



First Baptist Church

Discover the Love of Christ

Frostproof, Florida

January 2019

Dear Church Family,

As usual, December has been a busy month with a myriad of activities taking place. Many of you have been busy providing and ministering to others to ensure they had a merry Christmas. I appreciate all who have given of themselves so generously. You were gracious in providing gifts for the “angel tree” recipients and thank you to those who provided fixings for the Frostproof Care Center food baskets. A special thanks to Michelle Young in working hard to make the Children’s Department puppet program a big day, and to Scott and Mandy Long in all they contributed to the ministry. As Mandy said, “It is all for our Lord”. Tell them thanks for a job well done.

The Christmas gift boxes we sent to Nicaragua made it on time and those gifts were being distributed to the children there, a couple of weeks ago. Hopefully we will have pictures and maybe video to share with you before long.

Hard to believe, but we are on the threshold of a brand new year. What kind of vision do you have for the future? Let me encourage you, if you have not done so, to set some personal goals for yourself, in the areas of physical, emotional, financial and spiritual. What about some goals for your area of ministry in your church? Of course, providing that Jesus does not return (which could happen anytime), where do you see yourself, your family, and your church 1 year, 5 years from now? It is easy to get complacent and be content with where we are in our personal life and especially the life of the church.

Let’s get geared up for the new year and take advantage of the opportunities that God has provided. Let’s pray for God to help us see where He is at work and then join Him!

God’s blessings on you in the new year.

Bro. Darrol



“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,”
SAYS THE LORD.

“THEY ARE PLANS FOR GOOD
AND NOT FOR DISASTER,
TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE.”

JEREMIAH 29:11

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Women's Missionary Union

Thanks to everyone who has had a part in the Women's Missionary Union pillow ministry during 2018. A special thanks to Jenny B. Smith who made five deliveries of our heart pillows to Tampa General Hospital this past year. The total number of pillows delivered was 1,239.

I appreciate everyone who cut out and sewed pillows at home, attended monthly meetings to stuff pillows, tag and bag the pillows for delivery.

The Women's Missionary Union meets on the second Tuesday of each month. At our next meeting on January 8, 2019, we will begin stuffing pillows at 9:00 a.m. At 11:00 we will have a special speaker, Doug Armstrong will share his missionary experiences. This will be followed by a finger food luncheon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Hope to see you there. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall located on "B" street.

Gloria Smith
WMU Team Leader



Connect: Small groups moves us toward maturity by engaging "one another". We are commanded to love each other, pray for each other, accept each other, and forgive each other.

Grow: Small groups help confirm your identity as a genuine believer. You are not the body of Christ by yourself. Together we are the body. It also helps us to stay on track by helping each other. None of us are immune to temptation. We are to be involved in each other's lives.

Serve: Small group is a place for you to discover, develop and use your gifts and talents. Your family needs you. God has gifted you and you have a ministry assignment that God wants you to do.

Make new friends in the church and take the next step in your faith. Join a Life Group class on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. For information on Life Group classes, you may call the office at (863) 635-3603.

January 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2 Bible Study 6:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Deacons serving: Freddie Senterfitt Dale Williams	7	8 WMU 9am Fellowship Hall	9 Awana & Student Refuge 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	10 Prayer Team 5:30 Smith Bldg.	11	12
13 Deacons serving Doyce Cotton Larry Ogburn	14	15 Grief Share 2pm A-Wing Rm. 3	16 Awana & Student Refuge 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	17 Prayer Team 5:30 Smith Bldg.	18	19 Men's Ministry Breakfast 8:30 am Joy Class Social 4pm
20 Deacons serving Larry Blackwelder Ernie Wasdin	21	22	23 Awana & Student Refuge 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	24 Prayer Team 5:30 Smith Bldg.	25	26
27 Deacons serving John Cavanaugh Garry Talley	28	29	30 Awana & Student Refuge 6pm Bible Study 6:30pm	31 Prayer Team 5:30 Smith Bldg.		

Visit our Church Library, our hours are: Sunday 9:15-9:45 am, 10:45-11:00 am & 12:00-12:15 pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2 Keith Walters 3 Bradey Gravley 4 Samantha Davis 7 Ruth Johnson, Treva Morrison, Gary Pistole 9 Nancy Miller 10 Jade Wise 11 Racheal Talley, Sam Van Hook, Sidney Smith 12 Virgil Ullom, Kayla Wilson, Gene Schwidde	15 Elias Rivas 16 Caleb Sharpe 17 Deanna Norris, Regene Byrn 19 Lois Anderson 22 Matt Collins 27 Brandon Bennett 29 Brittany Dixon 30 Melissa Green
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PRAYING GOD GIVES YOU A

year of favor

FULL OF HIS UNENDING LOVE.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us...

PSALM 90:17a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thess. 5:16-18*



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First Baptist Church of Frostproof

January 2019 Newsletter

**Connecting with God!
Connecting with Others!**

First Baptist Church Ministry

Vision For FBC: He desires us to be a church that impacts our community with the Gospel.

Mission For FBC: Making disciples, leading believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

Strategy For FBC:

- **Connect** with God through worship and with others through relationships.
- **Grow** spiritually and numerically through small group Bible study.
- **Serve** others by joining a team engaged in ministry.

Service Schedules

Sunday

Life Group Classes 9:45am
Celebration Worship Service 11:00 am
Worship Service 6:00pm

Wednesday

Student Refuge and Awana 6:00 pm
Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm

Thank You Note

To our wonderful Church Family:

Greetings in the glorious, wonderful and matchless name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ!

From our family to all of you, a deep heart felt thank you for your presence at the homegoing celebration for our precious Joyce. She truly had a special love for our Savior. The four pastors, each in their own way, wonderfully exalted the Lord Jesus to His glory.

A sincere thank you to each of the musicians who added so much to our praise and worship.

For all the flowers, cards, phone calls and wonderful food prepared and served after the service was a true blessing. A special "thank you" to each of you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say to you, my church family, thank you for giving me the honor of serving with you as Minister of Music for 34 years. Those years will always be a highlight of my life. My prayer will be that First Baptist Church will always be a "Shining Light on a Hill", proclaiming the message of the ages, that Jesus saves.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

I remain yours because of Him,

Ed Strickland and family

Homebound Ministry

A very special thank you to the following people who helped to make the ones on our Homebound Ministry Program feel extra love from our church on Christmas by contributing to the Christmas gift bags for them! Retha Fowler, Ann Fulton, Gloria Smith and Louise Goddard.

Homebound Ministry Team Leader

Mary Frances Blackwelder