

MISSIONS

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developing missionaries
who share the love of Christ
with our community & beyond

Beyond These Walls

Today we pray for how each of us will impact local, state, national and international missions as we share the love of Christ with our community and beyond.

Quarterly Business Meeting

The next FBC Quarterly Business Meeting is on Sunday, December 3 at Noon in the Worship Center. The meeting will begin immediately following the conclusion of the 10:45 am service.

Next Steps Luncheon

Do you want to know more about FBC's core values, beliefs and mission? Are you ready to take the next step to membership? Join us next Sunday, Nov 19 at Noon for a class that will answer your questions about the heart of FBC Palmetto. Lunch will be provided and childcare is available with advanced registration. Call the church office to RSVP at 941-722-7795.

Ladies Bible Studies

Ladies, join us each week on Wednesdays at 6 pm or Thursdays at 9:30 am for on going Bible studies. We are currently studying a four-week scripture based lesson from Anne Graham Lotz. Each week is different and we invite you to join at any time.

Parents Night Out

Do you need time to do some Christmas shopping? Palmetto Kids is providing a Parents Night Out for kids ages 2 years-5th grade on Friday, Dec 1 from 6-9 pm. Children will enjoy pizza, chips, cookies and a drink while watching a movie in the gym. RSVP is required. Contact Lynne Mikulec at 941-722-0810 or email her at Lmikulec@fbcpalmetto.com.

MISSIONS 2018

Please begin praying about how God would have you involved in the 2018 Missions Ministry and budget. The following outlines the budget as proposed by the Global Outreach Team:

Total 2018 Budget: \$271,980

Missions Outreach: \$56,230

Costa Rica (June): \$5,400
Guatemala (July): \$6,480
Barcelona (July): \$10,800
Baltimore Church Plant Support: \$4,800
Carpenters for Christ: \$2,400
Youth Camp: \$14,000
CentriKid Camp: \$5,000
Winshape Camp: \$750
Miscellaneous: \$3,600
Short-Term Mission Projects: \$3,000

Local: \$82,000

Youth for Christ: \$4,000
Youth for Christ/Witt: \$5,000
Guardian Angel: \$6,500
Anchor House: \$6,000
CareNet: \$4,000
North River Care: \$4,000
Manatee Religious Services: \$2,000
Misc. Needs: \$5,000
Manatee Young Life: \$4,000
Solve House: \$2,500
El Crucero: \$2,000
Mt. Carmel Resource Ctr: \$4,000
Pack a Sack: \$6,000
Selah Freedom: \$2,500
Serve Saturday: \$5,000
Starks Global Serve Intn'l: \$7,500
Johnsons: \$4,000
Bridge A Life: \$5,000
Palmetto Build: \$3,000

State & National: \$62,350

Annie Armstrong: \$17,850
Maguire State Offering: \$2,000
Future Local Church Plant: \$25,000
Orlando Church Plant: \$5,000
Baltimore Church Plant Support: \$5,000
Mustaine Family/Young Life: \$7,500

International: \$71,400

Lottie Moon: \$55,000
Spatola Family/SEE: \$1,200
Shiwatt Family/Worldteam: \$1,000
Dann Family/Liberia: \$2,000
Asia's Hope: \$2,400
Broken Hearts Ministry: \$1,200
Orphans Heart: \$5,000
Pepper's Wycliffe: \$3,600

Discussion Questions

- Why do we want to be part of things that are worthwhile? Why do we feel frustrated when it seems we've wasted our time, energy and money?
- What does it cost to do missions? In our region? In our nation? Around the world?
- What are some costs to doing missions that supersede our financial responsibilities? (Read [Acts 9:15-16](#) and [2 Corinthians 11:24-27](#))
- The west has seen an unprecedented time of peace toward Christianity. Discuss how this might be changing. What is our response? Could God use persecution in the west to spread the Gospel?
- What would need to happen in your life in order to prepare yourself, your family, your church, etc., for persecution?

Bible Reading Plan

2016-17 Bible Reading Plan
Week 96

Monday

- Ezekiel 39:25-40:27
- Hebrews 11:26-40
- Proverbs 11:9-17

Tuesday

- Ezekiel 40:28-41:26
- Hebrews 12:1-17
- Proverbs 11:18-31

Wednesday

- Ezekiel 42:1-43:12
- Hebrews 12:18-29
- Proverbs 12:1-12

Thursday

- Ezekiel 43:13-44
- Hebrews 13
- Proverbs 12:13-28

Friday

- Ezekiel 44:15-45:25
- 1 Peter 1:1-12
- Proverbs 13:1-10

Monday - Worship His Holiness

By Kel Cunard

"For they have gone out for the sake of the name." 3 John 7

What comes to mind when you hear the word missionary? For me, I remember going to church on Sunday nights to hear reports from missionaries who were home on furlough. As an adult, I am humbled and challenged by the testimonies of these faithful servants, but as an adolescent, I was distracted by how different they were. They wore dated clothes and didn't sound like the people I knew. They seemed out of touch with popular culture, and even the click-click of their slide projectors seemed behind the times. As a teen, I had been on mission trips, but listening to the professional missionaries, I was convinced they were nothing like me.

We have a tendency in the church to professionalize the call of God on the lives of people. We bring friends to church so the preacher can lead them to Jesus. We send money to missionaries so they can take Christ to the nations. All the while, we sit on the sidelines wishing the professionals would just do a better job.

Without diminishing God's special call to the pastorate or international missions, every follower of Christ has been called to make disciples and to be a missionary. Those tasks are not reserved for professionals; they are assumed for Christians. If Jesus is your Savior, you are His missionary.

There are currently 16 million members of 40,000 Southern Baptist Churches. Out of all those potential missionaries, the International Missions Board only has 5,000 people deployed in the field. Perhaps our missions paradigm is still shaped by those presentations of the past. In our minds, missionaries are professional Christians, and that is not us.

But when we read the history of the early church, the average Christ-follower was a catalyst for missions. (Read [3 John](#)) Normal people were going across the known world telling the good news of Jesus Christ, and those who didn't go were giving sacrificially to make the mission trips of others possible. Everyone was engaged in the Great Commission, and because of their commitment the world was never the same.

Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#); [Acts 1:8](#); and [Colossians 3:17](#). Ask yourself:

- Am I being a missionary where I live and work?
- Am I giving my time, talent and treasure to make Christ known to the world?

Tuesday - Tumbling Waters

By Cathy Slusser

"He made streams come out of the rock and caused waters to flow down like rivers." Psalm 78:16

One of our favorite places to visit is the North Georgia area around Ellijay, Blue Ridge and Blairsville. We love being in the mountains (actually, the foothills of the mountains), hiking, rafting and enjoying the views and the cooler temperatures. Of course, there are the apples, fried pies, cider, dumplings, everything apple.

We always make a trip to Amicaloa Falls near Dawsonville to climb the more than 600 steps on a steep quarter-mile stair to reach the top of the falls. The waterfall, which drops 729 feet, is the highest in Georgia and one of the seven natural wonders of the state. If you can catch your breath and look around while you climb, you see antique cars tucked among the trees. These models from the 1930s and 40s washed over the falls and were wedged on the mountainside like surprising pieces of art.

Amicalola means Tumbling Waters in Cherokee. The falls are aptly named for the water bounces off rocks creating rainbows that glisten in the spray. Seen from the base of the mountain and during the climb, the falls are broad and giant. The roar of the water is terrifying when heard up close from the walkway that spans the falls near its beginning. It is always a surprise after viewing the falls to reach the top and see that all of the water flows from a narrow creek gently descending the peak of the mountain. The small stream dotted with rocks seems perfect for wading on a hot summer day, yet a few feet away it drops with such force that the earth thunders.

I think of the missions offering as though it is a waterfall like Amicalola. Tiny drops of rain, little springs and melted snow all combine into a calm stream. Standing beside it, the noise of the water lapping around the rocks is relaxing, even peaceful. Until, the waters gather together into a pool at the top of the falls and then, drop into emptiness. Then, the water roars with strength that washes automobiles over the side and carves rocks into canyons. We may consider our gift to the missions' offering inconsequential. What could that little bit do to reach around the world? But, when our gifts are combined, they do tremendous work at home and abroad. The roar of God's love and Christ's sacrificial gift are made known among the nations.

Read [Psalm 78](#). The title of this chapter is "Tell the Coming Generation." In it, the Psalmist lists all of the ways God has blessed and saved the Israelite people. Make a list of all the ways that God has blessed and saved you. In verse 7-8, the Psalmist states why it is important for future generations to know how God has blessed us and the consequences of sin. Why is it important? Giving to missions is a way that we can contribute to telling the world about Jesus. So is telling our family, friends and neighbors. Who can you share your testimony with this week?

Wednesday - Name Above All Names

By Keith Thomas

"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever." Psalm 145:1

The recent shooting at Sutherland Springs, First Baptist Church in Texas, has created a new procedure for the Texas Department of Public Safety: Don't name the shooter. In an attempt to discourage copycat assailants, spokesman for the department, Freeman Martin, says, "We do not want to glorify him and what he's done." FBI special agent, Chris Combs said, "We certainly don't want to glorify what has happened. There are a couple of campaigns out there, one is called Don't Name Them, we don't talk about the shooter . . ."

Withholding the name of a menacing man was more than likely frustrating to all the media outlets. After all, journalists are tasked with answering all the questions: Who? What? Where? When? Why? How? It's no mistake that the first question on their list is "Who?" Enquiring minds want to know. We all want to know "who dunnit?" Finding "Who" is the highest priority.

As Christ followers, our task is clear, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) The "me" has a name, and His name is Jesus. Discipleship requires the denial of self with the pursuit of holiness. Both are challenging, but both are made possible through Jesus Christ. You see, it is Jesus who brought truth to light through His teachings. It is Jesus who displayed His power through the miracles He performed. It is Jesus who paid for our sins with His death on a cross. It is Jesus who became victorious over death when He rose from the grave on the third day. Notice Whose name I used: "Jesus." Your name is not mentioned, my name is not mentioned, the MVP of the league was not mentioned and the pastor's name was not mentioned. Jesus is the name that gives us the encouragement, the ability, and the confidence to live our lives with determination and hope. Jesus is the name that saves.

In John 12:32, Jesus says, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." Jesus is referring to being lifted up on a cross for the salvation of men. "Lifted up" also means "exalted". Our pursuit of holiness begins with acknowledging the One who loved us enough to save us. As we lift up, exalt, and honor God in our worship of Him, others will be drawn to Him. Our first priority in life is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. Psalm 34:3 says, "Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" We can't make God any bigger than He is already, but what we can do is worship Him in "spirit and in truth." (John 4:23) In doing so, the truth of God's unfailing love will be magnified through our lives to the world around us. Knowing God is our highest priority. Making His name known will be a natural outflow of our relationship with God.

The very mention of a name can make a difference. How many names of God can you list? Let's start a campaign called "Name Him" so that the world will know Him.

Thursday – I Will Build My Church . . .

By George Volpe

“That your way may be known on earth, and your salvation among all nations.” Psalm 67:2

When I became a Christian, I did not know what to expect in a local New Testament church. Over time I learned that the thing I called a church was really the body of believers which belong to Christ. Jesus said “...I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18b)

Jesus is calling people all over the world to receive Him, to know Him, to worship Him, and to fellowship together eternally. These people, “called out” from the world, make up the “church.” In His Great Commission before He ascended, Jesus commanded the Apostles to go into all the world and disciple people for His Kingdom. In Acts 13 the Holy Spirit directed the church at Antioch to separate Barnabas and Paul for this purpose, and the first missionary activity began. Multitudes of people were saved as a result of Paul’s missionary journeys. And from the early church we stand today as evidence of that early commitment of disciples to share the Gospel.

And you would think that every church founded during Paul’s time would be excited to see Paul and to support the work of missions. After all, this is the work Jesus gave the church to do not long before this. But here’s where it gets a little weird. Do you think it was possible for a church in the first century, still a relatively young organization, to downplay or even dismiss the role of missions? Would one arrogant man of a first century church be so self-absorbed as to work to turn away missionaries, and threaten others in the congregation if they assisted them? That’s exactly what happened in the church where Diotrephes was as recorded in 3 John.

Sometimes our desire for self-preservation or pride or selfishness moves us to carve a path for ourselves (and others) that has no basis in scriptural truth. Maybe Diotrephes felt threatened by others coming to the church and asking for financial or other help with their missionary work. Maybe that group of believers did not have much to give. But in any case God expects us to give according to what He has given us, whether little or much. (2 Corinthians 8:12)

The Apostle Paul spoke harshly in response to the sinful actions of Diotrephes. The Bible is clear that a very important part of every Christian’s responsibility is to support the continuing effort to build the church of Jesus Christ until He returns, and that means our whole-hearted support for missions in prayer, in giving, and in going.

Friday - Go Therefore and Make Disciples

By Nick Molick

"They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God." 3 John 6

Our God deserves our reverence and our worship, and we get the opportunity to do just that, not just on Sundays but every hour of every day of the week. Our worship and the reverence we show God is a reflection of how we view His holiness and power. If we do not view that power and holiness as something to behold and be marveled at, then our worship tends to grow small and stale. However, if we rightly view God as ultimately holy and divine and all-powerful our worship and reverence rise to an appropriate level. When we have the right view of God we get the right view of ourselves much like Isaiah did when he saw the Seraphim give praise to God in the temple. The sooner we come to the realization that we are men and women of "unclean lips" the sooner we can realize our only hope is in the God Who reconciles us to Himself through Jesus Christ.

The same reverence for God that is applied to our daily worship and praise needs to be applied to our performance and support of missions. Not only are we called *to share the love of Christ with our community and beyond* but we need to go about doing that in "manner that is worthy of God." So, what does that look like? It can look many different ways. Just as God loves a joyful giver I believe He also loves when we are filled with joy to be His hands and feet in this lost world bringing food to the hungry, medicine to the sick and help to the poor. God has called each and every one of us to do something, to put our faith into action and to build His church. That will not look the same for all of us as some of us go across the earth while others go across the street or across the hall. No matter where the mission is it still needs to be done for the glory of God and in such a way that it honors Him. Performing missions or supporting them is a great honor and privilege, and we need to treat them as such. Too often missions are viewed as something that "someone else" will do or "that isn't for me." That isn't the option Christ gave His disciples. Read [Matthew 28:18-20](#) and see the simple yet weighty command given by our Lord. We are called to be on mission all the time and to be carrying that mission out in a manner worthy of our great God.

How can you support the missions of this church starting today? What mission has interested you before but you haven't gotten involved yet? What keeps you from fulfilling Christ's call to make disciples?

Weekend - Vertigo

By Kel Cunard

"Woman, you are freed..." Luke 13:12

There are days when it feels like the world just won't stop spinning. For those experiencing vertigo, the spinning is all too real. Because of malfunctions in the workings of the inner ear, the brain simply cannot process what the eyes are seeing, and it is next to impossible for the vertigo sufferer to maintain his balance.

Spiritual vertigo happens when our faith cannot process what we see in our lives. Just as physical vertigo can be caused by an infection, spiritual vertigo stems from the faulty beliefs that have invaded our hearts and minds. Those faulty beliefs produce unsettling sensations every time life knocks us off-balance, and our faith starts to feel like it is spinning out of control.

Thankfully, spiritual vertigo can be remedied by a steady diet of Biblical truth. Read [Luke 13:10-17](#) and join us this weekend as we begin a three week study in the book of Luke seeing how we can find *Balance* through a faith that is grounded in the truth and love of Jesus Christ.

Prepare for Worship

As you prepare your heart for worship, read [Psalm 74](#). Give thanks to the One about whom the psalmist could say "Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun."

Pray for the World: Sweden

Increased unity among evangelicals is a praiseworthy outworking of the continued decline of state-sponsored Christendom and a sign of God's Spirit at work. Evangelical groups from across the theological and denominational spectrums increasingly work, pray and worship together as they see themselves as a minority in a secular society. Each year at Pentecost, around 20,000 from around the country gather in Stockholm for "Jesus Manifestation."

The Church of Sweden is no longer the State Church. Its size, political influence and social impact are large, but waning. Liberal theology and practice include endorsing same-sex marriage to universalism and reject the divine authority of Scripture. Politicians (often without any clear faith in Jesus) are frequently chosen to sit on parish councils. The Church is in numerical decline and attendance is between 1-2% of membership. Pray for God to shake and refine this Church.

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Deacons of the Week:

Keith Thomas & Phil Setsma

Sunday, Nov 12

Christmas Shoe Boxes are Due



Wednesday, Nov 15

5:00 pm Family Supper: Ham

6:00 pm AWANA Clubs

Saturday, Nov 18

11:00 am MORE Mens Ministry BBQ Lunch

Sunday, Nov 19

12:00 pm Next Steps Luncheon

Nov 21: SonShiners Luncheon

Nov 23-24: Campus Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec 1: Parents Night Out

Dec 3: FBC Quarterly Business Meeting

Dec 5: Deacons Meeting

Dec 6: Carpenters for Christ Meeting

Dec 8: What Love Is This? at 7 pm

Dec 9: What Love Is This? at 6 pm

Dec 10: What Love Is This? at 3 pm

Dec 13: GO Team Meeting

Dec 19: SonShiners Luncheon

Children's Volunteers

Week 3: November 19

Preschool Worship: Katherine Calhoun, Bo & Toni Dunaway, Barbara & Al Hall, Andrew & Rachel Marshall (e), Lindsey McIlwaine, Darryl Mikulec, Sandy Pope, Wesley & Sarah Rosenboom, Janet Stanford, Lilly Trip, Jared & Danielle Weaver (o)

Bed Babies: Gayle Ballenger, Patty Harrison, Tom & Jennifer Harrison, Laverne Phillips

Kid's Worship: Rebecca Brouwer, Erin Paris, Michael Santello

Weekly at FBC

Sundays:

8:00 am Bible Studies

8:00 am Library Opens

8:30 am Worship Rehearsal

9:00 am Coffee Fellowship in F.H.

9:15 am Celebration Service

9:15 am Encounter Service

9:15 am Bible Studies

10:45 am Celebration Service

10:45 am Bible Studies

10:45 am Preschool Worship (3 & 4 yrs)

10:45 am Kids Worship (K-5)

6:00 pm High School Youth

Monday-Friday:

7:30 am WEE World

8:30 am Church Office

2:30 pm King's Kids

Wednesdays:

3:00 pm Puppet Rehearsal

4:00 pm Library Opens

5:00 pm Family Supper

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting

6:00 pm AWANA Clubs

6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

6:15 pm Middle School Youth

7:00 pm Orchestra Rehearsal

Thursdays:

6:30 pm Encounter Band Rehearsal


encounter
service

Sundays at
9:15 am


celebration
service

Sundays at
9:15 & 10:45 am

MORE



men's ministry
Meaningful Outreach that is Relational & Effective

November 18
11 am-2 pm

Men, join us in the gym for this men's ministry event featuring fun, fellowship and good old-fashioned BBQ. Our guest speaker will be Steve Shenbaum from game on Nation.

Tickets are available in the Rotunda and the Fellowship Hall
after each Sunday Worship service.

First Baptist Church of Palmetto Presents
An Original Christmas Musical Drama
Featuring the Worship Choir, Orchestra
& Dramatic Ensemble

Free
Admission

A reception
will follow each
performance

What
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Friday
Dec 8
7 pm

Saturday
Dec 9
6 pm

Sunday
Dec 10
3 pm

