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OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

100% of your gifts
to the Offering
will support CBF field personnel
serving in the U.S. and around
the world.



OUR GOAL: \$40,000

LUKE 24:13-35

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Set on the first Easter, there's a beautiful story in Luke 24:13-35 of Jesus' coming alongside two travelers as they make their way home from the crucifixion. In the story, Jesus not only joins the two travelers but also engages them in dialogue, is attentive to the grief they are experiencing, and accepts an invitation to come in and stay with them. Finally, Jesus reveals himself to them in the breaking of the bread.

Today, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) missions personnel follow Jesus' example by coming alongside fellow travelers in 19 countries around the world. As they share the journey, they

accompany the hurting and engage in conversation with fellow travelers. Through this commitment to long-term presence, CBF field personnel and churches bear witness to Jesus Christ among people and places otherwise forgotten and forsaken in the world.

This year we commemorate 30 years in partnership with CBF Global Missions. The mission God gave us to share the Gospel in word and deed has never been more important than it is now.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS are on a roll again for children and youth, be sure to join us from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for choir & Kid's J.A.M.!

BAPTISM LUNCH & LEARN on Sunday, February 6th directly following worship until 1:30 p.m. Any children 2nd-6th grade who have not yet made a profession of faith are invited to this afternoon of pizza lunch & learning about what it means to invite Jesus into your heart!

MAKING A COMEBACK: GR8 D8 NIGHTS will return on February 20th. This will be an evening where you are invited to bring your kids to church, participate in a short session of marriage and family enrichment, and then go out on a date with your partner while your kids are cared for. Register through the link on our FB page or reach out to Kristen directly.

WINTER & SPRING CALENDAR of events for FBC Kid's Ministry has been released, so make sure you mark those dates!

YOUTH NEWS

MARCH MISSION MADNESS

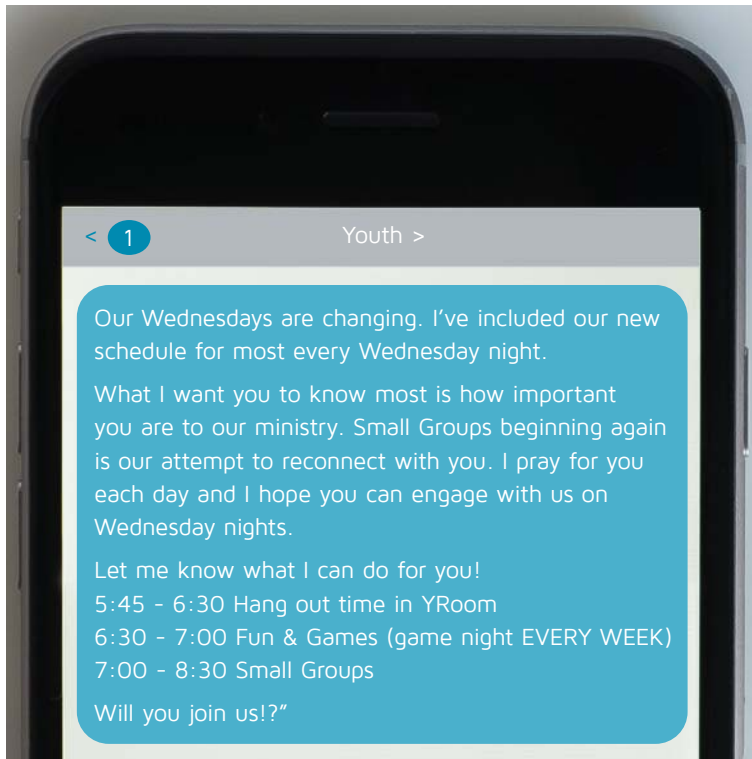
MARCH 18-20, 2022

Atlanta, Georgia

\$100 Per Participant | \$50 Deposit Due February 1

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Small groups began on January 19th. Parents, please encourage your teenager to join us on Wednesdays as they can. I texted this message to EACH of your teenagers on the morning of January 19.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS

WEDNESDAYS, 4:45-5:45 P.M.

Wednesday Curbside Meals will continue to be offered through the end of February. If you have a standing reservation, please remember to notify Debbye Akins with date/s you will *not* be participating.

Please make reservations by noon on Tuesday by emailing dakins@fbcrome.org or by calling the church office at 706.291.6850. Pick up times are from 4:45-5:45 p.m.

"RELATIONSHIPS AND ROUTINES MATTER"

WEDNESDAY'S FIRST CHOICE SEMINAR

Final session on February 2, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room

Janie Hortman has returned to Rome and opened Growing Roots Counseling. A Licensed and Professional Counselor and Play Therapist, Janie will present three sessions designed for anyone who lives with, works with, or even knows a child---essentially ALL of us!

MISSIONS

HANDS OF CHRIST CHRISTMAS

Every gift expressed as a want or need from the Hands of Christ families was donated. Thank you FBC!

JUST A FEW OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS CHRISTMAS:

- 11 Foster Children receive gifts
- 19 weeks of YMCA summer camp for children with full time working parents
- Eye exam & new glasses for a 4th grader at East Central
- Prayer for 33 families
- Space heaters for a family without HVAC this winter
- Aquarium tickets for a mother and daughter whom recently graduated Bridges out of Poverty
- Electrical repairs to a home without working lights
- Christmas Dinner for 2 families
- Name plaque for a father's grave for whom FBC provided grief counseling through
- HOCC 2020
- 2 beds
- 3 young mothers have graduated from driver's education courses
- 9 months of professional childcare for 2 children with working parents



WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 school year has begun! If your child is currently enrolled, they can register now. Church members can sign up starting February 2. Members of the community can register beginning on February 7. Go to the website for more information about what a typical day entails. Contact Melissa Wood, Director, at 706.295.1150 or 706.346.6516 or mwood@fbcrome.org to set up a time to visit. Come join us for learning, worship and fun at our Weekday Preschool!



MUSIC MINISTRY

CHOIRS UPDATE

The Sanctuary Choir and our Children's Choirs have resumed regular rehearsals on Wednesday evenings. The Youth Choir and First Baptist Ringers will resume rehearsals soon.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, January 30 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Audrey Cooper and Bill Bryson on the occasion of their birthdays by Billy and Kathy Cooper.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, February 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilbur Keene on the occasion of their wedding anniversary by Buddy and Ellen Keene.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, February 6, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents by Earl and Mary Rolan.

GIVING TO GOD

Fiscal Year-to-Date:

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| Ministry Support Needed | \$776,886.48 |
| Support Received | \$717,926.13 |

2021-2022 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,314,722.48

January 29 - February 11

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, January 29

Minister on Call Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

Sunday, January 30

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Ordinance of the Lord's Supper
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel

Monday, January 31

Women's Bible Study Resumes, DR 10:00 am

Tuesday, February 1

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Room 302 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 2

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302 5:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR 5:45-6:30 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M. 6:00-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
Adult Seminar,
Relationships and Routines Matter, DR 6:00-7:00 p.m
Youth Fun & Games 6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR 7:00-8:30 pm

Saturday, February 5

Minister on Call Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

Sunday, February 6

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410) 9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44 11:00 am
Worship also available on FBC Website / YouTube Channel
Children's Ministry - Baptism Lunch & Learn 12:00 pm

Tuesday, February 8

Pastor Search Committee Mtg., Rm. 302 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 9

First Choice Curbside Meals (*Reservation Only*) 4:45-5:45 pm
Churns Bible Study, Rm. 302 5:30-6:30 pm
Youth Connection, YR 5:45-6:30 pm
Children's Choirs and Kids J.A.M. 6:00-7:00 pm
Prayer Meeting/Adult Seminar 6:00 pm
Youth Fun & Games 6:30-7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary 6:45 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR 7:00-8:30 pm

Friday, February 11

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf. Rm. 12:00 pm

seeking His heart | Being His hands

THIS WEEK: JANUARY 30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Importance of Your Love"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

ANTHEM: Remember His Love...arr. Tom Fettke

Observance of the Lord's Supper

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT:

<https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>

FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

FEBRUARY 2

Mixed Green Salad

Baked Chicken with Rosemary

Roasted Quartered New Potatoes

Sauteéd Green Beans

Red Velvet Cake

MINISTER ON CALL:

Gwen Stephens 706.766.5074

NEXT WEEK: FEBRUARY 6

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "The Core of Your Faith"

PREACHER: Dr. Ron Murray

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

ANTHEM: Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices...
arr. Craig Courtney

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FIRST CHOICE CURBSIDE MEALS
(RESERVATIONS BY NOON ON TUESDAYS)

FEBRUARY 9

Caesar Salad

Baked Lasagna

Fried Zucchini

Mixed Berry Cobbler

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

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SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND
VIA WWW.FBCROME.ORG



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As we promote the Offering for Global Missions consider incorporating these needs into your daily prayer time:

- Pray for God to provide financial resources necessary to sustain the long-term presence of CBF Global Missions field personnel around the world.
- Pray for missions field personnel around the world as they are attentive, intuitive, and seeing of those in their communities of service.
- Ask God to use missions field personnel as witnesses, friends, and advocates.

Please visit us for more information:
www.fbcrome.org

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