

Calendar of Events

Mar 1	6:00p	Bible Study Groups Children's Activities Youth "Core"
Mar 3-5	Youth Pine Cove Ministry Weekend	
Mar 5	8:30a 9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 6:00p 6:30p	Foundation Service Bible Study Groups Formation Service Easter Musical Rehearsal Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies Youth Bible Study (@birtmans)
Mar 8	6:00p	Stewardship Committee Bible Study Groups Children's Activities Youth "Core"
Mar 12	8:30a 9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 5:00p 6:00p 6:30p	Foundation Service Bible Study Groups Formation Service Easter Musical Rehearsal Deacon's Meeting Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies Youth Bible Study (@birtmans)
Mar 14	Youth Trip to Tyler	
Mar 15	6:00p	Bible Study Groups Children's Activities Youth "Core"
Mar 16	6:00p	Youth Not So Random Acts with Lunch & Movie Quilt Group
Mar 19	8:30a 9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 6:00p 6:30p	Foundation Service Bible Study Groups Formation Service Easter Musical Rehearsal Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies Youth Bible Study (@birtmans)
Mar 22	6:00p	Bible Study Groups Children's Activities Youth "Core"
Mar 26	8:30a 9:30a 10:45a 5:00p 6:00p 6:30p	Foundation Service Bible Study Groups Formation Service Easter Musical Rehearsal Bible Drill/ Bible Buddies Youth Bible Study (@birtmans)
Mar 29	6:00p	Bible Study Groups Children's Activities Youth "Core"



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CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Following Jesus, Making Disciples, Serving Others, Changing Lives



From the Pastor Search Committee

In the latter part of February, your Pastor Search Committee had a milestone meeting. It was the first meeting where we actually looked at the resumes of a prospective Pastor. With that meeting we have entered a new phase of our search. There will still be many resumes to consider, but this is probably the phase we think of when thinking of a pastoral search. We appreciate many of you taking time to complete and return the Prospective Pastor Questionnaire. The responses were thoughtful and illuminating. Also, a big shout out to our Office Staff for getting the questionnaire into your hands, THANK YOU! Please continue to pray for your Pastor Search Committee. We are encouraged, cohesive and committed.

Giving Report for February as of 2/21

Ministry Budget Offering: \$27,586.00
Designated Funds Offering: \$3,305.57
Ministry Budget Offering YTD: \$61,595.08
Ministry Budget Exp. YTD: \$51,318.10
Received over expenses YTD: +\$10,276.98



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Community... It's not just the title of an expired NBC sitcom, it's the word I want to talk about this month. Webster defines community as 1. A group sharing a common understanding and often the same language, manners, tradition and law, 2. The condition of having certain attitudes and interests in common. It's etymology is French from the word communis which means "common". Wow this article started off boring!

What am I getting at? We are God's community of believers! We share something in common that unifies us like no other group of people, Jesus. Jesus is at the center of who we are. He is the very reason that we do what we do. Christ is the cornerstone on which our community is built, and in that community we find encouragement, hope, purpose, and peace.

Sounds pretty good, right? Living in community does not mean that we don't or won't have disagreements. We are unique people with differing opinions, passions, and personalities. That makes it tough sometimes. We must, however, work through our "uniqueness", and strive toward God's ultimate plan. Our common focus must always come back to Jesus.

First Baptist Church of Palestine is God's church. Over the years, people have come and gone, and yet the church remains. I wholeheartedly believe that God is currently doing something incredible at FBC Palestine, and He is doing it through His people. You make up this community of believers, His local church. God is doing something great within our walls, and it is spilling over into our city. I invite you to join us, to work hard, to be a part of His amazing community. -Skip-

Quilt Group meets Mar 16

6:00pm

And the 3rd Thursday
of every month.



This month please bring:

Quality Crafts

Please drop your items in the collection box located
in the Narthex

***Our goal for 2017: pack 200 boxes**



Upcoming Events

Youth Pine Cove Ministry Weekend: March 3-5 No cost to attend
Youth Student Life Camp: June 19-23 at San Angelo State University (\$350)
Youth Super Summer: July 10-14 at Hardin Simmons University (\$280)
Easter Musical Rehearsals every Sunday evening at 5:00pm