Dear friends,

It has been so great to be with you on a more regular basis in the last several Sundays. I’ve been sensing God’s movement in the worship services and am thankful for the many decisions that have been made, including the dear people who have joined this wonderful fellowship. To be honest, in most interim situations, that doesn’t happen often, so I am delighted to see the spirit that is present in this church.

We are approaching the season of year that is defined by giving thanks and known for generosity and gratefulness. It is one of my favorite seasons of the year.

Please let me share one of my favorite scriptures with you! Laugh if you wish, but I mean it this time. Read carefully the words of Philippians 4:4-7, “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

I love that text. It is packed full with truths that we need desperately to learn today. It tells us of our constant need to be in a state of gratitude and rejoicing. We have much to be thankful for, don’t we? He also reminds us, that we ought to be gentle one to another because the Lord is near. Recognizing His presence ought to change the way we treat other people. He also tells us how we ought to relate to the difficulties of life. We are not to be anxious, but in everything, by going to Him in prayer, with thanksgiving, we are to share our hearts with Him.

Then the end result is so precious. He gives us a peace that people cannot even understand and this precious peace guards both our hearts and our minds through the power of Christ. What a great text! I hope these words encourage you today. I am thankful to be your interim pastor and thankful that God has brought us together.

May you have a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving season.

Sincerely,
Frank Page

Middle School Retreat

What an incredible Middle School Retreat that almost 100 students and leaders were part of last month. Our student praise band led the music and did a great job. We are very fortunate to have so many talented students. We are also very blessed to have the best group of adults working with these students. They loved and cared for the students all weekend. We were overwhelmed by the way the Holy Spirit worked in our midst. Oh yeah, and we had a lot of fun as well. Thank you, church, for praying for our Student Ministry. God is up to some big things in the lives of our students.

-Steve Genoble, Minister of Students

Season of Joy

Sometimes we get joy and happiness mixed up. Happiness is an emotion that is tied to our external circumstances, but joy runs much deeper. Joy is a delight in life that ignores pain or pleasure. Joy is a gift from God. Joy is rooted in our relationship with our Creator through Jesus Christ. In years past, we have celebrated joy on one Sunday of the Christmas season during an annual Stabs of Joy service. This year, we will celebrate joy throughout the Christmas season. In this Season of Joy, we still want to hear from you and how God has given you joy through the year. There are several ways for you to participate in this year’s Season of Joy — you may film your story of joy in the Worship Center (November 23 or 30), submit them through the mobile app or website, Tweet them using #seasonofjoy, or use a form available in the Worship Center lobby.

“Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” — 1 Peter 1:8

- Wade Rooks, Minister of Recreation/Operations

Parent Child Dedication: Sunday, December 14—Sign up by November 20
Orientation: Sunday, November 23
Contact Paula at the church office to be a part of this special time!
FOR THE RECORD

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Revenue Year-to-Date.................................................. $3,696,044
Expenses Year-to-Date.................................................. $3,721,190
Net Total Year-to-Date................................................ ($25,147)
Total Capital Debt Reduction Receipts This Week................. $5,083

Please note that financial information is reported in The Heartbeat a week later. All financial information listed is as of November 9, 2014.

Christmas Prisoner Packets – Our November Church-Wide Missions Project is making Christmas Prisoner Packets. Each packet should include the following items ONLY: One black non-retractable ink pen; one 5.8 oz. or larger toothpaste (no travel size); one adult, individually-wrapped toothbrush (factory sealed, no multi-packs); one 4-6oz. bar of soap (no travel size); one junior legal pad or no larger than 5 1/2”X8” writing tablet (no wire bound, no 9”X12”); five first class, stamp-embossed, #10 envelopes (must be purchased at US Post Office); and two rolls of candy (LifeSavers, Mentos, Breath Savers-type factory sealed). Please place items in a 1-gallon, zipperlock bag and turn into the Kitchenette by Sunday, November 30.

MINISTER/DEACON ON CALL

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Christmas Memorial Service
Thursday, December 11, 6:30pm
Worship Center, Downtown

FBS CHILD enrichment CENTER

The CEC is currently looking to hire afternoon workers who love God and want to share His love with our children and their families. You must have a high school diploma to apply. If you are interested please send your resume to jbrown@fbscec.org.

For more information, please contact Kim at the Church Office.

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