

The Tidings

FBC's monthly newsletter

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Join us this Holy Season...

Celebrate the Risen Christ!

O give thanks to God, for God is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever.

--Psalm 118:29



Maundy Thursday

March 29, 7:00 pm
in the Social Hall

Gather for a service of prayer, song, ritual, and community as we remember how Jesus spent his last days with his friends.

Good Friday

March 30, 7:00 pm

at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
Come to this ecumenical service of prayer, scripture, reflection & song, sharing in lament for the violence of the cross and mourning together.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 9:00 & 11:00 am WORSHIP

in the Sanctuary

Rejoice, celebrate, and feast together on this day when hope forms the center of our faith tradition.

10:00 am Brunch

in the Gathering Room

The Menu: Deviled Eggs, Platters of sliced Cheese, Fruit Tray, Hot Cross Buns, Basket of Mini Muffins, Fruit Salad, Orange Juice, Coffee, Tea & Milk

Join in decorating the Easter Flower Cross, an FBC tradition, during the brunch. Bring cut flowers from your yard to add to this symbol of new life.



At our Last Sunday Gathering that ushered in the Lenten season, participants welcomed this time of reflection, waiting, darkness, and mystery in many ways.

Pictured (left to right): Harold Jacobs, Parker Williams, and Don Watson wrote and illustrated stories about being bulbs planted in the ground. Heidi Reinker shared an original poem using Lenten themes. Heidi Douglas and Tayah Curry played in the sandbox - our "desert" - as they reflected on Jesus' lonely journey in the desert.

Thanks to all who participated in that meaningful program.

Financial Report: January 1 - February 28, 2018

April 2018

	Actual for Period	% of Amount Budgeted
Contributions Income:	\$49,681	94.6%
Total Income:	\$56,595	94.4%
Total Expenses:	\$59,820	99.8%
Net Income:	\$ -3,225 (deficit)	

Financial update --

The above report is for our church's General Fund (staff, office expense, building and a portion of our support of Mission activities). In addition to this core support of FBC ministry, we have been very generous in support of the 150th Maintenance Repair Project. Your support of our Nicaragua Mission Team and our Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Team is so very important. We are thankful for each and every gift. -- The Finance Team, Roger Dell, Judee Kunze, Jane Apel, & Don Watson, treasurer



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Church Board Notes - March 14

Flowers are blooming, trees and vines are budding - 'tis the season of promise, hope and new life! Last month you might have read in the Board Notes section of the Tidings about the Church Board's plan to make some changes and revisions to the Board structure. I am excited about the promise of these changes for leadership to better support Building Community within and beyond the congregation. A nominating committee is starting with hope to bring new faces in these leadership roles.

You also may remember reading in a Tidings last Fall that the discernment committee formed to assist the Board to respond to Rev. Steve Bils' request to either leave the ABC-CPC region or leave AWAB. The discernment committee drafted a response saying we want to remain in the ABC-CPC region and maintain affiliation with AWAB. This letter was sent on by the Board to region leaders, with copies to Katie Chapman, AWAB Executive Director and Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer, ABC-USA General Secretary. In October, Erika received some questions from Rev. Bils, intended to help him respond to questions from other congregations regarding our affiliation with AWAB. The discernment committee submitted to the Board very well-written and thoughtful responses, which were affirmed by the Board and have been sent on to the above mentioned people. Please let me know if you would like a copy of this letter. Our dialogue continues...

Also at the March meeting, the Board affirmed the recommendation of the 150th Anniversary Major Deferred Maintenance committee to wait until the roof project is completed before thinking about spending 'contingency funds.' A list of priority repair projects is being developed, should funds be available. The Building and Grounds committee is developing a list prioritizing routine maintenance projects that could be addressed using funds from the operating budget.

Every Board meeting ends with reports about all the wonderful ministries in place that are Building Community within and beyond the walls of our church.

Respectfully,
Susan Chambers, Moderator



Sunday Worship Highlights

April 2018

*FBC is a Matthew 25 church, inspired by the words of Jesus,
"Whatever you do unto the least of my sisters & brothers, you do unto me."*

9 am-12 pm - Nursery care for Infants through Preschool

April 1 **EASTER Sunday**
"Easter is an Uprising"
Mark 16:1-8; Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

April 8 **"The Resurrected Community is the Church at Mission"**
John 20: 19-23; Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

April 15 **"Bridging the Gap" - Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Sunday**
Sharing from Y.A.H.O.O. Team Members: Georgine Benner, Prescott Benner, Annie Clayton, Ana Dominguez, Mary Dressel, Kalie Ferry, Dane Foster, Jason Kiff, Joel Kiff, Arlo Kneeland-MacDonald, Paul Kushner, Tony Marler, Alyssa McMillan, Myra Paloblanco, Zach Reinker, Cyrus Scarboro-Ford, Sean P. Williams

April 22 **"Amor, Amor, Amor" - AMOS Nicaragua Mission Sunday**
Sharing from Nicaragua Team Members: Marcy Anderson, Rubi Gonzalez, Erika Marksbury, Helios & Lisa Ovando-Arreola, Cynthia Parker, Jennifer Scott, Brandi Spence, Tiffany Wall, Cameron Watson, and Don Watson

April 29 **5th Sunday Schedule:**
9 am - Prayer & Song Service / 11 am - Combined Celebration Service
"Upon All These Rocks"
Matthew 16:13-19; Rev. Erika Marksbury, preaching

Thoughts from Pastor Erika

In the second century of the common era, Greek church father St. Irenaeus told those who would listen, *"The glory of God is every creature fully alive."* In this season of resurrection, that's the invitation to each one of us: What does it mean for you to be fully alive? When are those times, or where are those places, that you feel like you're resting in the promises of abundance - abundant care, abundant grace, abundant beauty, abundant life? Sometimes we shy away from these questions because they feel selfish, but their answers help to show us where we find shalom - health and wholeness - and that's not only good for us individually, it's good for our communities, and for our whole world. So as our stories turn toward Jesus' new life, consider: where are possibilities springing up in your own life? What does it take to nurture those? How can your church help to tend that new life? And how can what's being born in you help to bring forth all that's being born around you?

Happy Easter! Erika

WELCOME CLASS

April 8, 15, 22 at 10 a.m.

Staff Conference Room

Want to learn more about FBC - where we come from, what we stand for, the core commitments of our denomination?

Join Pastor Erika and Board members for a class that introduces you more fully to FBC and to the American Baptist Churches (USA).

If you're considering being baptized and/or joining the church, this class is for you!

FBC is Building Community in 2018!

Every month, we're highlighting two events - one service event, and one social event - as especially crafted for our "Building Community" theme.

All are welcome at these events, so join in, bring friends and family, and let's celebrate FBC and reach out to our neighbors!

APRIL EVENTS

Saturday, April 14 (Service Event) Camp Arrah Wanna Work Day

Join us for a day at CAW helping take care of the facilities and property. Projects will depend on our group & numbers, and the current needs of CAW. Times TBD, more details coming soon.

Sunday, April 29 (Social Event) FBC Birthday Party

12-1:30 pm (after church, in the Gathering Room)

FBC turns 151 this year! After our big anniversary last year, we've decided every year is worth celebrating. Come to a combined worship service at 11 o'clock and stay for lunch, singing, games, cake, and more!

Meditation Moment

"You understand
so little
of what is
around you
because
you do not use
what is
within you."

-Hildegard of Bingen,
German Benedictine abbess,
1098-1179



Paper Doll Church at Mission Project

The resurrected church is the church at mission. After Easter, the resurrected church was built on a community of people coming together to spread the good news. A community made up of unique individuals that brought their talents, values, and strengths to help each other. We are a church at mission when we go into the communities of Nicaragua, Mexico, and our hometown to help serve.

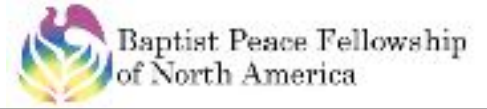
The Paper Doll Project is an opportunity for you, a friend of First Baptist Church, to design a paper doll to represent you. There are no rules of how you decorate your doll, only that it represent who you are in some way. What do you look like? What are your values? What do you do to help others? What is important to you? What are your strengths?

Poster board Paper Dolls will be available each Sunday in the Gathering Room to take home in April. Please decorate your doll in your own image (talents, strengths, values, or image) and bring it back to FBC. We will create a paper doll chain around the sanctuary. We are a community of love and hope!

Will you join us in creating a symbol of that hope and joy?

MISSION MOMENTS

April 2018



Living Dreams - Chapmans' Update

Dear Friends,
After a blessed Christmas spent with all three of our children, their spouses, and our two young grand-daughters, we feel refreshed and ready to go again to those we left in Congo. Mentally, physically, and spiritually, our focus is increasingly in preparation mode for our return.



New dreams for helping Congo's rural churches is changing: versatile motor-cycles penetrating the remotest of villages, youth everywhere with cell phones, cheap solar panels/LED technology, DVD players reaching strategically placed village pastors. Even the possibility of using small payload carrying drones have inspired our imagination.

To better prepare ourselves for the more rigorous teaching, both Glen and I have immersed ourselves in online, intensive Biblical Hebrew and French grammar.

We recently received encouraging word that nine new theology student wives have entered in Kikongo's Women's School for three years of training! It's good to see these wives come again.

Please feel free to write us anytime. We would love to hear from you and would be honored to remember you in prayer. www.congochapmans.com -- Rita and Glen

**OUR SUPPORT, YOUR MISSIONARIES,
THEIR LIVES = GOD'S WORK**

Did you know McMinnville First Baptist Church is a Partner member of BPFNA? We support their work for peace in multiple ways: Attending their Peace Camps during the summer, providing BPFNA with an annual gift, and by using their resources for positive change. Recently BPFNA recommended discussions about white privilege. The film clip called, "On Becoming an Ally" was shown at FBC last year and this spring the curriculum from that series called, "White Privilege, let's talk" is being used by two groups in our congregation. Nationwide BPFNA is exempling several ways we can be personally or by congregation a part of Peaceful Resistance in these times of threat to our immigrant neighbors, and guidelines for calling our government officials. We are proud and strengthened by our active association with BPFNA. I urge you to check out their website: www.bpfna.org.

April 15 is Y.A.H.O.O. Sunday!

We give thanks for the many blessings both given and received on this trip. For all the support from our FBC family, and the support from the McMinnville community, for the friendships made, for the school-rooms built, for the Mexican families, and for the all the beauty we encountered. This experience would not be possible without the support and generosity of this church, so thank you for helping make this happen!

Please join us on Sunday, April 15 as the Team leads both worship services, sharing stories, music, photos, prayers, and more, all from our our experience in 2018. We hope this gathering will be one small way to show our gratitude for the ways you make the Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission trip possible.





All 6th through 12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group on Sunday Nights from 5-6:30 pm at FBC. Here's a preview of what's coming up in April!

April 8: A Family Place Project

April 15: Prayer Media & Practice

April 22: Game Night

**LAST
SUNDAY
GATHERING**

Our next Last Sunday Gathering, for all children, youth, and families, is Sunday, April 29! We hope you will join us for our LEGO STORY event! We'll work in groups, read/share stories, and respond/create with Legos! It's from 5-6:30pm in the Gathering Room at FBC, and as always we'll share a meal together. More details coming soon; please plan on being a part.



Summer Parents Meeting
Sunday, June 3

Camp Arrah Wanna Summer Camps
High School: July 9-13
Middle School & Elementary:
July 23-27

All Church Campout
July 20-22

Vacation Bible School
August 6-9

Sunday Mornings @ FBC: **APRIL 2018**

NURSERY: Infants through Preschool, FBC Nursery, 9am-12pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL (10-10:50 am)

CHILDREN: Kindergarten to 5th Grade, Second Floor Children's Classroom
April Focus - *Spark Rotation: The Sower*

YOUTH & PARENTS: NO Classes in APRIL

WORSHIP (11 am)

CHILDREN: 1st Sunday (April 1) & 5th Sunday (April 29) – **Full Worship Service**
All Other Sundays (April 8/15/22) – **Children's Chapel** (after Children's Story)

YOUTH: Full worship service, sit with your family or other youth in the balcony

LUNCH ON CAMPUS - **now on WEDNESDAYS!**

April 4: McMinnville HS - **April 11:** Duniway MS - **April 18:** Patton MS

COMMUNICATION

Email: Email sean@fbcmac.org to be added to our weekly enews list

Text: Via Remind, text @seanpw to the number 81010 for updates

Facebook: Join us at FBC McMinnville KIDS and FBC McMinnville Youth

Instagram: Follow us at @fbcmacyouth

Small Group Opportunities

"For where two or more come together in my name, there am I with them." —Matthew 18:20

Meditation Practice

2nd Floor Meditation Room
Every Wednesday @ 12:00 noon
Using silent Christian Prayer & Buddhist Traditions
Contact: Lynn 503-472-8196

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, April 28
"Myths of Rural America" by Joe Wilkins
All men of FBC are invited to attend.
Les Toth's Toy Barn (2700 NW Pinehurst, Mac)
Les will provide breakfast.
Future Presenters:
May 19 - "A Giant Step Backwards" by Joel Kiff

AM Knit Wits

Every Thursday
9:30 am
Contact: Linda,
971-237-6828



PM Knit Wits

Tuesdays,
April 3 & 17
7 pm - Contact: Gina,
971-237-2789

Theology of Star Trek

(Berean Room) **7-8:30 pm**

Wednesday, April 18
Where Silence Has Lease
(The Next Generation)
Contact JP - jpbierly@gmail.com



Hiking Group

Saturday, April 21 - 8:30 am,
meet at the church to carpool.
Destination: Sauvie Island
Great FUN - Good Exercise - Exciting locations!
Contact: Gloria LaFata, 503-931-4846 /
glowml1@gmail.com



Gluten Free Friends Gatherings

Monthly Support Group meeting
1st **Saturday, April 7 - 9:30-11am**
Contact: Barbara Burr, 971-241-6112
barbaracoleburr@gmail.com

Together Works

LGBTQ monthly gatherings
2nd & 4th Mondays (Fireplace Room)
April 9 & 23, 7:00 pm
Social & Educational time together, fun & food



HAPPY FBC CAMPERS! Get ready for the FBC summer CAMPOUT!
SOUTH BEACH STATE PARK July 20-22, 2018

Be sure to mark your calendars!
For more information, contact Dave King
kaveding@earthlink.net. Sign-Ups begin June 1st.



Skybound Blue & Occasional Quartet

featuring Howie Harkema to perform at FBC.

Saturday, April 28, 7-9 pm

A fundraiser for McMinnville's COMPASS CENTER
An emergency & transitional homeless shelter, providing
a resource center, job training & educational programs.

FREE WILL OFFERING GIVEN - DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

"Growing Community in a Positive Direction, One Life at a Time"



April at FBC

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 EASTER SUNDAY 10a Easter Brunch 9a & 11a Worship 	2 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	3 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	4 12n - Meditation	5 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	6 9-10:30a - STAR	7 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 9:30-11a - Gluten Free Friends
8 9a & 11a WORSHIP 10a - Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	9 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	10 6:30p - Cub Scouts	11 12n - Meditation 6:30p- Church Board Meeting	12 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	13 9-10:30a - STAR	14
15 9a & 11a WORSHIP Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission Sunday 10a - Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	16 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts	17 6:30p - Cub Scouts 7p - Knit Wits	18 12n - Meditation 7p -Theology of Star Trek	19 9:30a - Knit Wits 7:30p - Worship Team	20 9-10:30a - STAR	21 9a-1p - Free Medical Clinic 8:30a - Hiking
Pastor at Continuing Education Conference						
22 9a & 11a WORSHIP AMOS Nicaragua Mission Sunday 10a - Classes 5-6:30p - Youth	23 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts 7p - Together Works	24 6:30p - Cub Scouts	25 12n - Meditation	26 9:30a - Knit Wits 6:30p - Choir 7:30p - Worship Team Pastor's Day Off	27 9-10:30a - STAR	28 9a - Men's Breakfast
29 9a - Prayer & Song Service 10a - Classes 11a - Combined Worship 12-1p - FBC Party! 5-6:30p - Last Sunday Gathering	30 9-10:30a - STAR 7p - Boy Scouts					

APRIL Birthdays:

Jim Duke 1
 Dorothy Williams 2
 Charlotte Stuart 4
 Don Christensen 5
 Suzanne Frum 5
 BJ Larmouth 6
 Rylee Perkins 6

Charlee Perkins 6
 Chip Topping 6
 AJ Campbell 7
 Kevin Chambers 7
 Jennifer Scott 11
 Gordon Dromgoole 12
 Logan Ferry 14
 Wayne Beckwith 15

Jean Anderson 16
 Jennifer Cleveland 19
 Dayna Gilbert 19
 Holden Leach 20
 Zachary Reinker 20
 Shelly Sanderlin 20
 Rosemary Roberts 21
 Dane Foster 22

Karen Stanford 24
 Lisa Ovando 25
 Naomi Rosen 25
 Cameryn Rowe 25
 Felix Bierly 27
 Kelton Curry 27
 Jack Linder 27
 Alyssa Dressel 27

APRIL Anniversaries:

Michael & Lynne Vincent
 4.24.1974
 Holly & Lloyd Galer
 4.12.1986