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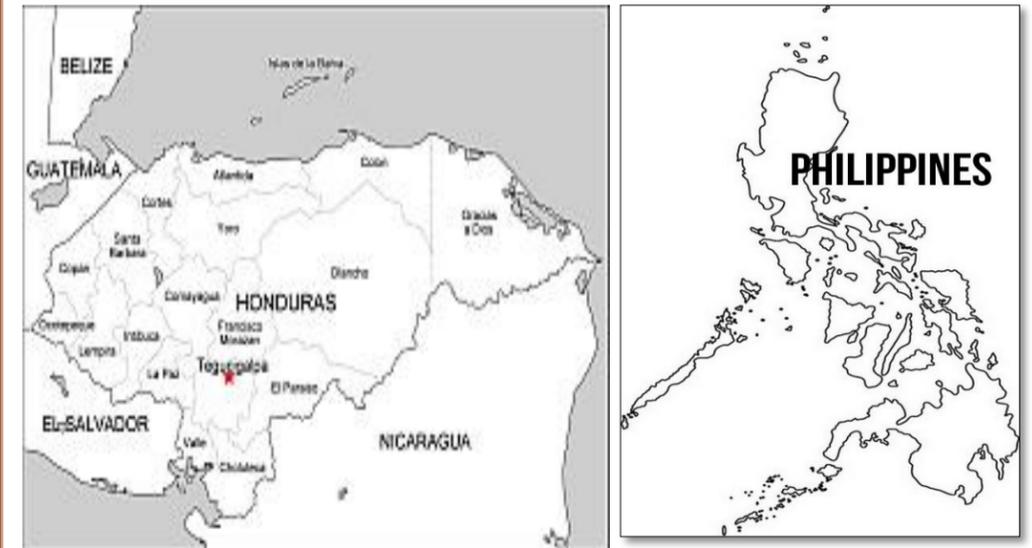
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Mission Opportunities

Pray about these mission opportunities, and if so lead, see Randall Smith for the Philippines trip and Dr. Mike Hennessee for the Honduras trip. They will be happy to give the details of both trips.



Relay for Life

MAY 18, 2018

6 pm event opens. 7 pm opening ceremonies and survivor lap. 9 pm luminaria ceremony

MORE DETAILS- See Virginia Turick
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February

- 7 – Knysley Tuck
- 7 - Shirley Quinones
- 7 – William Gregory
- 7 – Jeffrey Coleman
- 8 – Karen Skinner
- 11- Hope Brians
- 14- Morgan West
- 16- Keyan Tuck
- 16- Trina Haymon
- 19- Sonny Pynes
- 20- Gryphon Cooley
- 22- Tammy Summers
- 22- Elisabeth Carter
- 22-Hannah Longo
- 28- Kathy Smith
- 28- John Bloodworth
- 29- Hunter Cooley

March

- 1 – Garry Dowden
- 2- Georgie Nell West
- 3- Glenda Dowden
- 6- Charlie Williams

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.
Children's Choir 5:00 PM
GA's & RA's 6:00 PM

Sunday Evening 6 PM in the CLC

Wednesday

Awana 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.-CLC
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.

FBC State of Affairs

2018 Monthly Budget Required \$40,033.00
Received January 14, 2018 5,804.47
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Sunday School Report

	1/14	1/21	1/28
Members Present	172	150	166
Visitors	22	27	37
Worship Attendance	170	178	201

February van Driver:
Terry Williams
397 7454



Sunday School for all ages beginning at Birth.

Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

A Note From the Pastor

I have a picture on my wall from 2008 that I will cherish forever. I used to coach both jr. high and high school girls' soccer teams for the school our daughters attended while we were on the mission field. I will never forget the complaining I used to hear from those young ladies. Why do we have to practice passing with our left foot? Why do we have to shoot from this angle? Why do we have to train for different corner kicks? Coach, why are you making us run and run and run? Coach, this is **not** fun!!! At times, it was pretty pitiful to hear those complaints; but when I look at those pictures of both teams, soaking wet from the sweat and the tears, all of them holding up their pointing finger towards the sky showing number one and hoisting that massive trophy high, I smile. All of that practicing and complaining paid off when they both won Central Asian tournaments. I couldn't take back all the pain and suffering of those months of practicing and complaining, but it was transformed into joy and excitement.

It will be the same with us. Warren Wiersbe says God is not going to replace suffering with glory but He will **transform** suffering into glory. As mature Christians, we must understand that the sufferings we endure during this lifetime will be transformed into glorious praises when we get to heaven. We will have a reason to sing and that is just one of the elements that will make it all worthwhile. To realize that what we endured here was only preparing us for eternity. So, as we are "practicing", let's keep our eyes on the prize and see if the thorns in the flesh will grow strangely dim.

I want to encourage you now to pray about our mission trip this year. I know the majority of you may not be able to make it but I also know that God has laid this on some of your hearts so please seek His will now. If you are not joining us on Wednesday's, you are either missing an opportunity to work with some wonderful children or you are missing an incredible Bible study. Please take just one hour on "hump" day to let God re-fill your tank.

I am looking forward to our ordination service on the 25th of Feb for Bro. Mike and Bro. Robbie. I know God has some great things in store for these two men and I am looking forward to serving with them.

My verse for this month comes from Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

If you are reading this newsletter, then you have survived the "Big Chill" of 2018. Its funny when I think that back in November, temperatures were so warm that I was projecting that we weren't gonna have much of a winter again this year. It just goes to show you that God is the One in control. I may think I have things all figured out, but He is the One who holds yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever.

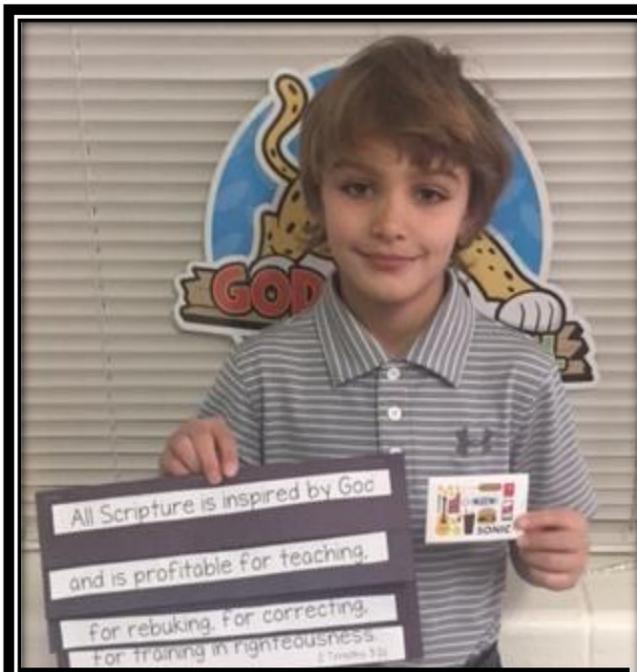
I want to thank those who have helped in worship during the month of January. Thanks so much to our sound and TV crews and to our projector operators. The Adult Choir has been amazing and we are so blessed to have a couple of new members. Elizabeth and Sean have encouraged us with their accompaniments. Solos in January were sung by Leslie Moore, Grant Blackwell, Sean Slate, Kim Simms, and Elizabeth Cyr. Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service. Adult Choir, beginning Feb 11, we will be practicing on Sunday Evenings at 7 to learn the Easter Music. This year's musical is one that is particularly uplifting to the hurting heart. I am hoping that many of you will feel led to join us in this April 20-21. It is for kids in grades 4 – 6 who are active in ministry, and you are all invited to come sing with us.

Louisiana Baptist Children's Honor Choir will be Friday and Saturday their church children's choirs. We will be sending more information home with the children about this event soon.

Our Retiree/SR Adult Group, DMA (Don't Mention Age) had a great month of January. We were pleased to have a great number participate in the Homebound Visitation, and for our regular monthly meeting, we were privileged to welcome our former youth minister, Monte Rouse, who is serving as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Hackberry, LA.

I am looking forward to what God has in store for the DMA in February. Homebound Visitation will be Thursday, **February 8**. We will meet at the church at 9 Am and go out to visit our homebound. On **February 22**, we will have our regular DMA meeting. Then on **Wednesday, February 28** we will be serving lunch to NSU students at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches.

Let's all pray for a great movement of God during this month of February that lies before us. May He bless you all you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.



Congratulations, Creek for filling up another Bible verse card and to the entire 1st & 2nd grade for learning this verse and the **meaning** of it!

Women's Mission

Ladies, if you have a heart for missions, this organization is for you, meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in the church parlor. They study about missions around the world, pray for our missionaries, and conduct mission projects throughout the year.

COME AND JOIN



Love and condolences to Genevieve Johnson and family in the death of her brother, George DeBlanc.

Deacon Ordination Service

February 25, 2018
6:00 PM in the sanctuary.
Reception to follow in the CLC



Tapestry

All ladies are invited to come and join the Tapestry Group, meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in the CLC for a devotional, food and fellowship.

The next meeting will be February 13th. Make plans now to attend.

Kids Korner

Sunday Evening:



Children's Choir 5 PM



RA's & GA's 6-7 PM

Wednesday Evening



Awana 6-7:30 PM

Bro. Mike Hennessee and Bro Robbie Giles