



THE CONNEC TION



First Baptist Church * 814 Buchanan Road * New Tazewell, Tennessee
Connect to God, Family, and Community!

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“Misdirected Plans”

We’ve just about finished the transformational church process. Surveys, meetings, “where we are, what we’re doing, where we need to do” are but a few of the questions we have been answering. Now it’s time to put all the information into action with a plan to achieve what we purposefully and prayerfully believe to be God’s will for our church.

There is an old story about a pastor leaving a church. At his farewell dinner, he tried to encourage one of the pillar members saying, “Don’t be so sad. The next pastor might be better than me.” The member replied, “That’s what they said last time, but it keeps getting worse.” (Source: John Ortberg, *The Life You’ve Always Wanted*, p. 159).

You are making a difference and FBC is “better” because of your outreach, your giving, your participation and your ministry and missions. By any church measurement that’s “better.” As your team creates an “action plan” I want you to consider “what NOT to do next?”

Don’t develop your action plans with a focus on transferring believers from other churches. Some churches grow on the McDonald versus Hardees principle. In other words, do what’s necessary to beat the competition for current customers. We are not in competition for church members.

A person moving from one church to another is normal as Christians want to be in a church that meets their needs and gives them purpose. We definitely want people moving to our community to know about FBC as a loving and missions minded church. If we didn’t love our church we wouldn’t worship here ourselves. But beating out the competition as a church is a false mission field and focus for church growth. The ultimate focus of the church is the harvest field that Jesus said was “white unto harvest.” We’re already reaching the “reached”, it’s time to focus on the person who’s “last thought” on Sunday morning is to go to church. The Great Commission doesn’t say be aquarium keepers; it says be fishers of men.

The Great Commission is a perfect guide for a perfect church action plan. Build your action plans based on two principles. The first is “go make disciples” of those who are not Christians, who have no hope without knowing Jesus and his gift of life. Secondly, “teach them” how to become a mature disciple.

It seems that in many churches we want to do one or the other while Jesus clearly taught us to do both and do them well. In church terms they are called “evangelism” and “discipleship.” Our action plans must guide us in doing both and doing them well.

Balanced action plans that focus on both evangelism and discipleship will include three critical elements essential to their success. First, each plan must include church members willing to build relationships with the nominally saved and unsaved who see no need for Jesus or the church in their lives. Second, those who build relationships must genuinely demonstrate how Christ has met the needs of their life and finally, invite them to a church family that’s willing to see, hear, learn and explore the true walk of a disciple.

A preacher asked his church to consider replacing the electric hand dryers in bathrooms with paper towel dispensers after finding a note taped to a dryer on Monday morning. It said, “Please press this button for a short recorded message from our pastor.” I pray that all your work and time are not just a lot of hot air. Misdirected Plans will be those which are long on words and short on making a difference in our lives and the life of our community. A misdirected plan will be one that has little action and involves no plan.

Bro. Larry

Celebrate Easter at First Baptist Church

Community Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday
April 12th
at 2pm

[Rain Date Sat.,
April 19th]

Come hear the story of Jesus!
Contact the Activities Team to help

Living Last Supper



(picture from 2010 Living Last Supper)

Thursday, April 17th at 7:00pm, you will hear what the disciples might have been thinking as they were gathered together for the Passover meal.

Please join us in this service. Everyone is welcome.

The Lord's Supper will be served as a part of the program.

Easter Sunday



7am	Sunrise Service
8:30am	Breakfast
9:30am	Sunday School
10:45am	Worship Service

INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS , FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WILDERNESS ESCAPE

WHERE GOD GUIDES & PROVIDES

Sunday, June 8th through Thursday, June 12th 6 to 8:30pm nightly

GOD IS WITH US, SO...
TRUST GOD!
GOD GIVES US WHAT WE NEED,
SO... TRUST GOD!
GOD SAVES US,
SO... TRUST GOD!

GOD GIVES US STRENGTH,
SO... TRUST GOD!
GOD GUIDES US,
SO... TRUST GOD!

COUNTRYfair CAMP

Starts Tue., June 17th 10am

Camp will run Tuesday's & Thursday's through July 17th
Special week of Kidz Summer Camp: Mon., July 21st to Thur., July 24th
Volunteers needed from 9am to 2pm and to help and provide/serve lunch

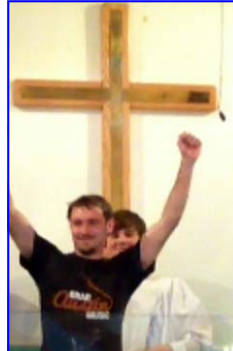
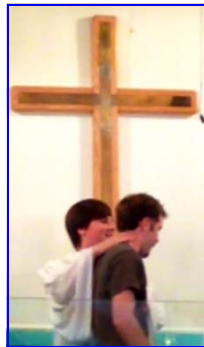
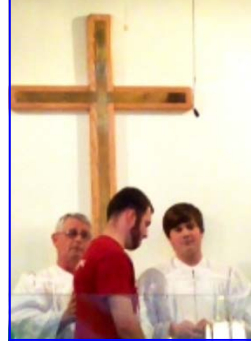
What's Happening in Youth

April 25 - All youth interested in going to Knoxville Market Square to hear Brad Austin in concert, let Tina or Barry know.

Youth Camp is June 23rd-28th @ North Greenville University SC. We have **29** going! We will need scholarships to assist with the financial burden/hardship. As usual, we appreciate all you do for our Youth!

Baptism

Join us in welcoming our new brothers in Christ
Josh Roberts and Jared Liles



**TENNESSEE
TRAVEL
TEAMS**

The TTT will arrive at FBC on Sat., July 19th and leave on Sat., July 26th. We are tasked with providing *awesome ministry opportunities*.

We have asked the team to lead our Sunday morning worship service on July 20th.

They will also be assisting Jamie Gilbert with our Kidz Summer Camp on Mon., July 21st through Thur., July 24th from 9am to 1pm.

FBC will be responsibly for housing, feeding and providing other ministry opportunities/activities for the team. Please contact the office as soon as possible to volunteer to house these youth.

April 9th, 2014

6:30pm
Quarterly Business Mtg.

February 2014

General Fund

Month's Receipts.....\$20,626.18

YTD Receipts.\$92,331.49

Community Ministry

In the last four months we were able to serve 68 families. With electric, water, prescriptions, venison, food, gas and shelter. Thirty-five of those served had extremely high electric bills due to the cold.

Thank you for your continued generosity to this Community Ministry.

The Benevolence Team

UNSUNG SERVANTS

Dan Singleton

Chris & Stefanie Fugate

Vernon & Mary Miracle & Sara Edwards

Soup Ladies

Annie Armstrong Auction

Sat., April 5th at 2pm

at Judy Fannon's

Please bring 2 gifts to auction.

Light meal provided.



Food Donations for Manna House for April will be posted in the Church Bulletin

Food Arrives, Wed., April 23rd

Distribution Sat., April 26th



from First Baptist Church, New Tazewell, Tennessee

Larry Sharp, Pastor.....423-526-8038
 Todd Spangler, Music Director.....423-626-5401
 Barry & Tina Liles, Youth Directors.....865-585-1837
 Brad Austin, Contemporary Worship Leader
 Pam Worley, Deaf Interpreter
 Barry Liles, Chairman of Deacons.....865-585-2554
 Beverly Slayton, Administrative Assistant.....423-626-5401

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Weekly Schedule

Sunday

9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
 11:00am Worship Service; Children’s Church;
 Nursery
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:30pm Worship; Youth & High School to
 College Bible Study/Fellowship;
 Nursery

Wednesday

6:30pm Prayer Meeting and Bible Study;
 MS Youth “True Love Waits”;
 Nursery

Thursday

7:00pm Connection Contemporary Worship

APRIL

5 th (Sat)	2pm	WOM Annie Armstrong Auction
9 th (Wed)	6:30pm	Quarterly Business Meeting
11 th /12 th (Fri/Sat)		Deacon’s Retreat
12 th (Sat)	2pm	Easter Egg Hunt
17 th (Thur)	7pm	Living Last Supper
18 th (Fri)		Good Friday/Church Office Closed
19 th (Sat)		Easter Egg Hunt (Rain Date)
20 th (Sun)	7am	Easter Sunrise Service
	8:30am	Easter Breakfast
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:45am	Easter Worship Service
		No PM Svc.
23 rd (Wed)		2nd Harvest Food Arrives
25 th (Fri)		Knoxville Market Square
26 th (Sat)	9am	2nd Harvest Food Distribution
27 th (Sun)	Noon	VBS Volunteers Meeting & Lunch
28 th (Mon)	6:30pm	Building & Grounds Meeting



Welcome Spring!



April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30pm Prayer	3	4	5 WOM Annie Armstrong Auction 2pm
6 Benevolence 9:45am SS 11am Worship Lord's Supper 5pm Deacon's	7	8	9 6:30 Qrtly. Bus. Mtg.	10	11 Leadership Retreat	12 Easter Egg Hunt 2pm 
13 9:45am SS 11am Worship	14	15	16 6:30pm Prayer	17 Living Last Supper 7pm	18 Good Friday 	19 Easter Egg Hunt (rain date)
20 EASTER 7am Sunrise Service 8:30am Easter	21	22	23 2nd Harvest Food Arrives	24	25 Youth to Knoxville	26 2nd Harvest Distribution 9am
27 9:45am SS 11am Worship Noon VBS Volunteers Mtg.	28	29	30 6:30pm Prayer	VBS- June 8 	 Begins June 17	 June 23 to 28

May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	VBS- June 8 	 Begins June 17	 June 23-28	1 National Day of Prayer	2 Bridal Shower	3 Bridal Shower
4 Benevolence Offering 9:45am SS 11am Worship	5	6 6:30pm	7 6:30pm Prayer	8 7pm	9 Rehearsal & Wedding	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:45am SS 11am Worship	12	13	14 6:30pm	15 7pm Connection	16	17 FH Rented
18 9:45am SS 11am Worship	19	20	21 6:30pm Prayer	22 7pm Connection	23	24
25 9:45am SS 11am Worship	26 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	27	28 6:30pm Prayer	29 7pm Connection	30	31