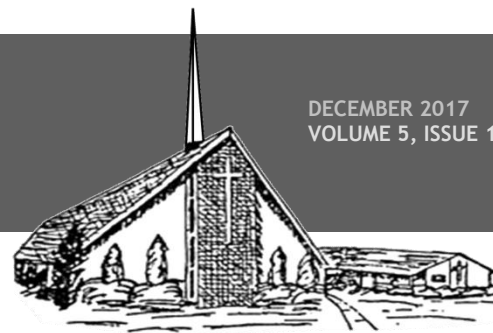


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Pastor's Corner – *Pastor Jack Rager*

Two important Dates to Remember

FBCGH's Future Depends on It

There are two important events I would like for all members of FBCGH to make an extra effort to attend. The first date is January 21, 2018. There will be two guests present: **Daryl Watts** from the California Southern Baptist Convention (**CSBC**) and **David Whitehead** from the North American Mission Board (**NAMB**). Daryl and David will present the various options for revitalization or replant for FBCGH. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall right after service and we will have sandwiches and drinks for everyone that attends.

The purpose of this meeting is to help all of us understand what we are talking about when we use the terms revitalization and replant. David and Daryl will be there to answer some of the following questions and more. Why is it necessary? What does it look like? What can we expect? Where has this process been implemented and what was the outcome? One question that we will be asked is if we (FBCGH) should continue as we are going today and have for the past 10 years or more and where will we be three years, five years from now.

To answer the question what would God have us do to change our current direction of stagnation and decline to spiritual and numerical growth will not be answered in the January 21st meeting. This meeting will be informational only. To answer this question, FBCGH will install a research team comprised of either Daryl Watts or David

Whitehead, your Pastor and two other church members. The Revitalization Research Team will be prayerful and under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ, explore God's future direction for FBCGH.

Why a research team?

1. We need to explore every possible option for revitalization/replant for FBCGH.
2. We need a group of servants that will commit to prayer, seeking wisdom, insight and understanding.
3. The research team will help us have a better understanding of what we, as the body of Christ and what we individually need to do to glorify the Lord Jesus at FBCGH.

The next date is January 28, 2018. This will be our next Quarterly Business meeting and in this meeting, we need to select the two members for the Revitalization Research Team. As we approach these dates, go to <https://www.namb.net/church-replanting/podcast>. These podcasts will help you understand what we will be talking about during the January 21st meeting

FBCGH will not decide to enter into a partnership with CSBC/NAMB until the research team brings their recommendation and findings to the full church. I want to clarify that we are not saying this is something we need to do. What we are saying is this is something we need to consider and we need to consider the options thoroughly and with understanding.

Bro. Jack



WMU NEWS

Upcoming WM&M Events:



Dec 16th - WMU Meeting & Luncheon at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dec 21st - WMU Rinaldi Convalescent Ministry at 10:00 a.m.

Have you ever wanted to be involved with missions in your community? Here are some mission ideas for you:

Coffee House – This is a great place to hang out and build relationships. Go there the same time and day of the week, notice the people, interact, be friendly, engage in conversations and share stories that could lead to deeper spiritual conversations such as prayer requests, answered prayers and so on. Continue this ministry each week at the same time.

Blessing Bags – Fill with soap, wash cloth, socks, toothbrush & toothpaste, tissue, fruit cups and spoon, lotion, chapstick... be creative. This winter seems colder so hand warmers would be great too. Then distribute to people in need.

Miscellaneous Acts of Kindness – Pick up groceries for a neighbor, help someone with yard work, bake cookies and take them to a neighbor or a clerk at the store, take flowers to someone who is having a bad day.

Upcoming Dates...

- Dec 02** Discipleship Course 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 03** Church Council Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 09** Discipleship Course 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 16** Discipleship Course 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 17** Special Deacons Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21** WMU Rinaldi Conv. Home 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 24** "Come To The Manger" Play 11:00 a.m.
- Dec 25** Christmas Day (*Church Office Closed*)

Note: No Ruth Class' Brunch on first Tuesday of this month.

PRAYER MEETINGS are held Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Please email your prayer requests to us at admin@fbcgh.net so we can be sure to pray for you during this time.

CHOIR PRACTICE is held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Wee Chin for details.



BIRTHDAYS

12 - 01	Robert Avege
12 - 01	Sue Roesch
12 - 10	Mike Koziatek
12 - 12	Ruby Kerby
12 - 13	Sal Sudhikam
12 - 15	Emily Alexis
12 - 18	Annette Prothro

FBCGH Sunday School Department invites you to join us in learning God's word by attending one or more of the following:

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday morning 9:45 am to 10:45 am.

Classes for all ages:

- Nursery – Loretta/Jessica/ Len (Teachers)
- Children – Eugenia Rodriguez (Teacher)
- Youth – Eli Avege (Teacher)
- Young Adults – Sarah Rager (Teacher)
- Middle Aged Men – Richard Sepulveda (Teacher)
- Middle Aged Women – Loretta Barnwell (Teacher)
- Senior Men – Tom Peabody (Teacher)
- Senior Women – Loretta Barnwell (Teacher)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH – Sunday morning from 11:10 am for ages 5-10. Children are dismissed to class during offering time.

SMALL GROUPS:

Women's Life Group – third Saturday of the month from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Now on break. Contact MarilynKoziatek@gmail.com for more details.

Men's Life Group - breakfast every third Saturday of the month from 8:30 am – 10:00 am.

Come and be a part of our Christian family!

Luke 2:11

