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The FBCC Focus

FBC Canton

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March 2018

Pastor Guy Odom

**Senior Adult Morning
Bible Study**
Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in
the Family Life Center

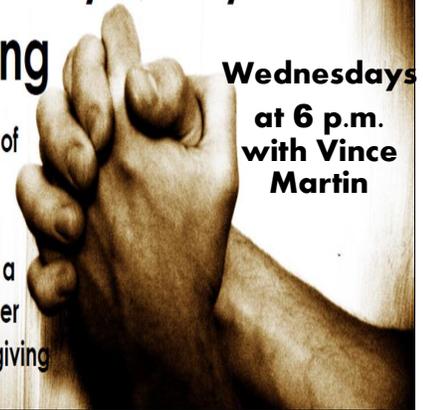


During the month of March we are collecting girls panties size 2T to 4T for Operation Christmas Child. There is a list of items needed for OCC on the kiosk.

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

An evening of Biblical discussion followed by a time of prayer and thanksgiving

Wednesdays
at 6 p.m.
with Vince
Martin



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Our Goal: \$2,300

SERVE WEEKEND 2018

March 17th-All day
Sign up online at:
www.fbccantonms.org
Call Logan for more
details (601)540-5185
*counts towards service
hours

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 20TH AT
NOON**

**SENIOR ADULT
LUNCHEON**



MARCH 11, 2018
**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **AHEAD** 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT



PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

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I am currently reading for my devotions each day a book entitled, "Uncommon Life Daily Challenge". It contains a devotion for 365 days a year. The author is one of my favorite football coaches, Tony Dungy. Tony is a devout follower of Jesus Christ and the former coach of the Indianapolis Colts. He won a Super Bowl there with one of the best Quarterbacks of all time, Peyton Manning. Well, he is a very fine writer as well. I would like to share one of his devotions that hit me in a big way. The title of this devotion is called NO FANFARE. The scripture says, "Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do— blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity!" Matthew 6:1–2

Tim Tebow received just about every award that a football player can get in collegeô A Heisman Trophy, the Maxwell Award, and two national championships with the Florida Gators, to name a few. His dad, Nathan, told that at the end of the season, he was helping Tim pack up his belongings in the locker room when Tim asked his father if he would carry a box to the car. Tim's dad peeked inside the box, full of trophies, plaques, and certificates, most of which his dad never knew his son had won. His dad said, "Tim is just QUIET that way! ..ôHe simply doesn't tell anyone or us." Like the weekly hospital visits that often last hours as the nurses lead him to room after room, and the countless phone calls to people who need a word of encouragement. "Done for the right reasons, without fanfare or publicity."ô

"God wants all of us to live lives of impact, but not in order to receive accolades and recognition!ô God should receive all glory with the gifts and talents that we have been given!

Easter is Coming: Easter this year is on Sunday, April 1, 2018. The only April Fool joke is on Satan himself! Anyway, I pray that this will be the largest gathering of people on this day since Tommi and I have been here. Not just for numbers sake but to touch as many people as we can! We live in desperate times for sure, but it is the Gospel of Jesus Christ that changes lives. What will be your part? Your part is to INVITE someone with you or have someone meet you to be a part of this amazing season and time. Dr. Mark Byrd, Adjunct Professor at M.C. and Pastor at First Ridgeland said this to his congregation once, "You are responsible for the empty seats around you. If you came alone or with your family, then you have forgotten somebody!" This is just not for Easter but for every week here at First Baptist. We are all responsible! Soon we will have some business cards, mail outs, as well as Facebook messages geared for all of us to reach out! Stay tuned for more details on the schedule for Easter Week through the Bulletin and Church wide E-mails.

Daylight Savings Time Begins: Sunday, March 11, 2018 is Daylight Savings Time. Just want to remind you to set your clocks forward that day!

Annie Armstrong Goal: Our Annie Armstrong Goal for 2018 is \$2,300. Every penny goes towards our North American Mission Board missionaries. These missionaries are everywhere with in the Continental United States! We certainly met and went above our goal for Lottie Moon so let's meet our goal for Annie Armstrong!

As you live out the life God has called you to remember to "stay close" and "stay clean" to our Lord Jesus Christ!

God Bless,

Pastor Guy



Rev. Barry Pounds
Music Minister/Sr. Adult Minister

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Music Ministry

It is truly my daily prayer that my life reflects the message in the following song by Matt Redman: "Unbroken praise be Yours, God, forever. All my praise be Yours, God forever. Lord take this life, let it become Your throne. Unbroken praise be Yours. My unbroken praise be Yours."

Prayer and Praise was what Paul and Silas were doing in the jail at the midnight hour and God did miraculous things. God not only freed them from prison but brought others to salvation. Dear Lord, make me a channel of blessing today.

Our choir is rehearsing for Easter, we need all voices. Please join us for rehearsal as we prepare for a great Easter service on April 1st. I know things may seem to be a little different because we've moved our worship to the Family Life Center during our plumbing crisis, but please continue to be faithful. I will also text you about when and where we will meet. See You Sundays and Wednesdays.

"Sing"cerely,
Bro. Barry

Senior Ministry

Senior Adult Bible Study Wednesdays at 10 am. We will be meeting in the Youth Room at the Family Life Center until our plumbing is fixed in main building. We are studying 2 Peter.

On March 20th at noon we will be having our Senior Adult luncheon. We are asking everyone to bring something that they had growing up that was special to them. Ms. Carol will also be decorating the tables with old things of the past (small antiques). We need your help to bring some things from your home to help make our tables look special. We will have some good old home cooking. Come and enjoy.

Holy Week will be March 26th–30th at First Presbyterian Church in Canton, MS. The service will be at noon everyday with Bro. Guy and myself leading on Thursday, March 29th. We will also need to provide sandwiches on that day. Please talk to Shelly Fox if you can help out.

See You Soon!
Bro. Barry



Logan Ellzey
Minister of Students

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Hello Church Family!

I want to share with everyone an event our Student Ministry is doing March 17, 2018 called Serve Weekend. This is a day-long event when our students and adult volunteers will go into the community to work, share, and show the love of Jesus Christ. There is no cost for students to register, and you get a T-shirt and access to a huge Celebration at the end of the day. You can sign up online at <http://fbccantonms.org/youth-ministry>.

But we need help! Maegan and I can't do it alone, and we need some amazing adults who are willing to work, cook/serve food, and just be a presence in the community. Also, registration for adults is FREE! So, if you feel God moving you to get out of your comfort zone and live out the Gospel of Jesus, then signup and join us for a weekend of Service. Come to Serve Weekend. You won't regret it.

P.S. Students, you can DEFINITELY get service hours for this. This is just one more reason to come serve.

God Bless,

Logan and Maegan (and Cash) Ellzey

March Birthdays

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Betsy Sligh
David Murrell

2

Janet Gordy

4

Sheila Sumrall

6

Anna McNeer

7

Cam McFarland

8

Everett Stafford

11

Todd Bledsoe
Morgan Everett

12

Judy Watkins
Carter Martin

13

John Mabry

14

Don Martin

15

Joe Burns Hardy

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Merle Albritton
Becky McFarland

20

Sandra Hanks

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Theresa Parks
Dean Thornton

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Logan Ellzey

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Jennifer Griffing Williams
Manuel Oliveros
Juanita Chandler

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Trish Smith
Brady Permenter

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David Craft
Whitney Yeates

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Yancey Hand

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Ashley Pierce

*Note: This is a computer generated list. All errors are non-intentional.
Please call the church office with corrections to the Birthday list.*