



First News: Monthly Vision Issue

March 6, 2019

Vision Team

For 2019, the Vision Team continues to work at discerning where the Spirit is going and leading our community in that direction. At our January meeting we shared goals for each of the seven Lead teams for 2019. Over and over, we heard the same themes. We decided to pray over it and we are excited to share with you what those themes are. We think there are three words that guide what we will do this year.

Welcoming, Connecting, Growing.

Welcoming. The tagline for the 2014 One City Marathon was, "You've never been welcomed like this before!" It was 100% true. As a runner, you will never find a smaller race with the kind of crowd support that One City Marathon had that year. FBCNN was a big part of that with the band and the crowd out in front of our building. We believe God is calling us to bring that kind of energy to the folks who come to us on a regular basis whether it is Sunday morning or another day of the week.

Connecting. Our building sits in the middle of our city and our city is full of people who don't have a relationship with Jesus or who don't have a connection with a church family. We feel our church is called to connect to the people around us. We also feel that we are called to make connections with our mission partners outside of the area.

Growing. If you've been around church for any length of time you've probably heard the words "disciple" and "discipleship." Those words are about learning to follow Jesus and live the way Jesus lived. We believe a core part of growth is learning how to be better followers of Jesus together. In Matthew the last thing Jesus told his disciples was to make disciples.

The Vision Team is excited for 2019 and for what God is planning to do in us. We hope you will join us on this journey by finding Action Teams to get involved with where you can join in **Welcoming, Connecting, and Growing.**

Grace & Peace!

Matt

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Extend Good News Invitations

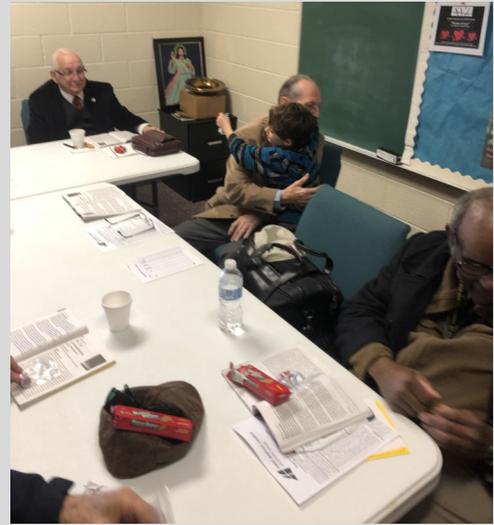
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Pictures From Recent Events

Big Hug Sunday



Compassion Ministry Valentine Luncheon



Helping Yates Teachers



Updates From The Lead Teams

Authentic Community Update

Authentic Community has received proposals for interior and exterior signage. We have spoken with vendors about more detail and are expecting revised quotes for those services. More details will be coming in the near future.

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

Nehemiah's Nook - FBC is providing breakfast to our homeless neighbors every 3rd Saturday at our old location on 29th Street. Contact Kim Overman or Joyanne Manning for more information on how to become a part of this ministry.

Operation Inasmuch - scheduled for Saturday, May 25. Be looking for more information on a variety of opportunities to serve our congregation and our community.

Intentional Spiritual Development

Our team has initiated a Wednesday Night Action Team. This group is brainstorming ideas to get more people involved on Wednesday nights by offering options such as a Health & Wellness class, and crafting classes. More ideas will be coming soon.

More News from FBCNN

Children's Sunday · March 10 · 11:00am

Our children will help lead in worship. They will lead in special music, greeting, praying, and more. Contact Susie at swebb@fbcnn.org if your child would like to participate.

Spring Forward Time Change This Sunday · March 10

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

Worship Option for Children · March 24

The Scripture reference for the sermon on March 24 is Deuteronomy 5:18 "You shall not commit adultery." As this may not be a topic you are ready for your younger children to learn, we will have an opportunity for them to exit the service prior to the sermon time. Details will be printed in the bulletin for when to meet the leaders and where to pick up after worship.

A Great Big Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who came out Sunday morning and braved the cold weather (although not quite as cold as last year) for One City Marathon. We had several who came out to cheer on and high five the runners. I especially want to thank all of those who helped at Water Station 8 across the street from the church. The turnout was tremendous and it was a wonderful way for us to be active in our community and love our mile. It also gave us the opportunity to interact with another organization, Coastal Strength and Fitness, who helped at the water station as well. I pray that God will continue to give us opportunities to reach outside of our walls and show others the love of Christ.

Nikki Reid, Water Station 8 Volunteer Coordinator

Mark Your Calendar- March



THURSDAY 7	FRIDAY 8	SATURDAY 9	SUNDAY 10	MONDAY 11	TUESDAY 12	WEDNESDAY 13
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	Swingin' Singers 10:00am	Men's Monthly Breakfast 8:00am	Traditional Worship 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Compassion Ministry 8:00am	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm	Hispanic Women's Bible Study 7:00pm	Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Bible Study 9:45am	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm		Joan Monroe Handbells 5:45pm
			Contemporary Worship 11:00am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm		Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			Girl Scouts Lunch & Awards 12:15pm	Delta Circle Meeting 7:00pm		Prayer & Bible Study 6:15pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:30pm			Marcia Adkins Handbells 6:45pm
						Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

Tithes and Offerings Received as of March 3, 2019

<u>Budget Need</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$211,535.10	\$216,125.21	\$5,637.00	\$510,223.24

Donation Opportunity for Those with IRA Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)

Congress has approved a permanent charitable giving tax break, known as the "IRA charitable rollover" for those who are 70 1/2. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution and is not recognized as income on your tax return. As such, you do not take a donation deduction either. With the change in the recent Tax Legislation, the Standard Deduction has doubled thus itemized charitable deductions will no longer be needed to be kept track of. By donating all or part of you IRA RMD to the Church, you receive the benefit of a reduced Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) in that the RMD to charity is not taxed, which helps the opportunity of obtaining lower cost for your Medicare Part B and Prescription Drug premiums. The distribution must come directly from the IRA account to the Church not through you the owner of the account. Let our Financial Services Coordinator, Monica Garcia, know how you want the contribution designated, such as the General Fund.

Wednesday Night Menus

<u>March 6, 2019</u>	<u>March 13, 2019</u>
Vegetable Beef Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Salad Dessert: Brownies Kids: Soup, Grilled Cheese, Applesauce	Chicken Casserole, Apples, Rolls, Salad Dessert: Cake Kids: Chicken Strips, French Fries, Applesauce
Cost: Grade 5 & below \$3 Grade 6 & up \$5	