

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

First Baptist Church of Eatonton Messenger

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST SHARING GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE WITH ALL



FROM THE PASTOR

I keep repeating this poem by John Blasé to myself. I repeat it to you. Maybe because it speaks to me of bravery, something long ago, I was told I must be. To be a man. To be a pastor. To be married. To be a father. You must be brave.

And then I was given this gift of a poem. I imagine it being written during this time of year, during cold, damp winter days.

THE BRAVEST THING

maybe the bravest thing
is opening your eyes in the
morning and placing your
two feet on the cold floor and
rising up against the gravity
of the night. maybe that's the
brave thing from which all other
bravery flows, the brave to
seek ye first. maybe that's the
single thing God requires of you,
the spiritual discipline that takes
all your will to muster. swallow
down the fear, my friend, and face
the dawning day for what the
surface of the world needs most
of all is bravery skipping and
you, yes you are the stone.

We have been reading the parables of Jesus for the adult Bible Study part of our Wednesday Night Connections. By the way, we'd love to have you to enrich our gatherings with your presence. Reading the parables have led to lots of musing with one another about what Jesus meant and what it all means for life itself. Poems are not parables exactly. But like parables, they've often tried to save my life. I hope they do some of the same for you!

*Brave,
Craig*

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Office Hours: Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

We are moving along in the year and working on many great plans! The first big thing on our calendar is DNOW, which is March 10-12 and will be hosted here at FBC. We are in need of some people to volunteer to be host homes. If this is something you're willing and able to do, please let me know ASAP.

Hebrews 10:24-25 states, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the day approaching."

My number one goal in ministry is to help students and their families come to know Christ and if they know Him, then help them know Him better. I am working on ways to offer more than just the traditional Wednesday setting. We are adding a Sunday afternoon time of fellowship & worship at 6PM every Sunday for our teenagers. I ask for and covet your prayers over the Student Ministry here at FBC. That we may encourage one another, love one another, not give up on one another, and continue coming together to grow in our faith and to do God's work here through FBC. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

Rev. Dylan Bowden



DNOW 2023
MARCH 10-12
\$60 PER STUDENT
REGISTER BY FEB. 24TH

SO MUCH MORE

Volunteers Needed for DNOW Weekend!
Contact Rev. Dylan to sign up!

AWANA CHILDREN LEADERS MEETING

Cubbies Sparks Truth & Training Clubs

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 6 PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12
6:00 PM
BRING A SNACK TO SHARE

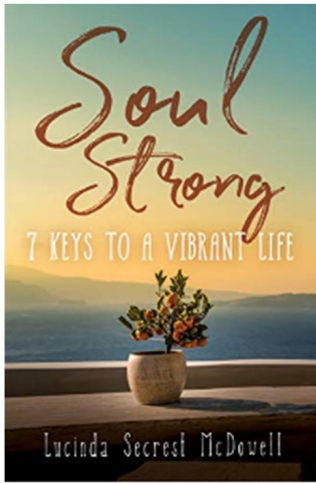
CONTACT REV. DYLAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINTER FEST

FEBRUARY 25 • 2 PM - 4 PM
BOUNCY HOUSES, GAMES, & FUN!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



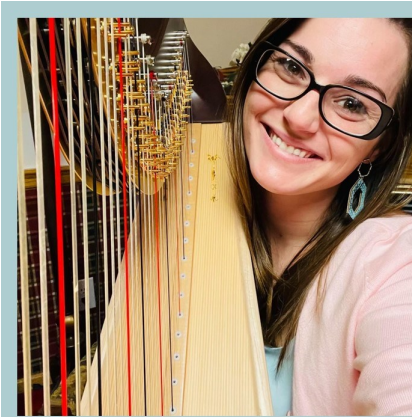
Ladies Bible Study

MONDAY, February 6
AT 6:00 PM
AT THE CABIN OF RUTH EMBRY

SOUP, CORNBREAD, DESSERTS
AND DRINKS PROVIDED

Contact Kim Camp to sign up
or for more information

JOIN US FOR
DONUTS, COFFEE, & JUICE
FEBRUARY 12
BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us on
Sunday, February 25
at 10:50 a.m.
during morning worship
with special guest harpist,
Helen Hutsell

PICK UP A BUCKET AND
FILL IT WITH THE
NEEDED SUPPLIES ON
THE LIST PROVIDED

BUCKETS ARE DUE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH



FOOD DRIVE

Sunday, February 5 - Sunday, March 5
BRING FOOD TO THE CHURCH SANCTUARY

Please help us collect non-perishable foods
for Putnam Christian Outreach.
This food drive serves many families
in need within our community.



Spaghetti for Zandla

FEBRUARY 11TH FROM
4 PM TO 6:30 PM

Ms. Zandla has been with us
for 16 years and is one of our
most beloved members of
our staff. She is dedicated to
our Center and we want to
give back to her and help her
through these tough times
since she has give us so much
over the years.

Please pick up plates from ☎
Fellowship Hall at FBCE 📍
All proceeds from sales will
go to offset Zandla's medical
bills

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Stepping Stones Parent's Night Out 4pm - 9pm Gym
5 9:45am Sunday School 10:50am Worship 6pm Youth Worship Food Drive for PCO begins until March 5	6 6pm Ladies Bible Study	7 6pm AWANA Children Leaders Meeting	8 5:30pm Supper 6pm AWANA 6pm Youth Group 6:15pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir	9	10	11 Stepping Stones Fundraiser for Zandla 4pm - 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
12 Coffee & Donuts before Sunday School 9:45am Sunday School 10:50am Worship 6pm Youth Super Bowl Party	13 6pm Ladies Bible Study	14 HAPPY <i>Valentine's</i> DAY	15 Valentine's Dinner 6pm Fellowship Hall	16	17	18
19 9:45am Sunday School 10:50am Worship 6pm Youth Worship	20 6pm Ladies Bible Study HAPPY <i>Presidents</i> Day	21	22 5:30pm Supper 6pm AWANA 6pm Youth Group 6:15pm Bible Study 7:15pm Choir Ash Wednesday	23	24 Deadline to Register for DNOW	25 Winter Fest Games, Food and Fun! 2pm - 4pm
26 9:45am Sunday School 10:50am Worship 6pm Youth Worship	27 6pm Ladies Bible Study	28				

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

WELCOMING FOR FEBRUARY

Mike and Sherry Lyons

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Mike Lyons
Howell Cardwell
Mike Faulk
Brandon Cardwell
Frank Thompson

DEACON FOR FEBRUARY 5

Pam Lancaster

DEACON FAMILIES

Jack Ferrell
Marvin Franklin family
Sheryl Hall
Scott Joris family
Steve Marshall
Pat McDade

DEACON FOR FEBRUARY 12

Cherry Leverette

DEACON FAMILIES

Barry Chambers family
Anne Marie Horton family
Jim Kauffmann family
John Patient
Jean Rich
Ronnie Williams family

BIRTHDAYS

02/03 - Steve Culberson
02/10 - Julia Davis
02/11 - Charles Winslette
02/12 - Will Rainey
02/13 - Penney Cardwell

ANNIVERSARIES

02/04 - Mike and Sherry Lyons
02/05 - Daryl and Connie Covington
02/15 - Cary and Beth Walton

WORSHIP REPORT

Sunday, January 22 106

Sunday, January 29 120

FINANCIAL REPORT

JANUARY 22, 2023

<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>\$10,392.26</u>
<u>Budget Receipts</u>	<u>\$9,804.00</u>
<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$41,569.04</u>
<u>Budget Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$33,066.00</u>

JANUARY 29, 2023

<u>Budget Needs</u>	<u>\$10,392.26</u>
<u>Budget Receipts</u>	<u>\$9,085.25</u>
<u>Budget Needs YTD</u>	<u>\$51,961.30</u>
<u>Budget Receipts YTD</u>	<u>\$42,151.25</u>

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Return Service Requested

A flyer for a Valentine's Dinner event. The background is a vibrant red color, decorated with numerous hearts of various sizes and shades, including bright red, light pink, and white. The hearts are scattered across the page, some appearing to float or be attached to the central text box. The central text is white, providing a high-contrast background for the event details.

Join us for our
VALENTINE'S DINNER
Wednesday, February 15
6:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

We will be having lasagna
from Ricardo's of Madison.

COST:

\$6 - Adults & Youth
\$3 - Children
\$18 - Family Maximum

**Call the church office to make a
reservation by 12 Noon on Monday,
February 13.**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!