



# FBC First Word

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## FROM THE PASTOR, TERRY JOHNSTON

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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.



The January and February financial information will be included in the April newsletter.

*At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."*  
*Matthew 18:1-4 NIV*

I revisit this passage often in my devotional time because I hope it keeps me focused. One of the tendencies of being a "grown-up" is to think that you've learned all there is to know. Once we reach maturity, we often believe that we should have all the tools we need to succeed in the world. When Jesus' disciples questioned him about greatness, he answered them, but not with a formula or a strategy or a "10 steps to achieving greatness" model. He answered them with a little child. He told them if they want to be considered for the kingdom of heaven, they have to "change" and become like little children.

Jesus understood that adults tend to think in compartments, while children are wide-eyed windows of wonder. He understood that a little child is unable to meet every single one of his or her needs on their own, and that the Father was more than sufficient to provide what they needed. He understood that children approach the world honestly and mostly optimistically, not through the adult lens of problems first, then fear and doubt.

When we begin to consider how we can "become like little children" in Christ's service, we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us beyond ourselves and to what God has planned for us. Let's put it bluntly: change is difficult. But when viewed through the lens of a little child, change can bring new opportunities for God to work in our lives like never before. Change often requires us to do something, even when we would really rather not. However, if we are committed to Christ and allowing the Spirit to change us from who we once were into who we were meant to be, change is necessary.

As we progress through 2018, we do so with expectations of change. Instead of rebelling against change, how can we see the opportunities like little children, with fresh eyes and hearts? In place of automatic dismissal, how can we embrace a new perspective on the Spirit's work corporately in our church, and individually in our personal discipleship?

Blessings,

Bro. Terry



| Sunday   | Monday                   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday                |
|--|--------------------------|--|---|----------|--------|-------------------------|
|  |                          |  |   | 1        | 2      | 3                       |
| 4  | 5<br>Spring break begins | 6  | 7<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>Activities  | 8        | 9      | 10                      |
| 11<br>Time to Spring Ahead                           | 12                       | 13<br>Fellowship Breakfast                         | 14<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>activities | 15       | 16     | 17<br>Men's<br>Ministry |
| 18<br>Noisy Sunday                                   | 19<br>LIFE group         | 20<br>First day of<br>Spring<br><br>CWJC<br>Snacks | 21<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>Activities | 22       | 23     | 24                      |
| 25<br>Palm Sunday<br>Luncheon/<br>Easter Egg<br>Hunt | 26                       | 27   | 28<br>Westview<br>MINISTRY<br><br>Midweek<br>Activities | 29       | 30     | 31                      |

*Connecting...Building...Transforming*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**Westview Manor**

Katherine Anderson      David Zacharias  
Joy Erlanson                Kathryn Hoy  
Frances Rogers             Nelda Lofland

**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, **Johnny Brisby**, and so many others on the church's prayer list.



Dear Church:

Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, calls, and cards during my re-

cent surgery and hospital stays. Your continuing prayers for me and Liz during my ongoing recovery would be appreciated.

Johnny Brisby



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

**March 19  
Noon  
Fellowship Hall**



|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| James Cox-----       | 3/5  |
| Johnny Tucker-----   | 3/7  |
| Suzi Etheredge-----  | 3/10 |
| Kevin Huffman-----   | 3/10 |
| Lucy Nelson-----     | 3/11 |
| Kamron Meyers-----   | 3/13 |
| Dustin Shaeffer----- | 3/18 |
| Terry Johnston-----  | 3/20 |
| Cashlynn Hobday----- | 3/30 |
| Cheryl Tucker-----   | 3/30 |



Sunday, March 11, is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time. Be sure to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night. You sure don't want to be late for church!

**Christian Women's Job Corps**

Our church will be providing snacks for both the GED class and the Spring Career Track class of Christian Women's Job Corps on Tuesday, March 20th. We will need snacks for approximately 18 women, plus enough for our group if we plan to visit with the women during their break. If you would like to help provide the snacks, please let Eula McKown (855-9208) know.

If you would like to go to CWJC on March 20th to take the snacks and visit with the women, you are welcome to do so. We will leave the church at approximately 9:30 A.M. so we will have time to set out the snacks before the break time at 10:30 A.M. This is a wonderful way to provide support for these women who are working to get back on their feet and learn about the Lord.

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**Palm Sunday Luncheon/Easter Egg Hunt**

Easter is just a month away on Sunday, April 1. To help celebrate the beginning of this blessed season, we'll all enjoy a meal together on Palm Sunday, March 25. Please bring a vegetable, salad and/or dessert to go along with the delicious ham that will be provided.

After the meal, all the kiddos will converge outdoors for an Easter egg hunt, weather permitting. Kids, don't forget to bring your baskets for collecting all those eggs! Each family in the church is asked to please provide 12 filled eggs for the hunt.

Please contact Jo Marie Snider if you have questions about this fun fellowship event.

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**ABUNDANCE**

Concord Baptist 2nd annual Women's Conference  
Saturday April 14th, 9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Tickets \$20, includes lunch and conference materials

Please put your name on the list in the foyer of First Baptist by March 11, or you can email or call the church office to have your name added.

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**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 11<sup>th</sup> and leading all the way to Palm Sunday on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 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

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**Nursery Schedule for March**

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

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**Usher Schedule for March**

March 4 Justin McAdams, Mitch Bennett  
March 11 Karen Tucker, Dianne Hunter  
March 18 Rex Tucker, Sid Allen  
March 25 Jeff Squyres, Mitch Bennett

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**Sound Booth Schedule for March**

March 4 Mary Jean Snider  
March 11 Becca Hudock  
March 18 Leslee Hyde  
March 25 Mary Jean Snider

**VOLUNTEER SCHEDULES**

THE SONG YOU KNOW. THE STORY YOU DON'T.



## Men's Ministry

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>: Guys outing for lunch (your treat) and to see the new film, *I Can Only Imagine*.

It's the song that brings ultimate hope to so many. Bart Millard's inspiring real-life story behind the beloved MercyMe song will encourage people in a whole new way. I CAN ONLY IMAGINE is a gripping reminder of the power of forgiveness, beautifully illustrating that no one is ever too far from God's love—or from an eternal home in Heaven.

Meeting times will be announced closer to the event date.



The next Women on Mission luncheon will be Sunday, March 18, immediately following worship.

On April 12, Women on Mission will be providing a candy bar for Christian Women's Job Corps. If you would like to help please email Misti at [misti30112@gmail.com](mailto:misti30112@gmail.com). We will also be talking about this at our next meeting, March 18.

## Evangelism and Outreach

Do you believe the Gospel is worth sharing? As we approach Easter, many people are more open to conversations about faith. Consider inviting your family, friends, and neighbors to join us on Resurrection Sunday. In the coming weeks, watch for opportunities for training to become better equipped at sharing your faith.



## RECIPES

### Restaurant-Style Buffalo Chicken Wings

allrecipes.com

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 10 chicken wings
- oil for deep frying
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/4 cup hot sauce
- 1 dash ground black pepper
- 1 dash garlic powder

In a small bowl mix together the flour, paprika, cayenne pepper and salt. Place chicken wings in a large nonporous glass dish or bowl and sprinkle flour mixture over them until they are evenly coated. Cover dish or bowl and refrigerate for 60 to 90 minutes.

Heat oil in a deep fryer to 375°. The oil should be just enough to cover wings entirely, an inch or so deep.

Combine the butter, hot sauce, pepper and garlic powder in a small saucepan over low heat. Stir together and heat until butter is melted and mixture is well blended. Remove from heat and reserve for serving.

Fry coated wings in hot oil for 10 to 15 minutes, or until parts of wings begin to turn brown. Remove from heat, place wings in serving bowl, add hot sauce mixture and stir together. Serve.

### Hidden Valley Bacon and Cheddar Dip

allrecipes.com

- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (1 ounce) packet Hidden Valley Original Ranch Dips Mix
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 6 thick-cut bacon slices, cooked and crumbled
- Freshly cut vegetables, corn or potato chips

In a bowl, add the sour cream and dips mix and stir until well blended. Fold in the cheese and bacon. Chill covered for 1 hour before serving. Serve with vegetables or chips.

### Cheesy Ham and Hash Brown Casserole

allrecipes.com

- 1 (32 ounce) package frozen hash brown potatoes
- 8 ounces cooked, diced ham
- 2 (10.75 ounce) cans condensed cream of potato soup
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 2 cups shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 1/2 cups grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375°. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.

In a large bowl, mix hash browns, ham, cream of potato soup, sour cream, and Cheddar cheese. Spread evenly into prepared dish. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

Bake 1 hour in the preheated oven, or until bubbly and lightly brown. Serve immediately.

### Salted Caramel Peanut Butter Pie

farmflavor.com

#### Crust

- 2 cups pretzel crumbs
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 cup peanuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup caramel sauce (homemade or store-bought)

#### Filling

- 1/2 cup caramel sauce
- 1/2 cup peanut butter
- 8 ounces (1 block) cream cheese, softened
- 2 tablespoons milk

#### Topping

- 2 cups whipped cream, sweetened
- 1/2 cup caramel sauce
- 1/2 cup peanuts, chopped

Heat oven to 350°.

Stir all crust ingredients until well mixed. Press into a 10-inch springform pan. Bake for 15 minutes. Set aside to cool.

Whip filling ingredients together in a mixer, or stir vigorously with a spoon, until very smooth. Spoon evenly into cooled crust.

Spread whipped cream evenly over the top of the pie. Drizzle with caramel sauce and sprinkle peanuts on top just before serving. Refrigerate until ready to serve.