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FROM THE PASTOR

With this new month and year, I'm excited about what God has in store for FBC Waynesburg as we partner together in ministry. We're working together not only as individual church members, but also as congregations in the community. Here are a few specific things on my mind as 2024 unfolds.

First, the participation in the "How to Eat Your Bible" Bible/book study has surpassed expectations. We have three groups meeting together to learn more about what it means to feast on God's word. These groups, and their discussion format, enable me to get to know people in a way I couldn't through just the Sunday worship services. This study only lasts for five weeks. I already have other studies in mind to strengthen the congregation in their grounding and knowledge of the Scriptures. As a pastor, I'm delighted to serve the church in this way.

Second, I'm working on an expository preaching schedule for this new year. The first five messages will be from Genesis. Then I'll shift to other portions of the Bible. The goal is to share sermons throughout the year from both Old and New Testaments. As I develop the plan, I'll then share it with the rest of the staff so we can minister even better together.

Third, I'm getting better acquainted church leaders in the community. Last week the Greene County ministers' group made plans for the Community Egg Drop on March 23. FBC Waynesburg, of course, will be participating. It's a wonderful thing that our area churches can cooperate so well with one another. That doesn't always happen in other places, but it's happening here.

Fourth, I'm enjoying many opportunities for individual pastoral care. Through one-on-one conversations before and after church meetings, visitation, mentoring, and miscellaneous texts and phone calls, the Lord is building godly relationships. I look forward to those relationships deepening in the months and years ahead.

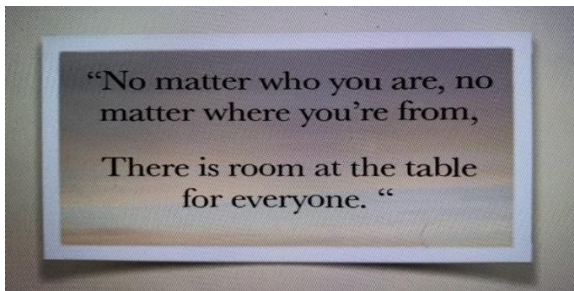
Thank you again for the privilege of serving as your pastor. I appreciate your many kind words of encouragement. I also covet your prayers. Please don't hesitate to contact me if there's something on your heart or mind. As the Apostle Paul says in Philippians 1:3-5, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

In Christian Love,

Pastor David

Radio

First Baptist Church's worship service is on WANB Radio each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. The cost of the weekly broadcast of the service is \$50. If you would like to sponsor the broadcasts either in total or in part, please contact the Church office, 724-627-6444, office@fbcwaynesburg.org, or place in the offering plate with the notation for Radio Ministry. Thank you!



"Room At The Table"

"Room At The Table" fellowship dinner will be on Friday, January 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you to all those who have volunteered in the past and to all those who are so willing to give of their time to help. Everyone is welcome!

January Greeters

Jan. 7	George Tustin
Jan. 14	Annette Tustin
Jan. 21	Vicky Devore
Jan. 28	Rachel Fox

Scripture Readers

Jan. 7	Vicky Devore
Jan. 14	Gene Falvo
Jan. 21	Don Lemley
Jan. 28	Rollie Daniels

Sanctuary Flowers

Are you interested in placing flowers in the sanctuary on a particular Sunday? If you would a sign-up sheet is in the narthex on the bulletin board.

Dart Ball Schedule

Jan. 1	FBC @ Hewitt Presby.
Jan. 8	FBC @ Crosspoint Assembly
Jan. 15	Oakview Meth. @ FBC
Jan. 22	Bye
Jan. 29	Greensboro Bapt. @ FBC

Ignite K-5th 3-5pm

Wednesday, January 10
Wednesday, January 17
Wednesday, January 24
Wednesday, January 31



Winter Escape/Chili Cook-Off!

Sunday, January 14, 2024
4:00 p.m.

Bring your best batch of chili!

Children's Message Volunteers

January 7	Stephanie Knisely
January 14	Jennifer Lash
January 21	Chris Lash
January 28	Tim Mankey

Jennifer Lash
First Baptist Church
Children & Family Ministry Director
The Christian Sandbox Preschool
Director

Young Adult

Cup of Grace Coffeehouse

Anyone is invited to attend Wednesday Night Coffeehouse from 7-10pm when Waynesburg University is in session. Find us in the Fellowship Hall for free coffee, fun, and fellowship.

January 17
January 24
January 31

For the most current information, find us at:

fbcwaynesburg.org
Follow us on
[instagram@cupofgracecoffeehouse](https://www.instagram.com/cupofgracecoffeehouse)

Youth

Illuminate

During the school year, anyone in 6th-12th grade is invited to attend Illuminate-our youth program! We meet every Sunday evening from 6pm to 8pm. You can find us downstairs in The Well. Bring your friends and join us as we play games, get to know each other, and learn what it means to be a follower of Christ together!

Youth Praise Team

Anyone 6th-12th grade is invited to participate in their own praise and worship team! We are looking for singers and instrumentalists. This team will meet every Sunday (during the month that they lead worship) at 5:00pm and provide the music for worship any month there is a 5th Sunday.

Youth Sunday School

Anyone 6th-12th grade will meet Sunday mornings at 9am in the prayer room (beside the first floor bathrooms) for Sunday School!



SOUP SALE


We are looking for volunteers to donate homemade soup to be sold in February! This fundraiser benefits the youth mission trip. To participate, please pick up plastic quart containers from Mandi anytime in January! Look for us in February if you're wanting to purchase! We do not take pre-orders. Proceeds benefit the youth mission trip in July. THANK YOU!

For the most current information, find us at: fbcwaynesburg.org/youth
Follow us on Instagram @illuminate

Blessings,

Mandi Restanio

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*Your
word*
is a lamp
to guide my feet
*and
a light*
for my path.
Psalm 119:105



January Birthdays

8 Travis Rastoka

10 Jay Gump

11 Kim Mankey

12 Marge Rockwell

14 Michelle Cowell
Richard Raymont
Craig Moore

16 Betsy Grimes
Betsy Savino
Rhonda King
Dave Majewski

18 David Baker

20 Pastor Carol Visser

21 Ashley Mortan
Alissa Pettit

23 Sheryl Falvo

25 Gene Falvo
Isaiah Deynzer

26 Jayden Gaskill

28 Charlotte Headlee
Lindsey Rastoka
31 Mason Loughner
Candy Moore

FEBRUARY

3 Tera Adamson
Lexi Royer
Monnaruth Tennant

6 Carol Mankey

10 Keith Gregorich

11 Hannah Cumberledge

23 Walt Lohr

14 J. Weber

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Rolling Meadows: Geraldine Calvert

Evergreen Assisted Living: Marilee
Martin