

Wednesday, February 7	
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, RA's, GA's & Mission Friends
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 8	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Friday, February 9	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
Sunday, February 11	
9:00	am Prayer Time
9-9:45	am Library Open
9:45	am Sunday School
10:55	am Worship Service\
	Deacon Retreat following Worship
4:00	pm Youth Choir & Activities
Monday, February 12	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
6:30	pm Brothers United for Christ @ Calvary
Tuesday, February 13	
9:00	am Kindergarten
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ CHS
Wednesday, February 14	
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
5:00	pm Prayer Walk @ FBC
6:00	pm Wednesday Night Supper
6:30	pm Youth Activities
7:30	pm Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 15	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten
10:30	am Seniors meet early and then go to Winnsboro for Lunch
Friday, February 16	
9:00	am Kindergarten
Sunday, February 18	
8:00	am Breakfast Club
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 19	
No Kindergarten	
Tuesday February 20	
9-12:00	am Kindergarten

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Happy
Valentine's
Day



Brothers United for Christ

The next gathering of the Brothers United for Christ is February 12, 2018, at Calvary Baptist Church. We will share a meal, enjoy fellowship, and plan ways that we can do ministry together. All men, youth guys, and boys are invited to be part of the Brothers United for Christ. Will you join us as we work together with the men from Calvary Baptist Church to do ministry in our community?

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

February 4	Bob Smith - 581-8145
	Joseph Ford -209-1031
February 11	Will Smith - 519-7479
	Mitch Foster - 377-4564
February 18	Michael Wade - 899-5242
	Jim Gough - 385-7475

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 2	Youth Spaghetti Dinner
	Fund Raiser
Mar 5-9	FBC Staffs Food Pantry

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Many activities, programs, ads, etc., focus on “love” during the month of February---Valentine’s Day is a fun holiday. But God’s love is so much more than what we see on TV. I Corinthians 13 is often referred to as the love chapter, and explains what real love is. We as Christians are charged with showing and spreading God’s love not only to each other but also to those who don’t know Christ. Read I Corinthians 13 (or take a look at the bulletin board across from the library) to remind yourself of the attributes of genuine love, and then check out a book that will help you share God’s love with those around you. The books are displayed in the window and on the shelf below circulation desk

Souper Bowl of Caring
This past Sunday the church participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through the meal and the donations given at the door, \$859.00 was given to help feed people who are hungry here in our community and throughout the world. Thank you for giving to help people have enough to eat. Let’s continue to give and volunteer so that no one will have to wonder from where their next meal will come.


Gift from the Estate of Anne Padget
For many years Anne Padget, her husband Alvin, and her daughter Margaret Anne were active members of First Baptist. Anne taught Sunday School and did whatever else she could do to help at the church. She was a faithful supporter of the church. Anne was also a caregiver. Throughout her life she took care of family members who were ill. Anne’s love and support of the church was demonstrated as she did her estate planning. She had an annuity that she left to the church. This week the church received \$42,293.76 from this annuity. We are thankful for Anne’s love, care, and support of her church family. What a wonderful way to remember and support the church.

Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Our youth are having a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, March 2nd. In case you haven’t heard, we will be traveling to Glorieta, New Mexico for our summer camp. The camp itself is about the same price, but traveling expenses will be higher. Will you support our youth in this once-in-a-youth-ministry chance to go to New Mexico? 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.




Spaghetti Youth Fundraiser


Tithes & Offerings			
January 21			
Worship Service			207
Sunday School Attendance			146
Budget Offering Required			8,193.00
Offering Received			6,370.00
Gift			50.00
Initial Offering			11.00
Total			6,431.00
Memorials			
Harriett Dover		Rose Ann Brown	
January 28			
Worship Service			167
Sunday School Attendance			121
Budget Offering Required			8,193.00
Offering Received			7,875.00
Gift			577.00
Mission Team			40.00
Souper Bowl			10.00
Bereavement			25.00
Initial Offering			22.00
Total			8,549.00
Memorials			
Rose Ann Brown		Guy Faulk	
Atha Branham		Ted Cudd	
Fred Craig		Harriett Dover	
Dr. C. W. Brice			
February 4			
Worship Service			162
Sunday School Attendance			97
Budget Offering Required			8,193.00
Offering Received			7,019.00
Gift			500.00
Souper Bowl			10.00
Bereavement			25.00
Initial Offering			13.00
Center of Hope			50.00
WNS			50.00
Bereavement			50.00
Total			7,692.00
Memorials			
Rose Ann Brown		Chuck Bryson	
Carrie Dover		Harriett Dover	
Dana Roberts		Ricky Stevens	
Euline McCallum			
Honorariums			
Maude Ruth Cranford		Linda Wylie	

We have had some great times of Bible study over the last two weeks. Our January Bible study on 1 Peter was a great time of discovery for many of our students, and Sunday evening Bible studies have been helping our students learn how to talk about Jesus with their friends and people they don’t know. If you haven’t been coming on Sundays, I encourage you to start. We will be studying a book called “More Than a Carpenter” by Josh McDowell beginning in two weeks. Come learn about Jesus, most Sundays at 4:45 in the choir room!

In a separate article, you will see that we are having a Spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Friday, March 2nd. This is one of our major fundraisers for Fuge, our summer camp. This year it’s more important than ever that we do well on our fundraisers, as our camp in New Mexico will be a little more costly than normal. So...we are challenging each student that is going to sell 10 tickets to the spaghetti dinner. Sell them to your family, church members, non-church members, anyone!! Tickets will be passed out to students on Wednesday. They are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children. Hope to see you soon! -David

**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!



This past week Rebecca was here in town with our two granddaughters. While they were here we were looking through some old pictures. There were pictures of Rebecca when she was about 2 years old. Our granddaughter Ellie, who is about 2½, looks just like her mother did when she was two. It is amazing how much they look alike.

While we were looking at the old pictures, we showed Ellie a picture of Kathy and I when we were in our 20’s. We asked Ellie who it was and she correctly identified Kathy as Nana. Kathy still looks young. When we asked Ellie who I was she said, “Uncle Jacob.” I guess Jacob looks like I did when I was in my 20’s.

Often we look like family members. I wonder can people look at us and identify us as children of God? Do our actions and attitudes and the things we say and do show that we belong to Jesus? Can people look at us and know that we are followers of Jesus Christ? Let us seek to live and love and care in such a way that we reflect the love of Jesus. Can we be identified as Christians, as people who are in the family of God?

Prayer Walks
The next Prayer Walk at Chester High School is February 13, 2018, at 5:00 PM. Will you join us as we pray for Chester High School, the students, teachers, administrators, and staff? Prayer makes a difference. Please join us as we pray for Chester High School. Also, there will be a Prayer Walk here at the church on February 14, 2018, at 5:00 PM. Will you join us as we pray for the church and all of the ministry that is done in this place and from this place? Plan to be a part of one or both of these Prayer Walks.

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.

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.