the opportunity to host Stephen Arnold, a missionary with Chosen People Ministries. Stephen will present, "Messiah in the Passover." In his presentation Stephen will help us see the connection between the Jewish Passover and the Lord's Supper. The Christian faith grew out of Judaism and this presentation will help us learn more about the heritage of our faith. Plan to be present to hear this informative and inspirational presentation. We will take up a love offering that evening to support Stephen's mission work among the Jewish people. This presentation is a great opportunity for us to grow in our understanding of the Passover and the Lord's Supper.

Church Work Day

On March 24, 2018, there will be a work day here at the church. Bushes and shrubs need to be trimmed and new mulch put out. Anyone who can come is welcome to bring their yard tools and come help to make the grounds of the church beautiful as we move into Easter and the spring season. The more who come to help, the more that can be accomplished. Will you be part of helping to keep the church grounds beautiful?


CHURCH WORKDAY




Because it's so warm outside, I figured I would schedule our Spring Retreat!! Haha, we were planning on going regardless of the weather, but warm weather does make it more enjoyable. We will be returning to Garden City Chapel (that's at the beach!!), and the dates are March 16-18th. Cost of \$50 is due March 4th.

As a reminder, all students who are signed up for Fuge are required to help serve at the Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, March 2. Students are also reminded that they need to be selling tickets, and turn in any unsold tickets and all money by Sunday, February 25th. See you soon! –David

Brothers United for Christ Project

The Brothers Untied for Christ, a group of men from Calvary Baptist and First Baptist, are working together on the Tanyard Branch Revitalization Project. We want to work together to clean-up and revitalize the creek that flows between Calvary Baptist and First Baptist. The first clean-up day for this project is Saturday, March 17, 2018. We will meet at Calvary Baptist at 8:00 AM and begin to clean debris and trash out of the creek. All are welcome to come and be part of this project.




POPTOPS FOR THE RONALD McDONALD HOUSE

Little things can make a difference, especially to the family of a sick child. Ronald McDonald Houses throughout the country provide a place for families to call home so they can stay close to their hospitalized child at little to no cost. You can help support the Ronald McDonald House by collecting tabs from soda, soup, and other types of aluminum cans and depositing them in the bucket located in the Education Building near the chapel or by giving them to any RA or GA. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum tabs will help offset the House's expenses. The RA's and GA's will deliver the collected tabs to a Ronald McDonald house in the spring. Start collecting!

Secure Online Giving is Now Available

Through the website of the church, www.fbcchester.com, secure online giving is now available. It is easy and convenient. One time gifts can be made or you can set up recurring gifts on a regular basis. Thank you for your support of the church and all its ministries.



Last week my brother had to take a trip to Texas. He called my aunt, my mom's sister, and told her that he was coming by to see her. What he did not tell her was that my mother was going to be with him. My aunt was quite surprised when Charles arrived and mom was with him. As different family members came by to see my brother, they would see my mother sitting on the couch in my aunt's house and ask, "What are you doing here?" Everyone was shocked to see her.

Last week I was waiting to make a left turn onto Columbia Street from Church Street. All of the sudden my car was pushed forward and for a moment I wondered what happened. It was then that I realized that I had been hit from behind. I was not expecting to be hit. There is no doubt that it was a sudden surprise and not a good one.

Life is full of surprises – some good and some not so good. While life is full of surprises and we never know what each day may bring, we know that God loves us and God is with us. We can face all the surprises of life in the assurance that God will give to us the strength to face whatever comes. He loves us, cares for us, and will always be with us. Whatever surprise life brings today, know that God is present, giving His love and care. May we always put our faith and trust in Him.

Chili Cook-Off

The annual Chili Cook-Off to support the work of the Mission Team is Wednesday night, March 7, 2018. We need people who are willing to make a pot of chili to help support the work of missions. Pull out your apron, find a good recipe (or create one), make some chili, and let's have a good time of fellowship as we enjoy chili together. If you are willing to make a pot of chili for the cook-off, please let Clay or Flora know.

Boston Butt Sale

Thank you to all those who had a part in making the Boston Butt Sale such a great success. Through the hard work, tremendous effort, and dedicated support of so many people, the church was able to raise \$5,192.91 for the work of the Mission Team. Let's continue to work together to support the work of missions here in Chester and throughout the world. Again, thank you to all those who helped to make the Boston Butt Sale such a success.

Mission Team Meeting

The Mission Team will remain in Chester this summer for our week of Mission Work. The Mission Week will be July 8 – 13. In addition to doing some home repairs, there will be other mission opportunities during the week – for example, possibly a Bible Club in a park. Please pray about being a part of the Mission Week this summer and using your gifts and abilities to serve the Lord with the mission team this summer. Will you be a part of mission week this summer? The next meeting of the Mission Team will be Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.