

## Remember the 7 C's of Communication



**Clear:** The message should be expressed and timed so as to be easily understood by the recipient.

**Correct:** The message should be formed using the most basic and grammatically accurate language.

**Complete:** The message should include all the relevant information required for the recipient to respond or decide, as needed.

**Concrete:** The communication should seek to leave little or no room for uncertainty or misinterpretation.

**Concise:** The message should be precise and to the point. Use the least possible words to get your point across.

**Consideration:** The sender must take into consideration the receiver's opinions, knowledge, mindset, background, etc. in order to have effective communication.

**Courteous:** This implies that the sender cares about and considers the feelings, mood, and viewpoints of the receiver. Such a message is positive and focused on helping the audience.

### Upcoming Events

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

**Monday, Feb. 17**

6:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

6:30 p.m. – Trustees Meeting

### Teacher Schedule

Feb. 16, 2020

**Nursery**

Mary Bishop/ Brooke Tonner

**Kids' Time**

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

**LOL**

Michelle Tonner

### Stewardship Report

Feb. 9, 2020

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,230.00
Missions	170.00
Building/Maint Fund	140.00
Match Fund	540.00
Deacon Fund	100.00
Refund of Scholarship	750.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,930.00</b>

## **Continuing Education**

Pastor Les and Debbie will be gone pursuing continuing education from February 13-19. Please contact a deacon if you need pastoral care while Les is away. The office will also be closed those days. We will be honored to have Tony Garton fill the pulpit this Sunday.

## **A Fun Slate of Leaders**

This Sunday our church will once again be honored to hear the engaging speaker - Tony Garton. The title of Tony's message will be "Value and Worth" based on Mark 9:33-37. We will also have the distinct privilege of having Michele Bowling lead the songs and share a vocal solo. Our Scripture reader will be Ciera Hiester, who will read Psalm 139:1-16. This would be a great opportunity for those who have been absent for several months to come back and hear some fresh voices. Be sure and stop by The Gathering Place prior to worship to grab a cup of coffee, some Sunny-D, and cookies.

## **Capacity Crowd for Lunch**

Both our Fellowship Hall and Meeting Room were brimming with people laughing, eating, and conversing for lunch after church this past Sunday. Despite the chilly weather, a capacity crowd stayed after worship to enjoy food and fellowship. The FBC family and our guests would like to thank Gary, Brian, Laura, along with Mike and Jackie for cooking pulled pork and sloppy joes. It was all very scrumptious. Several other volunteers helped with set up and/or clean up, for which we are extremely grateful. These types of gatherings are essential for building friendships and reaching new people for Christ. Make plans to participate the next time we organize a meal together.



# God is Searching for You

I was single until I was 31-years-old. I dreaded Valentine's Day. Why did those in charge feel obligated to invent a special day to remind me and so many other people that we were flying solo? Although February is also my birthday month, I remember often feeling overcome with a great deal of anger and anxiety.

One year when those candy hearts started showing up on the shelves, the Holy Spirit brought me to tears with a verse. "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward Him" (2 Chron. 16:9a).

Anxiety is frequently caused by a fear of abandonment or a sense of loneliness. Sometimes we even erroneously fear that a deep personal relationship with God is not possible. We fear the LORD won't accept us.

In that 2 Chronicles verse, God announces that He is constantly looking for people who want to know Him. The LORD longs to be close to us!

People frequently feel that, in spite of their efforts, they can never get close to God. In childhood, they may have failed in their attempts to have an intimate relationship with their earthly father. As a result, they wrongly transfer the same feelings of being rejected over to their heavenly Father.

This verse of Scripture shows us that, in reality, God is yearning for intimacy with us; the Creator is conducting a vast, intensive search for people who need strengthening. God is eager to show us how strong He can be in our lives when our hearts (mind, emotions, and will) are completely yielded to Him.

This week, regardless of your earthly relationship status, lean into your friendship with Jesus. Enjoy some special time or a fun meal together.

Blessings,

Les



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### This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – **Worship Service**