

BRIDGING THE GAP

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. James 4:10



A Letter From Pastor Andy

When we look at a duck moving along in the water, we see his or her head and body steadily moving along the surface of the water. Everything seems tranquil and harmonious. What we fail to see are the duck's flippers quickly moving back and forth to make that movement. Topside everything seems calm, but down below there is a lot of motion. The life of the church can be similar. Things are steadily moving along, but there is a lot of work behind the scenes to make the work of the church happen.

Church does not just "happen" every Sunday morning. A lot of time and preparation goes on through the week for the various programs offered. I spend time in prayer every day for the Sunday School teachers, Children's Church and nursery volunteers, the tech teams, the musicians, the worship leaders, and everyone else that plays a part in making Sunday morning happen.

As we move into the future, there are more programs we would like to bring online. However, that cannot happen unless we get more helpers. As it stands, most of our volunteer force is pulling double, if not triple, duty. With an operational tempo like that, there is a good possibility of burnout.

Throughout the Gospels, we see plenty of instances where people come out of the woodwork to ask Jesus for His healing or His help. Seldom do we see anyone come to Him, pledge their undying support, and then go serve just as He serves. Really, it is just 11 of Christ's disciples that do His work. (I left Judas off of the count).

As we move into the future, let us pray and ask God to identify areas where we can serve. The church is not a cruise ship where we come to be pampered. Instead, it is a destroyer, where every person onboard has a vital function in the unit. What will your function be?



Church Calendar

March

- 03: Food Truck
- 03: Deacon Meeting
- 11: WMU Meeting 6:30
- 17: Business Meeting 6:30
- 29: Palm Sunday
- Easter Cantata 11:00
- Silent Dessert Auction 10-12:30

April

- 05: Easter Sunday
- 07: Food Truck
- 07: Deacon Meeting
- 08: WMU Meeting 6:30
- 21: Business Meeting 6:30



Building & Grounds

- We had a major leak in February that caused us to use a lot of water. Thanks to everyone that stepped up to help out. We never identified the source. The valves we recently had installed shuts a constant flow of water off after 30 minutes of continuous use. However, out of an abundance of caution, we will be replacing all of the internal valves in every commode.
- As the weather begins to warm up, we will once again set our sights on getting the parking lot resealed and striped.
- The outer white trim of the church along with the masonry on the lower level is in need of a paint job.
- The steeple is beginning to show signs of growth again. We put a self cleaning paint on it the last time we were up there. Unfortunately, even the best paint will one day start showing signs of wear. So we will begin the process of planning for another cleaning and painting.
- There's always room for one more. If you want to help, please see Larry or Andy.

Scripture of the Month

*The coming kingdom of our father David is blessed!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!
-Mark 11:10*

The Hangout

7TH-12TH GRADE

Focused on FUGE...

We are excited that we have 14 students ranging from 7-12th grade attending MFUGE this year. It's important to understand what "M" FUGE is centered around because it is a new adventure for us this year!

Our church will be going on MISSION in the community surrounding Ridgecrest, NC. The camp experience at FUGE doesn't change, but the activities to deepen faith do. Instead of choosing tracks that focus on their walk with Christ, we are heading into the community to serve for about 3 hours each day! Because this is a MISSION trip camp experience, we are asking for more support to pay for FUGE. The Sweetheart dinner, silent bake sales, and other fundraisers will make it possible for us to pay for the camp cost. If you are interested in funding a teenager, we will have special envelopes available to send in your camp donation.

This year we have students from SPES, CMS, CHS, EHS, and homeschoolers attending camp. Many of these students are coming for the first time! Your prayer support for the spiritual health of all of these students is VITAL...thank you for praying!

KID'S CORNER

Babies-6th grade

Easter Events for the Family...

It is always such a fun time to come together and celebrate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday! Make sure your children bring a basket and attend our SUNDAY SCHOOL hour. Children PreK-6 will have an egg hunt at 10:15 on the back lawn.

Teens will place eggs from 10-10:15, so children can gather in the hallway with Ms. Cindy, Mrs. Sandra, and Ms. Kelli.



VBS Vibes-Rainforest Falls

Unless the schools extend their year, our dates for VBS are June 1-5.

We have volunteers to fill most positions, but I can use help in registration, decorating, and crew leaders.

Children's Church &

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

Upcoming Hangout Events:

March 1: Spaghetti Dinner

6:00-7:30pm Fundraiser

April 5 - No Hangout (Spring Break)

April 12 - No Hangout

May 31 - VBS Prep Party

June 13-17: FUGE Camp

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March 1	9am-Ann 11am-Alana	9am-Melissa 10am-Melissa	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
March 8	9am-Alana 11am- Cindy	9am-Vickie 10am-Ann	9am-Kelli 10am-Kelli
March 15	9am-Terri 11am-Terri	9am-Vickie 10am-Vickie	9am-Cindy 10am-Cindy
March 22	9am-Dania 11am-Dania	9am-Terri 10am-Alana	9:00-Kelli 10am-Kelli
March 29	9am- Cindy 11am-Kelli	9am-Melissa 10am- Melissa	9am- Kelli 10am-Kelli



ALWAYS ON MISSION

FBC FOOD BANK

SOUP-er Thank YOU!

Thank You for supporting the SOUP-er Bowl fundraiser for the Food Bank. This ministry does not run without your generosity!

Anytime there are donations of canned food, they can be left in the fellowship hall. Please mark donations "Food Bank."

Our Food Bank loves canned veggies, pasta, peanut butter, and canned meats!

When can you volunteer?

The Food Bank is open on the 1st/3rd Tuesday's 9-11:00.



The truck deliveries usually come the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30am



MARCH MISSIONARIES

Please keep these missionaries in your prayers as they reach the lost all over the world:

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Seong-Ho and Grace Lee
-Nanaimo, BC, Canada

Mark and Kristy Ford
-Estacada, OR

Sean and Tami Gosnell
-Wellford, SC

WMU: WOMEN ON MISSION

FBC women meet monthly in the 1st Wed of the month at 5:30. We have a time of prayer, a devotion, and discuss mission opportunities in the area. Please consider joining us!

MARCH OCC DONATIONS:



SMALL HAIR BRUSHES, COMBS, SMALL TOYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, HAIR ACCESSORIES FOR GIRLS

YOU CAN LEAVE DONATIONS IN THE RED OCC BOXES IN THE COFFEE ROOM OR VESTIBULE.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING THIS MONTH!



MARCH

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS -----
PLEASE PRAY FOR THIS OFFERING AND ALL IT DOES TO REACH UNSAVED PEOPLE THROUGH ITS MISSIONARIES HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

Matthew 28:19 NLT

Happy Birthday!!



MARCH

- 03- David Varney
- 03- Mackenzie White
- 06- Mary Bush
- 09- Danny Bentley
- 09- Arlene Bowers
- 10- Taylor Banner
- 16- Susan Mullins
- 17- Richard Jessee
- 20- Ashley Hughes
- 23- Caroline Johnson
- 31- Jaden Sutherland
- 31- Larry Marshall



FBC Weekly Opportunities:

Sunday 5:00: Choir practice

Sunday 5:00 Youth "Hangout" 6th-12th grade

Monday 1:00 Yoga with Glenna -Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 9:00 Food bank (1st & 3rd Tue of the month)

Thursday 6:30 Bible Study & Bible Club K-5th grade (Aug-May)

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