

Visions Newsletter

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Pastor Keith L. Reynolds

This is truly a very significant time in the life of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. We now start the beginning of a new fiscal year, 2017-2018. This is a time when we set our overall vision for our church's ministry and mission. Prayerfully, with God's guidance, we will launch initiatives to achieve what we believe in our hearts is what He would have us to accomplish.

Our vision will always look toward advancing the cause of Christ in such a way that whoever associates with CFBC, in whatever fashion, will come to a greater understanding and appreciation for a relationship with Christ that strengthens them to live life to its fullest.

The need for our church's ministry and mission has never been greater. As our society and in particular, our country and local communities are seeking and searching for answers that will unite us in peace and harmony. To have a unified and harmonious environment in times such as these, we must show a level of respect, patience, and tolerance for all God has created. We must look beyond external differences and focus on internal commonalities that remind us and keep us keenly aware that we are all subject to the frailties of life and that we all will do so much better when we demonstrate the compassion that Jesus showed to all who came into His life. He is the ultimate teacher of how life should be lived.

Our church has to be the guidepost where this

principles that have held our communities together in days gone by. It will be these very same principles that will hold us together in this 21st Century. Our church must stay relevant to the issues that surround modern life and respond to those issues with sensitivity, understanding and love.

Our vision still holds in its highest regard the need for consistent worship as we come together and praise and thank God from whom all blessings flow. We must hold firm to our mission and ministry efforts led by our Deacons' Family Ministry and our Woman's Missionary Union. Our Deacons hold a very important role of leadership and in establishing relationships with all our members. Our Deacons are eager to assist in caring for all who come to CFBC. The WMU outreach mission is our church's community effort which helps in clothing the naked, feeding the hungry, and whatever else may come our way. All of our ministries provide excellent service for our church life and these two are definitely at the forefront.

We must also keep the needs of our future generations as a top priority in all we do. Our children most definitely are our future. We must give them the instruction that they so desperately need as their lives slowly, but surely, begin to unfold. We must teach them, with love and discipline, the values of our faith. We must always pray that the Holy Spirit will keep them surrounded as they proceed through life.

There is so much for us all to do. Certainly, each of us can find somewhere in our church to be active. As we begin this new fiscal year with so much to do, we pray and ask God for direction as we attempt to live out our Christian life. We can surely do so much more with our gifts in adding to God's

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Camp Solid Rock 2017

Summer at Christian Fellowship Baptist Church really is not complete until we have reached out to the children of our church and community to participate in our Camp Solid Rock. The Camp has at least a ten year history at CFBC. It serves children from ages 5 to 16. The week-long summer camp is a time when we provide a variety of activities that we believe can go a long way in their academic and personal spiritual development. Each day, the campers are exposed to the virtues and benefits of being a Christian and how important it is to put God as the center of their lives.

This summer, approximately 35 campers appeared to have enjoyed every moment of the camp. Campers began the day with a healthy breakfast followed by a 45-minute devotion. During the devotion, the children introduced themselves and shared something good that was going on in their lives. Scriptures were read and shared along with singing and praying. It was during this time that a thought for the day was shared, along with means to apply basic Christian teachings from biblical principles. The classes were divided by grades and a block schedule determined when students would go to their activities. The schedule included reading, math, science, technology, arts and crafts and recreation. Noon was time for a hearty and healthy lunch that the kitchen staff prepared with love. The afternoon sessions continued to ensure that each grade utilized their time for their particular interests. The day closed with a short movie and snack. One of the highlights of summer camp was the field trip to the World of Coca-Cola. Campers and chaperones boarded a chartered bus and went to downtown Atlanta. The World of Coca-Cola was really a wonderful experience. While there, campers learned a lot of history about the soft drink, and they were also able to taste coke products that are distributed around the world.

By Sister Marilyn Reynolds

World of Coca-Cola Outing



Activity / Closing Ceremony



Meet Our Member



Brother William Atkinson

In our continuing effort to introduce all of our members, we choose this time, the man around here, that everybody surely ought to know. He's pretty much a quiet person, but works tirelessly just about in everything to insure that our church facility is ready for worship. Mr. William Atkinson, affectionately known as "Buddy", is a charter member of CFBC. He routinely makes his presence known and felt around this place.

William is a native of Atlanta, a "Grady Baby". He is the youngest of five children, born to John and Bessie Atkinson. While his family worshipped at Union Baptist in the early 1960's, William accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and has tried to live his life under a Christian influence. He graduated from Turner High School and attended Atlanta Area Technical College. Additionally, he took courses at Lockheed, where he studied Mechanical Drafting. William is very knowledgeable about mechanical drafting and mechanical operations. He can assist in drawing up plans from a mechanical perspective and making those plans become a reality.

William is dutiful in his care and concern for our building and the congregants -- from changing light bulbs to tiling the floors, from painting

and, most particularly, from driving the church van to pick up our senior members and others. William plays a major and intricate role in our church's functionality. Many have given testimony of William's care for our elderly for whom he provides transportation to and from church. He possesses patience and understanding, and is just the kind of guy who really is a *man for all seasons*. There is not very much William cannot do, or at least know something about. Much of his professional skills simply are a part of his family lineage. Professionally, he has performed a number of different jobs in security, construction and even repairing furniture. He has a keen interest in repairing anything that has a motor. He even dabbles a little in technology. Furthermore, William is a singer with a great, deep baritone voice that he often exposes when he is working around the church.

When asked about his desires for CFBC, he clearly stated that he just wishes everybody would give what they could in making our church what God would have it to be. William remembers the beginning of our church when people joyously volunteered to work and he wishes for those days to return. He loves our fellowship and is thankful for the relationships that he has established with so many members. What he likes most about CFBC is that, *it just feels like home*.

2017 WMU "Woman of the Year"

Sister Vera Sims Whatley was named Woman on Mission Union (WMU) "Woman of the Year" for 2017 at CFBC's Annual Celebration and Installation Service held on September 10, 2017. Sister Whatley has been a member of W.O.M. since the church's inception, where she has truly been a mission team player. Her service to mission has been unwavering with a warm, caring smile. Sister Whatley demonstrates love, patience and dedication for mission service. She has participated in numerous church projects, while serving on the Usher Board and Food Service Committee. Additionally, Sister Whatley is very active in her community. She is a member of the Valhacha Community Club, the Sisters in Spirit Book Club, the Red Hatters and the American Business Women's Association - Atlanta Peach Chapter. CFBC congratulates **Sister Vera Whatley, WMU 'Woman of the Year' for 2017.**

By Sister Esther Grissom



Atlanta Branch NAACP's ACT-SO Program



This year, Raven Pace received the Gold Medal in Dramatics and Silver Medal in Poetry Performance.

The Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological, Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO) Program is an achievement and enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academics and cultural achievement among high school students. It provides a forum for the youth to demonstrate academic, artistic and scientific prowess and expertise. It was founded in 1978 by the late Vernon Jarrett, who was a renowned author and journalist. At the national level, more than 300,000 high school students have competed in the program since its inception.

The ACT-SO Program is centered on the dedication and commitment of the community volunteers and business leaders to serve as judges, mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence. There are 32 categories of competition in the following areas: the sciences, humanities, performing and visual arts, and business and culinary.

Christian Fellowship Baptist Church has hosted the ACT-SO competition for over five years. This year, the Atlanta Branch ACT-SO Program was blessed to win two medals on the national level. The local competition and award ceremony showcased the results of the students' hard work and determined who advances to the national competition. Local winners receive medals and certificates. The local gold medalist(s) advance to the national competition and have the opportunity to receive monetary awards, prizes, and scholarships provided by national sponsors.



Above are the other Gold Medalists, along with the ACT-SO Chairperson Dr. Martha W. Plowden, who represented the Atlanta Branch in Baltimore, Maryland at the National ACT-SO Competition: Melodie Fort, Brianna McClure, Jovodrick Smith and Raven Pace.

By Dr. Martha Plowden

Operation Christmas Child

WHAT GOES IN MY SHOEBOX?



Start with a quality "wow" item such as a stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, or clothing that will capture the child's attention the instant

he or she opens the box. Other gift suggestions include: fun toys, hygiene

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a non-denominational Christian organization. The mission of Samaritan's Purse is to provide spiritual and physical aid to victims of natural disasters, diseases, poverty and persecution in more than 100 countries, with the purpose of sharing the love and good news of Jesus Christ.

The Operation Christmas Child Project collects shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys. Items to avoid inclusion are breakable items, medications, war-related toys, food, liquid, toothpaste and candies. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoe box is the first gift they have ever received. In 2017,

Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoe box gifts to reach 12 million children. They are delivered to the hands of children through missionaries and local churches. With our WMU theme, "By All Means", this project is an excellent example of how a simple shoebox can create an opportunity to share with each child the gospel of Jesus Christ. All shoebox recipients are invited to enroll in a 12-lesson discipleship program – "The Greatest Journey", where they learn how to be Christ followers and share Him with families and friends. CFBC has participated in Operation Christmas Child for many years and in 2014 became a relay collection center for the southwest region.

This year, our goal is to collect 300 shoe boxes. How can each member get involved? Take a shoebox from the courtyard and pack for a boy or girl, ages 2-4 years, 5-9 years or 10-14 years. (See how to pack a shoebox). Pray for the child who will receive your gift and return your shoebox gift to the courtyard by November 12, 2017. For more information, contact your WOM Facilitator or Esther Grissom, 404-691-2031.

GOD LOOKS DOWN FROM HEAVEN UPON THE CHILDREN OF MEN, TO SEE IF THERE ARE ANY WHO UNDERSTAND, WHO SEEK GOD. (PSALM 53:2 *NKJV)

These thoughts were given to me to share with you. These are the thoughts of children in their innocence regarding their biblical understanding of scripture. These children asked questions about the Old and New Testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by the children. They have not been corrected thus (the incorrect spelling is their own). I hope you enjoy! The children wrote:

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinnessis, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.
2. Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark which the animals come on to in pears.
3. Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.
4. The Jews were a proud people and throughout his story they had trouble with the unsympathetic Geni tals.
5. Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
6. Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
7. Moses led the hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.
8. The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten ammendments.
9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.
11. Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
12. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
13. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of peo ple who lived in Biblical times.
14. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
15. When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.
16. When the three wise guys from the east side arrived, they found Jesus in the manager.
17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.
18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.
19. Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule, which says to do one to others before they do one to you. He also explained, "A man doth not live by sweat alone."
20. It was a miracle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.
22. The epistles were the wives of the apostles.
23. One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
24. St. Paul cavorted to Christianity. He preached holy acrimony, which is another or marriage.

Church Worship

One important reason I joined CFBC is that it reminded me of the church of my childhood experiences in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Then, pastors often preached about Salvation. This is a new age now. However, we must remember that Jesus said, "*I came to fulfill the Law not destroy the Law.*"

Salvation is still not being taught enough in some churches today. We hear sermons about prosperity, how to quickly become rich, etc. The Spirit of God should be felt whenever we hear the preached Word. There is a time and a place for church entertainment.

God is FOREVER. He wants us to reach and teach young people in a way that they will want to remain in the church throughout their lives. We must convince them that we can't have one foot in church and the other in the world. When children are taught Godly principles at home, we can anticipate that they will never depart from them. When your spirit yearns for the Bread of Life, church should fill that emptiness. Let us help our youth grow in the spirit while allowing God to direct their paths. God bless.

By Sister Diane L Franklin



New Members



Christine Rudolph

Brothers and Sisters, meet our member, **Mr. William "Buddy" Atkinson.**



Lawrence Hoye



Azizuddin Smith



Rodsetta Williams



Skyla Gastonia

Fear of the Unknown

"Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" (Numbers 14:13). This is what the people of Israel said as they were moving toward the Promised Land. The land of milk and honey that God had promised through his covenant with Abraham; a place where they would be free. However, instead of celebrating and praising, the people complained. They complained because they were afraid, and overwhelmed. These are typical human emotions and responses when we experience the unknown. God was taking the people of Israel to a new place, a place where they had never been, and all He wanted was their trust and faith. But sometimes, the fear of the unknown can be so great and so powerful that we long for our past situation or circumstance, even if it was horrible. In the Bible, we see that the situation of the people of Israel was terrible, as they had suffered for years under the wicked rule of Pharaoh. Not only were they mistreated, but abused and tormented as stated in Exodus 5: 15-16. God, hearing their cries, commissioned Moses to lead them out of Egypt to a safe haven. God had mercy on the people because they were loved and favored. Since this was the case, how, then, could the people want to go back to such horrific conditions? I don't think

that the people actually wanted to go back to THAT situation, but having known ONLY it, they were fearful of moving forward. Sometimes it is not so much that we are comfortable in our current circumstance, but that we are more afraid of the unfamiliar.

It is one of the most effective weapons that the enemy uses in his arsenal to stop, disrupt or try to delay God's promise for us. And fear, being such an all-consuming irrational emotion, brings with it rational justification in the form of questioning, justifying and even reasoning. This is exactly what we see the people of Israel doing when they said *"Can God really spread a table in the wilderness?"* Psalms 78:19. What about the promise that God has for us? Do we find ourselves praying to God for a blessing, deliverance or a territory enlargement? Yet, when God answers and leads us to our "promise land," fear takes hold and we complain and question God if it is not what we expect. But, my brethren, unlike the children of Israel, we are persuaded, recognizing that the same God that *brought us to*, will *bring us through*. We press forward knowing that we have *strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us* because it is *impossible for God to lie*. (Hebrews 6:17-18). We will walk faithfully into our new season with the blessed assurance that *He shall not forsake us!*

Psalms 37:25

By Sister Christine Rudolph

Who is SAM?



The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) began its 2017-2018 season on Tuesday, September 5, 2017. We ended 2016-2017 on May 30, 2017 with praise to God for His goodness and mercy that brought us through

another successful season and by recognizing members whose birthdays fell between April and June. We kicked off our new season with continued praise and a petition for His guidance through the new season. We welcomed back, with celebrations, those members whose birthdays fell between July and September, 2017.

As Chairperson of the Senior Adult Ministry, I began to wonder, as we started this new journey, if all our members knew and understood who we are as CFBC's Senior Adult Ministry. Our motto is "Serving in Love". Who are we serving, what is our purpose and our responsibility to the church and to our fellow man? To find an answer to this question, you may start by reviewing the CFBC Constitution and Bylaws, which states:

"...the purpose of the Senior Adult Ministry is to assist all units of the Church in ministering the gospel within the church and throughout the broader community...and to be an encourager for total participation throughout the senior adult community at CFBC."

As I reviewed SAM's roster, I found that we are ministers, deacons, bible study leaders/teachers, choir members and directors, ushers, greeters, WMU participants in various positions, kitchen volunteers, bereavement team members, and church office administrators. We are Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp participants. Some are now inactive members of the other units, but served while they could and are still participants and encouragers of SAM.

This is the Senior Adult Ministry of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church. We assist other ministries with spreading the gospel within the church and the broader community as pollsters, assisting with educational functions, neighborhood leaders, and much more. More importantly, we are believers in God's Word. We invite members and non-members who have reached age 50 to join us on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 for low impact exercising, devotions and fellowship, as well as other activities on designated Tuesdays for health awareness topics, mission projects, arts and crafts, short trips, and day trips to interesting places.

SAM also sponsors three annual programs: *Prayer & Praise Brunch* in November, *Taste of Our Heritage* in February and *Senior Day* celebration in May. We invite you to visit us on any Tuesday and see

CFBC Annual Block Party

Saturday, October 28th

12 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy fellowship, food and fun,
Community fun-day for everyone!

Horse Rides & Pumpkin Painting

Music & Games

Cuz-The-Clown & Board Games

Train Rides

Outreach Ministry

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

Christmas Word Search

ADVENT	ANGEL	BETHLEHEM	BIRTH
BLESSINGS	CAMELS	FRANKINCENSE	INFANT
JESUS	JOSEPH	MAGI	MANGER
MARY	MIRACLE	MYRRH	NATIVITY
REJOICE	STABLE	THREE KINGS	STAR

WISEMEN

S	H	R	R	Y	M	G	Z	S	B	Z	S	D
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C	Y	H	W	I	S	E	M	E	N	C	S	E
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Have a Merry Christmas! What Do You Really Mean?

Fall is definitely in the air and thoughts of the holiday season are beginning to surface. For many, Christmas epitomizes the essence of the holiday spirit as measured by numerous acts of kindness and love and various expressions of goodwill and happiness. *“Merry Christmas”* is a popular greeting translated, in many languages, around the world during this festive season.

To understand the history behind the phrase, *“Merry Christmas,”* it is important to revisit the origin of Christmas as a holiday. Historical records indicate that the word *Christmas* is coined from the phrase, *“Christ’s Mass,”* an annual tradition where millions of people gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th. The first recorded Christmas celebration, however, occurred after the death of Christ in the time of Constantine, who became the first Christian emperor of Rome in 313 A.D. The introduction of the word, *Merry*, to the phrase occurred much later. The first recorded use of the phrase, *“Merry Christmas,”* was by authors, Washington Irving and Charles Dickenson, in 19th century England. Although both authors wrote tales of Christmas celebrations, it was Dickens’ story, *A Christmas Carol*, that popularized the phrase, *“Merry Christmas”* around the world. There has been some opposition to using the expression; however, it remains a popular holiday greeting. (Ref: countryliving.com)

The following question was asked of several Christian Fellowship Baptist Church members:

When you say to someone, *“Merry Christmas,”* what do you really mean? Here are their responses.

-Merry Christmas” means to have the best of the season; enjoy the holiday to the fullest with all the good tidings; make merry, feast. For Christians, it is a time to celebrate and be happy about the birth of Christ.”

– **Theresa B. Alvagy**

-I use “Merry Christmas” to mean a special greeting, salutation, and happiness for the season in recognition of the birth of Christ and I wish for good things to be bestowed upon you.” – **Wallace Elliott**

-Enjoy the holiday with family and friends and eat all you want. – **Vera Whatley**

-Christmas, as a Christian holiday, is a time to convey all that is good about Christ. Christmas is the essence of the Christmas story. - **Reverend Henry Thurston**

-When I say “Merry Christmas” to someone, my hope is that they will have happiness and prosperity through the gift of our Lord, Christ Jesus, as we celebrate His birth. – **Elaine Davis**

-I am wishing you well; glad to know that you are happy to be celebrating the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world. – **Muriel Thurston**

-When I say “Merry Christmas,” I have considered Christmas to be a time for celebrating the greatest gift (Jesus Christ). I am saying to all to have a festive, joyous, and fun-filled Christmas with good fellowship. – **Deacon Ed Dean**

-I am being reminded of a day set aside to remember the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; remembering those in need and less fortunate; spending time with family and friends and doing it all in a cheerful and joyous spirit. - **Elouise Jackson**

-When I use the expression, “Merry Christmas,” I am wishing that God continue to bless you and yours.- **Anonymous**

-When I say “Merry Christmas” to individuals, I mean for them to have a happy and joyous time.—**Anonymous**

The fact remains that no matter what terms or expressions one uses during the Christmas holidays; it is the intent that matters. The use of words is merely an audible method of sending a message. Words have no meaning in themselves other than the one perceived by the person who hears it. *“Merry Christmas”* has become a sort of universal expression used by people of many backgrounds, religions, and races to communicate a spirit of joy and good wishes.

By Sister Linda Thompson

Ministry Highlight - CFBC Deacons

A question for discussion came about in one of our Bible Study classes: "How can you recognize a Christian?" Before rendering an answer to the question, think about some of the definitive things that distinguish various occupations, professions, or characteristics that visually allow you to know who they are immediately. Take for an example, athlete: By merely glancing at the type of uniform worn, you can easily identify a baseball player, football player, or basketball player. The same visual recognition applies to law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel, or the military. Typically, the uniform that is worn clearly defines who they are or what they do. Not so for Christians! Excluding those members of the clergy who wear a banded-collar as uniform, there is no distinctive garment that identifies and separates Christians from everyone else. This is our dilemma--How can the world know who we are if we do not wear a uniform or carry a working tool of a certain profession? The Bible tells us that we should *let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Therefore, my Christian brothers and sisters, are you letting your light shine? Are you displaying the love of Jesus towards your fellow man? If you profess to love the LORD, then you should have no problem helping those in need, visiting the sick, or comforting the bereaved. Even more, are you supporting your church in its commitment to making new disciples? Are you returning to the LORD the love, thankfulness, and gratitude for the blessings that have been bestowed upon you? Your answer to these questions should be a resounding YES! Otherwise, you might be "*hiding your light under a bush.*" Then, people might wonder "Are you truly a Christian?"
By Deacon Paul

To The CFBC Family



THE CFBC CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church is organized by units, programs, ministries and committees. The chairs of these entities make up the church council.

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Woman's Missionary Union - Esther Grissom, Chair
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CFBC Photo Gallery

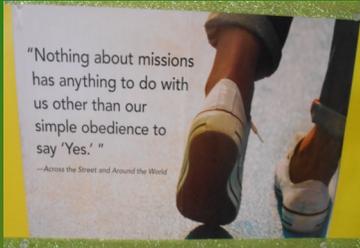


Camp Solid Rock 2017



CFBC Photo Gallery

2017 WMU Installation



Eye Glass Recycling Mission

Welcome Back To School



“Let There Peace on Earth”

Dear God,

Silence my thoughts of confusion and anxiety. Silence my thought of grief, despair, hurt and anger. When there is chaos and turmoil, shelter and protect me with your peace and loving powerful presence. As I take this time to stop and pray, fill me with your peaceful presence. With each breath I take, I breathe in your peace that surpasses all understanding.

I surrender my unrest to you so that I may receive peace. Help me to be a spark that ignites peace in others. Help me to see your face in the faces of people around me. Give me courage and compassion to love others even when love seems like a risk.

Teach me to listen to those I disagree with, to hear stories that make me uncomfortable. Heal the hatred in the world around me by healing my own heart first.

By Sister Doris Chennault

*Children's Church - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Royal Ambassadors - 2nd & 4th Sundays
Children's Choir Practice - 1st & 3rd Sundays
Mission Friends - 1st, 2nd & 4th Sundays
GA's - 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Acteens- 3rd Sundays after 11:00 Worship*

CFBC Nursery Schedule

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays

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Christian Fellowship Baptist Church Calendar Highlights OCTOBER

WMU - Pastor Appreciation Month

- 1 Installation of Church Council and Officers
- 8 World Hunger Sunday
Fellowship Meal
- 14 WMU & Brotherhood - Mission Conclave
Teen Breast Cancer Walk
Evangelism Outreach
- 15 Youth and Young Adult Observance
- 21 Annual Usher Training - Luncheon
Fall Back to School Regroup
- 22 Partners in Education Recognition
Canned Good Collections Begins
- 28 Community Fall Festival
Book Review/Movie
Scouts Community Service
- 29 B-I-G Sunday

November

- 4 Deacons' Meeting
- 6 Baptist Women World Day of Prayer
- 11 Mission Conclave-Veteran's Day
- 12 Fellowship Meal
Canned Goods Collection
- 14 SAM Prayer Praise Brunch
- 18 Community Outreach
- 19 Youth and Young Adult Observance
- 17-18 CFBC Youth Teen Lock-In
- 18 Community Outreach
- 22 Thanksgiving Eve Service/Lighting of Christmas Tree

December

- 2 Deacons' Meeting
- 4 Church Council Meeting
- 9 WMU Christmas Mission Project
- 16 Community Outreach
SMBS
- 17 Christmas Music Concert
Fellowship Meal
- 19 SAM Christmas Celebration
- 24 Collegiate Recognition
- 31 Watch Night Service