

The Messenger

"God's People on Mission in Marion County and Around the World"

Foxworth First Baptist

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A NOTE FROM THE HEART OF YOUR PASTOR



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CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Tyler Chavis

Worship Leader: Donovan McComb

Choir Director: Ellen Ball

Associate Pastor: Jonathan Pittman

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE SUNDAY

9 am - Small Group/Sunday School for all ages

10 am - Gathered Worship

5 pm - Adult and Children's Choirs

Discipleship Training for Students and Adults

6 pm - Gathered Worship; Pre-Bible Buddies;

Bible Buddies (1st-3rd); Bible Drills (4th-6th)

WEDNESDAY

5:15 pm - Fellowship Meal (Donations only)

5:45 pm - Children's Kick-off Celebration

6:10 pm - Kids groups, Student Ministry

(FLIGHT), Adult Mid-Week Bible Study and

Prayer Time

If we begin to see the Lord reign in us, we will begin to see the trouble with simply picking and choosing when it comes to what God has revealed through His Word. I've called it a "buffet-Christianity"- but take a look at what Chuck Lawless writes concerning, "A La Carte" Christianity in his article *8 Dangers of A La Carte Christianity* [accessed on 02/2026 at <https://chucklawless.com/2020/02/8-dangers-of-a-la-carte-christianity/>]:

Literally, "*à la carte*" means, "at or according to the menu"—and we've understood it to mean choosing what we want from a smorgasbord of options. I fear that description fits how many believers live out their Christianity, too: they pick what they want and leave the rest on the counter. Here are some dangers of that approach—dangers that might also signal if we've moved in this direction:

Christianity becomes only an appendage to our lives—not the center of our lives. That's inevitable when we're the ones who pick and choose what we want. We do that because we're still on the throne of our lives. It's impossible to follow Jesus as Lord in an *à la carte* Christianity.

We place ourselves and our wants above the Word of God. When we pick which ways we want to obey God, we'll inevitably ignore some things the Bible demands—particularly, the things we don't want to do.

We give culture the authority to determine our beliefs. That's what happens when we get to choose what we want—whatever is most popular in culture becomes the choice we make. Seldom (if ever) does this decision move us in the direction of the Scriptures.

Church attendance becomes optional. On the Sundays we want to go—or perhaps only when we don't have something else to do—we go to church. On other Sundays, though, we choose something else.

Church participation becomes a consumer activity. Like shoppers at a mall, we choose what we'll participate in based on our wants. And, if one store doesn't offer what we want, we keep shopping until we find the store that has it (if indeed there is one . . .).

We miss things that we *need* for our spiritual walk. It's easy to choose to do the things we like doing in our Christianity; what's tough is choosing the things that most convict and challenge our souls. We usually need others to help us see the need to make these choices.

We leave behind doctrines that should motivate us to do the Great Commission. Few of us would choose on our own to believe in the lostness of all human beings, the necessity of knowing Jesus to be

saved, the substitutionary death of Jesus, and/or the reality of hell. It's easier to ignore these beliefs than act on them.

The world ignores us. And, that response shouldn't surprise us. Why would the world ever take note of a Christianity that looks no different than they do? Non-believers simply aren't looking for a faith that isn't obviously and powerfully life-transforming.

May we see Jesus reign in us! And may we never be *a la carte* when it comes to our life in Christ!

May the LORD bless & lead us as we seek Him.

Pastor loves you!

And I'm honored to serve HIM alongside you.

Bro. Tj

A valentine's Banquet will be hosted Saturday, February 14th, in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to see a FFBC student to purchase a ticket for the meal. Cost is \$15 per person.

Announcements

Feb. 1 -**Kidzville/MVP** – Held during preaching portion of morning worship.

Feb. 3 – **Circle of Prayer** – Ladies meet at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Feb. 8 – **Brandon and Savannah Turnage's Anniversary**

Feb. 8 – **MFUGE Deposit** – The first deposit (\$75) is due from students Feb. 8th.

Feb. 14 – **Jimmy and Marilyn Turnage's Anniversary**

Feb. 23 – **Brotherhood Meal** – Men are invited to attend the Men's

Ministry/Brotherhood supper on Monday night, Feb. 23rd at 6 p.m. in the FLC.

Feb. 28 – **KidzNow** – New Hope Baptist Church will host KidzNow on Feb. 28th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost is \$20. A sign-up sheet is in the office hallway.

February Items -**OCC** – Bath cloths, soap, and quart zip lock bags.

February Items – **Food Pantry** – Syrup, jelly, cereal (large or individual boxes), grits, oatmeal, and dried beans and/or rice in 1 lb. bags.

Upcoming...

March 1 - **Kidzville / MVP** -

March 3 - **Circle of Prayer** - 6 p.m. in FLC.

March 5- **Blood Drive**- Held in the Fellowship Hall.

March 8 - **Daylight Savings (Spring Forward!)**

March 14 - **Reggie & Pam Turnage's Anniversary**

March 14 - **Mike & Tracy Windham's Anniversary**

March 22- **Bible Drills Church Drill** - To begin at 6 p.m.

March 23 - **Men's Ministry / Brotherhood Supper** - Slated for 6 p.m. in FLC.

March 26 - **Bryan & Hanna McCain's Anniversary**

March 29- **Night of Praise!**

Nursery

Feb. 1: Cheryl Rankin & Joyce Morgan

Feb. 8: Bryan and Hanna McCain

Feb. 15: Candice Thomas & Camellia Williams

Feb. 22: Patty Dykes & Tracy Windham

Financial Summary

January

General Fund

\$ 27,098.38

Family Life Center

Given to Date: \$804,955.33

Given in January \$585.00

Wednesday Night Supper Menu

Feb. 4: White Chicken Chili & Green Salad

Feb. 11: Chicken Spaghetti

Feb. 18: Chicken Fried Steak & Mashed Potatoes

Feb. 25: Meatballs & Spaghetti

February Birthdays

3: Kim Jenkins, Nick Lee & Maggie Pittman

4: Tara Kroner

6: Becky Cumpton

7: Virginia Raines & Marilyn Turnage

8: Ty Rowell

10: Cynthia Smith

11: Hope Williamson

18: Shane Coleman

19: Jamie Cox

21: Jimmy Turnage

22: Jeannie Bean

23: Pam Holmes

24: Angela Armstrong & Theresa Smith

27: Emerie Ramshur & David Turnage