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CHURCH CONFERENCE & LUNCHEON

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
11:30AM - Fellowship Hall

END OF YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements will be emailed by January 31, to the email address you have on record. If you do not have an email, your statement will be sent via regular mail. If you have any questions please contact Kele Davenport (224-1622).

COMING IN FEBRUARY!

PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

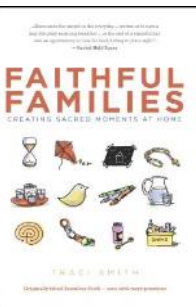
9:30AM - Sunday, February 12

FAITHFUL FAMILIES WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 25

10:00-11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$5 per household (for *Faithful Families* book)
Child Care will be provided.



This 90-minute workshop is based on *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Traci Smith, and is for parents, grandparents, and anyone who is a spiritual leader for children in the home. This workshop is meant to encourage spiritual caregivers and give simple ideas to increase children's (and family's!) experience of God in their home environment. As the children grow and learn more about God, these practices can give them space to wonder about God with those they feel most comfortable, building meaningful habits that will last them a lifetime. Please register at <https://bit.ly/fbcfaithfulfamilies> by February 10th.

OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

Sunday, January 29

- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Church Conference/Luncheon
- 5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, January 30

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 1

- 5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (meets above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group
- 6:05 PM Bible Study
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 5

- 9:30 AM Worship/Communion
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 5:00 PM Youth Group

Monday, February 6

- 1:00 PM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

- 5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open
- 5:30 PM Handbell Choir (meets above the Chapel)
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group
- 6:05 PM Bible Study
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Thursday, February 9

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MEMBERS IN ACTION

January 29

Deacons of the Week:

Greg Shore, Offertory Prayer
Kelly Neal, Visitor Outreach

Security: Jimmy Cooley and Chad Waters

February 5

Deacons of the Week:

Fran Singleton, Offertory Prayer
Jeri Liles, Visitor Outreach

Security: Dale Ellenburg and Jeff Neal

CONDOLENCES

Family and friends of Audrey Branyon on her passing on December 31, 2022.

Emmie Hazle and family on the passing of her sister, Eva Burke (Aiken, SC), on January 12, 2023.

April McBride and family on the passing of her nephew, A. J. Badders, on January 16, 2023.

Bob Lingle and family on the passing of his sister, Angela Lingle (Wilmington, NC), on January 19, 2023

Bub and Mary Edwards on the passing of their daughter-in-law, Lori Edwards, on January 21, 2023

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Nichole, Virgil and Mike Neimeyer

From One Minister to Another...

From the beginning of my time here at First Baptist, my title has been Minister to Children *and their Families* (with Senior Adults added later). I confess that I have often been intimidated by the “Families” piece of Children’s Ministry – what do I, as a single woman without children, have to say to parents and families? How do I meaningfully minister to family units when I often have limited context to draw from in my own life?

When I find myself asking these questions, I remind myself that ministry is never about what *I* can do – it’s all about what *we* can do. *We* as a church, *we* as a ministry team, *we* as a group working together. But, most importantly, *we* as in us *and* God. I thank God that ministry isn’t something I do alone, and isn’t something we as a church do in our own power. At its best, ministry is done in the power, mystery, grace, and love of God, and, because of this, we are able to do more than we could ever imagine on our own.

When it comes to our children, so much battles for their attention. Out of approximately 450 waking hours in a month, we have our children in worship, Sunday school, choir, or mission classes a maximum of about 14 hours, of those hours. Often, our kids are here far less than that (for good reasons like time with family or unavoidable reasons like sickness). This means that, in large part, we cannot assume that church leaders are the primary spiritual influence on our children. Instead, in most cases, that role belongs to one or more family members.

Which is why it is so important for us as a church to begin to envision our ministry to children as more than Sunday School or Music and Missions. True ministry to children is ministry that reaches out of the church building to families and to children in their context, equipping families to be people of faith. This isn’t about what we do as the church; this is about what God can do in our lives and our community when we broaden the circle, leaning into how God is already working in our families.

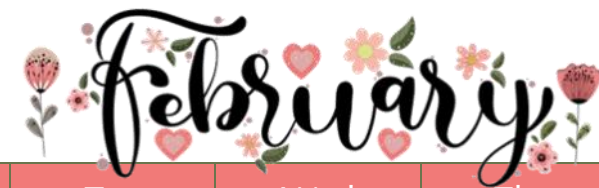
And that’s exactly what *Faithful Families: Creating Sacred Moments at Home* by Traci Smith seeks to do. This is not a “how-to” guide, but a resource offering ideas of traditions, ceremonies, and practices to use at home. From the earliest age, it offers parents, grandparents, and anyone else who is a spiritual caregiver simple ways to introduce the mystery and worship of God into their home. This will, in turn, open doors to allow children to ask questions and wonder about God as they grow, strengthening their relationship with God in age-appropriate increments.

Ideas in *Faithful Families* include practices as simple as a sticker and prayer to mark the end of each day and ceremonies as intricate as a full service to mark the death of a pet. The book includes multiple ways to include children in prayers using motion (sitting still is not easy for most young children). Best of all, for every practice, it suggests age-appropriate ways to talk to your children about what is happening in their world in ways that embrace God’s presence and involvement in their lives.

If you are a spiritual caregiver for a child in the home (parent, grandparent, etc.), I hope that you consider joining us for a **Faithful Families Workshop on Saturday, February 25 from 10-11:30 in the Fellowship Hall**. Childcare will be provided, and cost will be \$5 per household (we will offer the *Faithful Families* book to each family unit that attends). Please sign up through the link on the front of the Beacon by February 10 so that we can make sure we have the appropriate number of books. I am looking forward to what God will do in our families through our time together and discussion and continue to thank God for the many ways that you love and care for our children at FBC!

In Christ,

Cara



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12 9:30 AM Worship/ Parent Child Dedication 10:30 AM Sunday School 5:00 PM Youth Group	13 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	14 Valentine's Day	15 5:30PM Handbell Choir 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions Youth Group 6:05 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir	16 Noon in the Fellowship Hall THIRD HURSDAY Senior Adult Ministry	17 No School	18
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26 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting 5:00 PM Youth Group	27 1:00 PM Staff Meeting	28 February 28th - 10:00 AM Room #212 THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY February Mission Focus: FBC Child Development Center For more information contact Judith Wright or Emmie Hazle.				

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SAVE THE DATES!

FAITHFUL FAMILIES WORKSHOP
 Saturday, February 25

EASTER EVENT
 Saturday, April 1

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 June 12-15

PASSPORT KIDS
 June 26-29