


What a great time of celebration we enjoyed last Sunday with the Christmas musical, "The King is Here." Special thanks to our Worship Pastor Roy Stenstrom; assistant Michael Long; Media Director Shaggy Martin and all those on the Worship and Arts team. God used you to glorify the KING and we were blessed.

If you have not had an opportunity to give in the Christmas offering we are leaving the "Chest" in the Worship Center throughout December. Bring your Christmas gift before the Service begins or during the invitation. Our Christmas goal is \$165,000 and \$135,473.93 has been given as of last Sunday (see bulletin for how these funds would be invested). If you are going to be in town on Christmas Eve, we hope you will join us for our special Service that day. You have two options; a Family glow stick Service lead by our Praise team at 5 PM and our Candlelight Service lead by our Choir and Orchestra at 7 PM. We close that Service with Handel's Messiah, so practice up and join the "big choir" for the final song before Christmas.

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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.
- For security purposes, no backpacks or large diaper bags in the Sanctuary.

New to FBLeX?

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. **January 20 in the Student Center Conference Room. One day class from 9:00 - 11:45 AM. Sign up at fblex.org.**


Life & Home Groups - Join One Today

- There will be no Life Groups on the 23rd or the 30th. Please join us back on January 6th.
- Women looking for an all women's group, check out BLOOM, led by Alison Myers on Sundays at 9 AM in Modular 4. New study, "It's Not Supposed to be This Way" by Lisa Terkeurst.
- Single or Single Again? Remix is for singles or singled again folks that want to grow in their relationship with Christ. Sundays at 9 AM in Modular 1.
- GPS is working through a great study on the 7 Rings of Marriage. Sundays at 9 AM in Modular 2.

Wednesday Nights at FBLeX

Wednesday Cafe' closed for Christmas Break. Dinner will resume January 9.

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



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How Funds Will Be Used

Building Fund.....	\$65,000
Campus Improvements.....	\$28,500
Church Plant (White Knoll).....	\$28,500
Missions.....	\$16,500
Bus Lease.....	\$9,000
New Counseling Center.....	\$7,500
Loving Lexington.....	\$5,000
Members in Crisis.....	\$5,000
Goal.....	\$165,000
Given to date.....	\$135,473.93



Christmas Eve Services

5 PM - GLOWSTICK
 7 PM - CANDLELIGHT



Celebrate Recovery

CHILI & Bonfire

January 1 @ 6 PM

Annual CR Chili & Bonfire!
 Come put 2018 behind you & prepare for a new beginning in 2019!

All are invited for a chili dinner at 6:00 PM and the bonfire at 6:45 PM.

****Bring a pot of chili to share!****

Men's Weekend - Early Bird Special
 MAN UP ADVENTURE WEEKEND - May 17-18, 2019 at Hickory Knob State Park. Weekend to include golf, boating, fishing, trap and skeet shooting, archery, swimming, etc.



Sign up at the MAN UP Kiosk in the Lobby any Sunday in December for the early bird special \$130. \$155 after December 31.

Baby Shower

A "Drop-In" Baby shower for Emily & Jon Whittle will be hosted by our Deacon wives on Saturday, December 29 from 2 - 5 PM at the home of Del & Gabriela Barger, 114 Letha Lane Lexington, SC 29072 (Keller's Pond Subdivision). Emily is the youngest daughter of Pastor Ralph & Melissa. They are registered at Amazon and Target. This is a church wide event.



Wednesday Bible Study

This week our 10:30 AM Bible study will meet for bible study and afterward will head to O'Charley's for a Christmas lunch gathering.



Our 6:30 PM Bible study will have food and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

Christmas Mailbox

Save the postage stamp and send your Christmas cards to those in the church by utilizing our Christmas mailbox over in the Preschool Lobby. Don't forget to check your box... "You've got mail or you might have mail." ☺



Bridge of Hope Counseling Center

Construction for our Counseling Center on our new site has begun, but we want to let you know we are still here to help. If you could use help from our Counseling Center, you can find information about our counselors at fblexcounseling.com. You can also contact Paul at paul@fblex.org or one our lay counselors through our LIFT program.



Turning Your Down Into Up

Have you been struggling with being down a lot or have been dealing with a lack of motivation? Do you need tools to stay positive? Starting in the new year, Paul Bishop will be leading a depression group from the book Turning Your Down Into Up. Begins January 23. Space limited... please contact Paul at paul@fblex.org or 803-957-0686 ext 1201 to register.



MANNA Commitment

Our goal is to support 200 children in Mae Sot, Thailand. \$30 a month. Your commitment is for 1 year and begins January 2019. **As of now, we have 196 sponsored children with 4 to go!**

Sign up HERE to make a difference in a child's life!

Name: _____
 Address: _____

 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____

How many children would you like to sponsor at \$30? _____

Monthly \$30 or Annually \$360
 Other: \$ _____

Receive your MANNA newsletter by:
 Mail or Email

December Schedule

- 16** Business Meeting following the 10:30 AM Service
- 23** Services at 9 & 10:30 AM (No Life Groups)
- 24** Christmas Eve Services,
 5 PM - Glowstick Service
 7 PM - Candlelight Service
- 30** One Service at 10:00 AM (No Life Groups)

The Church office will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1.

During the holidays our church staff will be taking some time off. If you have an emergency leave a message and the pastor on call will check messages and be back in touch with you.

Connect Card

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate or bring it to Connection Point 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: _____

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



Spotters Reading

This week's reading: Nehemiah 10-13. (This completes the reading plan for 2018. Pick up your 2019 reading schedule at the "Man Up Kiosk" in the Worship Lobby, Preschool side).

Christmas Missions

Support missions while you do your Christmas shopping! Help the ministry of one of our missionaries, Andy & Lorna Gilbert, as they provide work for women displaced by the Tsunami. Shop at megumiproject.net, where you'll find beautiful scarfs, earrings, and other items re-purposed from Japanese Kimono.

The Daniel Plan

Coming in January –The Daniel Plan...Ready to work on some good habits in the New Year to take care of the body God has given you? The Daniel Plan focuses on Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus & Friends to help you live a life of balance. More information coming soon! Contact Susan Bishop if interested: slbishop1@earthlink.net

Business Meeting

Sunday, December 16th, following our 10:30 AM service. To seek adoption for the proposed budget (General & Missions) for 2019, as well as elect deacons for the coming new year. The proposed budget is available at fblex.org, Connection Point and the Church Office. Q & A 10:15 - 10:45 AM in the Student Center Conference Room on Sunday, today.

Babysitting Night

Friday, December 21 6:30 PM - 10 PM in the Preschool Hall. \$20 per child, siblings \$10, \$40 family max. Money raised will help girls go on next year's Thailand Mission Trip.

Celebrate Recovery

Join Celebrate Recovery on Christmas Day, December 25th at 6:45 PM in the Student Center to sing some Christmas Carols and here some principles of recovery from the Christmas Story. There will be no dinner, childcare or children's programs this evening, but all are welcome to join us!

Weekly Update

Last Week's Attendance:

Worship AM.....	879
First Time Guests.....	1
Life/Home Groups.....	549

Last Week's Giving:

General Fund	\$32,115.62
Budget Goal to date.....	\$1,666,000.00
Giving to date	\$1,672,266.59
Missions	\$4,253.51
Missions Budget Goal to date.....	\$196,000.00
Missions Budget Given to date.....	\$191,065.07

Message Series: "The King is Here"

Today's Sermon: "A King is Born"

What's the deal with the Virgin Birth? Why is the immaculate conception so immaculate? Why is it so important and what does it mean for us?

Jesus' Birth was _____

The question (Matthew 22:42): Whose _____ is He?

- Matthew 1:1 - Jesus human lineage
- Matthew 1:18 - Jesus divine lineage
- Jesus must be both fully _____ and fully _____.

If the Virgin Birth is not true:

1. The Bible is _____.
2. Jesus is a _____.
3. We are _____.

But if it is (and it is)...Immanuel: God is with us.

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Isaiah 9:2

Next Week: "The King is Here, Worship the King." What exactly do we mean when we use the word, worship? To whom do we owe our worship? Scripture is full of warnings not to worship any other gods. We will prepare our hearts for the one true God who is deserving of our worship.

OUR PURPOSE
LOVING AND LIVING FOR GOD

THE KING IS HERE

