

# The Messenger

First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island • February 2017

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## **Pastor's Search Committee Presentation and Vote of Approval Sunday February 5, 2017**

Our pastor, Dr. John Keller, has announced his desire to retire, and that he is ready to begin the process of transitioning to a new pastor for our church. The Nominating Committee met Sunday, January 29, for the purpose of making nominations of members to serve on the Pastor's Search Committee. These names will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the end of each worship service for a vote of approval. The approved committee will then begin the process of looking for candidates for a Pastor. The committee will keep everyone informed of their progress.



## *Church Family Valentine Dinner*

**Sunday, February 12  
6:00 PM  
Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
\$12.50 per Person**

Menu: Caesar Salad, Pasta Primavera Entree,  
(Choice of: Shrimp, Chicken, or No Meat)  
and Mahogany Pound Cake with Whipped Cream

Join with your church family on Sunday evening, February 12, couples and singles, to celebrate Valentine's Day with a delicious meal, fellowship and message about "Love".

Childcare is available in the Children's Building for children through the 5th grade - with a reservation. Children will be served a kid-friendly meal.

Details and reservation form are on page 3.

## *Happy Valentine's Day* **Tuesday, February 14**



## *Bridal Shower for Katie Wheeler*

The church family is invited.  
**Sunday, February 26  
1:30 PM**  
Family and Student Center

## **New Sunday Schedule Begins March 19, 2017**

Mark your calendars ahead of time to be prepared for our new Sunday morning worship schedule. Help spread the word.

- 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM** – Open Prayer in the Church Library
- 9:00 AM – 9:15 AM** – Coffee Fellowship, Family Life Center
- 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM** – Sunday School for All Ages, Family Life Center, Children's Building and Family and Student Building
- 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM** – Blended Worship Service in the Sanctuary
- 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM** – High Tide for Middle School Students, Family and Student Building
- 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM** – High Tide for High School Students, Family and Student Building

## ♥ Visiting with the Pastor,

As we begin this new year, I am reminded of one of my favorite Bible verses from Proverbs 21:1 *"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes."* The Lord used this verse with me many years ago to remind me that He was the Lord, that He was in charge of all the tomorrows, and that he could change my direction at any time! As we get physically older in life, have you noticed how hard it is for your body to be as flexible as it used to be as a child? Small children are so flexible, and they never need to attempt stretching exercises, but as the child grows into adulthood, they have to continually stretch those tightening muscles in a feeble attempt to stay limber. The church can become very stiff with age and set in her ways needing some stretching, even though it may hurt at first, but in time - it becomes easier.

## ♥ Pastor Search Committee ♥

On January 15th, I outlined some major events for 2017. The first event is the need for the Nominating Committee to select a Pastor Search Committee for a successful succession for the next pastor to follow me. The committee will consist of seven people with two being alternates and the other five forming the committee. The two alternates can listen, give ideas but they cannot vote on the committee. The Nominating Committee will meet on January 29th, to select the Search Committee. On February 5th, at the end of the service, all church members will be able to cast their votes of approval or disapproval for the selected committee members. I have already given some guidance over the past year to a select group of leaders about pastoral succession, and I am sure their direction will be most valuable.

This Pastor Search Committee will keep the church informed as to their discoveries in this process so the church body will not be left in the dark as to their direction. I believe this can be a most exciting time for the entire church as she looks to the future. Remember, we need to stretch a little more as we get older in order to remain limber and ready for the Lord to direct our heart as He does the rivers of water.

## ♥ New Worship Schedule ♥

On March 19th, we will begin a new worship schedule. After having discussed this with the Administrative Council, the Deacon body and the Church body, we will be changing our worship schedule on Sunday, March 19th. There are many

reasons for this. The primary reason will be to maximize that which the Lord has provided for us. We have been blessed with people, their talents and gifts, and the facilities needed to be a united body of believers in these days before us so that we can maximize our adoration and glorification of our Lord as one body. The worship service will be what is called a blended service. There is nothing radical or peculiar about this, and it is believed that you will discover how much you will enjoy worshipping the Lord with a more blended service.

## This will be the new Sunday Worship schedule beginning March 19, 2017.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Coffee Fellowship
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM	Sunday School
10:30 AM - 11:30AM	Worship in Sanctuary

## ♥ AFA Academy ♥

AFA (Action for Autism) Academy will be coming to First Baptist Church in August 2017. This Academy will be using our facilities, primarily our Education and Children's Building, for classes five days a week. They will be operating on the school calendar year and will be focused on autistic, Down syndrome, and other neurodevelopmental and special needs children in the immediate community and possibly communities beyond ours. The primary role of our church will be to provide the facility and an accommodating spirit and attitude. We are also hoping to start a new Sunday School class for Special Needs Children this spring that will be open to children from all over our island. I am so happy to have a place that we can use to help, educate, and give hope to children and families. Our Lord is the only hope for all people, He is the only Savior for all people, and we have the privilege of allowing our Lord and Savior to be on display in and through this church for such a time as this.

## ♥ Finally ♥

Guard your heart every day, and assure yourself that your heart is in the hand of the Lord, and like the rivers of water, He can and will turn you wherever He wishes. You are His so always be pliable, flexible and humble in His hand. You will still yet not be able to imagine all that He can do with your heart and you!

Your Pastor Loves You,

John Keller

# Church Family Valentine Dinner

Sunday, February 12

6:00 PM

Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room

\$12.50 per Person

**Menu: Caesar Salad, Pasta Primavera Entree,  
(Choice of: Shrimp, Chicken, or No Meat)  
and Mahogany Pound Cake with Whipped Cream**

Join with your church family, couples and singles, on Sunday evening, February 12, at 6:00 PM, in the Family Life Center to celebrate Valentine's Day with a delicious meal and message about "Love". The cost is \$12.50 per person. Fill out the reservation form and return to Paulette in the Family Life Center with your payment, clearly marked for the Valentine Dinner. Your payment is your reservation confirmation.

Childcare for children through the 5th grade is available in the Children's Building. Children will be served a kid-friendly meal in the Children's Building at no extra charge. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, February 8.



## Church Family Valentine Dinner Reservation Form

**Paid Reservation Deadline: February 8**

Complete this form. Bring it - along with payment - (clearly marked: *Valentine Dinner*) to Paulette in the Family Life Center by the deadline to make your reservations.

Your payment is your reservation confirmation.  
\$12.50 each person

**Menu:** Pasta Primavera Entree,  
(Your Choice of: *Shrimp, Chicken or No Meat in the Pasta*)  
with a Caesar Salad and Mahogany Pound Cake  
Topped with Whipped Cream

**(IMPORTANT: Please make reservations for each person separately because of different entree style choices.)**

1. Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please mark the kind of Pasta Primavera desired for this reservation.

Shrimp or  Chicken or  No Meat in the Pasta

2. Reservation Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please mark the kind of Pasta Primavera desired for this reservation.

Shrimp or  Chicken or  No Meat in the Pasta

Number of Children Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
and Number of Children's Meals Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ages of children: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children will be served a kid-friendly meal at no extra charge in the Children's Building.



## Youth Leadership Training Weekend March 3 - 5

This weekend is designed to train and provide discipleship to those students who will be working with our Summer Camps this year. Students will be equipped to lead small group lessons and activities, as well as breaking down spiritual parallels during the large group sessions throughout camp. Students who accumulated 40 hours or more of community service through FBCHHI mission work or will be working the weeks of summer camps with us are eligible to attend.

Details will be forthcoming.



## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, February 26

8:00 AM

Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room  
All men are invited to meet for a delicious breakfast, brief devotional and prayer.

# Children's Ministry News

## Meeting for Parents of Children Sunday, February 12

Immediately following the 9:00 AM Worship service in Education and Children's Building kitchen area.

All parents of children (babies through 5th grade), and any grandparents who bring their grandchildren to Sunday School, please come for a time of prayer and discussion about the future of the FBCHHI children's ministry. Yummy doughnuts and pastries will be served along with coffee and juice!

Please take your children to their designated Sunday School classes first, where they will receive a yummy snack, as well. Your Sunday School teachers will be aware that you will be a little late to class!



## Parent's Night Out Saturday, February 25

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**\$5 per Family Includes Dinner**

The deadline to call the church office for a reservation is Wednesday, February 22.

Call Paulette at 843-785-4478 for a reservation.

Crafts, Games, Activities, FUN!!!!

## Mark It On Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School

July 17 - July 21, 2017



## 2017 VBS: Galactic Starveyor

Children's VBS will be held each morning during the week of July 17-July 21! Tell your friends, family and neighbors to save these dates in their summer planning, and that we'd love to have their children for Vacation Bible School.

More exciting information is to come.

## NOTICE:

There is a VBS Expo scheduled at East Cooper Baptist Church in Charleston Saturday, March 18.

It will be a good time to discover "practical ideas with real solutions" for this summer's Vacation Bible School. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna Garduce at [annagarduce@gmail.com](mailto:annagarduce@gmail.com) or 803-727-8567 for more information.

## *A Thank You from the Garduce Family*

Dear First Baptist,

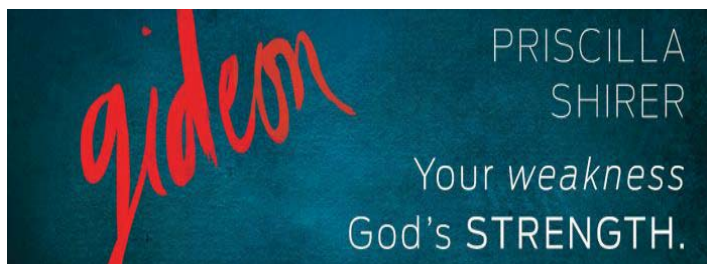
We just wanted to thank each one of you for all of your love, kindness and encouragement as we have transitioned to the Island. We are so blessed and privileged to be here, and we are excited to serve First Baptist and the surrounding community. To God be the glory for what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do!

With great appreciation,

Chris, Anna, Titus and Noah



# New Wednesday Night Women's Bible Study



A 7-session Study by Best-Selling Author Priscilla Shirer

Recognize Your Weakness to Experience God's Strength In Your Life

Led by Angela Wade  
Begins Wednesday, February 8  
6:30 PM

Education and Children's Building, Room #8

When we hear the name Gideon, most of us think about his 300 soldiers or a fleece spread beneath the evening sky. But Gideon's story is so much bigger than that. This is a story about God and His people—His love for them, as well as His strength operating in spite of, even through, their weakness.

This 7-session study will encourage you to recognize your weakness as the key that the Lord gives you to unlock the full experience of His strength in your life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as gifts given specifically strategically by God. If you've ever felt insufficient, ill-equipped, incompetent, or outnumbered, this study is for you.



## Our Annual Mission Offering Collection Continues

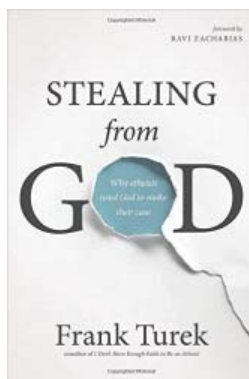
**2016-2017 Goal: \$38,500**

**Collected from November 2016 - April 2017**

**50%** of the money collected goes to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

**25%** goes to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions.

**25%** remains in our local church to be used for mission projects and to support opportunities as designated by our Missions Committee.



# New Wednesday Night Men's Bible Study

## Stealing from God

Why atheists need God to make their case.  
**10-part DVD Series by Frank Turek**

Led by Dr. Chuck Staab  
Begins Wednesday, February 15  
6:30 PM - Family Life Center, Room #3

Frank uses an acronym to make this teaching memorable. Stealing from God is organized around CRIMES, which highlights the intellectual CRIMES atheists are making when denying God. "CRIMES" stands for Casualty, Reason, Information, Morality, Evil and Science. Those are aspects of reality that atheists often say disprove God, when in fact, none of them would exist unless God did.

## Financial Statement

Year-to-Date Budget Receipts Goal thru 12/31/2016	\$895,000
Year-to-Date Receipts thru 12/31/2016	\$954,567
Year-to-Date Expenses 12/31/2016	\$887,880
Budget Receipts Goal for January 2017	\$85,555
Month-to-Date Receipts thru 01/22/2017	\$61,862
Month-to-Date Expenses thru 01/22/2017	\$37,657

"Tomorrow's Gifts Today" Capital Fund Campaign for	
Youth Building Renovation thru 1/22/2017	\$119,742
Annual Mission Offering thru 1/22/2017 - Goal \$38,500	
(Collected until the end of April 2017)	\$23,033

### First Baptist Church Hilton Head Island Staff

- Dr. John Keller - Pastor - c/o - lhopkins@fbchhi.org
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- Richard Lewis and Tom Beretta - Custodial/Maintenance
- Steve Hays - Pianist
- Muriel Lyle - Organist

# FBCHHI to Partner with AFA Academy

Nearly 1 in every 68 children born today will be diagnosed with autism.

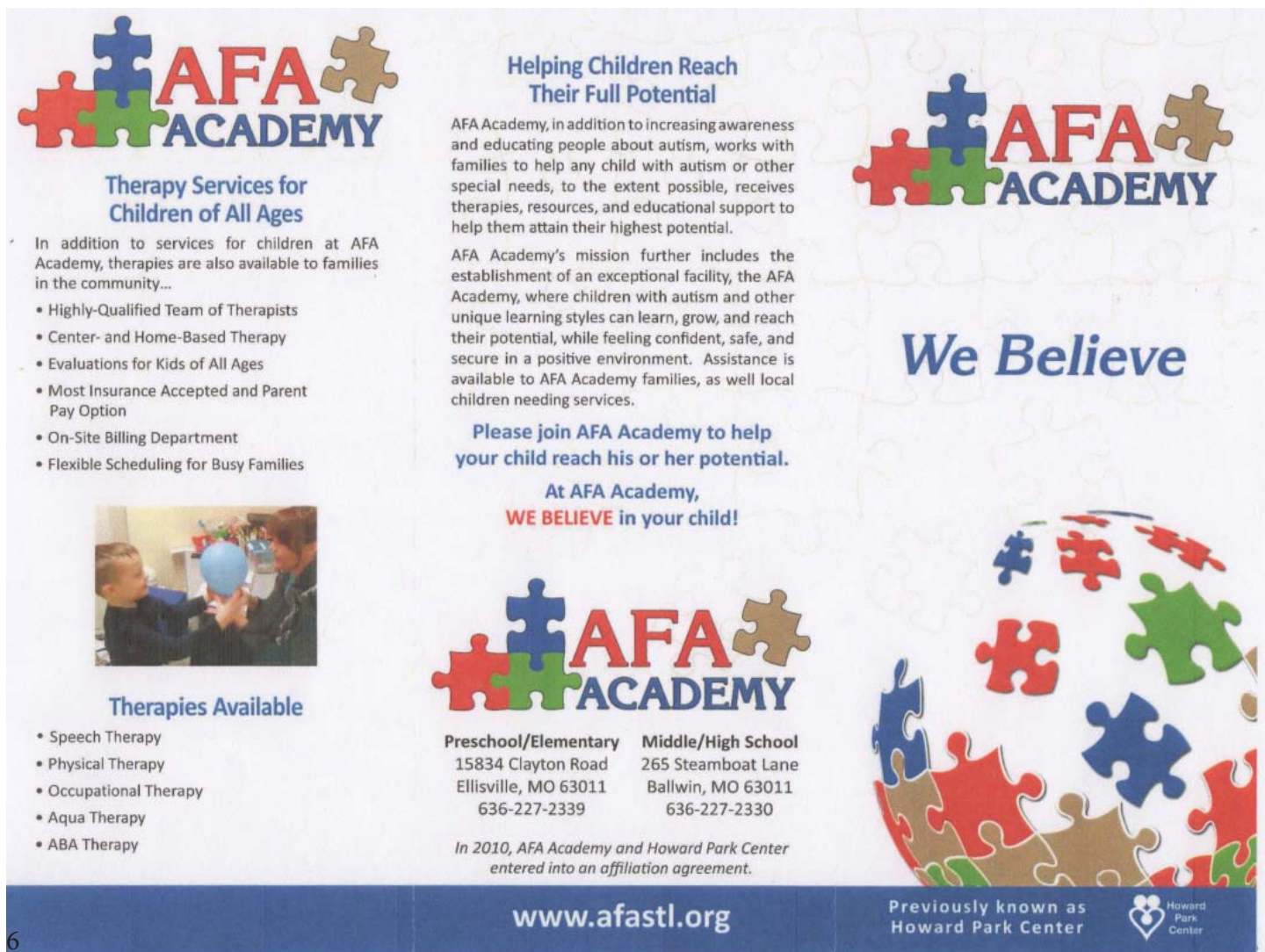
Our church is in the process of beginning a partnership with **AFA Academy**. Plans are for this program to use our Education and Children's Building during the school calendar year beginning in August 2017.

**ACTION FOR AUTISM (AFA)** is a St. Louis-based 501(c)(3) charitable organization, founded in 2008, to address the growing need to assist children and their families with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). AFA serves children and families who reside in and around Hilton Head Island. ACTION FOR AUTISM provides financial support to families, while also facilitating therapy and learning, as well as preparing children for a successful future, within its **AFA Academy** facilities, providing services for children through age 21.

The principle leaders of **AFA Academy** are working closely with our church staff to make sure that they can have what they need while working around the needs of our church.

Families from our area are already in contact with **AFA Academy** and signing up for this much needed program; actually, more than first expected.

**AFA Academy** will be using our Family Life Center Multi-purpose Room for a "Trivia Night" fundraiser event Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.



**AFA ACADEMY**

**Therapy Services for Children of All Ages**

In addition to services for children at AFA Academy, therapies are also available to families in the community...

- Highly-Qualified Team of Therapists
- Center- and Home-Based Therapy
- Evaluations for Kids of All Ages
- Most Insurance Accepted and Parent Pay Option
- On-Site Billing Department
- Flexible Scheduling for Busy Families



**Therapies Available**

- Speech Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Aqua Therapy
- ABA Therapy

**Helping Children Reach Their Full Potential**

AFA Academy, in addition to increasing awareness and educating people about autism, works with families to help any child with autism or other special needs, to the extent possible, receives therapies, resources, and educational support to help them attain their highest potential.

AFA Academy's mission further includes the establishment of an exceptional facility, the AFA Academy, where children with autism and other unique learning styles can learn, grow, and reach their potential, while feeling confident, safe, and secure in a positive environment. Assistance is available to AFA Academy families, as well local children needing services.

**Please join AFA Academy to help your child reach his or her potential.**

**At AFA Academy, WE BELIEVE in your child!**

**AFA ACADEMY**

<b>Preschool/Elementary</b> 15834 Clayton Road Ellisville, MO 63011 636-227-2339	<b>Middle/High School</b> 265 Steamboat Lane Ballwin, MO 63011 636-227-2330
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*In 2010, AFA Academy and Howard Park Center entered into an affiliation agreement.*

**We Believe**



[www.afastl.org](http://www.afastl.org)

Previously known as Howard Park Center



**AFA Academy** will be holding two Question and Answer sessions in our Family and Student Building on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 9:00 AM, and again at 5:00 PM.

Hosting **AFA Academy** is a wonderful opportunity for our church and church family. Talk to Rev. Chuck Workman if you have any questions.

## Special Needs Sunday School Class to Begin in April

As a result of discussions with **AFA Academy**, it was determined that they would also like to begin a special needs Sunday School class for children at our church, and thereby offering Sunday School classes to their parents as well. The new Special Needs Sunday School class is scheduled to begin Sunday, April 2, 2017. You may want to help spread the word about this special addition to our Sunday School class opportunities.

## Brochure Below Offers General Idea About AFA

Below is a copy of an AFA Academy brochure with more information, about their program, or you can see more at their website, [www.afastl.org](http://www.afastl.org). Reviewing this brochure and website will give you a general idea of the program. Understand that the brochure shown here and website are specifically published for their program in St. Louis, MO. The program on our campus will be very similar but the brochure and website includes a few items available in Missouri that will not be available on our campus, like Aqua Therapy, and a few facility opportunities like laundry room and student lounge facility. If you have questions, please speak to Rev. Chuck Workman.

### Our Mission is to provide all children, regardless of their abilities, with a strong foundation to learn, grow, and attain their highest potential.

#### Inclusion and Special Ed for Preschool & Elementary Students

Strong programs help young children find the track to success...

- Award-Winning Services with 40+ Years of Trusted Experience
- Small Class Size with Low Student-Teacher Ratios
- Year-Round Programs
- Speech, Occupational, Physical, Aqua, and ABA Therapies Available
- Work with Insurance for Therapies



#### Featured Programs

- Inclusion-Based Preschool for Children 2-3 Years of Age
- Inclusion-Based Kindergarten Prep for Kids 3-5 Years of Age
- Special Education Elementary Room for Students 6-12 Years of Age
- Extended Day Available for Working Parents

#### ABA Program for Young Children & Elementary Students

The Intensive Behavioral Intervention (IBI) Program provides gold-standard applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services...

- Small Class Size with Low Student-Teacher Ratios
- 28 Hours per Week of ABA
- Two BCBA's and a BCaBA On-Staff, with a Trained Implementer Team
- Year-Round Programs
- Natural Environment Training, a Component of ESDM®
- School Atmosphere in a Clinical Program to Ease Transitions
- Supplemental Speech, OT, PT, and ABA Offered In-House
- More than 30 Kids in Program, Coupled with K-Prep Program with Generalized ABA, Enhances Socialization



#### Featured Programs

- IBI-Toddler for Ages 18 Months to 3 Years
- IBI-Preschool for Ages 3-5 Years
- IBI-Elementary for Ages 6-12 Years

#### Specialized Curriculum, Future Focus, & CBI for Middle/High School Students

Future Focus, combined with a strong curriculum, ensures students are well-served and prepared for a bright future...

- Small Classes Averaging Six Students
- Nationally-Recognized and Unique, Individualized Curriculum Programs
- Future Focus & Community-Based Instruction Programs
- Speech, Occupational, Physical, Aqua, and ABA Therapies Offered
- Year-Round Schooling
- Field Trips and Community Outings to Further Enhance Socialization



#### Facility Features

- Gross Motor and Sensory Rooms
- Full Kitchen with Laundry Facilities
- Student Lounge & Lunch Room
- School Store
- Art and Music Room
- Technology Resources, Including Smart Boards





# FEBRUARY

- Wednesday, February 1 5:00 PM - Deacons' Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #7  
5:00 PM - 6:15 PM - Wednesday Night Dinner, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
5:30 PM - 6:15 PM - Children's Choir Rehearsal, Children's Building, Room #7  
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth Bible Drill, Family and Student Building  
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM - CORE Parents of Children and Youth Study, Family and Student Building  
6:20 PM - 7:30 PM - Awana, Children's Building, Atrium  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #4  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in the Education and Children's Building, Room #8  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Men's Bible Study in the Family Life Center, Room #5
- Sunday, February 5 Pastor's Search Committee Presentation and Vote of Approval - Both Worship Services  
8:00 AM - Open Prayer Group, Church Library  
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - Classic Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM - Coffee Fellowship Time, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
10:15 AM - 11:00 AM - Sunday School for Everyone, Babies through Adults, Various Buildings  
11:15 AM - 12:15 PM - Modern Worship Service, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Middle School High Tide, Family and Student Building  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - High School High Tide, Family and Student Building
- Monday, February 6 9:00 AM - AFA Academy Question and Answer Session, Family and Student Center  
5:00 PM - AFA Academy Question and Answer Session, Family and Student Center  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, February 7 12:00 AM - Administrative Council Meeting, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, February 8 4:00 PM - Missions Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2  
Regular Wednesday Night Schedule
- Sunday, February 12 Regular Sunday Schedule
- Monday, February 13 6:00 PM - *Church Family Valentine's Dinner*, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, February 14 **Valentine's Day**  
12:00 PM - Personnel Committee Meeting, Church Library  
2:00 PM - Connection Leadership Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, February 15 4:00 PM - Stewardship Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2  
Regular Wednesday Night Activities
- Sunday, February 19 Regular Sunday Schedule
- Monday, February 20 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, February 21 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Wednesday, February 22 Regular Wednesday Night Activities
- Saturday, February 25 5:00 PM - Parents' Night Out, Children's Building  
6:00 PM - AFA Academy Trivia Night, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Sunday, February 26 8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room  
1:30 PM - Churchwide Bridal Shower for Katie Wheeler, Family and Student Center  
Regular Sunday Schedule
- Monday, February 27 5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room
- Tuesday, February 28 5:00 PM - Building and Grounds Committee Meeting, Family Life Center, Room #2  
5:00 PM - Upward Basketball, Family Life Center, Multi-purpose Room