



First News: Monthly Vision Issue

October 3, 2018

Vision Team Update

Grace and Peace be with you from the Vision Team. We want to update you on our progress with aligning our activities in the new structure. As you recall, we have the Vision Team and 7 Lead Teams. (See list of Teams at right.)

The seventh Lead Team covers the Administrative roles necessary to keep FBCNN moving.

Action Teams are the moving force in the new structure of our church. Most of the committees from our old structure are transitioning to become Action Teams. These Action Teams will continue to do the important Kingdom work that God has called them to do within the overall vision we have discerned for the community. Over the last couple of months, our Lead Teams reviewed our list of Action Teams to logically align those Action Teams with an initiative or with the Administration Lead Team. This list* represents how the Action Teams of our church connect to the seven Lead Teams of our Catching the Wind, Charting the Course Vision Discernment plan. If you have questions about how your Action Team connects, please talk with your Lead Team Chairperson, Lead Team Ministerial Coach, or with Matt Tilley, Vision Team Chair.

One place you will see this new alignment is in the new 2019 budget. Monica Garcia assembled those alignments into a list that requested Action Team budget requests for the 2019 budget. If you Chair an Action Team (formerly a committee), you will be asked to participate in this budget process over the next few weeks. If you have not already been contacted by your aligned Lead Team, you will be in the next few weeks.

This is an exciting new process, and if members are not already involved in direct service to the church, this is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with the new service structure and become more involved in that service. We look forward to serving together, moving forward as God is leading our church.

*You can find a copy of this list on page 2.

Extend Good News Invitations Update

EGNI is currently recruiting volunteers for two Action Teams - Girl Scouts and Christmas In The Aire (CITA). We require two additional volunteers to help at troop meetings and/or field trips for the 2018/2019 year. We're also seeking volunteers for CITA across a variety of opportunities.

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Updates From The Lead Teams

Action Team Alignment (New Teams in Italics)

God Centered Worship

Sanctuary Choir
Instrumental Ensemble
Pianist and Organist
Transformed
Youth Praise Team
Young Adult Praise Team
Sisters in Praise
Children's Choir
Preschool Choir
Swingin' Singers
Two Handbell Choirs
Sanctuary Technical (Media, Sound, Lighting, Video)
Lord's Supper
Baptismal
Prayer
Festival of Music/Christmas In The Aire
Music Advisory
Facebook Streaming Team

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

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Inasmuch
Food Pantry
Mission Circles

Romania Team
Puerto Rico Team
Local Mission Partners

Authentic Community

Welcoming Team (Welcome Center, Greeting Team, *Coffee Bar, VIP Assistance Ministry Team*)
Family Life and Recreation
Food Services/Hospitality Ministry
Funeral Support
Decorating Team
Care Group Structures

Investment in Next Generations

Children's Ministry
Young Adult Ministry
Youth Ministry
Scholarship Committee
JAM Action Team
Youth Advisory
CNU Campus Ministries

Extend Good News Invitations

Girl Scouts Action Team
Branding Action Team

Intentional Spiritual Development

Adult Sunday School Division
Youth Sunday School Division
Children's Sunday School Division
Library
Spiritual Gifts Inventory
Wednesday Night Activities
Men's Ministry

Administration

Stewardship
Nominating
Trustees
Bylaws
Gifts and Honorariums
Insurance
Personnel
Security
A-Team
Parliamentarian
PBA Representative
Historian
Moderator
Church Clerk
Treasurer

The Deacons are not an Action, Lead, or Vision Team, but in alignment with the meaning of the word *Diakonos* are servant-leaders who each are expected to participate in at least one FBCNN Action or Lead Team in addition to serving in the Diaconate.

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

CMP is focused on building new partnerships and expanding on current partnerships locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We have developed guiding principles and evaluation document for new and current endeavors.

- **Feeding Homeless Breakfast+Bible Study** - FBC will partner with Rev. Ray Johnson every 3rd Saturday starting October 20, 2018 at Calvary Revival Church (our former location, 119 29th Street, Newport News).
- **BGAV - Flood Buckets** - Fill a flood bucket or hygiene kit and drop it off at church before October 20 to help a homeowner clean up their home. List can be found at <https://bgavdr.org/floodbuckets/>.
- **Thanksgiving Bags** - Items will be collected from October 28-November 4
- **Operation Inasmuch Event** - This will be a community outreach endeavor on November 17 at 12:30pm (tentative).
- **PORT** - FBC will be hosting this Newport News Homeless Shelter January 2-9, 2019.

LOOKING FOR ACTION TEAM TO HELP WITH HURRICANE RECOVERY

Help is needed from the coast of NC to as close as Chesterfield VA and more. Will you lead an Action Team into the field? Now is the time. What will you do?



We recently received this picture of the well built in India with our 2017 Vacation Bible School offering! Thanks be to God!

Authentic Community

AC continues to focus on the following: • New/improved internal and external signage

• Care Groups Structure

Get involved by considering the following needs:

- **Coffee Bar Action Team** - 4th Sunday of each month. This Team is responsible for set-up, hosting two shifts - before/after early worship and before late worship, and clean-up (sometimes shared with the Hispanic congregation).
- **Special Events Action Team (formerly Family Life and Recreation Committee)** - This team plans and develops activities and events to address the recreational and fellowship needs of the Church, supporting a healthy Christian family life within the Church. We are in the process of developing this Action Team.
- **Welcome Center** - 3rd Sunday of each month late shift (10:45-11:15 and 12:00-12:15).. This Team staffs the Center for Sunday morning services and special events providing information about the Church to assist visitors.

Updates From The Lead Teams (cont'd.)

Intentional Spiritual Development

TAG: You're It! By Randy Shepley

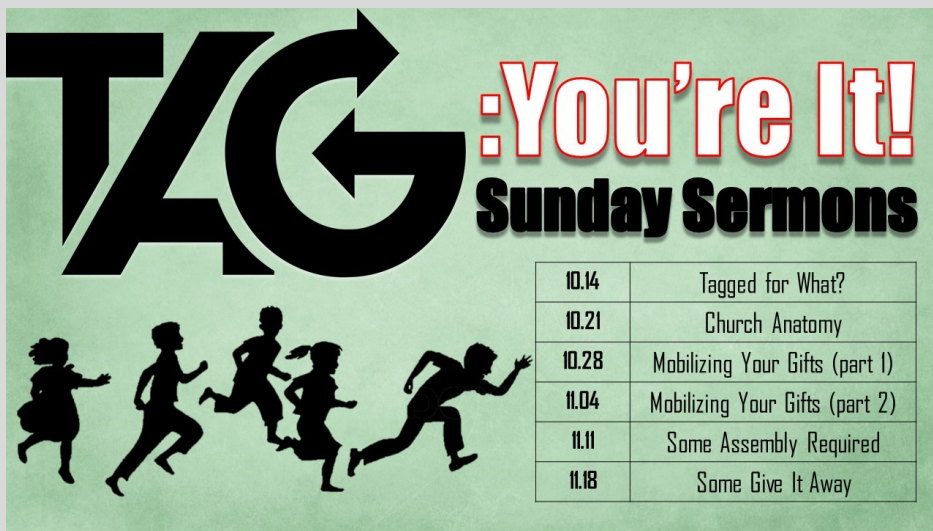
Do you remember when you learned to play tag? I don't. As a child, it seems like I always knew how to play. It didn't take anything to get a game started. During recess, tag would envelop our entire class. On Friday afternoons and into many evenings, my neighborhood friends and I developed our own elaborate version of tag that led to hours of delight and mostly harmless fun. On mission trips in high school and as a youth minister, I taught and learned all types of tag: flashlight tag, Blob tag, Octopus tag, Underground church, and many other delightful versions of tag. It is a game that includes everyone, and done right, brings joy to everyone.

Every follower of Jesus is given spiritual gifts for the purpose of serving others in the church and world in the name of Jesus. All Christ-followers, regardless of age, gender, and background are entrusted with spiritual gifts to develop and unleash for the sake of the cause of Jesus Christ.

Why does the Holy Spirit tag us with spiritual gifts? First, because God loves us and longs to give good gifts to his children. Second, our gifts are designed to build up the Body of Christ. Our gifts, therefore, serve and encourage the people of God. Finally, we deploy our spiritual gifts to transform the world, one act of kindness, and one life at a time. Every Christian has at least one spiritual gift. All Christians are responsible to fully develop and deploy their gifts for the sake of God's Mission.

What are your spiritual gifts? How are you using them to build up our church and to change the world? On Sunday, October 14, we will start a sermon series called **TAG: You're It!** In this series you will learn what spiritual gifts are, how they work, and how they connect with your abilities, passions, and talents. We will also have extra teaching and training on Wednesday nights called **TAG Mid-week**. This additional teaching and training will help you discover your specific gifts and develop a plan for releasing your gifts. Make the choice now to be present for these series on Sundays and Wednesdays. Of course, if you are out of town or sick, you can watch our 11:00 worship services on Facebook live. We will also film the **TAG Mid-week sessions**.

Every follower of Jesus has spiritual gifts. That means we all got tagged by the Holy Spirit. We are all it!



TAG: You're It!

Sunday Sermons

10.14	Tagged for What?
10.21	Church Anatomy
10.28	Mobilizing Your Gifts (part 1)
11.04	Mobilizing Your Gifts (part 2)
11.11	Some Assembly Required
11.18	Some Give It Away

Mid-Week

Wednesday Night Bible Study



10.17	Straight Talk about Spiritual Gifts
10.24	Understanding My Spiritual Gifts
10.31	My Spiritual Gifts in Context
11.07	What Now?

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

The month of October is Pastor appreciation month. We are blessed with six (6) wonderful and dedicated pastors on our staff - Randy, Juan, Dennis, Susie, Michael, and Walter. The Personnel Team encourages each of you to take a moment during the month of October to express your appreciation to our ministerial team. These six individuals make sacrifices each and every day to serve our Lord and our church. Please let them know that they are loved.

Thank you,
Personnel Team

Mark Your Calendar- October



THURSDAY 4	FRIDAY 5	SATURDAY 6	SUNDAY 7	MONDAY 8	TUESDAY 9	WEDNESDAY 10
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	Swingin' Singers 10:00am	Young Singles Trip 7:00am	Traditional Worship - Communion 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Girl Scout Troop Meeting 6:00pm	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm		Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Bible Study 9:45am	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm	Personnel Team Meeting 6:30pm	Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
		Mission Circles Luncheon 11:30am	Contemporary Worship - Communion 11:00am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm		Prayer & Bible Study 6:15pm
			Hispanic Worship - Communion 12:00pm			Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

Save the Date: November 4th at 5:00pm - Church-wide covered dish dinner followed by our quarterly business meeting. Details to follow.

Tithes and Offerings Received as of September 30, 2018

<u>Budget Need*</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date**</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$977,498.00	\$889,529.17	\$36,977.00	\$1,525,090.12

*\$25,064.02 per week is required to meet the needs of the ministries of our church.

**Hope 127 gifts are given to directly pay down debt.

Welcome New Church Members

Join us as we welcome Andy, Val, Noah, and Maddie Wolfe, who came forward Sunday, September 30, and as we celebrate the baptism of Michael Mason also on Sunday, September 30!

Wednesday Night Menus

October 3, 2018

Chicken Pot Pie, Sweet Potatoes, Apples, Rolls, Salad
Dessert: Brownies
Kids: Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Applesauce

October 10, 2018

Spaghetti, Baked Peaches, Garlic Bread, Salad
Dessert: Chocolate Delight
Kids: Pizza, Potato Chips, Applesauce

Cost: Grade 5 & below \$3 Grade 6 & up \$5