WE BELIEVE THAT GOD’S MISSION FOR OUR CHURCH IS TO...

Declare CHRIST, Develop BELIEVERS, and Deploy DISCIPLES INTO THE WORLD

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR
DR. JONATHAN RUSSELL

THANK YOU FOR FAITHFULLY GIVING to your church so that we can provide ministry and be a blessing to our community! As you have probably heard by now, our church family enthusiastically voted to use $10,000 from our 2019 giving surplus to bless our community. In March I’ll have the pleasure of representing our church as we present a $5,000 check to the Santa Rosa County School District to help reduce the lunch debt of students in our county. We also voted to use $3,000 to kick start a year-long goal of raising $55,000 to eliminate medical debt in Santa Rosa County in partnership with RIP Medical Debt. Finally, we allocated $2,000 to purchase $10 gift cards so that 200 of our members could have a gospel conversation with their “one” over coffee or a meal. Those will be available the first of March. Because of your giving and our church staff’s good stewardship of the budget, we were able to do some things that we might not otherwise be able to do. Thank you, and please continue to give in 2020 so we can accomplish even more for the kingdom!

MISSION MILTON is right around the corner! This is a highlight for our church each year. There are many opportunities for you to get involved! Regardless of what you think your ability might be, I promise you that there is something you can do as part of Mission Milton. Be sure to stop by the Mission Milton table in the foyer, look over the list of projects, and sign up for one! March 7 will be a great day for outreach at FBC!

WHO’S YOUR ONE? Are you praying for them? Have you started to have a gospel conversation with them? Have you invited them to church? Don’t stop praying, investing, and inviting in your “one.” Ask God for opportunities to share the gospel with them or to invite them to church. Serve them in some way. Seek to be a blessing to them so that they will see Christ in you!

INSUFFICIENT SAVIORS, our series through Judges, will continue into March. I pray God has taught you through his Word as we’ve worked through this book. Ultimately, we know that only one is sufficient to save us from our sins, and the book of Judges points to him. Make plans to join us each Sunday morning at 10:30 as we continue to work through Judges, and invite someone to come and sit with you!

SUNDAY EVENING SCHEDULE FOR ADULTS
February – March

February 16
No evening service (DiscipleNow weekend)

February 23
“Gospel Above All” (session 4: Gospel Evangelism)
March 1
Randy Jackson preaching
March 8
“Gospel Above All” (session 5: Gospel Grace)
March 15
“Gospel Above All” (session 6: Gospel Community)
March 22
“Gospel Above All” (session 7: Gospel Study)
March 29
“Gospel Above All” (session 8: Gospel Victory)
The following items were reviewed and approved:

- November 3, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes
- December 11, 2019 Special Called Business Meeting Minutes
- November 22, 2019 Special Called Business Meeting Minutes
- December 2019 Financial Statement

**Old Business**
- Camp Koinonia Update

**New Business**
- $10,000 on community items (See Dr. Russell’s column)
- 2019 Budget Excess to Budget Investment $61,144.93
- Approval of Julie Gandy as Church Treasurer for 2020
- Approval of Glenda Weekley as Church Clerk for 2020
- Approval of Dr. Russell increasing housing allowance to $36,000

**Approval of Missions trips this summer**

- Adult and families mission team to Norristown, PA (Contact Randy Jackson for details.)
- Construction team to Huntington, IN (Contact Blackie & Bonnie Black for details.)
- Mission team to Manchester, England (Contact Randy Jackson for details.)
- Middle school students to Mission Milton (Contact Randy Jackson for details.)
- High school students to Haiti (Contact Randy Jackson for details.)

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**New Weekday Ministries Schedule Starting February 24**

- Mondays 9:00 a.m. Crochet Class with Debbie Lamb
- Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Mike Wren
- Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. Grief Share with Wendell Stokes
- Thursdays 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study with Hilda Foster
- Fridays 10:30 a.m. Senior Aerobics

**Staff Anniversaries**

- Congratulations to Elbert Jackson, our Facilities Technician for 3 years of service on February 9.
- Congratulations to Beverly Bassett, our Outreach Secretary for 18 years of service on February 14.
- Congratulations to Kenneth Martin, our Music Minister for 15 years of service on February 25.

**Business Meeting Report from Sunday, January 26**

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to Pete Thompson and family in the death of his wife and our Sister-in-Christ, Dot Thompson.

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to the Griffis Family of our Sister-in-Christ, Glenda Griffis.

The Pastor, Staff and Church Family extend Christian sympathy to the Andrew & Lenay Bibona and family in the death of his mother, Toni Bibona.

**Life Options Clinic**

Formally Pregnancy Resource Center

Banquet March 31st
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Mission Milton**

Include date

**SUNDAY MARCH 8TH FLC**

DINNER for MISSIONS

**UPCOMING MISSION JOURNEYS**

- June 1-6: Middle School Students to M-fuge in Mobile, AL
- June 20-27: High School Students to Haiti
- July 8-15: Mission Team to Manchester, England
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- July 13-18: Construction Team to Huntington, IN
- July 20-27: Adult and Families Mission Team to Norristown, PA

**MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

Mission Milton is coming up on Saturday, March 7. During this annual event, our church demonstrates its love for our community through service and prayer. If you haven’t signed up yet, please go by the table outside of the main sanctuary doors and see the ministries that are taking place that day. Sign up and participate!

The following day on March 8, going along with the theme of missions, we will have a special dinner after church. The cost is a donation to support the mission trips from our church this year. This year, our students will serve here in the United States and abroad among Haitian people. We will have teams going to Pennsylvania to assist Redemption 1010 Church in Norris-town from July 20-27. Another team will seek to share the gospel with immigrants from unreached people groups in Manchester, England from July 8-15. Our Construction Team will minister and help New Life Fellowship in Huntington, Indiana from July 13-18. Plus, church members plan to go to Russia again this year. While our church partially covers the costs of some of these trips, a great deal still has to come from the pockets of those going. We will divide the money from your donations on March 8 to help all who are sent out from our church on mission this summer.
We would like to thank you for your continual support in building God’s Kingdom in Inner City Communities. Your support has tremendously assisted our church in meeting the needs of our community.

Thank you,
Pastor Antonio Bennett

Dear Brothers & Sisters,
Thank you so much for the generous gift! We are so grateful for your sacrificial giving! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and pray you are blessed in this season!
Coby & Bethany Bennett

First Baptist Church
Thank you for the lovely peace Lillie that you sent for Bill’s service.
I have always wanted one and now I do.
The members have been there for us this past year with their prayers, cards, and visits. It means so much when you have this kind of support from your church family. Christ’s love shinned all around and we felt it.
Carole Blackman

First Baptist Church:
Please find a donation to FBC for allowing us to spend time in the Life Center after Bill’s service.
There was no charge, but I appreciate the gift and all the work Debbie and the girls contributed.
I also appreciate all the prayers, cards and visits. I love my church and we do have kind and caring people there.
Carole Blackman

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you for helping us collect toys and jackets for our annual Toy Drive. The event was outstanding and we had more than enough for all the families who attended.
Thank you for your generosity, Milton High SGA

Thank you Gary and Mighty Chef Debbie
To the wonderful congregation of First Baptist Church of Milton,
Thank you so much for hosting the Georgia Southern University students and I for dinner on December 18 on our trip to volunteer at Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola. Your generosity shows Christ’s abundant love in action!
Jennifer Hoopes
Executive Assistant
Georgia Southern University

Dear FBC,
Thank you for your generous gift at Christmas. It was a tremendous blessing to us. As we are a church plant just starting out, finances can be challenging.
We are very excited at all God is doing at Explore Church. We started a few months ago. We have 75 as part of our church family.
We are eager to raise up young adults as ministry leaders in our community. It’s been exciting to see God draw them in.
Thanks again.
In Christ,
Mark & Sacha Hasenyager
explorechurch.cc

Today was very pleasant and awesome. Thank you for the welcoming and the delicious meal that your church family prepared and served. I hope to enjoy another gathering.
The Johnson’s
Defuniak Springs, Ronald McDonald Family Room

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for continued support and all you do!
May His face shine upon you…
Staff & Volunteers
Life Options Clinic

12-08-2019
Food Pantry
Bill Blackman (Earl & Patsy Lunsford) M
Mattie Hughes (Earl & Patsy Lunsford) M

Joash Fund
Bill Blackman (Doris Kingry) M

Kitchen
Debbie Bassett (Doris Kingry) H
Debbie & Randy Bassett (Glenda Weekley) H
Jimmy & Wendy Stephens (Doris Kingry) H
Ted & Hilda Waters (Doris Kingry) H

Men’s Ministry
Bill Timlin (Glenda Weekley) H

12-15-2019
Lottie Moon
William James Blackman (Martha Simmons) M

12-23-2019
Florida Baptist Children’s Home
Gene Clark (Glenda Weekley) H

Food Pantry
Ted & Hilda Waters (Betty Watson) H

Joash Fund
Gene & Kathy Clark (Fisher-Brown-Fischer Connection Group) H

12-29-2019
Food Pantry
Wanda Yvonne Sills (Ted & Hilda Waters) M

General Fund
Billy Jim Blackman (David & Sharolyn Cook) M

01-12-2020
Joash Fund
Bill Blackman (Doris Kingry) M

Kitchen Fund
Debbie Bassett (Doris Kingry) H
Lamar Faulkner (Doris Kingry) H
Martha Class (Doris Kingry) H
Jimmy & Wendy Stephens (Doris Kingry) H
Ted & Hilda Waters (Doris Kingry) H

02-02-2020
Joash Bennet Fund
Dorothy Thompson (Lamar & Sissy Faulkner) M
Mission Milton
Saturday
March 7th

Sign up in the lower gallery

Some of the mission projects are...

Arts Festival
Carwash
Construction
Cut Out Material
Milton Cemetery Clean Up
Prayer Walk Teams
and more!

Taking The Gospel Throughout Our Neighborhoods