



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Vision Team Article - Calling Volunteers

Matt Tilley, Vision Team Chair (mtilley@fbcnn.org)

Calling is often a concept we associate with ministerial staff. When we extend an offer to a minister we refer to it as a call. When someone feels their heart moved to go away to announce God in another country, we refer to that as a call too. While I believe that those people are called, I think we underemphasize calling for the rest of us.

For example, I was called to FBCNN. In the summer of 2004 while running (more like walking, it was still summer and I wasn't in especially good shape) past our building I felt there was something important there. After visiting a few times and getting to know people, I joined by statement of faith. Since then I have felt called to abide with this community.

I think God calls all of us to different areas of service throughout our life as followers of Jesus. Leading the Vision Team would have been way outside of my gifts 15 years ago and it has been a stretch the last year and a half. But in hindsight it was part of why God kept me in this community.

I think a lot of us should be thinking about what God might be inviting us to do next. The mission of Jesus was about a lot more than sustaining the religion that He encountered and grew up with. His life was dedicated to announcing that the Kingdom of God is near and showing people how to make the world here more like the Kingdom. A big question for us as we come into autumn and winter 2019 should be, "What is God calling me to do now and what is God preparing me to do in the future?" I invite you to think and pray about that and to look for ways you can get involved with our 3E mission and the six initiatives of our Vision.

Grace and Peace be with you always.

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Updates From Lead Teams

Followership - Intentional Spiritual Development

Matt Tilley, Intentional Spiritual Development Lead Team Chair (mtilley@fbcnn.org)

We have been talking on Wednesday nights for the last few weeks through our Disciple First class. Essentially, this is a class about what it means to be a disciple in our community (incidentally, if you want your Bible study group to go through Disciple First, feel free to contact me, Randy, or a member of the Lead Team, we'll be happy to help you go through the material). They say you learn more by teaching something than you do as a student, so I'm using this month's article to share some insights with you.

I think being a follower is underrated. Saying that someone is "just a follower" is an easy way to dismiss folks. Books on leadership fill shelves. Businesses spend fortunes training their managers to lead. TED talks on how to lead will get a million views in a week. Yet, to accomplish anything that requires more than one person, someone has to be a follower.

Jesus knew this. In first century Palestine a teacher, called a *Rabbi*, would gather a group of students to travel with the teacher and learn the teaching and how to do what the teacher did. Like other teachers, Jesus called a group of followers who could carry on his teachings after his death.

Jesus' followers were a strange bunch. Peter was kind of a hothead who started out with a tendency to over-promise and underdeliver. Matthew was a tax collector, who extorted his own people to get rich. Mary and Martha were women. Judas was a hypocrite. But Jesus invited them to follow and they did.

Jesus' followers are still a strange bunch. People throughout the world follow him singing hymns we would never recognize and chanting prayers that mean nothing in English. Even those who speak our language prioritize different pieces of the Gospel to such an extent that those at the extremes cease to recognize each other as followers at all. Yet, what it comes down to is this: we are called to follow, to pattern our lives after Jesus and to bring the Kingdom more fully into this world, where we live. May we all be better followers tomorrow than we have been today.

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

Thanksgiving Bags: Bags were handed out after each service on Sunday, November 3 with a list of items that will be collected. These items will be used to replenish our food pantry and help those in need have a Thanksgiving dinner. Please return the bags on November 10. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation labeled "Food Pantry" and items can be purchased in bulk by the Food Pantry Team.

PORT: Our week for hosting PORT (People Organizing Resources Together) homeless shelter will be January 1-8, 2020. Volunteers will be needed for each night. More information on how and when to get involved will be coming in future editions of First News.

Administration Lead Team

Kris Keyes, Administration Lead Team Chair

The contractor has been onsite this week putting down fresh mulch and changing out the summer plants around the flower beds. Rather than the expense of changing out annuals twice a year, we have put in perineal type plants or year-round plants and shrubs. The contractor should be done with the work on Wednesday, November 6.

New sanctuary doors are nearing completion and are planned to be installed on Monday and Tuesday, November 18-19. The two middle doors are in need of replacement and the replacement doors had to be custom made. We have also coordinated a painter to come in and put a fresh coat of paint on the entrance of the sanctuary, timed with the door installation.

These and other plans and preparations being made to have our church looking good as possible as we go into the holiday season. The Administration Team, comprising of the A-Team, Personnel, Stewardship, Trustees and Staff is working hard to maintain the "facility" so that we look inviting to our guests. This is all part of us being a welcoming church.

Updates From Lead Teams (cont'd)

Personnel

Kris Keyes, Personnel Chair

A part-time Ministry Assistant for Connections has been hired! Tamara Wilson will begin work on Monday, November 11, 2019. If you see Tamara, please welcome her to the FBCNN team.

We are in the final stages of screening candidates for a 5-8 hour a week contracted position that will be responsible for maintaining our social media accounts and website, as well as performing some graphic design services for flyers and presentations. This contracted position is expected to be in place by the end of November.

As of the end of October, staff has completed open enrollment for health, dental and vision insurance for the new year. For the first time, FBCNN is offering dental and vision insurance to all staff, whether they are part-time or full-time. This is an outstanding benefit, especially for part-time staff.

More News from FBCNN

Youth BAREF · November 8 · 6:00pm

This is a night filled with worship, Jesus, games, prizes, food, and fun! If any parents would like to learn more about our Youth Ministry and become a chaperone, contact Michael Adams, madams@fbcnn.org, for more information.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast · November 9 · 8:00am

Please plan to join our Men's Fellowship. Richard Young will be the guest speaker. Let us know if you are planning to attend by using one of the sign up sheets. Donations are accepted.

New Women's Bible Study · Begins January 15 · 9:00am

The new Bible study will be on the book of Philippians and based on the book "What Matters Most" by Karen Ehman. The study will last seven weeks. Please let Jane Gray or the church office know if you are planning to attend.

Thanksgiving at FBCNN

November 20 · 5-7pm · Thanksgiving Dinner in Payne Fellowship Hall
(No other Wednesday night activities, except choir)

November 24 · Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Colossian Baptist Church
(More details coming soon)

New in the Library

The Painted Castle (given by Elizabeth H. Councill Memorial Fund)

Carnegie's Maid (given by MaryAnn Hutchinson)

Liberty Bride (given by Jane Satchell)

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". The rollover is available for those who are 70½. You can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA of up to \$100,000 to a charity, such as First Baptist Church. The donation will count toward your IRA required minimum distribution.

The distribution 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 your IRA RMD to the Church, you receive the benefit of a reduce 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.

Rick Elofson, Treasurer FBC

Mark Your Calendar- November ✓

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 Fellowship Breakfast 8:00am	Traditional Worship 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Compassion Ministries 8:00am	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
PORT Leaders Meeting 7:00pm	Youth BARF (Bring A Real Friend) 6:00pm	Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Bible Study 9:45am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm	Joan Monroe Handbells 5:45pm
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm			Contemporary Worship 11:00am	Delta Mission Circle 7:00pm		Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			The GAP Bible Study 12:30pm			Prayer & Bible Studies 6:15pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:30pm			Marcia Adkins Handbells 6:45pm
						Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

Tithes and Offerings Received as of November 3, 2019

<u>Budget Need</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Hope 127 Year to Date</u>	<u>Debt on Educational Building</u>
\$1,034,160.50	\$996,461.74	\$35,762.00	\$482,196.66

Sign Raiser Total to Date: \$53,932.25

Wednesday Night Menus

November 6, 2019

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

November 13, 2019

Pork Loin, Macaroni & Cheese, Stewed Apples, Rolls, Salad
Dessert: Ice Cream Sandwiches
Kids: Chicken Nuggets, Macaroni & Cheese, Applesauce

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