



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Vision Team Article

Goodbye Everybody I've Got To Go

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Dear FBCNN Family,

It has been an honor to lead our Vision Team. From learning how to plan and lead meetings to learning how to keep First News Vision issue news articles the right length (this one may be a bit long), I don't think God has ever given me something that challenged me as much as this has. However, all good things must come to an end and my time as Vision Team chairperson is over. Because it has been a growth experience, I will be taking some time to rest and recharge before I start working on whatever the next thing is that I'm called to do in our community. As my time in leadership comes to an end, I'd like to pass on some thoughts.

With the Vision Discernment and structural changes, God has begun a good work in us. We have made a lot of progress the last year and a half. I'd like to draw your attention to three things we've done together. Our Authentic Community Lead Team discerned the call to become a welcoming church. From the signs you see inside and outside the building to the books we read and the formation of the VIP team, we have begun that journey and are working to be the kind of church that visitors want to keep coming back to. In a different direction, our Intentional Spiritual Development Lead Team discerned the strategy God is calling us to use for discipleship and communicated it out to FBC through the Wednesday night group and the pages of First News. Finally, after years of talking about the need for a new sound system for the sanctuary our God Centered Worship Lead Team and Administration Lead Team developed and executed the plan to modernize sanctuary sound with a functioning system.

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Important Dates to Put on Your Calendar

January 15 · 2020 Budget Discussion · 6:15pm · Payne Fellowship Hall

**January 22 · Called Church Conference · 6:15pm · Payne Fellowship Hall
To vote on the 2020 Budget and Nominating Committee Report (see page 2)**

Sunday Services: 8:30am Traditional, 11:00am Contemporary, 12:30pm Hispanic; Bible Study: 9:45am

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Updates From Lead Teams

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With all of the things God is doing in us, some may be tempted to rest on our laurels. We have done a lot of work but there is more that we have been invited to do. This year should see some great opportunities to continue the initiatives that we have already started and to expand our outreach to our local, regional, and global community. As Paul said, the one who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion (Philippians 1:6, paraphrased).

I'd like to close this by offering some advice. One of the temptations of 2020 will be a temptation to disunity. The disunity of our national leadership could easily spill into our church community. With members of diverse political opinion, the upcoming election, and ongoing impeachment proceedings we will all be tempted to focus more on the national political conversation than on announcing and living in the good news of Jesus. As we walk through 2020 we must not fall into this temptation but must instead maintain a focus on living out our calling as the people of God regardless of what our elected leaders choose to do.

Grace & Peace,

Matt

Nominating Committee Report

(New nominees and Chairs will be voted on at called Church Conference on January 22)

Vision Team Co-Chairs

Harvey Perkins
Erin Fetty

Investment In Next Generations

Erin Fetty, Chair 2020
Kevin Prussia 2020
John Rippey 2020
Rebecca Hinson 2021
LeeAnna Adams 2021

Intentional Spiritual Development

Harvey Perkins, Chair 2020
John Hertzler 2020
Jason Grisso 2021
Alice Shepley 2021
Priscilla Parson 2021

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

David Robinson, Chair 2020
Brandon Fetty 2020
Chris Pennington 2021
Val Wolfe 2021
Clarke Lamp 2021

Extend Good News Invitations

Rob Spitzer, Chair 2020
Kolby Keller 2021
Amber McCarthy 2021
Kelly Musick 2021
Katie McConnell 2021

God Centered Worship

Lisa Mason, Chair 2021
Tony Parson 2020
Andrea Beck 2020
Paul Morris 2020
Caitlin Brown 2021

Authentic Community

Jane Satchell, Co-Chair 2021
Ann Perkins, Co-Chair 2021
Richard Young 2020
Jackie Hornsby 2020
Susan Keyes 2021
Paige Lilley 2021

Church Officers

Harvey Perkins, Moderator
Rick Elofson, Treasurer
Misty Prussia, Church Clerk
Robert Mann, Asst. Treasurer
Rob Brown, Asst. Treasurer

Personnel

Kris Keyes, Chair 2020
Mark Woodard 2020
Carol Caldwell 2021
June Ray 2021
Dave Patton 2022
Stan Saunders 2022

Stewardship

Melita Breeden 2020
Jim Lystlund 2020
Misty Prussia 2021
Bill Forrest 2021
Sandy Faison 2022

Compassionate Mission Partnerships

Romania Mission Trip: June 27-July 9, 2020 There are still openings for this trip. The deadline to sign up is January 21, 2020. Contact Randy, rshepley@fbcnn.org, or Dennis, dadams@fbcnn.org, for more information.

PORT: A big THANK YOU to coordinators, Linsey Wyne and Crystal Howser, CMP Chair, Kim Overman, and all of the many volunteers and outside organizations who helped us host PORT at our church this year.

Updates From Lead Teams (cont'd)

God Centered Worship

Service of Ordination to Set Apart Ethan Brown and Caitlin Brown for the Gospel Ministry
Sunday, January 26 · 6:00pm · Sanctuary

Investment in Next Generations

Parent Child Dedication · Sunday, January 19 · 8:30am & 11:00am
Contact Susie, swebb@fbcnn.org, to participate or for more information.

More News from FBCNN

**Please Pray for Ethan Brown and the Young Adults Traveling on the New York Mission Trip
January 10-13, 2020**

Staff Anniversaries for January

Lesley Spitzer, January 1 Wendy Buck, January 31
Take a moment to congratulate these two who are using their talents to bless our worship services.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast · Saturday, January 11 · 8:00am · Payne Fellowship Hall

Sandy Pullen Droessler will share the history of FBCNN. Ladies are welcome to attend this Saturday.

First Baptist Preschool Fundraiser · Tuesday, January 14 · 4:00-9:00pm

Dino's Pizza Shop, 14357 Warwick Boulevard
Mention that you are with First Baptist Preschool and part of the proceeds will be donated to the preschool for curriculum enrichment and new equipment. Invite your family and friends!

Youth BARF · January 24 · 6:00pm

This is our first BARF for 2020 and there will be a lot of fun stuff to do! Contact Michael Adams, madams@fbcnn.org, for more information.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday · February 2

Please bring an item requested for your Sunday School class or 10.5 ounce can of chicken noodle soup. All of the items collected will be used to restock our Food Pantry which gives out approximately 60 bags of food each week to those in need throughout our community.

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- January



THURSDAY 9	FRIDAY 10	SATURDAY 11	SUNDAY 12	MONDAY 13	TUESDAY 14	WEDNESDAY 15
Hispanic Praise Team 6:00pm	Swingin' Singers 10:00am	Young Adults New York Mission Trip	Traditional Worship 8:30am	Prayer Group (Prayer Rm.) 2:00pm	Compassion Ministries 8:00am	Women's Bible Study 9:00am
Transformed Praise Team 7:30pm	Young Adults New York Mission Trip Leaves	Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00am	Bible Study 9:45am	Faith Class Movie Night 5:00pm	Girl Scout Meeting 6:00pm	Family Night Dinner 5:00pm
		Prayer Group (Rm. 130) 10:00am	Contemporary Worship 11:00am	The Bridge Young Adults 7:00pm	Biblical Proportions 6:30pm	Children & Youth Activities 6:00pm
			Hispanic Worship 12:30pm	Delta Mission Circle Meeting 7:00pm		2020 Budget Discussion 6:15pm
			Young Adults New York Mission Trip Returns			Sanctuary Choir 7:30pm

Stewardship Notice, Sign Raiser & Christmas Offerings

The Stewardship Team wants to advise our membership that, due to your commitment and prayerful giving, we (with God's help and direction) achieved our 2019 budget goal. Thank you all for answering God's call on your hearts to not only ensure the church's operation, but also to enable the accomplishment of many local and worldwide mission works. What a mighty and compassionate God we serve, and He continues to bless us and offer wonderful opportunities to serve others. Let's celebrate meeting our goal and joyfully anticipate the tasks God is preparing for us in the future.

Jim Lystlund, Chairman, FBCNN Stewardship Team

Sign Raiser Total to Date: \$55,732.25

Advent Conspiracy Offering: \$20,483.00

Other Mission Christmas Offerings (Lottie Moon and CBF): \$5,539.65

Wednesday Night Menus

January 8, 2020

Spaghetti, Baked Peaches, Garlic Bread, Salad
Dessert: Banana Pudding
Kids: Pizza, Potato Chips, Applesauce

January 15, 2020

Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad
Dessert: Peach Upside Down Cake
Kids: Chicken Strips, French Fries, Applesauce

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