



The Anchor

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Sunday Services

Worship
8:30am & 11:00am
Bible Study for All Ages
9:45am

Wednesday Activities

5:30 Family Meal
6:00 Children Choirs
6:45 -Children's Missions
6:30 -XTreme Truth
6:30-Discipleship University

OUR VISION

We live to be disciples of Christ who exalt God, prepare people, and share Christ.

Valentine Dinner Theatre

Y outh F undraiser

S unday, F ebruary 28, 2010 - 6:00 pm

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M ake your reservations now!



Watching our youth worship at camp, racing down the ski slope beside them and laughing together at the bottom of the hill, rising early to watch the sun come up together over the river at Caswell, cooking breakfast together and eating and studying God's word on a camping retreat, watching them sit by themselves spending quiet time with God – all images that come to mind when I reflect on the youth ministry here at First Baptist. In the busyness of the lives our young people, it is vital that we provide time for them to come aside from the world and be together in settings that will help them to find Jesus Christ for themselves and grow in their walk with Him. We are committed to doing that here and it is exciting to see what God is doing in them through the ministry opportunities we provide.

There's only one hitch. . .It takes money to participate. And we don't want anyone to be left out because they can't afford it. So . . . we need your help. On Sunday, February 28, at 6pm, our youth will be hosting a VALENTINE DINNER THEATRE for all who will come and help support them financially. Tickets are \$20 each, (purchased before or after worship service or from Deborah at the office) and that gets you a 4-course dinner with a main entrée of steak or grilled chicken, entertainment between courses, and fellowship with those at your table. You would pay that much for one entrée plus a drink and dessert at one of our nicer restaurants, so come and invest your money in the lives of our youth. And we'll even take donations over and above that amount if you are so led to give! All proceeds will go to help these young people attend these retreats and camps that can be life-changing!

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Sunday, February 7th. from 10:45am – 12:30pm. Take-out orders only. Meal consists of ¼ BBQ chicken, string beans, stewed potatoes and yeast rolls. Tickets are on sale through Sunday, Jan. 31st in the Welcome Center on Sundays, or the FLC during the Wednesday night meal. Tickets are also available in the church office through Friday, Jan. 29th. Cost is \$8.00. Homemade baked desserts will be available for purchase for \$.25 in the FLC during meal pickup time.

Your purchase of tickets will help support the 1st Annual Crystal Coast Handbell Festival on March 27th & 28th at First Baptist as well as cover repair cost to our handbells. Please show your support to the Handbell Choir and our Music Ministry by purchasing tickets



I Need More Light

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

Suzanne and I have been talking about more light in the laundry room for some time. All that was in there was a single bulb enclosed fixture. This meant you could go only so high with the wattage. We had switched to a fluorescent bulb which put out a little more light, but still not enough to see things clearly. So finally we headed over to the store to pick out a new fixture. We chose a fixture and four T8 four foot fluorescent bulbs that give off 2800 lumens per bulb. The laundry room now looks like the NASA launch pad at night (the launch pad being a little more organized of course) and you can see everything. You know if the whites are white and the stains are gone.

The Word of God is like this. When we put a little fixture of the Word in our life and invest in only a small bulb to light our way we have a hard time seeing things clearly. When troubles come the investment is clearly not enough and we wonder where the Lord is and does He care. We wonder if there is a way out of this mess and we worry despite well known instructions, *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done. Philippians 4:6 (NLT)* We tend to search out other solutions by considering the ways of others. We ask others to look at the situation under their light. While this might be a temporary fix it never quite provides the necessary light to deal fully with the issue.

Perhaps the best thing is to replace the fixture with a greater investment in the Word of God. The instructions for more light are found several places in the scripture, but also in Psalm 119:97-104 *Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long...I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes. I have more understanding than the elders, for I obey your precepts. I have kept my feet from every evil path so that I might obey your word...How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.*

So, you want more light in your life. Invest your time and energy in the "fixture" with the greatest "lumens." Spend time in God's Word and *call out for insight...Then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. For the Lord gives wisdom and from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. Proverbs 2:3a, 5b-6*

Reading guides are still available in the office for reading and journaling through the Bible in a year. Will you join us as we seek to brighten our paths.

Pastor Charles

First Baptist Church & Habitat for Humanity

The Mission Council here at First Baptist Church once again is working with our Covenant partner, Habitat for Humanity in providing lunches for the volunteer workers building homes here in Carteret County. Letters and forms were distributed to all adult Bible Study classes on January 17 asking each group to prepare and deliver the lunches on the fourth Tuesday of each month in 2010.

This effort is the direct result of action taken by the Mission Council entering into a covenant relationship with Habitat for Humanity beginning in 1999. Financial support is also given to Habitat on an annual basis.

Covenant Church Partnership With Habitat for Humanity

Churches who agree to join into a covenant relationship with Habitat for Humanity agree to do the following:

- ◆ Pray for Habitat for Humanity, its volunteers, and the families it seeks to serve.
- ◆ Encourage its membership to be involved in some aspect of Habitat for Humanity whether it is in actual construction, administration, or some other form of support.
- ◆ Financially support the work of Habitat for Humanity at some level on an annual basis.

We Welcome Into Our Church

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**NewsLetter
DEADLINE**

**The Deadline for the March
Anchor is due February 12.**



NC Baptist Men Disaster Relief Training will be held here at FBC on March 5-6.

This training is available to everyone who has a passion to serve others when a disaster hits. Areas of training includes, Feeding, Recovery, Temporary Child Care, Water Purification, shower/laundry, communications, chaplaincy, search and rescue, and medical reserve corps. There are four different training categories :

- Basic - this is a 2 day orientation for those who have never been trained with the NC Baptist.
- Cross-trainer – is for those who have trained before and have a current (non-expired” NCBM DR photo ID who would like to train in another basic class.
- Recertification – this is a ½ day course for those who have an expired NCBM Disaster Relief photo id and would like to recertify in the same basic training course listed on your badge.
- Advanced – for those with a current NCBM Disaster Relief training photo id

If you are interested in participating in this training, contact Rob Williams at 241-2626 for more information or go to www.baptistsonmission.org/Training/Opportunities/DisasterRelief.aspx . The cost for the training is \$35 and applications are available in the Central Hallway



SENIOR CELEBRATIONS

Our Senior Adult Planning Team has met and we’re revving up our motors, spinning our tires and getting ready to take off into another JOY-filled year of ministry with our senior adults! We’ve got some exciting plans in the making and soon I’ll be able to give you more details as we get things nailed down. But for right now here are some of the things we have in store:

Our regular JOY Club meeting will be February 23, and on February 28 you are invited to support our youth by attending their Valentine Dinner Theatre. Enjoy a restaurant style candle-light steak dinner with entertainment between courses provided by our youth drama team.

On March 23 our JOY Club will have breakfast at Cox’s Restaurant at 9:30 am followed by a visit to the home of Marie Lawrence to view her 675 egg plates! You’ll need to sign up so we’ll know how many to make reservations for.

In April we’ll hit the road on the 27th and travel to Scotts Hill to tour the Poplar Grove Plantation then come back to Jacksonville for lunch at the Olive Garden Restaurant.

And there’s more – I’ve invited a special guest speaker for our JOY Club meeting in May, and in June we are heading to Harker’s Island again for a visit to the Water Fowl Museum, a picnic, and some more croquet! The end of July we are planning a trip to Manteo to see The Lost Colony, an ice cream social in August, and in October a trip to Ridgecrest for a Senior Adult Conference and time to enjoy the autumn leaves and explore the surrounding area, including the Biltmore House! Something for everyone! So stay posted for more details in the coming months!

ADOPT-A-GRANDFRIEND. Some of you did this last year and have been praying for, encouraging, and remembering one of our youth on special days with a small gift. This has really touched the lives of many of our youth. We need to update our list and make sure all of them have been adopted. I have posted a new list on the bulletin board outside of my office, so if you want to continue with your youth, please check your names off on the list. If you would be willing to adopt a grandfriend please pick one and sign your name beside them on the list and get their contact info out of the envelope on the bulletin board. Then simply pray for, encourage, reach out, and love that youngun!

**Discovery 101 Class
Sunday, February 21 @ 3pm**

This class is a basic introduction to our church family and is designed for new members and those who are considering making First Baptist as their church family. We will cover topics such as:

- Who You Are in Christ
- The Ordinances of the Church
- First Baptist’s Vision, Beliefs, Strategy, and Structure
- Expectation of Members and Membership Covenant

If you are interested in attending, please call the church office before Tuesday, February 16 to register or go to www.fbcmhc.org. There will be a light meal served and child care is available upon request.

North Carolina Baptist in Haiti

The North Carolina Baptist has had a medical team in Haiti since Friday, January 15th and will have another team traveling there from January 19-28 taking many needed medical items into Haiti. The needs right now are medical and very specialized but in the future there will be many more opportunities for volunteers with other skills. This will be a long term effort in Haiti.

They are accepting monetary donations and you may give in several ways:

- Go to www.ncmissions.org and click on the button Donate Now. This will direct you to a Disaster Relief page. Under Donations, click on 'go to NCBM Haiti Relief'. You will be taken to a page that shows the option of donating in several different monetary denominations. Follow the instructions.
- Or you may send a check to:
**NC Baptist Men
PO Box 1107
Cary, NC 27512**

WEDNESDAY EVENING FAMILY MEALS**February 3rd**

Barbecue Chicken

February 10th

Spaghetti & Salad Bar

February 17th

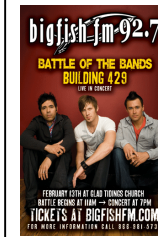
Meat Loaf

February 24th

Soup & Salad Bar

Make Reservations on the Communication Card on Sunday or online www.fbcmhc.org or by calling the church office by Tuesday noon.

Adult Meals \$ 4.00 – Children 12 & Under eat free



Battle of the Bands & Building 429
Saturday, February 13
@ Glad Tidings Church

Bigfish FM is bringing our first ever Battle of the Bands to Eastern Carolina. Local Christian talent will battle to see who is the best band in the area beginning at 11am. And to top it off...Building 429 will be live in concert following the battle at 7pm! General admission tickets are \$25 or \$18 with groups of more than 10.

Got to www.bigfishfm.com to purchase tickets or call 866-981-5739 for more information.

Vacation Bible School

“HERO HEADQUARTERS.....Where Kids Join Forces with God!”

It is that time again! It may be cold outside; however, we are already planning for this summer's **Vacation Bible School!**

God's great commandment to us is to “Go ye therefore and teach...” It is not an option He has given to us as Christians, but a command! Vacation Bible School week will be here before we know it. Our church will be bursting at the seams with approximately 175 children smiling, laughing, singing, and learning God's word. Many of these children will be hearing about God for the first time...can you imagine?...and they live right here in Morehead City! **We need approximately 90 adults to fill all of the positions necessary for our VBS!** We have done this successfully for the last 28 years! I have no doubt that we can do it once again this year! Pray for this mission opportunity! What more important task has God given to us as Christians than to spread His word! What an honor to be able to do that for Him after all He has done for us! We must plant the seeds of God's word here in Morehead City! Are we so selfish to only work for God and spread His word if it doesn't task us physically or inconvenience us? Aren't we blessed that God doesn't operate that way?! I hate to think that when I needed God He would not be there for me because He was tired, on vacation, it wasn't a good time for Him, or it just wasn't His thing to help me on that particular problem!

One week of VBS is the same as attending Sunday School for 4 months without missing a Sunday! Children all over the world need God in their hearts! Let's start right here in MHC! **We cannot complain about the state of our world if we are not willing to get in there and help change it!**

Our theme this year is “HERO HEADQUARTERS...Where Kids Join Forces with God”. At Hero HeadQuarters, kids will meet unlikely Bible heroes who are often overlooked. In fact, we don't know a single one of their names! They were not famous leaders or called by God to perform amazing miracles-yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things! Help kids discover that if they're willing to be used by God in any situation, no matter how big or small, they can make a difference. With God's power at work, they can be heroes right where they are!

Call me if you are willing to carry out God's great commandment: “go ye therefore and teach...” **The children of Carteret County need to hear the word of God! They need YOU!!! No experience is necessary! Pray earnestly and allow God to lead you as to what He would have you do! Please...don't say “No” to God! We need 13 department directors along with workers for each department as well as general workers for a multitude of areas.**

Our department workers meeting will be on Sunday, March 21, 2010 at 3:00 pm. I look forward to hearing from you and working along side of you to teach God's word!

Love,
 Diane Poag, VBS Director, (h) 726-2515

Mark Your Calendars Now!

VBS: June 21 – 25, 2010 9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Rising 4 yr. olds – Rising 6th graders Nursery provided for workers' children

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Thought for the Month

by Jerry Clonts

In our previous conversations from the book “The Love Dare,” by Stephen and Alex Kendrick, we’ve been reminded that love is “Patient,” “Kind,” and “Selfless.”

Day 4 tells us that “Love is Thoughtful.” Psalm 139: 17-18 says, “How precious also are Your thoughts to me.... How vast is the sum of them! If I should count them, they would outnumber the sand.”

Love thinks. It is not a mindless or idol action. It keeps busy in thought, knowing that loving thoughts precede loving actions. Remember when you first fell in love? Being loving came quite naturally; the day dreams... wondering what he or she was doing, rehearsing impressive things to say, recalling sweet memories of your time together. You confessed, “I can’t stop thinking about you.”

Unfortunately for many couples, things change after marriage. Sparks of romance slowly ebb and the motivation for thoughtfulness cools. You begin to focus on your jobs, your friends, your children, your problems, and your own personal desires. After a while, you unintentionally begin to ignore the needs of your spouse. “Today’s our anniversary? Oops!” “Oh no, I forgot it was your birthday.” “Why don’t you ever bring me flowers any more?.”

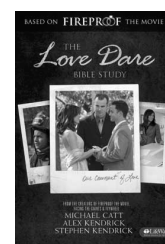
Men especially struggle with this. A man can focus like a laser on one thing and forget the rest of the world. A woman can multi-task. Relationally she is aware of all the people who are somehow connected to those tasks as well. Men generally speak directly while women speak between the lines. If a man isn’t really listening he’ll miss everything.

Let’s be honest. We all know where this kind of relationship can and will often end. The spark and romance are gone, you spend less together, you rarely have meaningful conversation, date”, what’s a date? You aren’t meeting each other’s emotional needs.

Love requires thoughtfulness---on both sides---the kind that builds bridges through the constructive combination of patience, kindness, and selflessness.

A man should learn to listen to his wife and she should learn to communicate truthfully and not say one thing while meaning another. Too often we become angry instead.

Love thinks before speaking. It filters words through a grid of truth and kindness. Great marriages come from great thinking. How can I better understand and demonstrate love to my spouse? What immediate need can I meet? What’s the next important event in our lives (anniversary, birthday, a holiday...)? Here’s a homework assignment: start talking and listening...everyday over coffee; start “dating” again; do the small things that are thoughtful; and re-light the fire of romance.



The Love Dare Bible Study

Do you want to have a more meaningful, passionate, God-honoring marriage? Do you want to bless your children, your friends, and your world? Do you want to have greater intimacy in your relationship? If so, read on.

You have been inspired by reading these articles each month that have been centered around the book “The Love Dare”. Many of you have been impacted by the challenging and inspirational movie event “Fireproof”. Now we want to challenge you to take this experience into your home and your marriage. **Beginning on Sunday, February 7th** will be offering an 8 week group study for married couples of all ages called the “Love Dare”. This group will be meeting during our Bible Study time on **Sunday at 9:45 in the Seeker’s class room #202**. The cost of the book will be \$8.

We will show the movie **Fireproof on Saturday, February 6th at 7:00 pm** in the Conference Room for anyone who would like to see the movie.



Volunteers for February 2010

Nursery Workers

7 - Team 6: Faith Class (Marge Travis)
 14 - Team 7: Faith and Fellowship (Sandra Phillips)
 21 - Team 1: Builders Class
 28 - Team 2: Seekers Class

Sound Operators

8:30 am	11:00 am
7 - Larry Vallance	Scott Foley
14 - Lee Dixon	Gary Coffey
21 - Jimmy Rivers	Scott Foley
28 - Larry Vallance	Gary Coffey

Hymn Leaders

7 - Janet Lott
 14 - Craig Everett
 21 - Jerry Clonts
 28 - Dee Dee Phillips

Front Door Greeter List

8:30 am
 7 - Jimmy Rivers
 14 - Tom & Bobbi Taylor
 21 - Glenda Chagaris
 28 - Pam Tunby

11:00 am

7 - Patricia & Roger Latham
 14 - John & Diane Poag
 21 - Judy Monroe & Melvin Burns
 28 - Johnette Grantham & Lillian Foley

Sunday School Greeters

Pre-School Suite	Sanctuary Stairs
7 - Mike Marshall	Vivian Marshall
14 - Phil Nelson	Amy Nelson
21 - Ken Mann	Lynn Mann
28 - Susan Vallance	Judy Monroe

OFFERING UPDATE

As of January 17, 2010

Offering Received to Date	\$ 37,684.00
Offering Required to Date	\$ 40,494.00

DECEMBER GIFTS

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry

In Honor of Carol Taylor
 By Footprints Sunday School Class

To White Christmas

In Honor of Lisa Pelletier Harmon Family
 By Carole Pelletier

In Honor of David Keith Pelletier Family
 By Carole Pelletier

To the Music Ministry

In Honor of Mrs. Rachel Willis
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

In Memory of Mrs. Laura Howard
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

In Memory of Dan Willis
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

To the Garden Club

In Memory of Mrs. Matti Thompson
 By Mrs. Ruth Bell

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In Memory of Mrs. Florence McElroy
 By Betty Lewis

In Memory of Mrs. Dot Stevens
 By Betty Lewis

To the Global Missions Offering

In Memory of Mrs. Cate Canfield
 By Betty Lewis

In Memory of Mr. Melvin Fritz
 By Betty Lewis

To the General Budget

In Memory of Mr. Don Shanor
 By Mrs. Edna Mason, Gramercy Christian School,
 Joseph Hemmerle, Betty Clonts

To the John Tillery Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Mr. Don Shanor
 By Michael T. Willis

To the Youth Ministry

In Memory of Jack & Margaret Bartlow
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

In Memory of J.B. Schuyler
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

In Memory of Don Shanor
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

To Upward Basketball

In Memory of Danny O'Neal
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

In Memory of Larry Pittman, Sr.
 By Mrs. Judy Monroe

Calendar for February 2010

Monday, February 1, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm—Family Meal
6:00 pm—Children's Choir
6:45 pm—Children's Missions
6:30 pm—Youth XTreme Truth
6:30 pm—Discipleship University

Thursday, February 4, 2010

10:30 am—JOY Makers Choir
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
7:00 Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 5, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Saturday, February 6, 2010

8:00 am—Upward Basketball Games
7:00 pm—Movie Fireproof

Sunday, February 7, 2010

8:30 am—Worship Service
Lord's Supper
Baptism
9:45 am—Bible Study for all Ages
9:45 am—The Love Dare Bible Study
10:45 am—12:30 pm Handbell Dinner
11:00 am—Worship Service

Youth Sunday Schedule

5:45 pm—Fantastic 4

Monday, February 8, 2010

10:30 pm—Homebound Committee
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
6:15 pm—BMG Committee

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
6:30 pm—Handbells
6:30 pm—Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm—Family Meal
6:00 pm—Children's Choir
6:45 pm—Children's Missions
6:30 pm—Youth XTreme Truth

Thursday, February 11, 2010

10:30 am—Joyce Collins WOM
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 12, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00 am Upward Basketball Games

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:30 am—Worship Service
9:45 am—Bible Study for all Ages
11:00 am—Worship Service

Youth Sunday Schedule

5:45 pm—Fantastic 4

Monday, February 15, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
7:00 pm—Church Council

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
6:30 pm—Handbells

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm—Family Meal
6:00 pm—Children's Choir
6:45 pm—Children's Missions
6:30 pm—Youth XTreme Truth
6:30 pm—Discipleship University
7:30 pm—Missions Council

Thursday, February 18, 2010

10:30 am—JOY Makers Choir
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
6:30 pm—Endowment Committee
7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 19, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Saturday, February 20, 2010

8:00 am—Upward Basketball Games

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:30 am—Worship Service
9:45 am—Bible Study for all Ages
11:00 am—Worship Service
3:00 pm—Discovery 101 Class
6:00 pm—Deacons' Meeting

Youth Sunday Schedule

5:45 pm—Fantastic 4

Monday, February 22, 2010

1:00 pm—History Committee
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

10:45 am—JOY Club
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

10:00 am—Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm—Family Meal
6:00 pm—Children's Choir
6:45 pm—Children's Missions
6:30 pm—Youth XTreme Truth
6:30 pm—Discipleship University

Thursday, February 25, 2010

10:30 am—JOY Makers Choir
4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice
7:00 pm—Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 26, 2010

4:00 pm—Upward Basketball Practice

Saturday, February 27, 2010

8:00 am—Upward Basketball Games

Sunday, February 28, 2010

8:30 am—Worship Service
9:45 am—Bible Study for all Ages
11:00 am—Worship Service
6:00 pm—Valentine Banquet

Looking Ahead

March 5 - Upward Basketball Award Ceremony
March 5 & 6 - Baptist Men Disaster Training
March 21, 2010 VBS Workers Meeting
March 27 & 28 - Crystal Coast Handbell Festival
April 1—Maundy Thursday Service
April 4—Easter Sunday
April 24—Operation Inasmuch



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YOUTH CONNECT



It was cold!!!! But that didn't stop us from experiencing the warmth of the Holy Spirit and the joy of God's presence as we spent three days together at Caswell. Fifteen youth and three adults attended THE EDGE Youth Conference Dec. 30-Jan. 1, worshipping together and bringing 2010 in with around 600 other youth and adults. We were ministered to in unique ways through art, illusions, music, dynamic preaching, and small group Bible study and even learned a couple of Greek words! Our lodging was in a cottage and we enjoyed just being together and hanging out. We all agreed that refocusing on Jesus was an awesome way to begin the new year!

Twenty-two of us head to Wintergreen Ski Resort next week. We are excited about our time together there. A special thanks goes to those who gave money so that our youth could go on this trip!

Looking ahead, we have a FUN NIGHT scheduled for Friday, February 19 from 6-10pm, beginning in the Youth Suite. Join us for a night of hide and seek, games, pizza, and just hanging out.

Youth, we're doing it again! Get ready for service as we produce once again our Valentine Dinner Theatre! We need actors, a stage hand or two, and lots of servers. Youth parents, we'll be counting on you, too, to help with the food preparation. This is a FUNDRAISER, so those who participate will earn money for youth activities.

We've planned a special trip for spring break, Thursday-Saturday April 8-10 so sign up now! It's an Outdoor Adventure Camping Trip, complete with hiking, rapelling, rock climbing, and Survivor challenges at Pilot Mountain, all with spiritual applications. Cost is \$125.

Don't forget Sunday morning Student Bible Fellowship at 9:45 and F4 on Sunday evenings from 5:45-7:30pm and Xtreme Truth on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Invite your friends and come! We want you with us!

And finally – FYI – our youth have sponsored a young man, Chadreque, through World Vision at \$35/month for the past year and half, gave 65 cans of food to Martha's Mission at the lock-in and 37 at their Christmas party, and contributed \$97.15 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!