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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*We exist to know God,
and to make Him known*

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Daniel Byrd, Ray McCord,
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Gerald McConnell, Doug Griffin,
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John Glen Peel, Larry Boyer

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: FEBRUARY 17
Stan & Janice Bandermann

SECURITY TEAM: WEEK OF 2/17
Rudy Ponder, Douglas Fears,
Paul Burgess, Steve Huffstutler

GREETERS
2/17

Paul & Marlene Burgess
Dawn Parker

2/24

Karen Cooper, Ray
McCord, Barbara Stallings

OFFERTORY PRAYER

2/17 Steve Crawford
2/24 Doug Griffin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

2/17 Judy McConnell

2/20 Terri Balken

2/24 Shori Ferrell

2/27 Pam Bedell



THE MESSENGER

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This Week at FBC

Sunday, February 17

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship
6:00 Evening Worship

Monday, February 18

6:30 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, February 20

5:00 Meal (by reservation)
6:00 Business Meeting
6:00 Mid-week Service
6:00 Children/Youth
7:00 Choir Practice

Friday, February 22

MAGIC to Cape, River Campus

Saturday, February 23

Upward Basketball, Gym

Sunday, February 24

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Morning Worship
5:00 VBS Planning meeting
6:00 Evening Worship

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00—12; 1:00—4:00
Friday
8:00—12:00



In March, FBC will be going on Mission to Canada. We will be teaming up with two church-planting families and we want to make care packages for them.

If you would like to help, please take one of the tabs from the sheet on the bulletin board and bring the gift card listed on it to the office **BEFORE** February 24.



**Games every Saturday
thru February!**

Upward Volunteer Schedule for February 16th

Halftime Devotional— Stan Bandermann/Bro. Ken Mathes

Greeters— AM: Heather Sapp, Slipis family

PM: Kevin McCord, Gordon family

Concession Stand— Connections/Arbutus/Immanuel classes

Scorekeeper East— Nicole Ponder

Scorekeeper West— Brittany Bryars

Scoreboard— Harold Beaird

AM Hall Monitor— Gail Groves

PM Hall Monitor— Melissa Rhodes

Setup Crew— Logan & Brett Rhodes

Cleanup— Deacons

The Pastors' Corner

February is a very significant month in my life. In addition to Groundhog's Day, my grandmother's birthday, an old girlfriend's birthday, my birthday, and Valentine's Day, February is a month for me to reflect on my call to ministry. On February 5, 1984, the Cross Creek Baptist Church of Indian Mound, TN, set me apart for the Gospel Ministry by ordination. It was a simpler time and in my naïveté, I pictured Betsy and our kids spending ourselves in ministry around home. But God had other plans. The time we were allowed to minister close to home laid a foundation for more years of ministry away from home.

Just as Joseph would have looked back at how his brothers had sold him into slavery and God had raised him up to be the second-in-command in Egypt, I look back on our humble beginnings and marvel at where God has brought us— "the prestigious First Baptist Church of Sikeston", to borrow a phrase from Bro. Dave. We are grateful for how God has used every twist and turn of life to prepare us to minister here, and how God has granted us "home" in Sikeston.

And now, we look forward to a future of continuing fruitful ministry with you. God has placed each of us at First Baptist Sikeston according to His purpose. It is no accident that you and I are here. It is "for such a time as this" that God has brought us together to advance His Kingdom here.

Speaking of Kingdom advancement, let me encourage you to pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue their diligent work of discovering our next pastor. These past six months have not been wasted. It is the process through which God is bringing us in preparation for something better than we could have formulated in our own wisdom. Speaking from my own experience with the interim and pastor-search processes (I've done this seven times already), God uses these times to challenge and encourage His people to be faithful, to seek Him, to grow, to prepare for what's to come. Let me encourage you to trust the process, and more importantly, trust God's timing and direction in the process. Our prayers for the committee, their personal lives and families, the ministries of the Church and your own involvement will position us to be ready when God brings the next pastor to "the prestigious First Baptist Church of Sikeston".

Blessed to be home,

Bro. Andy



Melissa Rhodes sings for MAGIC on February 7

On **February 22**, MAGIC will travel to Cape to see "Sister Act" at the Bedell Performance Hall on the SEMO River Campus.

Contact Sue Meadows if you're interested!

A list of **upcoming MAGIC events** is posted on the Bulletin Board across from the office. Trips to New Madrid, Ste. Genevieve, Union City & Dover TN, are planned.



Upward Tournament Games
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

February 25, 26 & 28

Final Celebration— Saturday, March 2



The Ladies Monday night Bible Study will **NOT** meet on February 25, due to the Upward Tournament games!



Be in prayer for your Pastor-Search Committee

Jim Barnes, chair	Terry Isaacs
Steve Crawford	Susan James
Cindy Griffin	George Parker
Mike Parker	
Alternates – Pam Bedell and Kevin McCord	

Business Meeting
Wednesday, February 20th
6:00

This Week's Attendance	
Morning Worship	181
Sunday School	128
External Classes	16
Total Bible Study	144

Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, February 20, 2019:
Sub Sandwiches, Chips & Dessert

Joyous Fishermen will bring desserts, help serve, and clean up

So that there is enough food for everyone,
PLEASE TURN IN A RESERVATION SLIP OR NOTIFY THE OFFICE by 4:00 on Monday