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Friendship Bible Studies

Winter, with its cold air, threats of snow and ice, and the long dark nights, can have a negative effect on us. Are you one who feels isolated and lonely for Christian fellowship? Loneliness can eat away at a previously warm heart.

A portion of scripture gives us helpful advice about the winter loneliness, from which many suffer. Hebrews 10: 24 & 25 says, "Think about each other to stir up love and good works." In other words, don't withdraw from other believers; don't avoid close fellowship. Encourage each other in Christ, as we live in difficult times and circumstances. Studying together in a small group has so many benefits. The atmosphere is friendly and ideas can be shared. God's Word is more exciting as we study it together.

So, this is your invitation to join us in fellowship with other believers. *Friendship Bible Study* meets every Wednesday at 10am. That's the new title given to our Victoria Park Senior Apartments ministry, right here in North East.

This outreach idea was given by **GOD** to our pastor, Dan Mohler, more than 10 years ago. He followed his heart and launched the program. Sometime later, he passed his "baton" of leadership over to another willing person.

God's blessing has continued until this day. You too can be a part of the blessing. You really shouldn't miss this wonderful opportunity to join us. *(continued on page 2)*



The Lord's Last Supper Drama

A number of years ago my sister's church in North Carolina put on a drama for Palm Sunday. This drama spoke to my heart in so many ways. It sparked a "spark" that burned inside, hoping someday I would see this drama unfurl in our church, on our stage. Praise the Lord! We are now on our 13th year of performing it on our stage. As I look back through the pictures, I see so many faces that came on board and have gone on to other ministries. Each man that has taken part has spoken about how rewarding it was and for some of them, life changing.

Lord willing, we hope to get 13 men to volunteer and do this production once again this year.

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MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Clint & Joyce Blithe
- 2 Bob & Arlee Brown
- 24 Devin & Amy Short
- 27 Ralph & Judy Veasey

Baptist Men's Day 2019




On Sunday, February 17, we celebrated Baptist Men's Day here at FBCNE. Brian Musser preached, a few men gave their testimony, the men got up and sang a hymn, and we followed the service with a wonderful fellowship meal. Once again the men competed for "Best Dish," won by Ryan Wagner this year for his Corn Pudding. 



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For questions or directions, please call Mille Bee @ 410-287-4280.

Victoria Park Apartments
520 S Main Street
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Come, "Study God's Word, to be approved as His worker," (2 Timothy 2:15.) and know HIS will and the blessings of fellowship with Him and other Christians. 

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Come join us on Palm Sunday (April 14th), as we set the stage for the greatest event in history; "Where Love Built a Bridge Between Heaven and Earth."

Pat Adkins,
Men's Drama Director 

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Betty Ball
- Sonny Hayes
- 2 Dave Jackson
- 3 Georgianna Keyes
- 4 John Tyler Sprout
- 6 Sarah Walsh
- 7 Hunter Hokuf
- 10 June Bibey
- Margie Jackson
- Chris Lee
- Carol Neall
- 13 Donna Sprout
- 14 Mark Beltran
- Jacob Perry
- 15 Tim Bayer
- 18 Penny Clough
- 19 Ryan Perry
- 21 Marcia Roark
- 23 Carol Evans
- 24 Bernice Jackson
- Richard Jackson
- 25 Joy Grant
- Taylor Johnson
- 26 Mark Gray
- Marcia Murray
- 28 Chrissy Norton
- 30 Robert Gregson
- Linda Thornton

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MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
24 Bobby Hudler will be preaching. 6pm: Youth	25	26	27 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	28	1	2
3 Pastor Dan Mohler will be preaching. 9:20am: Breakfast 6pm: Youth	4	5 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship	6 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	7	8	9 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church.
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS: Don't forget to set your clocks ahead. 6pm: Youth	11	12	13 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	14	15	16
17 April Lamplighter articles are due 6pm: Youth	18	19	20 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	21	22	23
24 6pm: Sunday Evening Service feat. The Strong Willed Child 6pm: Youth	25	26	27 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	28	29	30



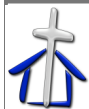
Left: Dr. Hokuf helps fix up the parsonage for a mission project, while visiting in France.

Right: Dr. Hokuf and his grandson Seth.

On back page, left to right: Janet & Dr. Hokuf with their grandchildren in Paris; with Laura in front of the Eiffel Tower; enjoying cappuccino together; Dr. Hokuf with Sophia and Eliana.



Dr. Hokuf and his wife Janet have been enjoying their time in France, with their daughter Laura and family.



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Cheerful Spring Greetings!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am **WORSHIP**
 9:20am **Breakfast** (*1st Sun, monthly*)
 9:30am **Sunday School/Bible Study**
 10:30am **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
 6pm **Youth**
 6pm **WORSHIP** (*Last Sunday of the month only*)

Tuesday

6pm **Praise & Worship Team Practice**

Wednesday

6:30pm **Kids' Klub**
 6:30-7:30pm **Prayer/Bible Study**
BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Thursday

10am **Choir Practice**
 11am **Ladies' Prayer Time**



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
 Weekly Average as of
 2/24/19(8 wks): **\$2,846.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,802.**

Budget Status: **-\$7,650.**

Maintenance/Building
 Repairs Fund: **\$4,029.**

PARKING LOT FUND:
 Received to date: **\$40,305.**
 Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning
 worship attendance:
 1/27/19-2/24/19: **83**

