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Dear Church Family,

As we begin a New Year, let me first say on behalf of our staff a heartfelt **THANK YOU** for being such a loving, caring, thoughtful and generous people! We are blessed to receive so many tokens of your kindness and love towards us during the Christmas Season. We are blessed to be serving our Lord alongside you!

I am excited about 2018. I love the beginning of a new year. I enjoy hanging up new calendars. Opportunities, possibilities, challenges, and blessings are out there before us! What a privilege to serve the Living God and to be a part of the family of God. What a joy to be on mission with our Lord. We must work, wait, and pray as God unfolds the next chapter in the history of FBC, Tulia.

Join us as we look at *Adventures in Faith* on Sunday mornings together for a few weeks. I will be talking about taking the next step of faith in various areas of following Jesus. Continue to pray for God's leadership as he guides us through this process of providing a new pastor for a new day at FBC.

May God bless you and yours in 2018!

Pastor Jim

Budget

The budget for 2018 will be presented to the church in our regular Quarterly Business Meeting this Wednesday, January 10. We will have a time for questions and discussion at that time. Then we will vote on it on Sunday, January 14, without discussion.

Special thanks to our Finance Committee, chaired by Brian Hill, which includes Eddie Womack, Charlotte O'Daniel, Jana Stephens, Ernesteene Aldridge, Gary Eastwood, Jim Hill, Larry Nelson and Glenna Crooks. They put in countless hours and much prayer preparing this year's budget.

Disciple Now 2018

Disciple Now is February 15-18. Theme for this year is "Relentless: pursuing Christ at all costs." Cost for the weekend is \$50. Information and registration forms are on the front pews in the sanctuary and on the bulletin board upstairs in the youth area. The weekend is open to all students of our community from 6th to 12th grades.

This is always a wonderful weekend of growth for our students. Please be in prayer for each student, leader, worker, and host home as they participate. There are many areas where you can volunteer to help as well. If you would like to be part of this great weekend, please let James know as soon as possible.

Newsletter Subscriptions

If you currently receive your church newsletter by mail, it is **time to renew your subscription**. Cost again this year is \$15 to cover the cost of postage and supplies. If you would like to pay for a subscription for someone who can't, please do so. There are other options for receiving the newsletter. It is posted online to our website, sent out by email, and copies made available around the church for you to pick up. If you want to continue receiving it by mail, we need to know as soon as possible. Thank you for helping us with this.


Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who helped put up the lovely new Christmas decorations and then came back to take them down after the holidays. It couldn't have been done without you! Special thanks to Faye for always making sure our sanctuary is beautiful and worshipful.

Happy Birthday

- 17 - Emily Hill
- 18 - Lynn Cowan, James Holder
- 21 - Robin Nelson
- 22 - Vera Johnson
- 23 - Samantha Lange
- 24 - Tommy Anderson
- 27 - Robert Chadwick
- 28 - Paul Rousseau
- 29 - Kathy Vestal
- 30 - Sheila Via

Elvin Howell
January 17
 1717 Norfolk Ave, #1101
 Lubbock, TX 79416



Happy Birthday!
100+

**Quarterly business meeting
 Wednesday, January 10, at
 6:30 pm in fellowship hall**
**Called business meeting
 following the morning service
 on January 14 to vote on the
 2018 Budget**

We Need Your Help!

The following ministries need volunteers. Please pray about your involvement in one or more of the areas listed below and call the church office as soon as possible.

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| Prayer Ministry | Citychurch |
| Exodus Ministry | Youth |
| Wednesday Night Children's Ministry | |
| Children's Choirs | Sound booth |
| Sunday morning Worship Leaders | |

Address Change

Flossie Payne
 Heartis Assisted Living
 1610 Research St., #107
 Amarillo, TX 79124

Our Deacons

Here is a current list of our deacons. Please be in prayer for all of them.

- Joe Archer
- Mikeal Barnes
- Robert Chadwick
- Gary Eastwood
- Dusty George, Deacon Chair
- Brian Hill
- Ben Howard
- Don Jackson
- Clint Lewis
- Bill Marten
- Donnie Prater
- E.W. Riley
- Julius Stevens
- Paul Swanson
- Eddie Womack

Thank You

Dear Friends,

You are truly a special gift from the Lord. Thank you for your prayers and support since 1980. You have been an encouragement as I worked in Brazil and now that I am retired. Only God could have brought us together. I am doing very well. My only problem is the spinal stenosis. Praise the Lord for good doctors and friends and relatives who encourage and help me to have an abundant life. May the Lord bless you as you search for a pastor. You are in my prayers.
Mary Witt

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the out-pouring of love and concern for our family in the loss of Derrel's mother, Carol Martin. Your kind words, cards, phone calls, gifts of flowers, food and memorials all helped to remind us of God's great grace. We are so blessed to be part of this loving, caring body of Christ. May God's blessings overflow in your lives.

*In Christian love,
 Derrel & Karen Martin and family*
 Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your prayers and support through the years. It is such a blessing each month. I still have to walk with a walker, but I am grateful I can do that.

*God bless you,
 Nell Criswell*

Thank ya'll for this opportunity. May God bless you more than you could ever dream of. In Jesus Name.

Well, I've finally completed this course! All 35 lessons! Thank you so much. I really learned a lot. May God bless you and keep you.

Thank you for your service in my education of God's wor. I have taken great pleasure in my enlightenment of and inspiration of God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16. God bless you!
(From 3 recent Exodus Ministry Graduates)



Start Back Wednesday!

- 5:30 Children's Choirs
- 5:45 Family meal (\$4/person
\$12/family of 4 or more)
- 6:30 Mission Friends, GAs, RAs,
Youth, Adult Prayer/Bible
Study, Ladies Study

Sympathy

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Derrel & Karen Martin and family in the death of his mother, Carol Martin.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Jean Ann Rowell and family in the death of her mother, Jean Rowell.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Mitch & Angie Martin and family in the death of his mother, Sybil Martin King.

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Linda & Paul Swanson and family in the death of her uncle, Jimmy Mayes.

Deacons of the Week

January 7

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| Donnie Prater | 683-2171 |
| E.W. Riley | 292-4686 |

January 14

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| Julius Stevens | 231-3860 |
| Paul Swanson | 994-0500 |

Prayer Ministry!

Are you looking for a quiet, peaceful place to spend time with God? We have a newly decorated room dedicated to prayer. You would have an opportunity to be still before the Lord and bring your own petitions before Him. You can also lift up those requests for special prayer that have come in to our Prayer Ministry.



You may come by or call the church office at 995-3591. Someone on staff will help you find a time and show you the procedures.

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

Ladies' Night

The next ladies' night will be Friday, January 26, from 7 to 9 pm in fellowship hall. We will have a movie night, so come in your pjs and enjoy a movie and popcorn! Bring your friends have a great time! We will not have childcare, so please make other arrangements if you have children. Text @tuliawomen to 81010 for updates.

Help!

We need someone who understands technology to help keep our website up to date and also manage our Facebook page. If you could do that, please contact Karen. Thanks!