

M⁴ the MISSION



REACHING the FERRIS HILL community: Help Radiate the fame of God from the Ferris Hill Community. In order to discover how FHBC can best serve our community, we are conducting a door-to-door survey (“Discovery of the Who”) from 3-5pm on Sundays January 8, 15, 22, 2012. Everyone is needed to help meet our neighborhood mission field. After the surveys are completed, we will meet together in February to plan our next step to BEtheCHURCH.



REACHING YOUR community: We believe that God has placed you in your neighborhood to make an eternal impact. As part of 4theMISSION we will be training FHBC members to be missionaries in their neighborhoods. The 1st training will be Sunday, January 29th @ 5pm. Be in prayer now if God is leading you to participate in these training times. Your neighbors need someone to share Christ with them (whether they know it or not). If not you, who? If not now, when?



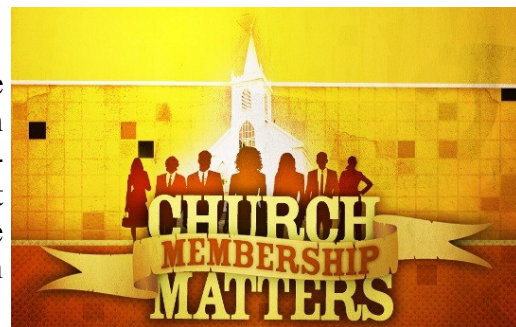
REACHING HAITI: As you are aware, FHBC has developed a close relationship with the people of Haiti. We are currently talking with the Florida Baptist Convention as to where FHBC can best be used. Currently, we are considering returning to Cayes or even going north to the city of Cap-Haitan. Be in prayer for these discussions so that we can be the most effective in developing disciples in this often avoided country (like a Samaria). If you have any interest in participating in a future trip to Haiti, go ahead and send an email to Pastor Brian (bnull @ferrishill.org).



REACHING an UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP: There are over 3,800 people groups of the world that have no access to the gospel of Jesus (thus no hope of Heaven). Our plan in 2012 is to adopt one of these people groups and prayerfully begin the process of getting the gospel to them. For more information about how this would work, pick up a free copy of the booklet “Making the Connection” in the church office or media holder in the foyer. Also you can visit <http://gettingthere.imbresources.org/> to see exactly where the unreached people groups are.

What does it mean to be a MEMBER of FHBC?

This is the question that we will cover in a church-wide SS conference in January. In lieu of normal small group gatherings, youth through adults will meet together on January 15th, 22nd and 29th to learn and discuss a biblical picture of church membership. We will discover it's a lot more than just getting to vote or having your name on a list. Make plans to be here each week. This conference will be an essential step on our journey to be authentic followers of Jesus Christ.



January 15th— “A Biblical Picture of Church Membership”

January 22nd— “The FHBC Statement of Faith”

January 29th— “How we function and our Vision + TCAT Survey Results”

Student Ministry

Adam Koppin (292-6994)

What's it Worth to You?

One of my Christmas presents this year was a very large synchronological chart of world history. It goes all the way from Adam and Eve to President Rutherford B. Hayes. Rebekah and I were reading it the other day and found in the timeline the point where Gutenberg printed his first Bible. Bibles at that time were printed one page at a time, which was a vast improvement over hand-writing one page at a time. The final cost of a Bible was approximately \$1,500, equivalent to the U.S. national debt in the value of today's dollar. The cost of the Bible was very prohibitive to the common man. Because of that only the elite and wealthy had any access at all to the Bible. When the price of the Bible did come down and more and more people had the ability to afford one, wars were fought, buildings and towns were burned, and people were killed over the debate of who should be able to have one. The religious elite rightly predicted that they would lose their power over the masses if everyone had the opportunity to read the Bible in their native languages and they did everything they could to stop that from happening.

Today, at least in America, we have Bibles everywhere. Most of us have multiple copies in multiple translations. I even have one in German. People hand out free Bibles. The Gideons place them in hotel rooms across the country. We have free Bible Apps for our phones, ipods, and ipads, and we can read every translation online for free. We have what the early church reformers couldn't even imagine dreaming about. Heck, we have what Christians in China today can't even imagine dreaming about. But are we reading the Bible? I know people who have such reverence for the Bible that they will not stack anything on top of it, but they don't read it. I know people who proudly display their family Bible on the coffee table, but they don't read it. We have unlimited access to the greatest, most life-changing book in the history of the world, but if we don't read it—to adapt a Mark Twain quote—we have no advantage over those who can't read it.

D-Now

D-Now is fast approaching. This annual weekend retreat will be held January 20-21st. Students will be staying at host homes with the worship rallies being held at First Baptist Church in Milton. The cost will be \$35 for the first child and \$5 off each sibling after that. Please see Adam about obtaining a permission slip and medical release form.

Music Ministry

Travis is meeting on Sunday nights @ 6pm with everyone interested in singing in the choir. Everyone is welcome to join in (They will be singing January 1st to get our worship year going).

If you have a musical ability and feel led to incorporate it into our worship service, contact Travis or see Pastor Brian.

Continue to pray for our Personnel Team as they search for our next Minister of Music. If you have any questions or comments, please voice it.

(Personnel Team: Barbara Lusk, chair; John Jenkins; Corina Potts, Myra Dobbs, Hubert Thompson)

December Benevolence	
Food	45
Clothing	104
Financial	3
TOTAL	152

Super Bowl Party

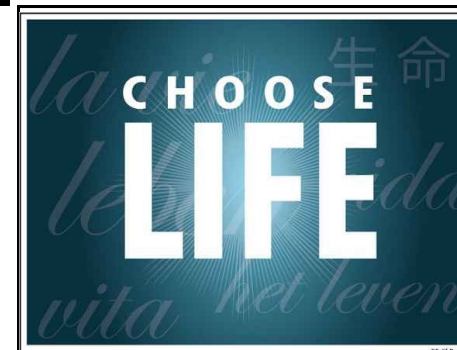
February 5th
5pm, Student Center

Bring Your Favorite SuperBowl Food for a great night of Fellowship After and Intense Month of Ministry

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Leadership Development Ministry
(...to prepare God's people for works of Service. - Ephesians 4:12)



- January 1st**— No meeting
- January 8th**—Church Council./Deacon/ Staff
(Student Center @ 5pm)
Topic: “Church Membership”
- January 15th**—Sunday School Teacher
(Helping Hands Classroom @ 5pm)
Topic: “The Process of Declaring Our Purpose, part 2.”
- January 22nd**—No meeting
- January 29th**— Everyone Welcome
(Student Center @ 5pm)
Topic: “Becoming a Neighborhood Missionary”



On Wednesday, January 18th Doug and Joli Cullen will be with us as part of Sanctity of Life Month. (Doug will be leading the youth/adults and Joli the children)

Make plans to be here @ 6:30 pm for this powerful presentation. For more information about the ministry of Cullen's as well as Choose Life Ministries, log-on to www.chooselifeusa.org.

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REACHING UP
REACHING OUT
REACHING IN

DATES TO REMEMBER

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG
(January)

DISCOVERY OF THE WHO
(January 8th, 15th, 22nd)

SS MEMBERSHIP CONFERENCE
(January 15th, 22nd, 29th)

CHOOSE LIFE
(January 18th)

DNOW
(January 20th-21st)

NEIGHBORHOOD MISSIONARY TRAINING
(January 29th)

BAPTIST MEN'S NIGHT
(Immanuel—January 30th)

SUPERBOWL PARTY
(February 5th)

the year of **EMBRACING** *the* **MISSION**

From the Pastor...

January 2012



[I feel like I wrote a similar article to this yesterday though it was for 2011].

The new year is about to unfold before us. More than other years there is a lot of hoop-la surrounding 2012. Whether it is the economy, the election cycle, or those who think that December 2012 will be the end of everything, it seems like anxiety is quickly reaching a feverish pitch. In these times, let us remember that though we are residents of America, we are citizens of heaven; therefore, our thoughts and affections must be rooted there. In fact, we are here as ambassadors of heaven who are to represent the interests of our homeland. With that in mind we are EMBRACINGtheMISSION in 2012. Through our 4theMISSION strategy it is my prayer that FHBC will accomplish the purposes of God at a much higher level. As we build upon our Transformation Initiative of 2011, I have much excitement when considering the eternal impact that could be made when we take seriously reaching the Ferris Hill Community, your individual neighborhood, building upon Haiti and adopting an unreached people group. As Jesus pointed out in Matthew 9, "the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" and that is precisely what I am doing—praying that God would call out you (workers) to engage in His harvest/mission field. You will see more details inside this edition of the newsletter but keep your eyes open for the numerous opportunities during 2012 for you to EMBRACEtheMISSION.

There are a couple of items on the horizon I want to mention:

- * First of all, we have overhauled our website and it should go live in the next few days. Keep going to ferrishill.org and you will see it soon. A big thanks to Todd Johnson for helping set this up.
- * Everyone is needed for the community survey beginning January 8th. Please make every effort to set aside at least one of these 2 hour blocks to help us meet our community.
- * Please be in prayer for our Personnel Team as they prayerfully search for the next person GOD has to lead FHBC in music. This is a critical juncture in the life of FHBC and we want to accomplish what GOD wants. On a similar note, listen to great Christian music all week long. We are blessed to have nearly a dozen Christian radio stations in our area of all styles. Worship Daily.
- * Keep up the Transformation Initiative. Keep reading. Keep praying. Keep exercising. Keep serving. Keep making wise financial decisions. Keep leading your family. Keep reaching your street/world. Keep Being the Church.

See You Sunday,

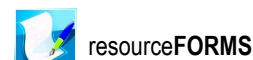


NEW MESSAGE SERIES BEGINNING JANUARY 1ST AS WE TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT COLOSSIANS 3 AND CHISEL AWAY OUR CHARACTER TO REFLECT THE IMAGE OF JESUS

JANUARY 1ST

"THE FOUNDATION FOR CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER" VS. 1-4

fhbcBYTES: Available at FERRISHILL.ORG



resourceFORMS



upcomingCALENDAR



publications/ BIBLE READING PLANS



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pastSERMONS



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vacant

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Deacon of the Month

January
Bryan Unruh
(982-7951)

February
Tom Turman
(623-4788)

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Ministry Mobilizers

Ministry Area	If interested, call
Building & Grounds.....	Patrick Murrell (748-9481)
Deacon.....	Bryan Unruh (982-7951)
Music Ministry.....	Prayerfully searching
Greeters.....	Judy Hurst (994-9831)
Outreach.....	Tom Turman (623-4788)
Student Ministry.....	Adam Koppin(292-6994)
Sunday School.....	Bryan Unruh (982-7951)
Transportation.....	Bill Wallace (572-6500)
Ushers.....	Phil Potts (623-1299)
Website.....	Todd Johnson (626-5774)
Hospitality.....	Julie Griffin (626-2409)

FHBC FAST FACTS

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	GIVING
12/04	118	157	\$ 5,827.19
12/11	103	124	\$ 3,887.35
12/18	89	120	\$ 2,295.35
12/25	NA	95	\$16,719.78

Amount Required to Date: \$190,902.42
Amount Received to Date: \$190,752.70

