

Weekly Calendar

February 10, Sunday	
Early Morning Worship Downtown	8:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time at NorthPoint	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship at NorthPoint	9:30 a.m.
Bible Study Downtown.....	9:45 a.m.
Bible Study at NorthPoint	10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Downtown	11:00 a.m.
Deacons Meeting (Choir Room)	5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
February 11, Monday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
Single Moms	5:30 p.m.
February 12, Tuesday	
Ladies Bible Study (Room 321)	9:00 a.m.
Celebrate Recovery (FLC-Loft/6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Time)	7:00 p.m.
February 13, Wednesday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
Youth & Children's Choirs Resume.....	5:15 p.m.
Mission Friends (3s, 4s, PK 5s).....	6:30 p.m.
Square 1 for Children (Grades 1-6).....	6:30 p.m.
The Loft for Youth (Grades 7-12).....	6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting.....	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:35 p.m.
February 15, Friday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
Disciple Now for Youth (February 15-17)	

Upward Prayer Focus

Pray for thankfulness of God's provision for the season.

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Disciple Now for Youth

Grades 7-12

February 15-17

Cost: \$30 per student

Disciple Now is a weekend retreat for students to spend time learning what it means to be a disciple of Christ. There will be small group gatherings, great worship, a lip-syncing contest and much more. We challenge you not to miss this weekend. See Scotty to sign up.

During Disciple Now students will need lots of snack items for their small group times. Donations can be left in the church foyer. Items include: potato chips, Oreos, Chips Ahoy, Cheez-Its, Cheetos, etc.

The Pastor's Corner

I'm so excited that Scotty is bringing back the Disciple Now weekends. If memory serves, we have not done one of these in around 16 years and it is always a great mid-winter pick-me-up spiritually for our youth. His theme is "Love Is..." So I have decided to steal it for a February sermon series. It seemed appropriate since Valentine's Day happens in February. This week my message will be "Love is...Forgetful." My focus text will be I Corinthians 13:4-5, which segues nicely from our last two sermons on self-denial. I will be centering on the idea that love does not keep score. Psalm 103 is a fantastic Psalm which deals with God's love for His people and we will hit verses 8-10 as we consider loving like God loves. I hope to see you Sunday, and don't forget to get your kids or grandkids signed up for Disciple Now 2019!

Pastor James

Short-term Easter Choir Project

The choir invites you to join them in the preparation and presentation of the Easter musical, *We Are Witnesses*. We will present the musical in both morning services downtown on Resurrection Sunday, April 21. Rehearsals will begin on February 20 and will run for eight Wednesday rehearsals. It will exclude March 27 which is the opening night of GIC.

If you need more information or want to discuss this with Scott, please contact him in the church office (847-2965) or by e-mail (sstearns@fbccassville.org) A sign-up sheet will be available in this Sunday's bulletin.

Ladies Needed for Drama Roles

We are looking for two females to play the roles of Mary (mother of Jesus) and the Woman at the Well. Each of these roles is one scene, monologue form with very minimal lines. This is for our adult choir Easter musical to be presented in both AM services downtown on Easter Sunday morning. If you are interested in a role, please contact Scott at 847-2965.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Frank and Dana Bennington in the death of Dana's brother, Dan Hayden. Services were in North Carolina.

Sympathy is extended to Brenda Epperly and Beverly Ledenham and families in the death of their brother, Bob Cantwell. Services were February 3.

A Note From the Music Minister

Marks of a Happy Church

I came across this "assessment" written by Chuck Lawless. Look him up if you don't know who it is. I had to. I think it's a pretty good tool for examining the health of a church. I found his opening and closing comments (which I have italicized) to be sad. Read it for yourself and make your own assessment.

Once in a while, I get to know a church that genuinely seems "happy." I know that term is subjective, but I trust you get my point – these churches are just different from the church that is dealing with dysfunction and turmoil. Here are some markers of happy churches:

Nothing seems to hinder their worship. They gather together, sing God's praises, and express their love for Him with enthusiasm. They make you want to know their God.

The people actually smile. Sure, some folks don't—but they're the exception rather than the rule in these churches. In happy churches, smiles reflect joy that is genuine and obvious.

The staff have fun together. You can tell it in the office during the day and from the platform on Sunday morning. Nobody's competing with others or speaking against them behind their back. The staff are friends. Real friends.

The people share burdens through prayer. This may not sound "happy," but shared burdens are always lighter burdens. Even from the stage, church leaders take time to pray deeply for their church family.

They trust each other first when they deal with disagreement. That is, they don't assume the worst about one another. They might disagree—even strongly—but they work through the issues because they trust each other's heart.

They hang out before and after the service. Few people run out the door when the service ends. Instead, they stick around and talk. And talk some more. And then decide to have lunch together. They just like being together.

They have strong small groups with caring leaders. It's in their small groups that they share their concerns, seek prayer, and support one another. They share life together, building up the family of Christ rather than tearing it down.

Their members give sacrificially. They do that not only because they want to give to God's work, but also because they trust their church leaders and their vision. Giving is fun when you know it supports work you believe in.

They don't have a lot of business meetings – and the meetings they do have are friendly and encouraging. Their meetings are about praising God for what He's done and casting vision for what the future may hold. They're unifying rather than divisive.

They invite unchurched friends to join them. They don't protect "their church" from outsiders; instead, they so love what's happening that they want others to be a part. Invitations come easy.

I admit that I don't find many churches who fit these characteristics. Perhaps that's why they so grab my attention when I do – and why I want other churches to experience the same.

So, according to your assessment, are we a happy church? If so, great! We are among the rare kind. If not, what can you do to help it become so?

With Something To Sing About,
Scott Stearns

Hospital Update

(as of 2-4-2019)

Bill Douglas – Recently Dismissed
Millard Andrews – Mercy Ortho, Springfield

60th Anniversary

You are invited to join us to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Kenny and Carol House who were married at First Baptist Church in 1959. The celebration, hosted by their children, will be held at the Barry County Museum on Saturday, February 9, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Kids Worship Bulletins

What do you think of the kids worship bulletins? Are your kids using them? Is it helping to get them engaged during worship? Let the staff know if we should continue providing them.

Senior Adult (55+) Trip to Crystal Bridges

Bentonville, AR

Thursday, February 21

Leave at 8:30 a.m. Return: 3:00 p.m.

COST: \$20 (Lunch at Smokin' Joe's Ribhouse)

Sign up in the church office.

Thank You

The family of Illa Maxine Smallwood would like to thank you for your expressions of sympathy and for the beautiful potted plant.

Janice & James Henry

David & Darla Reed



March 27-31