



THE INTERIM

On Sunday, January 27, we said farewell to Larry & Peggy Gregg. Larry and Peggy are pictured here with their son Don and his wife Anna.

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From the Pastor...

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

I John 4:7-8

Christianity is a faith based on love. Though we did not deserve it, God chose to love us. God showed us that love in Christ's self-giving sacrifice. We who receive this love are called to love one another and share this love with the entire world.

It sounds so simple, but it can get so complicated. We live in a complex and strange time. Love has been misconstrued and abused. When things seem complicated, however, the best thing to do is to go back to the basics.

If you want to show your love to those close to you, listen to them and empathize with them. We all need a listening ear and we all want someone who cares. Flowers and candy are nice, but being present is even better.

If you want to show your love for your church, show up and become more involved. Reach out to those who sit around you and get involved in each other's lives. Notice who might be missing and give them a call of encouragement.

If you want to show your love for God, give God first place in your life. Worship God each Sunday, but make thanksgiving and prayer a part of every day. Don't just offer your money, but offer God every part of your life.

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 we will have an opportunity to show our love to those close to us, to our church and to the world. Our Valentine's Banquet is an opportunity to be with each other and enjoy a good meal and fun entertainment.

More importantly, our Valentine's Banquet will help fund our Mission Team to Belize. As we celebrate God's love among us, we will support taking God's love to those in need. What better way to say we love one another and that we love God



**Valentine's Day
Dinner & Variety Show**

**Saturday, February 9
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center**

Celebrate love with dinner & a show!

**We'll have dinner, a delightful
variety show, and a dessert auction.
Menu: pasta, salad, & dessert**

**Tickets:
\$12.00/person; \$20.00/couple
\$5.00/child**

**This event is a fundraiser for our
mission trip to Belize.**

Schedule

Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 5

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Bible Study

Wednesday, February 6

9:30 a.m. Precept Bible Study
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, February 7

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Saturday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner & Variety Show

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:00 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary
 4:00 p.m. Venture Voices
 5:00 p.m. Venture Students

Monday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 12

10:15 a.m. Sewing Group
 6:00 p.m. Precept Study

Wednesday, February 13

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Activities for Children & Students
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, February 14

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

FLC Activities Schedule

Monday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, February 5

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, February 7

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, February 8

11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Saturday, February 9

6:00 p.m. Valentine Dinner & Variety Show

Monday, February 11

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 11:45 a.m. Linedancers

Tuesday, February 12

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball

Wednesday, February 13

8:00 a.m. Pickleball
 2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday After-School Program
 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal
 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Thursday, February 14

9:00 a.m. Pickleball
 1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet
 7:00 p.m. Senior Men's Basketball

Friday, February 15

11:45 a.m. Linedancers



Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of January 20 & 27, 2019

	1/20	1/27
Church in Bible Study	132	140
Church in Worship	203	220

Financial Statistics

	January	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	43,935.00	340,934.00
Budget Receipts	49,782.00	304,500.00
Monthly Goal Met/Needed to Meet Yarly	5,847.00	36,434.00
Alms	951.00	2,082.00
Designated	3,051.00	50,525.00

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
 Rev. Justin Cox.....Minister to Students
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Reception Honoring Dr. Larry Gregg

Our congregation said farewell to our Minister of Christian Education and Administration, Dr. Larry Gregg and his wife Peggy. We honored and thanked Larry and Peggy for all they have done for our church over the last three years. Larry and Peggy will be greatly missed at FBC.



When Your World Crashes

The Bible has a short but powerful answer when your world seems to crash around you. You can memorize it and have it ready when the storms of life threaten to “do you in”. It’s Nehemiah 8:10, “The joy of the Lord is my strength.” Nehemiah was trying to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem after the seventy year exile of the Jews to Babylon. He faced all sorts of opposition, but he refused to give in, give up, or quit. In fact, he remained joyful and the wall was rebuilt in record time. It’s not a matter of “if”, but “when” the enemy will try to get the best of you. When it happens, you have the strength to stand against his schemes by the joy that the Lord gives you—the perpetual joy of the living water that is forever bubbling up and flowing out of you—the Holy Spirit that lives within you when you are His child. This joy comes through intimacy with Jesus Christ, and intimacy only comes through Prayer—dialogue with God and fellowship with Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

Memorize Nehemiah 8:10 and repeat it to yourself when problems arise. You are praying scripture, and God is delighted to answer.

His servant and your friend,
Ginny Stikeleather



Announcements

CBF Misson Bite

Bite 115: Around the Table

One of the great ironies of living in Tokyo is that so many feel lonely, while at the same time being surrounded by people in the largest metropolitan area on the planet.

When we chose to attend The Naganuma School for Japanese language studies, we knew that for a few years we would be committing nearly every day to language acquisition efforts for long-term work with churches in Japan. We have tried our best to be present and connect with those who God brings into our lives. Over the last year and a half, we have enjoyed getting to know our classmates who come from nations around the world.

We've had lunches and dinners with individual classmates, but the vision of hosting the whole class in our home finally became a reality. While classmates brought along desserts and drinks, we provided a burrito bar for the main course. We enjoyed sharing our American version of burritos with our classmates, some of whom were eating burritos for the first time and requested burrito rolling instruction.

Over our meal, we sat around the living room and in a strange mix of Japanese and English (common among internationals in Japan), we shared stories from our time studying together, spoke of our future goals in Japan or in our home countries, and celebrated recent successes with one another.

With all of our differences in nationality, backgrounds, and life experiences, we came together in our commonality of studying Japanese and living life as internationals in Japan, and it felt like beloved community. We've been so thankful for our classmates who have become friends and have been the presence of Christ to us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to open our home and be the hands and feet of Christ to them.

- Carson and Laura Foushee, CBF field personnel in Japan



New Arrivals!

Congratulations to Ben and Allison Faulkenberry on the birth of a son, Jones Andrew, on January 8, 2019.

Congratulations to Amanda Tompkins on the birth of a daughter, Audrey, on January 25, 2019. The proud grandparents are Tim and Melissa Tompkins.



Congratulations to Elizabeth and Andrew Kilby on the birth of twins, Matilda and Luke, on January 27, 2019. The proud grandparents are William and Margaret Barnard.

A Note of Appreciation from Terry & Teresa Earp

Terry and Teresa Earp would like to say thank you to the members and staff of FBC for the love, help, and support they received after Terry's sister's death. They would like to say a special thank you to Nelson Granade, James Martin, and Theresa Martin for providing such a meaningful service of remembrance on December 30.

Dealing with Difficult Emotions

Sermon Series by Dr. Nelson Granade

February 3, 2019

Anger

Ephesians 4:25-27

February 10, 2019

Loneliness

Genesis 2:15-35, Mark 1:35

February 17, 2019

Envy

James 3:14-16

February 24, 2019

Grief

I Samuel 16:1-13

Growing Young

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal - 6:00 p.m. Adult Study

It's not too late to join us on Wednesday evenings for our Growing Young series. Throughout this series, we are discussing how we're making a conscious effort to reach out to younger people. We will be discussing and creating a plan of action through the end of February.