



# FBCRM

## FEBRUARY INFORMER

Church Family,

As we continue our sermon series, A Faithful God and a Faithful Church, I am reminded of the truth that God's faithfulness calls us to be a faithful people. He has been steadfast in His love, generous in His provision, and constant in His presence. Now, we have the opportunity to respond through committed hearts and devoted service.

As part of this season of faith and dedication, we are inviting each member of our church family to prayerfully consider your role in God's mission through First Baptist Church. In the coming days, you will receive a Stewardship Commitment Card in the mail. This is more than just a card—it is a tangible step of faith, a declaration that you are committed to God's will and work at FBC in 2025. We are asking each of you to consider making the following commitments:

1. Commit to walking in the light of Christ by pursuing Him through prayer, Scripture, and living on mission.
2. Commit to pursuing God's will for my life and our church.
3. Commit to the work of the church through worship, discipleship, and evangelism.
4. Commit to proclaiming His faithfulness to all generations, with a focus on children, youth, and their families through the ministry of First Baptist Church.

When we step forward in faith, God multiplies our efforts, using us to impact lives for His glory. Our stewardship is an act of worship, a response to His faithfulness, and a testimony of our trust in Him.

I want to challenge you: Be a part of what God is doing. Say "yes" to His call. Step into the joy of serving, giving, and growing together as His people. When we commit ourselves fully to Him, we will see His faithfulness in ways we never imagined.

Please take time to pray over your commitment and return your card as an expression of your commitment to the work God will do at FBCRM. I am excited to see how God will use our collective faithfulness to further His Kingdom in 2025 and beyond.

Blessings,  
Pastor Andrew

## Worship Ministry

The following is an excerpt from the book *Doxology & Theology* and specifically from the chapter entitled *Doxology, Theology, and the Mission of God* which is written by Matt Boswell.

### **The worship of the church is biblically formed.**

We are a people formed by the word of God, and it is His Word that calls us to worship. The only element needed for congregational worship to occur is God's Word laid open in the midst of His people. We see a fascinating overtone in this passage about the character and nature of God, in that it calls us to Trinitarian singing. Three times in Psalm 96, the psalmist calls us to sing to the Lord. Immediately we can't help but suppose that there is method to the refrain and intentionality in the redundancy. Charles Spurgeon, the great Puritan pastor, comes to our aid, "Thrice is the name of the Lord repeated, and not without meaning. The sacred fire of adoration only burns with vehement flame where the Trinity is believed in and beloved." With the psalmist's words, and Spurgeon's passionate exposition, we are reminded we are a people who worship the Father through the Son, by the Spirit. Far too often we overlook the importance of this fact. Apart from the revelation and initiation of the Trinity, worship is impossible. Without the wisdom of the Father, the work of the Son, and the presence of the Spirit, we cannot worship God.

We don't pursue theology as an end in itself. To do so would be the pursuit of knowledge rather than the pursuit of God. There is a grave difference between knowing about God and knowing God. John Piper elaborates, "If we just know Him in our minds, we're not doing anything different than the devil. The devil is one of the most theological, orthodox beings in the universe. He just hates what he knows about God." Oftentimes, in matters of theological discussion our tendency is aimed at information, and we forget that our final objective should be communion with God.

### **The chief end of theology is doxology.**

Theology shapes doxology. Christian worship is built upon, shaped by, and saturated with Scripture. Our doxology is informed by divine revelation. For the worship leader, our beliefs and convictions about God are what serve as the foundation for worship. A love for the Word of God is a primary requirement. Without a vivid belief in the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Word of God, our services (and our lives) will never find the rhythm of worship. The rhythm of worship is revelation and response: our beliefs about God's revelation dictate our response.

Worship leaders lead the people of God in the worship of God. Above all things, we ought to be men who pursue growing in the grace and knowledge of God through immersion in the Scriptures. Theology is not reserved for academia and people in ivory towers. Theology is for us. Worship leaders need to be theologians, letting our theology inform our song choices, the liturgy we write, the choice of Scripture to read. If we don't carefully consider who God is and who we are as His people, our services will be flippant and clumsy. What we believe about God surely shapes our worship of Him. Toward this end, John Piper says, "Worship serves doxology."

*Simul Justus et Peccator,*  
Timothy Fraser

## FBCRM Youth + Kids

Please keep our children and youth in your prayers throughout the year. Pray that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus, develop strong Christian friendships, and live in a way that glorifies and reflects Christ in everything they do. Following is our schedule for February.

### **FBCRM Youth February Calendar:**

#### **February:**

Wednesday, February 5: Youth 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12: Youth 6:30-7:30 PM

Friday, February 14: WinterJam 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 19: Youth 6:30-7:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26: Youth 6:30-7:30 PM

### **Youth (rising 7-12th grade) Summer Camp Dates:**

#### **BeDoTell at Camp Caswell: Monday, July 14-Friday, July 18**

- \$200 per student (\$50 deposit due at sign up).
- \$400 per non-member student (\$100 deposit due at sign up)
- Last day to sign up is May 1st

More information to come! If you have any questions, please contact Heath or Anna.

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# FBCRM Ministries

## **Online Giving Platform Change:**

In 2024, we transitioned our online giving platform for First Baptist from Realm to Subsplash. When you click on the Give Online link at [www.fbcm.org](http://www.fbcm.org), it takes you to our new giving platform, Subsplash. Now that this transition has taken place, the next time you give online, it will prompt you to set up a Subsplash account (very similar to any online store). After you set up an account, giving is very easy and can be done in just a few clicks. Please contact our church office if you need help with the new online giving platform.

There are some who have recurring gifts set up through our previous online giving platform (Realm). This platform will be deactivated in the coming weeks. We have tried to contact each person individually to help with the transition. However, if anybody has a recurring gift setup on the previous platform, you will need to set it up on the new website. Please contact our church office if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Women on Mission:** Women on Mission will meet on Thursday, February 6, at 2:00 PM in the Family Ministry Center. We will have a speaker sharing with us from Ripple Effects. All are invited to attend!

**Women of Truth:** Women 25-40 are invited to be a part of the study of "Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 18, from 6:00-8:30 PM at Carolyn Falk's home. Dinner is provided. Please text or call to RSVP to Carolyn Falk (252-903-0841) or Brenda Collins (252-903-3746).

**Baptists on Mission Disaster Relief Training:** The Baptists on Mission offer one day trainings throughout the year for anyone who is interested in disaster relief training and participating in a disaster relief project. There is one being offered on Saturday, February 22, from 8:30 AM-3:00 PM in Edenton, NC. If you are interested in attending, and would like more information, please visit the website page linked here for more details: [February 22 Baptists On Mission Disaster Relief Training](#).

**NC Baptist Discipleship Conference:** This year's [NC Baptist Discipleship Conference](#) will be held at [The Summit Church in Raleigh](#) on Tuesday, February 25, and we would love to have a group go! There will be two main sessions coupled with break out sessions that can be chosen individually upon registration. We will take vans and leave First Baptist at 7:30 AM and return around 4:00 PM that day. Please contact the church office if you are interested in attending.

**TLUSA/AHG Service Update:** On January 4, seventeen members of Trail Life USA/American Heritage Girls braved the cold and cleaned up Discovery Park for our January service project. Discovery Park is sponsored by Down East Partnership for Children and is open to the public daily. Below is a copy of the DEPC thank you note, which reads:

Trail Life USA and American Heritage Girls,

Thank you so much to you and your volunteers for their hard work in making our Discovery Park beautiful. We truly appreciate your help in weeding the garden beds, spreading mulch, picking up limbs and trash, and cleaning the outdoor toy shed.

Together, we are providing children with the best possible opportunities to grow and learn by fostering a community that meets the unique needs of each child and family. Thanks again, and I look forward to our continued collaboration!

Sincerely,  
Henrietta Zalkind  
Executive Director

