

# INFORMER

## Valentine's Banquet



FEBRUARY 9TH AT 6:00PM  
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us for an evening of

FOOD  
FUN  
FELLOWSHIP

The cost is **\$15.00 per person**

Cost includes steak dinner and entertainment

Please call the church office (803-435-8136) or  
use Sunday School sign-up sheets to reserve your space

The last day to sign-up is Monday, February 5th.

***Quarterly Business Meeting***  
***Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm***

## *From the Pastor....*

In the previous Informer I wrote about *My One Word* to focus my goals for the year. *My One Word*, as you know, is *GROW*. Personally, I want to grow spiritually and become the person God created me to be: more loving, more gracious, more forgiving, and more serving. I also want our church to grow to be more of what God calls His church to be here in Manning. This means growth in spirit, serving, and giving, and, of course, growth in number. So, how are we going to grow? How are we going to “get there?”

The first step is to believe Jesus and take him at his word. He said, “Seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you.” This means that our personal devotional life matters. Ever think about that? Have you ever thought that it matters to the entire church body whether or not you seek God each day in prayer and Bible reading? Well, it does! Yes, you – little ol’ you and little ol’ me – our attention to our devotional life matters to the spiritual and numerical growth of our church. Devotional life, it turns out, is not entirely a private matter.

The next step is to be open to opportunities to help our church grow. Be on the lookout for people God places in your path who have spiritual needs. They may need someone to tell

them about Jesus, or may be looking for a new church home. They are all around us! Last I heard there was no shortage of people who need the Lord. If we pray that God will make us sensitive to the needs of those around us, God will. Then, when we encounter those folks we can speak up and invite them to church, to hear the gospel, and to grow along with us.

The last step is one that combats an ever-present threat to growing in spirit, service, and number: we must pray not to fall into temptation. Our spiritual health enables us to be strong growth-agents for Christ. Spiritual sickness such as immorality, strife, dissensions, factions, envy, jealousy and the like will make us totally ineffective when it comes to growth. And be assured, when you get busy helping grow the Kingdom of God, the devil gets busy tempting you. So we need to be on our guard and not allow ourselves to be dragged into arguments, tensions, and strife. Resist these kinds of things. Be quick to forgive, forbear, understand, and to be humble.

If we do these things, we will grow and First Baptist Manning will be a healthy and vibrant church for generations to come. Won’t that be wonderful? Wouldn’t God be pleased?

Phillip

## Monthly Meetings

Sunday, February 4  
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Sunday, February 11  
4:00 pm Finance Meeting  
No Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14  
Quarterly Business  
Meeting

Sunday, February 25  
7:00 pm Deacon Meeting



## **2018 Flower Calendar**

Jan	7	14	21	28	
Feb	4	11*	18*	25	
Mar	4*	11	18*	25	
Apr	1*	8	15*	22*	29
May	6*	13	20	27*	
June	3	10	17	24	
July	1*	8*	15*	22*	29*
Aug	5	12*	19	26	
Sept	2	9	16*	23*	30*
Oct	7*	14	21*	28	
Nov	4	11	18*	25*	
Dec	2*	9*	16*	23*	30*

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## **Sunday School & Worship Attendance**

<b>Date</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
12/24	124	197
12/31	116	189
1/07	104	160
1/14	139	176
1/21	137	183

## Weekly Offering 2017-2018

Weekly Budget                \$12,020

### Offering Received:

December 24                \$ 18,582  
December 31                \$ 19,159  
January 7                    \$ 38,427  
January 14                    \$ 8,127

coming soon...

# **MARCH MADNESS FOR CHARITY**



March 3rd  
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

More information to follow



## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

**Feb.04:** Need Volunteers

**Feb.11:** Need Volunteers

**Feb.18:** Need Volunteers

**Feb.25:** Need Volunteers

## **NURSERY WORKERS**

**Feb.04:** F. B. & Shelley Jones

**Feb.11:** Frank and Honri Jones

**Feb.18:** Ann Ridgill & Mary Beth Reynolds

**Feb.25:** Kay Finley and Sharon Purvis

## **DEACON OF THE WEEK**

**Feb.04:** David Richburg (473-0755)

**Feb.11:** Kevin Ross (473-8187)

**Feb.18:** Neil Beard (460-2828)

**Feb.25:** Doug Strickland (404-219-9034)

## **HALL MONITORS**

**Feb.04:** Bo Shotwell

**Feb.11:** Neil Beard

**Feb.18:** Larry Williamson

**Feb.25:** Marion DuBose

### **Donuts with Deacons**

*Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>*

*9:15 am Fellowship Hall*

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### **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

*7:30 am @ Shoney's*

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### **Royal Servants**

*Tuesday, February 6, 2018*

*3:00 pm – TEL Classroom*

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### **Praying Hands**

*Tuesday, February 13, 2018*

*6:00 pm*

*Gene Benfield's House*

## **February**

### **Read the Bible Through**

Feb. 01 – Exodus 27-28: Matthew 18:1-20

Feb. 02 – Exodus 29-30: Matthew 18:21-35

Feb. 03 – Exodus 31-32: Matthew 19:1-15

Feb. 04 – Exodus 33-34: Matthew 19:16-30

Feb. 05 – Exodus 35-36: Matthew 20:1-16

Feb. 06 – Exodus 37-38: Matthew 20:17-34

Feb. 07 – Exodus 39-40: Matthew 21:1-22

Feb. 08 – Leviticus 1-3: Matthew 21:23-46

Feb. 09 – Leviticus 4-5: Matthew 22:1-14

Feb. 10 – Leviticus 6-8: Matthew 22:15-46

Feb. 11 – Leviticus 9-10: Matthew 23

Feb. 12 – Leviticus 11-13: Matthew 24:1-31

Feb. 13 – Leviticus 14-15: Matthew 24:32-51

Feb. 14 – Leviticus 16-18: Matthew 25:1-30

Feb. 15 – Leviticus 19-20: Matthew 25:31-46

Feb. 16 – Leviticus 21-23: Matthew 26:1-35

Feb. 17 – Leviticus 24-25: Matthew 26:36-56

Feb. 18 – Leviticus 26-27: Matthew 26:57-75

Feb. 19 – Numbers 1-2: Matthew 27:1-31

Feb. 20 – Numbers 3-4: Matthew 27:32-66

Feb. 21 – Numbers 5-6: Matthew 28

Feb. 22 – Numbers 7: Mark 1:1-15

Feb. 23 – Numbers 8-10: Mark 1:16-45

Feb. 24 – Numbers 11-12: Mark 2:1-13

Feb. 25 – Numbers 13-14: Mark 2:14-28

Feb. 26 – Numbers 15-16: Mark 3:1-12

Feb. 27 – Numbers 17-18: Mark 3:13-35

Feb. 28 – Numbers 19-21: Mark 4

### **Zumba Class with Linda Bragg!!**

*Beginners Zumba (DVD) class will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at 10:00 am in Room 222 (Upstairs)*

***Bring exercise clothes and something to drink!!***

## February Birthdays!

- 03 Judy Collins  
05 Paula Joye  
Stephanie Welch  
06 Virginia Ramsey  
07 Bo Shotwell  
08 Betty Gamble  
11 Shelley Jones  
Christine Ridgill  
12 Jim Queen  
13 Parker Johnson  
14 Mary Kathryn Gatlin Hulme  
16 Aubrey Ard  
Wendy Hill  
17 Brenda Smith  
Dale Taylor  
18 Anita Ard  
19 Henry Armstrong  
Colleen Clayton  
Helen Newman  
20 Gloria Eanes  
Jessica Edwards  
22 Mary McClary  
23 Cort Miles  
25 Renee Boersema  
27 Nettie Ridgeway

### Staff Birthday

**Wendy Hill      02/16**

### Staff Anniversary

**Heather Hawkins      02/14/07**

## **January Business Conference**

January 10, 2018

Frank Jones, moderator, presided over the abbreviated January conference. Minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed. Letters were granted for Stephen and Christie Bauer to unite with Second Baptist Church of Manning. The following reports were given:

Finance: Frank Jones, chair, reported an excellent month for December. Our giving exceeded our expenditures by \$17,942.35. For the 18 weeks of the church year our giving has exceeded expenses by \$37,488. Harvest Fund contributions for December were \$2,200, and contributions to Mission Partnership totaled \$825.

Trustees: In the absence of Richard Taylor, Frank reported that Richard said work on the gym roof should begin on Monday.

Search Committee: Doug Strickland, chair, announced that job vacancy notices have been sent to all appropriate sources, including seminaries. Five resumes have been received.

Personnel: Gene Benfield reported that Kelsey Steele began work as Administrative Assistant on January 2. Things are going well so far.

WMU: Honri Jones, director, announced that our LMCO is still \$2000 short of our goal.

Clarendon Christian Learning Center: David Baker, board, advised the group of the addition of a new field of Bible instruction in the Turbeville area. A classroom is being equipped next to Walker- Gamble School and will be opening soon. Thus far there are 87 fourth and fifth graders signed up for a class. We need to thank God for this progress and pray for its continued success.

This concluded our business

Submitted by Mary Alice Ipock, Clerk

# WMU Focus Month

During the month of February we will be focusing on and celebrating Women's Missionary Union. The resources we use teach church members to see the world through God's eyes, and to pray for the spread of the gospel and the needs of missionaries around the world.

We are encouraged to give to the Janie Chapman State Offering, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

WMU offers countless ways to support mission efforts such as WorldCrafts, Pure Water, Pure Love, and many local and state projects.

We will end our month of celebration on February 24 with a "Hats Off to Missions" fellowship for all the ladies and girls of the church.

*We invite you to join WMU - there is a place for you!*



## **WMU Mission Opportunities**

Sunday from 6-7:00 pm:

G.A.'s (girls ages 6-12)

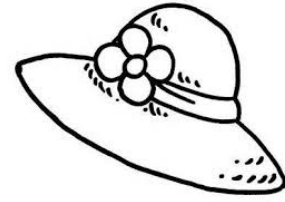
R.A.'s (boys ages 6-12)

Youth on Missions

Women on Mission (WOM)

Royal Servants: meet at 3:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

Praying Hands meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month



## **"Hats Off to Missions" Brunch**

Saturday, February 24, 2018  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church Fellowship  
Hall  
Ladies and Girls of  
First Baptist Church are invited

\*Sponsored by First Baptist Church WMU

\*RSVP in Sunday School Classes by  
Sunday, February 18

\*Hats Optional

\*Nursery will be provided for children  
younger than six

## **WMU Celebration and Salad Supper**



Thursday, February 15, 2018  
7:00pm

**Crosspoint Baptist Church**

*Meet at FBC church parking lot  
to leave at 6:00 p.m.;  
registration is at 6:30 p.m.*

# Thank You...

I am blessed with the best church family! Thank y'all for all the love and support during finals. Finals were super stressful, but my care bag made it a bit sweeter. Thank y'all for all the goodies and gift cards. Thanks for thinking about me during this stressful time!

Thank y'all for thinking about me and keeping me in all y'all's prayers,

Mason Ham

Thank y'all so much for thinking of me during exam week.

I enjoyed all of the snacks in the care package! I am blessed to have such a wonderful, caring church family! Thank you again!

Lots of love,  
Mackenzie Ham

Thank you all so much for the care package. I greatly appreciate everything you have done!

Mattison E. Williams

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## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Bible Study.....9:45 am  
Sunday Morning Worship Service.....11:00 am  
Evening Worship Service .....6:00 pm  
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday Night..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church  
49 West Boyce Street  
Manning, SC 29102

## SENIOR ADULT NEWS

ATLANTA TRIP

APRIL 3RD-5TH

THIS WILL BE A 3 DAY/ 2 NIGHT TRIP  
DOUBLE ROOM: \$250 - SINGLE ROOM: \$355  
COST INCLUDES 4 MEALS, A ROOM, TICKET,  
AND SEAT ON THE BIG BUS.

JEANNE ROBERTSON

THE SUMTER OPERA HOUSE

APRIL 21

THIS TRIP IS FULL,  
BUT THERE ARE STILL SPOTS  
AVAILABLE ON THE WAITING LIST!!

Contact  
Anita Ard

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY

Dr. Phillip Reynolds.....Pastor  
Mr. Lee Stogner.....Worship Leader  
Mrs. Becky Thomas.....Financial Secretary/Administrator  
Ms. Kelsey Steele .....Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Kathy Gatlin.....Organist  
Mrs. Heather Hawkins.....Pianist  
Mr. Joseph Conyers.....Custodian  
Mr. Franklin Brown.....Maintenance  
Mrs. Wendy Hill.....Preschool Director  
Mrs. Annette Canty.....Housekeeper

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Thursday, February 1**

6:00 pm Women of Wonder Bible Study

### **Sunday, February 4**

9:15 am Doughnuts with Deacons

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Evening Service

6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

### **Monday, February 5**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Tuesday, February 6**

7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Shoney's

10:00 am Zumba Class

1:00 pm Personnel Meeting

3:00 pm Royal Servants

### **Wednesday, February 7**

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study

5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder

6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

### **Thursday, February 8**

10:00 am Zumba Class

6:00 pm Women of Wonder Bible Study

### **Friday, February 9**

6:00 pm Valentine's Banquet

### **Sunday, February 11**

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

4:00 pm Finance Meeting

5:00 pm Church Council Meeting

5:00 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Evening Service

6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

### **Monday, February 12**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Tuesday, February 13**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Wednesday, February 14**

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study

5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder

6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry

6:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting

6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

### **Thursday, February 15**

10:00 am Zumba Class

6:00 pm Women of Wonder Bible Study

### **Sunday, February 18**

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Evening Service

6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

### **Monday, February 19**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Tuesday, February 20**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Wednesday, February 21**

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study

5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder

6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

### **Thursday, February 22**

10:00 am Zumba Class

6:00 pm Women of Wonder Bible Study

### **Sunday, February 25**

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service

5:00 pm Children's Choir

6:00 pm Evening Service

6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

### **Monday, February 26**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Tuesday, February 27**

10:00 am Zumba Class

### **Wednesday, February 28**

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study

5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder

6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry

7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

