



Welcome to First Baptist Church!

A New Year is like freshly fallen snow. The year is clean, pristine and has very few tracks in it... we are 7 days in... Will this be the year for spiritual growth, fruitful service, strengthening relationships and investing in eternity? It is our desire to help you glorify God and reach your potential. I encourage you to use your spiritual gifts and abilities to strengthen the Body of Christ and help us accomplish our assignment of making disciples. Don't take a back seat, risk

more, take initiative... and remember, the greatest ability is availability. Will you make yourself available?

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9:00 AM Celebration Service
 10:30 AM Contemporary Service

Please help us create an atmosphere for worship...

- Take a moment to silence your mobile devices.
- We have a safe and loving environment for your children where they can learn about God. Take advantage of our Preschool & Children's Ministry.

New to FBC?

How to become a Member

Before joining FBLEX, we ask that you attend our "Discovery Class." In this class you will become familiar with our history, beliefs and different ministries.

Next class will be **January 21, 2018 from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. One day class, meeting in Student Center Conference Room. Sign up at fblex.org.**

Small Groups - Join one today!

Adult Small Groups at FBLEX are comprised of both Life Groups, on campus, and Home Groups, off campus. This is a place you will be able to connect, grow, and serve the Lord in the coming year. We provide a welcoming, friendly, learning environment for you to grow deeper in your faith with people who you will enjoy being around.

Small Groups have proven to be a better place to interact and learn than in larger groups. So why not connect and explore "Doing Life Together" at FBLEX this year!

If you're not sure where to start, stop by the Welcome Center or just email our Pastor of Connection at Reynold@fblex.org

This Wednesday Night at FBC

Menu: Meat loaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, and fried okra.
 Dessert | Marcos Pizza, Potato Bar, Salad Bar and Hot Dog Bar.
 Prices: \$4 (ages 13 and above), \$2.50 (ages 6-12), \$1.50 (ages 3-5)
 2 and under are free. (Family max of \$15.00)

Preschool - Puggles & Awana Cubbies.....	6:30 PM
K5-4th Grade - Disciple Zone.....	6:30 PM
5th - 6th Grade - Area 56.....	6:30 PM
Jr./Sr. High - the Fallout (Student Center)	6:30 PM
Adults - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30 PM
Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal (Worship Center).....	6:30 PM

O.W.L.S.
 Older. Wiser. Loving. Seniors.



Start the **NEW YEAR** off right, **Friday, January 19th** limited tickets available for **Bill Gaither and Vocal Gaithers Band** in concert at **Millbrook Baptist, Aiken. Tickets \$25 each, go online to OWLS/-Jan/Gaithers to reserve yours. Concert is at 7 PM, time/dinner plans TBD Contact Traci@FBLex.org**

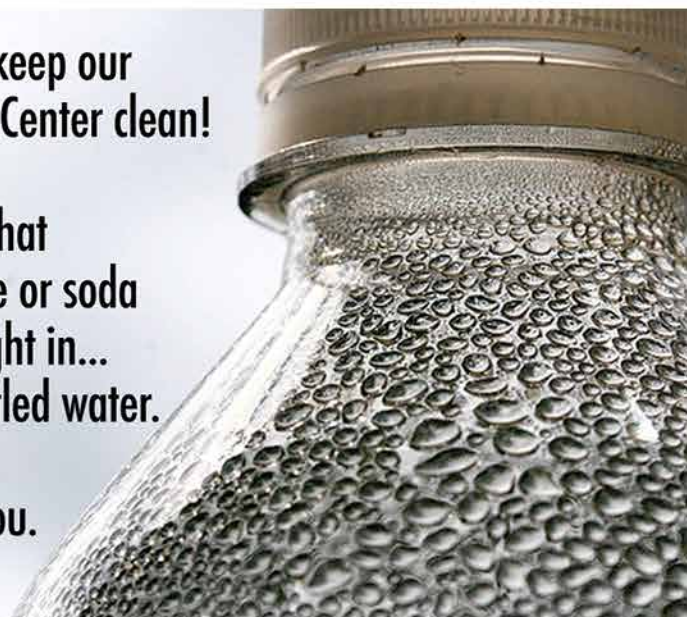
WATCH US ONLINE

f LIVE or vimeo

Help us keep our Worship Center clean!

We ask that no coffee or soda be brought in... only bottled water.

Thank you.



This Week's Schedule

Sunday Morning
 7:45 SonRise LIFE Group
 9:00 Celebration Service
 Life Groups
 10:30 Worship Service
 Life Groups

Monday Evening
 7:00 Men's Night (Modular 5)

Tuesday Evening
 6:30 Celebration Station
 6:45 Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday Evening
 5:00 Dinner
 6:30 Preschool Cubbies & Puggles
 6:30 K5-4th Grade Disciple Zone
 6:30 5th-6th Grade Area 56
 6:30 Jr./Sr. High "the Fallout"
 6:30 Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal
 6:30 Wednesday Bible Studies

Thursday Evening
 7:30 College & Career Night

Campus Improvement

We will change out the lights in the Student and Fellowship buildings to LED's. This will provide a brighter and cheaper source of energy, (work begins January 22).

Prayer Need?

If you have a pressing prayer need, fill out a prayer card (pew pocket) and place it on the altar at the invitation. The prayer team will lift your request to the Lord. If you would like to be a part of the prayer team, email Noel Fields (fun4fields@aol.com).

Celebrate Recovery

Find freedom from your hurts, habits and hang-ups!. Join us every Tuesday at 6:45 PM for Celebrate Recovery in the Fellowship Hall. We offer supper at 6 PM for a donation of \$3.00. Childcare is provided.



Depression Group

If you've been going through a rough time and feeling sad lately, the Counseling Center will be starting a depression group on January 17.



Contact Paul or Jason at jason@fblex.org for more details.

Men's Monday Night Study

Starting January 8th @ Man Cave 7 PM study called: The Men's Series by Karl Faase, an 11 week study on Marriage, Parenting, Faith, Sex & Porn, Depression & Anxiety, Mid Life, Mates, Money & Generosity, Health, Work and Finding You Passion. This will include a video series with workbook (provided). This is for younger men as well as elder men, single and married men.



Spiritual Spotters

Reading schedule for 2018 is available at the Welcome Desk or the Men's Table in the Lobby. We encourage you to read 5 chapters a week and journal (answer 2 questions: what is the big idea, how will I apply this to my life)? This is a 6-year plan (you will read the Old Testament once and the New Testament at least twice). We read Proverbs 1-5 last week, this wk: Proverbs 6-10.



Cafe' Wednesday - 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study 10:30 AM (Student Center) and 6:30 PM (Fellowship Hall) will return this week January 10. We will begin a new series focusing on the Ten Commandments titled "Stone Tablets in a Wireless World." Look forward to seeing you.



Online Giving

Three ways to give your tithes and offering are available. Online giving at fblex.org, the Realm App or you can text to give. Check out the guide in the pew pockets for detailed instructions. Any questions, contact Finance Manager, Danny Edens at danny@fblex.org



Connect Card

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the Welcome Desk to receive a gift of chocolate covered pecans.

I/We attended worship at:

9:00 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Sub-division: _____

Phone (home): _____

His: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hers: Date of Birth: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Children's Information:

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

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Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Grade: _____

Did your children attend with you today?

Yes No

Please check all that apply:

First-time Guest Returning Guest

Regular Attender FBC Member

Visiting Family/Friends

New to the Community

Looking for a New Church Home

Married Single College

How did you hear about us?

I would like information about:

Beginning a relationship with Christ

Baptism

Membership at FBC/Discovery Class

Life/Home Groups



Deacon Ministry

We will have a special prayer for our deacons and their wives at the end of the Service. We will post their pictures and contact info on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall in a couple weeks. Their desire is to serve the Body of Christ (the church).

Sanctity of Life

Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 21st. We have invited Daybreak to be with us. If you or your Life/Home Group is looking for a community outreach (we encourage our Small Groups to adopt a community outreach they participate in throughout the year) plan on spending a few minutes with their director (they will have a table set up in the Lobby).

Megumi Project in Japan

Are you interested supporting our missionaries in Japan through the purchase of amazing Japanese products? If so, visit the Megumi project at <https://megumiproject.myshopify.com>. The Megumi project is a ministry of Kizuna Friends comprised of Christian workers from Japan and the United States of America. All proceeds from this project are used to run the project and provide income for the local workers who have been impacted by the 2011 Tsunami. Don't miss this opportunity to give a gift that will be a blessing in the lives of others!

2017 Budget Results

Last Year's Giving:

Budget Required.....\$1,762,800.00
Giving to date\$1,764,170.74

Missions Budget Required.....\$208,000.00
Missions Budget Given to date.....\$207,144.43

Chest Total.....\$155,165.94

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM.....647

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund\$23,812.28
Missions \$2,934.50

Message Series: The Gospel of John
Today's Message: "He Took the Towel"
Today's Scripture: John 13:1-17

It was an awkward moment, somebody should have done it but no one did... there at the doorway lie the basin of water and a towel. Everyone was familiar with the custom; dirty feet should be washed prior to supper. It wasn't as if they did not have the opportunity. Supper was underway when Jesus stood up, took off His outer garment and grabbed the basin and towel. Startled looks, uncomfortable glances along with silence... until it was Peter's turn. "God forbid! No way, absolutely not!" From one extreme to the other... "Not just my feet, my head and face and..." first an example and then the lesson. Let's take our seat at the table and see what we can learn.

1) The _____.

Hebrews 12:2

2) The _____ (John 13:4-12)

1 John 1:9

3) The _____ (John 13:13-17)

CLOSE:

You're invited to the table, pick up the towel and practice this truth.

- Have you had a spiritual bath? **Regeneration/Justification/Relationship**
- Are your feet clean? **Restoration/Sanctification/Fellowship**

Next Week: Ever feel betrayed? Hey, so did Jesus! I think we often take the Scripture and a topic like "betrayal" and we turn it around and examine how Jesus handled betrayal, when really we tend to fall more in line with the betrayer than the betrayed. Next week, we're going to look at how we have more in common with Judas than we do with Jesus when it comes to that topic. Come, won't you? And bring all your friends!

Listen to sermons online at fblex.org/resources

OUR PURPOSE
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD



The Gospel of John