

The Encourager

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PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE: by Robert Shelton

With all our weather cancellations during January, I have been thinking a lot about communication. How can we be sure that we are getting the message out so people are informed? What if the message is received late or if the message is confusing? What responsibility does the individual have to check on cancellations before setting out?

All the technology, smart devices and methods of distribution do not guarantee that any message gets out or gets through to people because there is ALWAYS a human component. Hearing does not mean we are listening; listening does not always result in our understanding; understanding does not always end in acceptance.

Hearing, listening, understanding and acceptance are all essential parts of God's salvation plan. How do people find out that God loves them? How will individuals discover the precious truth that Jesus paid for everyone's sins on Calvary? What will it take for a person to hear and believe the Gospel message of Jesus? What part do you and I have in getting the message of Jesus to people who have never heard?

Paul wrote in Romans 10, ¹⁴How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (ESV)

MUSIC: by Sandy Shelton, worship leader

Can you believe the cold January we had? I think we are all ready for Spring! Well, the choir will be starting Easter cantata practice this Sunday, February 3rd at 4:15 pm. We will be singing the cantata [Crown Him](#). I hope you will make plans to come and join us each Sunday evening for a short rehearsal of 45 minutes to an hour. We will be singing [Crown Him](#) in both morning services on Palm Sunday, April 14th. I hope as Christians that each of us will make worship a priority every Sunday. I look forward to worship each week because worship matters! Worship is a time we can encounter the greatness, goodness and graciousness of God. Hope to see you Sunday! God Bless!

YOUTH: by Aaron Gudde, youth pastor

It has been an exciting start to the year with three youth obeying the commands of Christ and going through Believer's Baptism. The youth have remained busy throughout January and have a few activities planned for February. We attended Winter Jam and had a great time of worship. They hosted the Annual Craft Day Fundraiser on February 2nd. Fundraiser was postponed due to winter weather in January. We are also in the process of planning our Dinner theater that will be held Saturday March 23rd. The month of February brings Valentine's Day which makes me think of hearts. Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." It does not matter what we are going through are, where we are in life, whether we understand it or not, we should ALL lean on God.

EASTER CANTATA: Rehearsal begins Feb. 3 at 4:15 (DUE TO THE SUPER BOWL) for this year's Easter Cantata. Rehearsals are on Sundays and start at either 4:28 or 4:58 pm. Speak to Sandy Shelton if you are interested in singing. Choir is open to youth & adults. You do not need to be a member to sing. The choir will present the cantata on Palm Sunday, April 14 during both morning services.

WMU: by Margaret Stevens

Thanks to all who gave to the Lottie Moon Missions Offering to fund our missionaries overseas. So far our gifts would be enough to pay for the security training for one missionary, 2 smart phones for producing promotional materials the missionaries use in teaching new converts and 7 USB flash drive with the gospel in sign language. Our total at the time of this writing is \$7391.38.

All ladies are welcome to join us as we begin a new year of missions emphasis and events. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm and /or the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Both groups meet in the kitchen area. We need more people to help with these projects! Watch for WMU Sunday in February to learn more about our projects!

AWANA: by Terry Liles

The weather kept us away from AWANA nearly the entire month of January. Looking forward to getting back to regular schedule in February. We will be moving our Store Night to February 13th since we have been out the last several weeks. If you want to help with AWANA, please contact me. We can always use extra help.

ADULT VALENTINE'S DINNER: There is a community event at Tinnen Town Hall on Saturday, Feb. 9 to raise money for The Gathering (Senior Center). Cost is \$25 per adult for a lasagna dinner.

PRESCHOOL NEWS: by Debbie Smith, director

Ground Hog's Day, Dental Health Month, Valentine's Day, President's Day and Beach Day will keep us busy at Preschool during this short month of February. Our Valentine's Parties will be Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 14 the last hour of Preschool.

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS: The class begins Feb. 3 and runs for five weeks class during the Sunday School hour. Other dates are Feb. 10, 17, 24 and March 3). The class is for new members AND anyone interested in joining. Topics covered includes salvation, assurance of salvation, distinct beliefs and Baptist faith, spiritual gifts and personal spiritual growth. There is a sign-up sheet in the Main Entrance.

NEW MEMBER'S LUNCHEON will be held Feb. 24th following the 10:30 AM Worship Service. The luncheon is to honor those who have joined FBC since the first of July. Please bring two of the following: vegetable, salad, dessert or bread. The church will furnish the meat and drink. All members and regular attendees are invited and encouraged to attend.

LIBRARY: by Alison Belt

Brrr!! My goodness, is it ever cold outside!! Now is the time to load up on some good books and some movies to watch that are healthy in context. Check these out at your church library!!

RIGHTNOW MEDIA: The church pays for each member and regular attendee to have FREE access to hundreds of Bible studies and Children's videos via RightNow Media. Send an email to the pastor (robert@fbcplattsburg.com) requesting a free membership to RightNow.

CPR CLASSES: The church is offering two Classes on Feb. 23 and March 2. There is a limit of 10 people per class. Cost for the class is \$25. A sign-up sheet is in the Main Entrance.



OUR PURPOSE -MAKING JESUS FIRST IN OUR LIVES leads us to bring others to experience His love and to build relationships within His family, develop them to become Christ-like and enable them to serve, to witness and to worship.

MINISTRIES

YOU CAN HELP: The ladies in WMU are in need of your recycled Christmas cards for a mission project. You can leave your used cards in the kitchen marked for WMU. See Gertrude or Terry Barnett if you have questions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH meets during the 10:30 worship. Children (kindergarten – grade 4) meet in sanctuary for opening songs, then are dismissed to Children's Church.

EXTENDED SESSION: Are you willing to serve during 10:30 worship caring for infants through 4 year olds? Contact the church office or speak with Kathy Liles.

AWANA is a Bible memorization program for children age 3 thru 6th grade. We still need help. Please see Terry Liles if you are willing to serve in AWANA (816-808-1577).

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: We encourage you to make study of the Bible with other Christians a consistent part of your life and week. See Larry Miller for available classes for infants through adults.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY: Women meet each Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. To sign up, contact Julie McDowell (816) 217-8357. Childcare is available.

WE NEED KNITTERS & CROCHETERS to do mission projects using yarn donated to our group. We make hats for Children's Mercy Hospital, watch caps, sweaters and baby blankets. We supply the patterns. Gertrude and Terry Barnett will teach anyone who wants to learn to crochet or knit. We meet on Wednesdays in the kitchen from 9:30-11:30 AM. There is also a group that meets on Mondays from 12:00-3:00 for sewing. Contact Gertrude Barnett for more information (816-258-2633).

BACKGROUND CHECKS: All adults from age 18 up who work with babies thru youth need to have background check every 2 years. Cost is \$5. Forms are in the holder outside the secretary's office, on the table in the foyer and on the church's website.

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Are you signed up to receive free Text messages from the church regarding announcements and prayer requests as well as cancellations due to weather? To register your phone, go to www.fbcplattsburg.com and click on link OR call church office</p>					1	2 7:30 AM Christian Men's Brkfst-FBC 9 AM-9 PM-Youth Crafting Fundraiser
3 9:15 AM New Member's Class—Session 1	4	5	6	7 2:00 PM-WMU Day Group	8	9 Valentine's Dinner at Tinnen Hall—fundraiser for Senior Center
10 9:15 AM New Member's Class—Session 2 1:30 PM Oakridge-Deacons 5:30 PM Ch Council 6:00 PM Business	11	12	13 Preschool Valentine Party	14 Valentine's Day Preschool Valentine Party 7:00 PM WMU Night Group	15	16
17 8:45 AM-SS Brkfst-Mitchell Class Host 9:15 AM New Member's Class—Session 3	18	19	20	21	22	23 8 AM-4 PM-CPR Training (Sign up required—cost is \$25)
24 9:15 AM New Member's Class—Session 4 11:45 a.m. All Church Luncheon*	25	26	27	28		
<p><i>*Church provides meat & drink. Please bring 2 of following: vegetable, salad or dessert. New members will be recognized at luncheon</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 8:00-9:00 AM Worship 9:15-10:15 AM Bible Study 10:30-11:35 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth</p>		<p><u>Wednesday Schedule</u> 4:00 PM Adult Prayer & Bible Study 5:00 PM Joyful Noise Choir followed by dinner 6:30-8:15 PM Youth 6:30-8:15 PM AWANA 8:20 PM Ensemble</p>			