Good Tidings

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Photos left and below: Our FBC Children wrapped up a month of service projects, which included making treat bags for four-legged friends at the Cornelia Dog Park and creating Valentine cards for shut-ins. They capped off their January service month with a visit to the Cornelia Soup Kitchen.



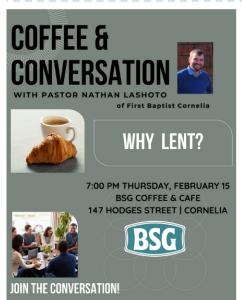
At the Soup Kitchen, Shirley Dillard explained the work of the ministry and lead the children in rolling silverware and packing treat bags for patrons.

Leigh Thomas and Sandy Whaples are hard at work planning a fantastic week of MOSAIC ARTS CAMP, June 10-14. Registration coming soon!

Youth News

- Let's play Glow In the Dark Capture the Flag, Friday, February 23! This event, designed for 3rd to 7th graders, is free. Invite your friends and family members to come and play on a team from 6 to 8 PM. For more information, contact Sandy Whaples.
- Our youth and older children are planning to attend Passport Camp this summer! To raise money for camp, they will host a Spaghetti Fundraiser on Sunday, February 25, following worship. Please see Youth Committee members Carrie Trotter, Kristen LaShoto or Bridget Hilliard for tickets. Tickets are \$10 each.





THE ONE ABOUT LENT

Pastor Nathan will lead a conversation about Lent over coffee at Cornelia's newest java spot, BSG Coffee & Café, at 7:00 PM Thursday, February 15. Our hope is to meet old and new friends in our community - outside the church walls - and begin having spiritual conversations with them.

JOIN THE MEDICAL MISSION TO NICARAGUA

Join us as we once again send a team to Nicaragua to work in the mountain villages alongside our friends at FBC Matagalpa this summer. You do NOT need any special skill or talent to be an important part of this team! We don't yet have cost details (but last year's cost was approximately \$1800 per person). We DO know the dates. So mark your calendar for JUNE 1-8 and prayerfully consider if God is calling you to go with us this year! Please contact Rhett or Tammy Weaver, or the church office, if you have questions or are interested in going. - Rhett Weaver



FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

12 Noon - PrimeTimers Luncheon, Fellowship Hall Reservations required



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:45 AM - First Sunday Breakfast, Banquet Room 10:00 AM - Sunday School



11:00 AM - Worship | Week 3 Sermon Series A Desire to Change

TUESDAYS | FEBRUARY 6, 13, 20, 27



7:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Stew & Que

8:00 AM - Tuesday Crew, retired gentlemen enjoying coffee & cake, and doing tasks around FBC. Join the crew!

9:30 AM - Quilting Ministry 😹

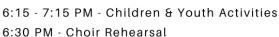


WEDNESDAYS | FEBRUARY 7, 21, 28

10:00 AM - Coffee & Bible Study, Fellowship Hall Pastor Nathan continues his study in The Gospel of Mark

5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required. Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.

5:45 PM - 2D Fusion, Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of worship and a devotional message from Pastor Nathan!





10:00 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship | Week 4 Sermon Series A Desire to Change

12:15 PM - DEACONS' MEETING, FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 14 | ASH WEDNESDAY





5:15 PM - Fellowship Dinner, reservations required. Make reservations at fbccornelia.org by Monday at Noon, or bring a brown bag supper.

6:00 PM - ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE, SANCTUARY No Children & Youth Groups. Families will participate together in the service. Nursery provided.

6:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | BOOK CLUB | DETAILS TBD



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | YOUTH FUNDRAISER SPAGHETTI LUNCH



Join us for the Youth Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch, Sunday, Feb. 25, following worship. Dine in or take plates to go. Meal includes, spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread and brownie for \$10. Tickets can be purchased in February on Sundays following worship (cash, check, Venmo, Cash App) or on Wednesday nights (cash, check, debit/credit card). The event will raise money for our youth & children to attend summer camp. Please see Carrie Trotter, Bridget Hilliard or Kristen LaShoto for details.

A Note from Mary Turner...

Dear precious First Baptist Cornelia friends,

For over fifteen years I have served as your pianist and organist. It has been my honor, joy, and pleasure to serve you for these years; however, due to health issues, I feel I must resign my position and give Randy the opportunity to find my replacement. It is with much sadness that I must make this decision. You have been most supportive and generous to me over these last few months. I will be available to play for funerals, weddings, and other special occasions. My thanks to all of you for the cards, letters, texts, emails, and food Most of all for all the prayers during my recovery. I pray the year ahead will be a healing one and I can soon return to church.

All my love,

Mary Jurner

- "We look forward to honoring Mary's years of ministry service to our church in the near future."
- Randy LeBlanc, Minister of Worship & Music



FEBRUARY 4

Deacon of the Week Rhett Weaver Patrol

Wade Hasty

Ushers Phil McClain, Dennis Tedder Ed Vaughn, Patsy Vaughn

FEBRUARY 11

Deacon of the Week Rick Bridgeman

Ed Vaughn

Ushers Grant Bentley Bill Chandler Myra Chandler Steve Doran **Larry Whitfield**

FEBRUARY 18

Deacon of the Week Al Carter

Patrol **Donald Crowe**

Ushers Doug Burrell **Donald Crowe Kathy Crowe** Jack Irvin

FEBRUARY 25

Deacon of the Week Shirley Dillard

Patrol Mitchell Trotter

Ushers Al Carter John Edmonds Jason Hughes Mark Reed

MINISTRY BUDGET FINANCIAL STATEMENT | DECEMBER 2023

\$145,533.68 **YTD**: \$613,702.54 Receipts: **Expenses:** YTD: \$579,950.74 \$57,498.98 Net: \$88,034.70 **YTD**: \$33,751.80

Average Sunday School Attendance: 68 Average Worship Attendance: 102

UNIFIED MISSION FUND | DECEMBER 2023

Beginning

YTD: \$15,325.90 \$26,251.98 **Balance:** YTD: \$49,666.01 **Receipts:** \$4,395.52 YTD: \$-51,713.41 Investments: \$-17,369.00

Ending Balance: \$13,278.50

SPECIAL GIFTS -

Honoraria: Budget - Shirley Burton, Hannah Conklin, Tina Pasley Jane Ferguson, Sarah Gardner, Al & Marlene Kuntz,

Lewis & Glenda Moore

Honoraria: Missions - Donald & Kathy Crowe, David & Mary Turner

Memorials: Budget: Linda Doran Music: Bobbie Foster