



FBC First Word

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Youth 5:30 p.m.



Westview Manor 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
KidZone/JAM Time 6:30 p.m.



Choir Rehearsal
Wednesday nights 7:30 p.m. in the worship center. Everyone is welcome to come and sing.



**A LOOK
at the
BUDGET**

November 2017

Income: \$13,649.27
Expenses: 14,803.70
Deficit : 1,154.52

December 2017

Income: \$15,101.25
Expenses: 11,031.77
Surplus: 4,069.48

Year-to-date: \$ 10,007.33

This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.
1 John 3:11, 16

As February arrives, most of us are ready to see January go! With all the sickness, dreariness, and darkness of January, we move into the "love" month of February. Hearts abound as decorations everywhere you go, and these hearts are meant to remind us of love.

I have been thinking of how we can brighten our church with simple reminders of what we love about our church. On the table in the foyer, in the Sunday school classes, and in the offices, we will provide you with a heart. On this heart, I invite you to finish this statement: "I love my church because..." You can do one heart or several hearts. You may sign your name or leave it anonymous—whichever you prefer!

As we collect the hearts, we will place them all around our buildings to remind us how we are a part of something special at FBC.

I'll go first: I love my church because it is on fire for the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

How do you love your church?

Blessings,

Bro. Terry



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 Souper Bowl Sunday	5	6	7 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	8	9	10
11	12	13 Fellowship Breakfast	14 Westview MINISTRY Midweek activities	15	16	17
18 Noisy Sunday	19 LIFE group	20	21 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Westview MINISTRY Midweek Activities			

Connecting...Building...Transforming



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Westview Manor

Katherine Anderson David Zacharias
 Joy Erlanson Kathryn Hoy
 Frances Rogers

Heartis House

Elsie Muegge

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please continue to pray for **Mary Jean Snider's** granddaughter Addie; Melvin Wyatt, **Pastor Terry's** father-in-law, and so many others on the church's prayer list.



Volunteer Opportunities

- Usher/Greeter, both men and women
- Nursery - team member and/or substitute
- Yard work - spring and summer
- Sound Booth - training provided
- Van Driver - Wednesday evenings
- Children's Ministry - Sunday School and/or Wednesday evenings

There are always open spots available in all of these volunteer areas whether a spot on the team or serving as a substitute. If you're interested in helping out in any one, or more, of these areas, please let the church office know.



February 13
8:30 a.m.
Coffee Shop Cafe

February 19
Noon
Fellowship Hall



Emma Wollard-----	2/3
Kayla Molnar-----	2/12
Brantley Green-----	2/16
Harold Ledbetter-----	2/17
Darrin Ramsey-----	2/20
Michelle Pierce-----	2/21
Nina Toney-----	2/23
Hope Huffman-----	2/24
Kevin Mullens-----	2/25
Jessica Tucker-----	2/28



All ladies are invited!
 Women's fellowship luncheon
 February 18th
 This is a time for the ladies to get together and fellowship with one another!
 Please bring a covered dish

Special Called Business Meeting

There will be a special called business meeting on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall of the church. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a possible mission trip to Brazil.



Don't Forget!

Sunday, February 4th is our annual **Souper Bowl Sunday** fellowship celebration! This year, we welcome in a special guest speaker for our Worship Service in Jair Campos, the Missionary Adoption Program Director for Texas Baptists. Jair heads the program through which we help sponsor our missionary, Rhuan, as he plants a church in Brazil. After worship, Jair will join us for our Soup, Sandwich, and Salad fellowship in our newly remodeled Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite soup, sandwich, salad and/or dessert to be enjoyed by everyone. Also, be sure to wear your favorite team's jersey to church to continue the tradition of this being one of the most fun and enjoyable fellowships at First Baptist.



Yes, we must be in Texas! Andy, a therapeutic horse from the Reach Therapeutic Riding Center, made a visit to Westview Manor Nursing Home on Wednesday, January 31. Longtime First Baptist member, David Zacharias, was there to welcome Andy with a lot of good petting and a few kind words. Reach's mission is to improve the health, increase the confidence, and promote the independence of persons with special needs through the use of horses. Apparently, Andy did a good job of fulfilling his duties during his visit! To learn more about the Reach Therapeutic Riding Center, do a Google search and discover ways you can help.



And now these three remain:

Faith, hope and love.

*But the greatest of these is **love**.*

1 Corinthians 13:13

I AM Series

John's Gospel is the most unique of the four gospels. As I study and read, it becomes more beautiful each time, and new connections are made throughout the breadth of scripture. Beginning February 11th and leading all the way to Palm Sunday on March 24th, we will be examining Jesus' Seven "I Am" statements found in the Gospel of John. Each week, we will look at the context of Jesus' "I Am" statement, and discover the powerful reality that his declaration means for us.Pastor Terry

Nursery Schedule for February

February 4 Viola Mize, Kim Johnston
 February 11 Caleshe Voges, Melinda Mullens
 February 18 Tom & Lola Wolff
 February 25 Becca Hudock, Misti McAdams

Usher Schedule for February

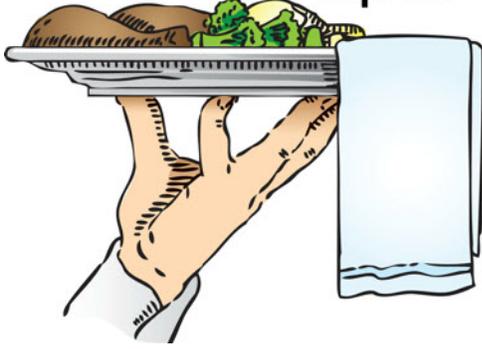
February 4 Justin McAdams, Sid Allen
 February 11 Gerri Allen, Viola Mize
 February 18 Rex Tucker, Jeff Squyres
 February 25 B J Killgore, Harold Hunter

Sound Booth Schedule for February

February 4 Troy Tucker
 February 11 Becca Hudock
 February 18 Leslee Hyde
 February 25 Mary Jean Snider



Recipes



Shrimp Scampi

allrecipes.com

- 1 (8 ounce) package angel hair pasta
- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- 1 pound shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Stir in pasta and return pot to boil. Cook until al dente. Drain well. Melt butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in garlic and shrimp. Cook, stirring constantly, for 3 to 5 minutes.

Stir in chicken broth and pepper. Bring to a boil and cook for 30 seconds while stirring constantly. Mix shrimp with drained pasta in a serving bowl. Sprinkle with cheese and parsley. Serve immediately.

Valentine Fruit Punch

cooks.com

- 1 pkg. cherry Kool-Aid
- 1 pkg. strawberry Kool-Aid
- 2 c. sugar
- 3 qts. water
- 1 (6 oz.) frozen orange juice
- 1 (6 oz.) frozen lemonade
- 1 qt. ginger ale

Combine ingredients and chill.

Baked French Toast

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- 1 (1 pound) loaf French bread, cut diagonally in 1 inch slices
- 8 eggs
- 2 cups milk
- 1 1/2 cups half-and-half cream
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup butter
- 1 1/3 cups brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons light corn syrup

Butter a 9x13 inch baking dish. Arrange the slices of bread in the bottom. In a large bowl, beat together eggs, milk, cream, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour over bread slices, cover, and refrigerate overnight.

The next morning, preheat oven to 350°. In a small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar and corn syrup; heat until bubbling. Pour over bread and egg mixture.

Bake in preheated oven, uncovered, for 40 minutes.

Strawberry Cake and Frosting

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- 1 (18.25 ounce) package yellow cake mix
- 1 (3 ounce) package strawberry flavored Jell-O® mix
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup water
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen strawberries
- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 3/4 cups confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350°. Grease and flour three 9 inch round pans.

In a large bowl, stir together cake mix, gelatin mix and flour. Make a well in the center and pour in water, oil, and eggs. Stir in half of the container of strawberries. Beat on low speed until blended. Scrape bowl, and beat 4 minutes on medium speed. Pour batter into prepared pans.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool.

To make the Strawberry Frosting: In a large bowl combine butter, confectioners' sugar and the remaining half of the frozen strawberries. Beat on high speed until creamy.