

# Centered in Christ

## Bonaire First Baptist Church

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922-1924

### February 2018

2/03	Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
2/04	Youth Nursing Home Ministry
2/09	Winter Banquet Speaker: Jim Stallings
2/11	Youth Valentine's Day Banquet
2/11	Deacons' Meeting 5:00 pm
2/13	W.O.M. 10:00 am
2/14	Valentine's Day
2/15	Joyful Hearts Luncheon 12:00 pm
2/19	Presidents' Day
2/21	Awana Theme Night Make a Joyful Noise
2/25	4th Sunday Prayer 5:00 pm

# Winter Banquet

**Date:** Friday, February 9, 2018

**Time:** 6:00 P.M. -8:00

**Guest Speaker:** Jim Stallings

*I Was Born This Way*

**Music**

**Location:** Bonaire First Baptist Family Life Center

**TICKET PRICE:** \$7.00 per person

Sign up sheet and tickets are on sale now. Menu includes your choice of chicken or pork chop, macaroni and cheese, green beans and dessert.



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# Student Ministries

## Monthly

Student Worship  
Sunday 6:00 pm

Students' Small  
Group Every  
Wed.  
6:45 pm

Student Nursing  
Home Ministry  
First Sunday  
Leave the church at  
4:00 pm

## **February**

There will be a meeting February 4th in the Family Life Center right after the A.M. Service for the youth winter retreat.

Winter Retreat  
23rd—25th

Youth will be leaving at 4:00 pm on the 23rd.

## **Youth Summer Trips**

Please see David Knight if you are still interested in attending either Missionfuge or Centrifuge.

Missionfuge (high school) will be June 4-8.

Centrifuge ( 7-8 grade) will be June 11-15.

Deposits due by January 31.

February 11, "Crazy" Valentine Banquet.

A time of good fun, silly fun, and a reminder of God's True Love. Cost is \$5.00 for a really good steak dinner. Please sign up and pay by Feb.5th.



## **February**

**7th** Club Night

**14th** Store Night

**21st** Club Night

**28th** Theme Night  
"Make a Joyful Noise"  
End of 3rd quarter

## **UPCOMING EVENTS** **March**

**7th** Grand Prix Car Check in

**9th** Grand Prix

**14th** Club Night

**21st** Dot Night

**29th** No Club

# Children's Ministries

## **March**

17th—Resurrection Hunt  
10:00-11:30 am.

Ages 2 years old (parents stay) through 6th grade. Look for sign-up sheet.

## Ladies' Ministries



### Men's Ministries

**Men's Breakfast-**  
Saturday, February 3rd  
8:00 a.m.



*Women on Mission  
Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13th  
10:00 am.*



**Joyful Hearts' Luncheon,  
Thursday, February 15th**

## **Jamaica Mission**

Over the past decade we have built a relationship with First Baptist Church, Kingston. We have shared in teaching, preaching, children's ministry, student ministry, and in renovation and repair projects for the physical building in Kingston. It has been a joy to grow in our love for one another and to share in the ministry in downtown Kingston.

Basic Details: The cost for the trip is \$1,300 for adults and \$650 for students (the church pays the other half for students). The amount covers airfare, lodging, transportation, and almost all meals (airport food and 2 meals in Jamaica will be the individual's responsibility).

A \$100 deposit is due by March 1. This secures your airline ticket.

Travel: We will fly out of Atlanta on June 29 and return on July 6.

General ministry opportunities: Teaching in Sunday School, doing VBS, and Student ministry meetings; Building repair and renovation; prayer and worship; teaching the Pastor's school, fellowship and encouragement of the church in Kingston.

Requirements: This trip is for high school students and older. Mature middle school students can go if they are accompanied by their parent(s). All students will have preparatory work that must be done in advance, however we are a team and they will not be on their own in preparation. We will have regular team meetings preparing all of us for the trip.

This trip is designed for Christians at a level where they can teach the Bible. They may teach preschoolers all the way to adults, but they must have an understanding of the truth to be able to teach. We will seek to assign responsibilities based on experience and gifts.

Pray!! Be in prayer for God to call out team members to go!

## **Mission Opportunity**

### **Rehoboth Life Care Ministries Dental Clinic**

The Rehoboth Life Care Dental Clinic operates on the donations from our local churches and individuals in our community. The patients have been screened and are found to be at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty level and are not covered by any type of dental insurance. The clinic needs are: any type oral hygiene products (sealed in their original packages), and over the counter sealed pain medications (small bottles), Ibuprofen, aspirin, or Naproxen Sodium. The clinic can always use paper products such as toilet tissue, Kleenex, paper towel, copy paper, postage stamps, post-it-notes, 13 and 33 gallon trash bags, any cleaning supplies, and hand sanitizers and liquid hand soap.

Please pray for the patients and the staff/volunteers that God's will be done in this clinic for His glory.



From the Pastor.....

**James 1:27 (NASB),** <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

To the Beloved Saints at BFBC,

Greetings in the name of our glorious Savior, Jesus the Christ of GOD! I hope this newsletter finds you well, although I know many in our congregation have been sick. We want to pray for all of those who have the flu and other illnesses during this time.

In this month's newsletter I would like to give you some information about a couple of things that you should know.

The first is concerning the benevolence ministries here at Bonaire FBC. As you know one of the major ministries of any church is the responsibility to help those in financial need. There are many passages of Scripture that instruct us in this, with *James 1:27* being one of the most well-known. However consider these passages (*II Thessalonians 3:10-11*) **For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either. For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies.**

**(I Timothy 5:4,8,16)** <sup>4</sup> **but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents, for this is acceptable in the sight of God.** <sup>8</sup> **But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.** <sup>16</sup> **If any woman who is a believer has *dependent* widows, she must assist them and the church must not be burdened, so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.** (It is helpful to read 4-16)

So, according to these passages it is essential for us to help the poor, yet it is also incumbent upon us to be careful not to hurt the poor by helping when families should be involved and for helping in situations when dishonoring conduct is present. Indeed the worth of benevolence is a matter that requires our engagement with families and individuals and not to simply throw money at them. To this end our deacons (who are in charge of benevolence ministries) have led us on a very wise path. First, on giving to a stranger, we have decided to defer all request to the new benevolence ministry of our association. This does two things, it helps us to heed all IRS regulations upon non-profit ministries, and it helps to identify those with real needs from professional money solicitors. Volunteers (some from our church) are trained to help these needy people and to share a word about Christ with them. Second, in-order to meet needs that may arise in our congregation, the deacons have private resources which they mainly provide in order to help in any situation in the church. This does two things as well, it protects the church and it helps our people to be able to share with the deacons from need and the deacons to share to the need. All of us believe this is the best way to handle the scriptural teaching on benevolence.

A personal note, I know that many of you (rightly so) have a heart to help people in need. That is a good thing! However, as you do, think about all that the Bible says on this and do not put your well-being at risk when it is not wise or necessary. When and if you must risk your life and your family's well-being, it would be wise to have the church body supporting you.

I also want you to know about the upcoming Adult Winter Banquet February 9th. Now this is not as intense as benevolence but it is important. All of us need the benefit of a joyful night together of great food, warm fellowship, uplifting music, and a word from our friend Jim Stallings. We will have a lot of fun and enjoy some wise insights as well. Sign-up as soon as you can! Details are on the front of this newsletter.

Yours in Christ,  
*Kenny*