

Weekly Calendar

January 27, 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.
Mission Committee Meeting (Room 208)	5:30 p.m.
Evening Worship	6:30 p.m.
January 28, Monday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
January 29, 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.
January 30, Wednesday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.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.
Life University	6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal	7:35 p.m.
January 31, Thursday	
Youth to Souls Harbor (Leaving).....	3:30 p.m.
February 1, Friday	
Senior Adult Exercise Class (FLC)	9:00 a.m.
February 2, Saturday	
Upward Games (FLC)	8:30 a.m.
Church Paint Party (FH).....	9:00 a.m.

Upward Weekly Prayer Focus

Pray for safety and health of
all children and their
families.

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This Sunday

Join us this Sunday as Pastor James continues his
sermon series, *In the Dust of the Rabbi*.



PM Sermon Series

The Struggle Is Real

The Pastor's Corner

Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, spent much of his life writing about the concept of happiness being the highest human good. In other words, for a person to be happy is the best that we can hope to attain in life. Our founding fathers tipped their hats to this idea in the Declaration of Independence codifying that it is our inalienable right to have "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Happiness is attained primarily by focusing on me: what fulfills me, what brings me pleasure, etc. Granted these things can involve serving others, but ultimately it's done for the happiness it brings me; others just become a means to an end. This week we will look at Matthew 16:24 where Jesus states that if we desire to become His close follower we must deny ourselves. Does that mean we will never be happy? Plan to be here this Sunday as we explore the tension between self-denial and the pursuit of happiness. See you Sunday.

Pastor James

Paint Party



Join us Saturday, February 2
9:00 a.m. to paint the
Fellowship Hall.

Lunch will be provided but we need to know how many meals to prepare. Call the church office (847-2965) to sign up.

Please bring your own rollers, paint trays and brushes. The roller pads and paint will be provided.

GIC Ladies Brunch

Women of FBC: a hostess team is now forming for the upcoming ladies GIC brunch. Would you help? We need drink makers, table decorators, greeters and more! It takes a small army and you are being recruited. Come to a 15-minute information meeting with your questions and find out more. The meeting will be Sunday, February 3, 10:30 a.m. (NorthPoint) or 12:15 p.m. on the piano side of the sanctuary (Downtown).

Mission Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 27
5:30 p.m. - Room 208

A Note From the Recreation Minister

Upward basketball and cheerleading has begun its 18th season as part of First Baptist Church. In January of 2002 the first basketballs hit the floor and pompoms were being raised. It was the last Saturday of March, the last day for games, in 2002 that I began my ministry here at First Baptist. I never imagined what the impact of this ministry would have on the children of Barry County. I have been so blessed to be a part of this great outreach tool.

This year we are setting at just over 170 kids involved. We have 18 basketball teams and 4 cheer squads. Our games began Saturday, January 12, and will run through Saturday, March 2. Games begin at 8:30 a.m. with the last game played at 2:00 p.m.

We've made some changes that have improved the game day experience for all. Our announcing is done by computer with the teams being displayed on the big screen. It's exciting and pumped. Come and check us out.

Please pray for Upward. Pray for the volunteer coaches that they will coach with God as their coach. Pray for our concession volunteers who interact with so many different people each Saturday. Pray they will show the love of Christ. Pray for Sarah Marney who does so much to keep Upward flowing smoothly. Most importantly pray that God will be glorified in all we do.

Jeff with his Rec hat on.

Wednesday Night Bus

Did you know we run a bus on Wednesday nights to pick up kids (K-6th grade) who live in the city limits? If you know someone who needs a ride, call the church office at 847-2965.



Thank You

A big thank you to Terry Heinz and Rick Jaques for redoing my ramp. I have a lovely church family.

Carolyn Childress

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the beautiful plant. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers and support.

Michael & Jill LeCompte
& Children

Summer for Kids

Parents, here are a couple of dates to get on your calendars:
June 4-7 Summit Camp for 3rd- 6th graders
June 24-28, Camp Spark for Kindergarten - 6th grade

Mission Prayer Emphasis

- Jan. 23 Royal Family Kids Camp
The Point Church, Pastor Dallas LaCaze
Habitat for Humanity
- Jan. 24 Camp SPARK
- Jan. 25 Adam & Leigh Anne Brodwolf & Family, Middle East
- Jan. 26 Israel & Rebeca Rodriguez, TX
- Jan. 27 Tracy & Lucinda Guppy, Sagrada Bible Camp, MO
Denny & Linda Ball (Campers on Mission), MO
- Jan. 28 Souls Harbor Homeless Shelter, Joplin
Lives Under Construction Boys Ranch, Lampe
- Jan. 29 David & Suzanne, Asia
Keith & Wendy, MO

Ladies Bible Study

Ever wonder if you'll make it in life? Feelings of unworthiness, guilt over past sins, time of spiritual weakness and inadequacy—the burden can be overwhelming! If you long for the covering of God's grace, come study on Tuesdays starting February 12 (9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Utilizing the topical study titled *Lord, I Need Grace to Make it Today* by Kay Arthur, we will learn how to appropriate God's great grace for every situation and every emotion. RSVP by calling/texting Mandy Hamblett at 846-5772 to ensure you have a book. Book cost is \$12.00.

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.



Sympathy



Sympathy is extended to Jim and Trisha Arnaud and family in the death of Trisha's stepfather, Charlie Childress. Services were January 21.

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.