

The Encourager

"Making Jesus First in Our Lives"

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

Do you ever tire of the hype surrounding holidays and special days? The first week of January as stores were taking down Christmas, they were putting up Valentine's decorations. We understand the obvious commercial motivation to promote a holiday and sell products; however, the church should always declare truth rather than allow the culture to set the agenda. Valentine's Day (and every other holiday) gives us the opportunity to speak God's truth to a world floundering for purpose, meaning and hope. God is the author and creator of love. He made us with a capacity and a need to give to and receive love from one another and especially from Him. I John 4:19 says that "we love because He loved us first." Jesus taught and exemplified that the greatest evidence of love is sacrifice: "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). With all the hearts hanging around, we should not forget to give and receive love.

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

Psalm 150:6 says: "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!" The Lord commands us to praise Him. I'm so glad we have such wonderful music to sing to our Lord! Here is another opportunity you can praise the Lord. We have started our practice for our Easter Cantata, Grace In All It's Glory. We will be practicing each Sunday evening. The times are listed in the bulletin. I hope you will come join us. God Bless! Choir will present the cantata on Sunday morning, March 25.

ONLINE CHURCH CALENDAR: We have updated our website's online calendar to a Google calendar. Go our www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on calendar to see events.



YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth minister

Jeremiah 1:7-8 says "But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am a youth," Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, And all that I command you, you shall speak. 8 Do not be afraid of them, For I am with you to deliver you,' declares the Lord." I picked this verse this month because the youth are finishing up their study on apologetics learning how to defend their faith. We are also making plans for the summer activities, which will include Church Camp, Super Summer, and Mission trip. With each of these events students will be challenged with sharing their faith with others. January was pretty laid back in the terms of events and so will February. The only planned event for February is the annual Super Bowl Party that Megan and I will be hosting this year.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

February is going to be a busy month in Preschool. Coloring, cutting, and counting will keep us busy during this short but eventful month.

We will start the month by looking to see if our furry underground friend sees his shadow. We will discuss and experiment with the concept of shadows.

Love will be in the air as we get ready for Valentine's Day. We can show our love to our friends through caring and sharing.

Next, we will talk about two of our famous Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

February is, also, Dental Health Month. We will be talking about how to take care of our teeth.

AWANA: by Terry Liles

Store Night is February 14th. Donations are greatly appreciated. We need a nursery worker on Wednesday nights 6:15 to 8:15. We also need additional help with the individual groups each week. We appreciate B.I.G.F.I.S.H. performing the last Wednesday of January. If you are interested in helping with AWANA, please contact us. Come join the fun each week!

AWANA Co-Commanders: Jon Taylor, (816) 803-3890 and Terry Liles, (816) 808-1577

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

The New Year started out terribly cold. It's a great time to snuggle into your favorite chair with a warm blanket, hot drink, and a good, clean book! Check out the books in our church library. New books are coming in: a new book by Francine Rivers in a week or two, and two other favorite authors: Terri Blackstock and Joel Rosenberg in March. Enjoy this time of slightly slower schedules and enjoy a great book!

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thank you to all who gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The total received this year was \$7,832.78. Though we fell short of our goal, we are grateful for every dollar given to support our international missionaries.

WMU Focus week is February 12 – 18. All ladies of the church are welcome to learn about Mission work around the globe by attending a meeting either on the first Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm or at 7:00 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the church. Join us to help plan mission opportunities here at First Baptist Church, Plattsburg. Watch for a date to come help make backpacks for school children in Africa.

VBS: by Alison Belt

Believe it or not, we are already gearing up for Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 9-13 this summer. We have had our VBS Heartland workshop, which included great ideas to go with the theme, great snacks to check out, songs, and, of course, the Bible stories that will draw children closer to our Lord Jesus! We have a need for group/area directors. If you can take the time in July, from the 9th through the 13th, we could sure use your help! VBS will be from 8:45 am to 12 noon.

B .I.G.F.I.S.H. by Dotty Davis

B.I.G.F.I.S.H. still could use more help, please pray about becoming part of the team. We have great workers that love the Lord, appreciate and thank the Lord for each one of you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Deacon ordination – March 11

Palm Sunday – March 25

Easter Sunday – April 1

Spring Revival – April 15 - 18

Happy Birthday to Members and their families: 2-Naomi Tate & Ron Wells 3-Aaron Gudde 4-Beth Gudde & Mike McMurtrey 5-Toni Wade & Beth Potter 7-Teresa Scrivens 8-Mike Thomas 9-James Croney & Grace Schmitt 10-Justin Hofmann & Don Tebow 12-Amelia Tudorowski 13-Bella Wilkerson 18-Shauna Hofmann & Jason Potter 20-Linda Petty 22-Alma Todd & Carrie Jeffries 23-Mitch Hoover 24-Judy Miller 25-Cody DeFreece 27-John Constant 28-Adam Bradford, Jonathan Fish & Andrew Gregory

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NEW LIFE April 15-18

New Birth – Pastor Ron Malott
April 15 – Trimble Baptist Church – 112 E Maple 64492

New Hope – Pastor Mike Gilliam
April 16 – FBC Plattsburg – 501 W Broadway 64477

New Purpose – Pastor Robert Shelton
April 17 – Browning Baptist Church – 4th & Grant St Turney, MO 64493

New Confidence – Pastor Paul Wood
April 18 – FBC Lathrop – 413 Center St 64465

All services begin at 7 PM

For Information Call (816) 296-3021

FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 2:00 PM WMU	2	3 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-FCC
4 4:00 PM Easter Cantata Practice	5	6	7	8 7:00 PM Night WMU	9	10
11 1:15 Oakridge (Taylor) 4:30 PM Easter Cantata Practice 5:30 PM Church Council 6:00 PM Business	12	13 Preschool Valentine Party	14 Happy Valentine's Day Preschool Valentine Party AWANA Store Night	15	16	17
18 8:45-9:15 AM Sunday School Brkfst-Mitchell Class Host 4:58 PM Easter Cantata Practice	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 4:58 PM Easter Cantata Practice	26	27	28			
	<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:30 PM Youth</p>			<p><u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 4:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 8:15 PM Ensemble</p>		