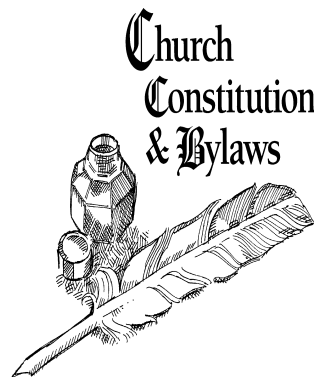




Church Matters

- ❖ What?
 - The Bible is clear that “Church Matters” and that being a part of a local church is extremely important for the Christian life. This class is an opportunity to learn more about FBC:
 - The vision that drives us, how we organize ourselves, what excites us, a normal week @ FBC, why we gather and do the things we do, how to join us, and much more!
- ❖ When?
 - This class meets during the Sunday School hour (9:30am-10:30am) and will run for 5 weeks (March 6th—April 3rd)
- ❖ Where?
 - We will meet in the Chapel each week
- ❖ Who?
 - Anyone who is interested in learning more about FBC, especially those who are interested in partnering with us in membership some day!
 - Please plan on being there all five week if possible! If it looks like you will only be able to make it to a couple classes, please wait and join us the next time!

Sign Up @ the Welcome Center Today!!



Church
Constitution
& Bylaws

**Constitution
Information Meetings
March 6th at 6:00 pm
March 13th at 6:00 pm**

I went on a Missions trip during Spring Break of my Junior Year of High School. I say Missions because there were many different missions that the many different people on the trip were all trying to accomplish simultaneously. This caused some confusion, as each person assumed that the other people on the trip were all aware and in favor of "the Mission".

The organization that we were going to help was called Crank's Creek Survival Center. Their mission was to reach out to the folks who lived in impoverished Eastern Kentucky. They were in the process of building some homes for those people. They thought we were coming to help them build these homes and made it their goal to help us.

The trip was arranged by two Youth Ministers, who had a very different mission than the organization in Kentucky. While they were sympathetic to that mission and even agreed with it, in a limited sense, the mission of a youth pastor taking a group of teenagers out of state for a week is much more fundamental than homeless ministry. The mission is survival. Once the group is assembled and packed into vans the youth pastor goes on a spiritual journey into the valley of the shadow of death. His only hope is to, by some miracle, return to his point of origin with the same number of teenagers (bonus points are awarded if they are actually the same teenagers) as he left with. Even if the

teenagers all return, the survival the mission is not over. Now the second phase of the mission is to see if the youth pastor can survive the pictures and stories of the trip and stay employed. The pressure of preparation, execution, and damage control stretch the survival mission into a six month ordeal, which can result in SYDS, (Sudden Youth-Pastor Death Syndrome) even up to a year later.

I decided to go on the trip; totally unaware of the mission of the Youth Minister and totally unconcerned with the mission of Crank's Creek Survival Center. My mission was even more basic and noble than either of the other missions. My goal was to meet a girl and fall in love. (After several years as a youth pastor I now know that all teenagers go on all youth trips with this same mission in mind. I also now understand why so little actual work is accomplished and what is done, is done so poorly.) It is clear that my mission was the mission most closely aligned with God's will and plan.

As I think back on the trip I can remember almost no working, except a few accidental occurrences which were brief and usually on the way to flirtation or solely for that purpose. I do remember being able to carry huge loads of concrete blocks while there were girls watching. I also remember one girl in particular who was able to cut 41 pieces of rebar without resting. However, most of my memories were non-work related, but still very much in line with the overall mission; card games, hot-dog eating contests,

ultimate Frisbee games, playing in the creek, the van ride, long conversations.

We pulled into the church parking lot; mission accomplished. Both church leaders would survive, all though in seemingly unrelated circumstances they both stopped being youth ministers. Crank's Creek Survival Center benefited from almost an entire week of work from 30 willing hands, (worth at least 60 dollars, minus expenses) which I have no doubt, benefited their ministry unspeakably. I had made a new friend, who in the years to come would do much more than just cut rebar and eat hotdogs.

I often think that church ends up looking like a youth group mission trip. Everybody has a different idea about what we are supposed to be doing and what success looks like. Some have no mission, some are just here to meet girls, some are trying help people, some are just trying to survive. The problem is that we have a mission, not no mission, or 200 missions; the church has been given a mission by her king. While the specifics may be different depending on the location or time period the mission has never changed. Matthew records it, (Matthew 28:18-20) John summarizes it, (John 20:21) Luke writes it twice so we don't miss it, (Luke 24:46,47; Acts 1:8) and Mark captures it, "*Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.*" (Mark 16:15) What would happen if we had one mission? What would happen if no one forgot? What would happen if no one

Pastor Isaac continued . . .

got distracted? What would happen if we were all working in different ways for the same goal? What would happen if the body moved together? What would happen if the hands reached, feet walked, eyes saw, lips spoke, all for one purpose? What would happen if

our church moved and worked together? Do you know the mission of your church? What is your part in that mission? What if God has a mission that includes you?



What Walmart, Hitchhiking, the Lone Ranger, and Sunday NFL Have to Do With FBC-Part 3...Pastor Jeff

Where we've been:

1. We shouldn't treat our local church gathering like it's a trip to Walmart. We're not a consumer @ church, just stopping in to get supplies for the coming week. The church is a family and we need to view it that way. Everything and everyone might not live up to our specific standards and desires, there may be some weird 2nd cousins who are not our favorite people, but ultimately they're our family. Love them. Family life is messy, church life is going to be messy.
2. Hitchhiking is dangerous, especially if we treat our church family that way. Become a member of the church. Consider yourself an integral part of the body. Don't try to get all of the benefits of gathering with the church without any of the problems—they are OUR problems. The truth is that WE are the problem. If we could understand that fact and be driven to Jesus all the more, I think we all would better understand why the Gospel is such Good News.
3. The Lone Ranger may be awesome, but Lone Ranger Christianity is beyond foolish. God never meant for the Christian life to be you and your Bible...there are far too many "one another's" scriptures for that option to be on the table. And the "fruits of the Spirit" are too easy, shallow and meaningless if they are being "cultivated" alone. And men, many of us are acting like Lone Rangers even though we may be showing up at church. The "one another" passages presuppose true, deep relationships with others in the church.

And now:

With these things in mind, how far has the priority of gathering together with the local church on Sunday mornings dropped for us? Now, I realize that this area might be a little different for me; because you could rightfully point out that it's my job to be present on Sunday mornings (trust me, though, there are unique difficulties inherent in that fact as well). So, this section might seem a little more like finger pointing than I intend for it to be. Ultimately, I just don't think I can leave this area out in such a discussion of the church.

I stated the issue nicely above, but really: How is church (i.e. Sunday morning gatherings) not the highest priority of your week, or at least your Sunday? If you had tickets to a Colts game (insert whatever activity would really excite you), what would make you give up those tickets? It seems that the weekly gathering of your local church should have at least the priority of a Colts game, and let's be honest...it should have a whole lot more. Honestly, I sometimes wonder if we actually think about why we miss church and what that says about our priorities. Most of us would never miss a meeting at work because we stayed up too late the night before or were tired that morning. So is work more important than church? I doubt too many people would miss their daughter's school play because the Boilermakers played that night. So are extra-curricular activities more important than church? We might easily miss church on a Sunday morning for sports, work, television, rest, feelings/attitudes, vacation, forgetfulness, parties, shopping, friends, recreation, etc. But would we ever claim that church is less important than such activities?

The truth is that our thinking is influenced more by our culture than the Bible and often we don't even realize it. Too many of us really don't think gathering with the church on Sunday mornings is all that important. We'll look into that issue next. For now, where is church on your priority list? Do your heart and life agree?
(seeingeverythingbyhim.wordpress.com)

From the Keys of Linda Wilson

I hope you enjoy reading about one of the best hymn composers in history:

Frances Jane Crosby (March 24, 1820 – February 12, 1915) usually known as **Fanny Crosby**, but sometimes as **Frances van Alstyne**, was an [American lyricist](#) best known for her [Protestant Christian hymns](#). A lifelong Methodist, she was one of the most prolific [hymnists](#) in history, writing over 8,000 despite being [blind](#) since infancy. Also known for her public speaking, during her lifetime Fanny Crosby was one of the best known women in the [United States](#).

To this day, the vast majority of American [hymnals](#) contain her work. Some of her best known songs include "[Blessed Assurance](#)", "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling You Home", "Praise Him, Praise Him", and "[To God Be the Glory](#)". Because some publishers were hesitant to have so many hymns by one person in their hymnals, Crosby used nearly 100 different [pseudonyms](#) during her career.

Crosby was noted for writing poetry from the time she was eight years old. Her first published work was *A Blind Girl and Other Poems* (1844), followed by *Monterey and*

Other Poems (1853) and *A Wreath of Columbia's Flowers* (1858).

Crosby did not spend her life in bitterness and defeat, but instead dedicated her life to Christ. At the age of eight she wrote these verses about her condition:

Oh what a happy soul I am,
Although I cannot see;
I am resolved that in this world
Contented I will be.
How many blessings I enjoy,
That other people don't;
To weep and sigh because I'm blind,
I cannot, and I won't."

She once said, "When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior"

She composed her poems and hymns entirely in her mind and then dictated them to someone else. She was said to work mentally on as many as twelve hymns at once before dictating them all out.

The hymn "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" written in 1868 became one of the most popular hymns

used during the Moody-Sankey services in London. The hymn is based on a prayer that Miss Crosby heard someone pray at a service, "Savior, do not pass me by."

*Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*

*Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief;
Kneeling there in deep contrition,
Help my unbelief.*

*Trusting only in Thy merit,
Would I seek Thy face;
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,
Save me by Thy grace.*

*Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me;
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee?*

*Refrain:
Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.*

Excerpts taken from an article on Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia.



Begins
Sunday
March 13th

Women's Fellowship

Come join us for the final Deeper Still: The Event in Louisville! This is your one and only chance to hear internationally-renowned Bible teachers - **Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore** together at Deeper Still for the last time.

Go deeper in God's Word as you sit under their teaching, and listen as they share their views together during a panel discussion. Go deeper in prayer with thousands of women across North America. And go deeper in worship with Living Proof Live Worship Leader **Travis Cottrell** and the praise team.

Deeper Still is a multicultural, multigenerational event that will take you deeper in your relationship with God and His Word. The rich and relevant messages of Kay, Priscilla, and Beth cross generations and cultures. Experience deeper worship and teaching with thousands of other women gathered for these unique occasions.

June 10—11, 2011
Louisville, KY at Freedom Hall

General seating: \$79



Days Inn 2 per room: \$35.00 each
Hilton Garden 2 per room: \$60.00 each

More information at the Welcome Center or see one of the Women's Fellowship Ladies

Guiding Light—February News

We had 94 kids enrolled this month, 64 daycare and 30 after school. Our topic for the month was: God gives us animals, mainly the story of Noah's Ark.

New Staff: Ms. Crystalyn came from Faith Infant Care in Lafayette. She has a college degree from Pensacola Christian College. She will be teaching the three year old class. She is active at Linden Baptist Church. Ms. Kim came from Pixie Playhouse in Lebanon. She has a college degree from Grand Canyon University. She is active here at First Baptist. She is currently on maternity leave but when she returns she will be teaching the After-school kids. Ms. Melissa has

worked here before. She is active at Lebanon Methodist Church and attends here at First Baptist and comes on Wednesday night. She will be teaching the two year old class.

Financial Information: We currently owe about \$6,000 to the church. We are currently helping students with financial assistance from the scholarship fund. We do have money left in our scholarship fund if you know of any children that need daycare.

Upcoming Events: all the staff are taking infant and Child CPR training. We are having a parent breakfast for all the daycare parents to come and eat breakfast with their

child. We will also be having a substitute teacher breakfast. This is for people in the church with some free time that would be willing to help out during the day. If you know of anyone willing to help occasionally, please let me know and I will invite them to this breakfast.

Continuing to Serve,
Julie Randles



S A V E

The following items are continuing to be collected
and used for mission outreach by the Edna Martin Circle:

Cancelled Stamps

We collect United States cancelled stamps from mailings for the Alliance Stamp Ministry. A retirement facility in Florida trims and sorts the stamps which are sold to collectors. The money is used to provide Sunday School materials for children in South America. Leave 1/2" border or more around the stamp.

Greeting Cards/Calendars (new and used)

Fronts of used greeting cards are trimmed and given to Guiding Light Childcare and Linda Graham's Day-care for art projects, etc. Calendars can also be used for special projects. If you have extra new cards you wish to share, our Circle takes new cards to local assisted living facilities and nursing homes.

Devotionals

Devotionals will be shared with people who are coming to the Friendship Kitchen at the Hub. Mildred Thompson has encouraged many of the people who attend and they are so eager to learn more.

Bed Sheets

Used bed sheets of cotton or cotton blend are torn into lengths, sewn together into strips 5 inches by 5 yards, and rolled. Many of these are sent to Haiti and the Congo. Mainly they are needed as roller bandages; but sometimes they are used as window or door coverings, sewn into clothes – whatever the people can create from them. Flannel sheets/sheet blankets are also needed for quilt fillers.

Labels for Education

For more than 37 years, *Labels for Education* has been awarding free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands. Bic and Post has recently also joined in this project. The Labels for Education are sent to Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis – a Mission Outreach of American Baptist Churches – so they can participate in this program. It's a fun, easy program to help others by clipping UPCs and saving beverage caps from participating products.

Check out the complete list below.

Please drop the labels/caps off in the Campbell's Soup Can in back of the Welcome Center in the church entry. Containers are available for the other items in the same area – or contact Linda Graham

Bic:	cils, Permanent Markers,	vice, Franco-American,	at Hand, Spaghetti O's,
Ball pens, Dry Erase	Roller, Wite-out Correc-	Gravies, Healthy Request,	Swanson, Tomato Juices,
Markers, Ecolution, Gel,	tion Tape	Pepperidge Farm, Prego,	V8 Products, Pop-Secret,
Highlighters, Mailing	Campbells:	Select Harvest, Soup,	Post Cereals
Labels, Mechanical Pen-	Beans, Chunky, Foodser-	Soup & Recipe Mix, Soup	

Circle News—Help Needed

The Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis, has requested cotton fabric squares cut 3 ½ x 5 ½". These squares are used to make lap quilts by the senior saints who meet at the center. Our gifts of

squares to them will help them give gifts to others. If you would like to do this project at home, please bring them to church at your convenience. We are also accepting any donations of cotton

fabric to be used by our circles at church. Any questions about this project, please call Georgia Phelps 866-0734

Edna Martin Circle

We will meet Tuesday, February 8th at 9:30 for a workday. We plan to meet in our newly acquired and decorated American Baptist women's Room off the north wall of the Family Life

Center—room A3. Please bring your scissors as we will be cutting and sorting card fronts; and ripping, sewing and rolling bandages to be sent overseas.

Contact Mary Jane Porter for more information.

Note from the Congregation

The family of Don Miles would like to thank our First Baptist family for all your kindness and encouragement during Don's illness and passing. A special thank you to Pastor Isaac for the memorable service, his kind words and prayers. Another special thank you to all the ladies who prepared and served the delicious meal at the church for all of our friends and family. All of the prayers, cards and kind thoughts from everyone were deeply appreciated.

God Bless, Jeanette Miles, Robin Frees, Roger Miles and families

Our thanks to all who ministered to us during & following our recent hospital stay-- the visits, the cards, the carried in food. We have a wonderful caring church family.

Walter & Bonnie Terry

I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the delicious "study package," that I received this week. I appreciate it very much, and I'm very thankful to have such a thoughtful and loving church family.

God Bless, Adam Deck

Thank you so much for the care package of goodies. It's nice to know that people care about you enough to send something so special. College is quite an adjustment for most kids (including me) and anytime you have the chance to get something from home it's great. I really appreciate the time and effort to get this all together and for thinking of me. Everything I have eaten has tasted great, so you guys

must be blessed with a lot of great cooks! Thanks again, it was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jacob VanArsdel

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the delicious meals for the first week home. Your generosity & caring spirit touched not only our tummies, but our hearts. We look forward to seeing you all in worship. Blessings,

John & Kalyn Davis

MARCH CALENDAR

- 3 Guiding Light Meeting 5
6 Constitution Meeting 6
8 Edna Martin Circle 9:30
13 Constitution Meeting 6
17 Keenagers Lunch
20 Man Night—March Madness
21 Hughes/Kinslow Passion
Groups
22 Kline Passion Group
27 Board Meetings

WEEKLY

- Tuesday—Visions of Praise 6:30
Wednesday—Bible Study
Thursday—Grapevine Dancers 7

Dick Ames—prostate cancer

Rosalie Mikesell—bruised back and hip

Mary Bray—seizures

Ken Barclay—recovering from surgery

Walter Terry—pneumonia

Bonnie Terry—health

Melanie Malosky—needs to extend pregnancy to allow babies to develop

JoAnne Heiger—muscle and joint pain

Janet Allen—recovering from surgery

Extended prayer needed:

Don Nevitt—cancer

Jim Conger—cancer

Margaret Plank—health

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:

Charles Kenny

Donald Miles

Lillian Morris

Joshua Powers Kinslow

March Birthdays

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|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Wayne Clouse | 14 Joyce Fry | Daniele Jewel |
| Donald Gobel | 15 Joyce Berry | 23 Libbie Blickenstaff |
| Gerald Thacker | John Heiger | Kristi Thornburg |
| 2 Sandy Meade | Erica Furr | Cindy Thompson |
| 3 Dee Ratcliff | Alexis Hart | Corey Hoffman |
| Joshua Fry | 16 Brian Ward | Ellen Gable |
| 5 Peter Zull | 17 Carla Earl | 24 Bill Boone |
| James Brann | 18 Ethel Cotton | Rita Arthur |
| Sean Spencer | Nancy Fry | Debbie Coffing |
| 8 Kyle Light | Janet Smiley | Lauren Gobel |
| 9 Brandon Hoffman | 19 Eleanor Pitcock | 26 Jeremy Weliever |
| 11 Janet Allen | Brittany Heide | Wanda Harshbarger |
| Betty Dickerson | 20 Mike Cox | Vicki Ratcliff |
| Martie Akers | Emily Thompson | Jennifer Hutson |
| Kim Ames | 21 Robert Streetman | Tommy Mitchell |
| Stephanie Ross | 22 Nancy Teague | 27 Edith Clouse |
| Emily Jones | Aaron Hinckley | 31 Shirley Pyle |
| 13 Rosalyn Tate | | |

Anniversaries

- 3 Robert & Jeri Wilson
9 David & Betty Carver
10 Jim & Mary Deckard
11 Schuyler & Cozetta Haines
Jim & Nancy Fry
17 Jeremy & Pam Weliever
18 Roger & Phyllis Kenny
20 CJ & Joan Brooks
21 Steve & Kay Sowder
John & Chris Gable
28 Roger & Darcie
Rockenbaugh
28 Larry & Dee Ratcliff