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From the Pastor’s Heart

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway. If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be honest anyway. The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have and it might never be enough. Give your best anyway. For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”
- Mother Teresa

Thank You Notes

-  I want to thank the ladies that stopped by. They are great. It means a lot to me. Still having lots of medical issues. They get one thing under control and then another thing crops up. I hope to get back to church in the near future.
Phyllis Hurst
-  Thank you to everyone for their generosity, help with chores, prayers and food while I didn’t feel well. I am so thankful for my church family.
Vicki Rauwolf
-  Thank you for the thoughtfulness and kindness show our residents at Brookstone south for Valentine’s Day. I appreciate the service on Sunday and your participation. Thank you for the lovely cookies and candy.
Mary Shepherd

Scholarship

The Laura Catherine Young Van Gundy Memorial Scholarship is now open for the 2019-20 school year. At the request of the donor the scholarships will be awarded to members of FCC who are pursuing higher education in Christian Ministry only. If you would like to apply for this scholarship, please contact Marilyn Purcell at 254-0494 by March 31st.

Ordination Service

The Worship Committee decided for 2019 when there are five Sundays in a month we will have one service at 9:30 am on the last Sunday. So, March 31st we will have one worship service that day which will also be Steve Morgan’s Ordination in the Ministry. We hope you will plan to attend this special service with a reception to follow in Campbell Hall.

Grandparenting Group

Legacy Coalition-Grandparenting Matters

Are you ready to “Grandparent on Purpose?” This Group will help you become an intentional Christian grandparent! Our desire is that you go away with new inspiration, encouragement, and tools to help you meet your Biblical mandate to Grandparent purposefully.

The first meeting will be at the home of Gary and Marcella Cardinal, 421 Briar Lane, and starts Thursday, March 7 from 6:30-8 pm. Snacks will be provided. Additional dates will be March 21, April 4, May 2, May 9, and May 23.

If you are interested in attending please register on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center so we know how to plan.

The study will include a video each week with discussion questions to follow.

- Potential Video Topics include:
- Why Establish a Grandparenting ministry?
 - What is the Biblical Role of a Grandparent?
 - How do I pass Faith to Future Generations?
 - How to I Pray and Read the Bible with Grandchildren.
 - The Art of Single Grandparenting.

90th Birthday Party

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Harold Easton’s 90th Birthday. The celebration will be held in the church fellowship hall on Saturday, March 2nd from 2-4 pm.



4	Harold Easton, Tracy Beason	
5	Teresa Stuttle	
6	Candy Tate	
7	Doris Webb	
9	Lois Carlyle, Michael Davis Sr.	
11	Lisa Ballinger, Amber Eident, Bob Young	
12	Cheryl Ballinger, Roger Freeman	
14	Bill Daily, Cheyenne Jones	
17	Don Inman, Charlotte Castle	
18	Brad Bergstrom, Kelly Armer	
19	M.J. Brand	
21	Brian Ingram	
27	Reece Newlin, Glenda Wright, Jerry Christensen	
29	Carolyn Sego	
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1	Max & Arlene Betty	
20	Mike & Mona Bays	
21	Gene & Norma Himes	
	Rob & Kathy Newlin	
	Steve and Shawnc Morgan	
26	Scott and Meri Stewart	
27	Brian & Heather Hinton	

Church Life

Sunday, February 24
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center
5 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, February 25
10 am Staff Meeting
6 pm Evangelism Meeting

Tuesday, February 26
7 am Prayer Group
6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, February 27
9 am Crafts R Us Group
5 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, February 28
6 pm Praise Team Practice
6 pm “Thriving in Babylon” Group

Saturday, March 2
7 am Men’s Breakfast/Study
2-4 pm Harold Easton’s 90th Birthday Celebration

Sunday, March 3
8:30 am Traditional Worship
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Contemporary Worship
5 pm F/R Group Meeting

Monday, March 4
10 am Staff Meeting

Tuesday, March 5
7 am Prayer Group
6 pm Bible Journaling

Wednesday, March 6
9 am “Crafts Are Us” Group
5 pm Bell Choir Practice
6 pm Mid-Week Outlet Program
6 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, March 7
6 pm Praise Team Practice
6:30 pm Grandparent Study



Giving and Expense Totals

February 10th General Giving: \$6,498.00
February 17th General Giving: \$4,851.00
Income Needed Weekly to Meet Budget: \$6,234.23
Year to Date Income verses Budget Expenses: \$-3,903.59

Board Splinters 2/11

Elders: Ordination Service for Steve Morgan on March 31st.
Deaconesses: served 1 funeral dinner and the Chili Cook-Off went well.
Senior Minister: has 12 weeks left until his retirement and the Tuesday Prayer Meeting has been very successful.
Associate Minister: met with Gary Cardinal on the formation of a new small group, leading a group on the book of Daniel with over 20 in attendance.
Elementary Minister: Outlet has the greatest volunteers, teaching this month and looking at VBS curriculum.
Worship: planning for Good Friday and Easter Services and a new bulletin design will start in April.
Evangelism: need more committee members, looking into spots on WMCI and other possible evangelism opportunities.
Christian Ed: youth will attend a summer Conference in Alabama.
Personnel: Personnel would like to recognize staff and have a Support Staff appreciation in September and requested funds from Board. We have Pastor Appreciation in October and since we have a great support staff we felt they needed recognition.
Trustees: voted to use Industrial Services to replace our a/c and heating system; received a pool table to be placed in the Chapel Room; Educational doors waiting on a bid; and discussed the bird problem in the garden.

Serving Communion

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Steve Lane, Jack Little, Gene Swearingen, Colin VanDeventer
10:30 am: Amy Maninfior, Nick Maninfior, Bob Morgan, Dolo Wishard

Sunday, March 3

8:30 am: John Armstrong, Steve Ballinger, John Greathouse, Don Inman, Denny Booker, Jack Browning, Tim Buford, Dan Cunningham
10:30 am: Max Betty, Donica Brand, Dennis Goings, Jeff Maninfior

Church Attendance

Feb. 10th — Traditional: 88, Contemporary: 81 = 169
Feb. 17th — Traditional: 77, Contemporary: 101 = 178



Building Fund balance:
\$354,604.08