



Newsletter of Fruitland Baptist Church

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## Pastor's Perspective

It is interesting to look at old maps that were developed in the 12th and 13th centuries before the world was fully explored. You can see the lands and seas that had been discovered and, in the places of unknown territory, they would write

these words: "Beyond this there be dragons!" We are getting ready to explore some unknown territory in 2017. At times, when we face the unknown, we fear the dragons that may wait for us.

There is a Christmas blessing that we can carry with us into the new year and it is associated with one of the names given to Jesus. The angel of the Lord told Joseph that His name shall be called Immanuel, which means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

I have some good news for you – dragons are not in your future, but God is in your future! He will be there with you to conquer every evil foe that raises its head against you.

The good news gets even better, because Romans 8:31 reminds us, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" God is not only with you; He is for you! What a difference it will make over the next year as you intentionally face the future with faith instead of fear!

I pray that 2017 will be the best year that you have ever known.

Happy New Year!

Pastor David



## Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome new members:

Eric Nicholas Parise, Misty Darwn Parise and Khara Jayde Parise who have joined our church under "watch care".

Welcome new members Jacob Branche, Joe Hill and Marnita Ann Wolfinger.

## January is Call to Prayer Month

January is the Southern Baptist Convention's Call to Prayer Month. Churches are asked to begin the year with an emphasis on prayer. Please pray for these five areas the five Sundays in January:

My Family, My Community,  
My Church, My Nation and  
My World.



## Growing God’s Church

Several years ago our church made a decision to build a new sanctuary to accommodate our growth and to further our ministry for God’s kingdom.

This decision was made with the understanding that as a church we would need to provide the resources to meet our goal.

We have been blessed to enjoy the many benefits of our sanctuary, but we still have a responsibility to pay off the debt.

As we begin this new year please consider praying about the part you can play in Growing God’s Church. The decision concerning the amount you may wish to give for our building is entirely a private and personal matter between you and God.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

*2 Corinthians 9:7*

## Thank You Marlene!

We want to thank Marlene Jiminez for her faithful and dedicated service as our Church secretary & treasurer for the last 13 years. Thank you for a job well done!

Lorri Rhodes will take over the role as our new Church secretary/treasurer.

## What is the gospel?

The gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is good news to a fallen world. Christ’s miraculous birth into the world, His crucifixion and His resurrection from the dead forever changed the world.

## View Our Updated Website @ [www.fruitlandbaptist.org](http://www.fruitlandbaptist.org)

Our website now has both our church calendar and our youth calendar so you can keep up with all the events and activities. Visit us on the web.



## YOUTH EVENTS

[www.fruitlandbaptist.org/youth](http://www.fruitlandbaptist.org/youth)

*Please visit our webpage to view all youth events with more information*

### JANUARY

- 14 WINTER RETREAT**  
@ Wilderness at the Smokies
- 15** \$125 per person
- 16** More information can be found at the church website and the Youth Facebook page.

- 29 MENTOR PROGRAM BOWLING NIGHT**  
5:30pm to 7pm - @ Tarheel Lanes (\$10.00 a person) and dinner afterwards at Zaxby's in Highlands Square.

### FEBRUARY

- 5 DUDE’S DAY**  
12:30 pm to 5:30pm - @ Fruitland Baptist Church
- 12 MENTOR MEETING**  
5:00 pm to 6:00pm - @ Fruitland Baptist Church
- 18 LADY’S TEA**  
Time to be announced @ Fruitland Baptist Church
- 19 YOUTH MENTOR QUIZ NIGHT**  
6:00pm to 7:00pm @ Fruitland Baptist Church

## J.O.Y. Club

Soup & Salad @ noon on Saturday January 21st in the Church Fellowship Hall

# Fruitland Baptist Church Calendar of Events

## January, 2017

### "To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>NEW YEAR'S DAY -B'DAY: KEELAN SMITH -NO BKFST -DEACON MTG 12NOON</p>	-B'DAY: BUD CHANDLER	-B'DAY: CHRISTOPHER GLASPY -GFM 6-7:30PM	-B'DAYS: STEPHANIE HAMILTON / BOB GILBERT -BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA TO REST HOME/ youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER /BUSINESS 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM	-B'DAY: LILLY BASTING	-B'DAY: MICHELLE HUNTLEY	-B'DAYS: AMY SINGLETRY / MICHAEL SAURO / CRAIG STEPP / JAN HOWARD / BRAYDEN CHILDRESS -SMITH / BRADLEY WEDDING AT 4PM HERE
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>B'DAYS: SHERMAN BLYTHE -MCT MTG 4PM -WORSHIP / PLANNING MTG 5PM -YOUTH PARENT/GUARDIAN MTG 5-6PM -CHILDREN'S CHOIR RESUMES 6PM -YOUTH WINTER RETREAT MTG 6-7PM</p>	-B'DAYS: ROBIN CASTO / WAYNE HOWARD	-B'DAYS: TERESA HEATHERLY / GORDON CORN -MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7AM AT FBBC CAFE -LIBRARY WORK NIGHT 6PM	24-HOUR PRAYER DAY --BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA / youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM -YOUTH TEAM MTG 8-9PM	-B'DAY: DANIEL SULLINS		-YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (WILDERNESS AT THE SMOKIES IN SEVIERVILLE, TN: COST \$125)
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>-DAVE MAINS / KRISTEN KICKLIGHTER -YOUTH WINTER RETREAT (WILDERNESS AT THE SMOKIES IN SEVIERVILLE, TN: COST \$125)</p>	-B'DAYS: STACEY GRESOCK / SALLY GROSS -YOUTH RETURN HOME	-B'DAYS: SCOTT GROSS / J.C. JUSTUS -GFM 6-7:30PM	-B'DAY: FRANK SPADA -BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA / youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM		-B'DAY: CASSIE CASTO	-B'DAY: GRIFFIN MASTERTSON -J.O.Y. CLUB SOUP/SALAD AT NOON
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	-B'DAY: RUTHIE BRITTAN	-B'DAY: BRACKLEY KICKLIGHTER -MEN'S BIBLE STUDY 7AM AT FBBC	B'DAYS: JENNIFER PRESSLEY / ROBERT WHITESIDE --BIBLE/CRAIG 10:30 AM -FELLOWSHIP- BIBLE STUDY 6:30PM / Preschool & CIA / youth 6:30PM - CHURCH PRAYER 6:30PM - CHOIR 7:30PM	-B'DAY: LEAH COOK -GFM LOVE'S KITCHEN 10:30AM-1PM	-B'DAYS: NATHANIEL WHITE / JAN VAN ARSDALL	-CHURCH SPRING CLEANING
29	30	31				
-YOUTH / MENTOR BOWLING 5:30-7PM	-B'DAYS: KENNETH ANCY / TOMMY SHOEMAKER / MARK HOWARD	-B'DAY: RANDY MELLEN				

WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES      SUNDAY: Sunday School – Fellowship 9:30AM; Bible Study 9:45AM Morning Worship 11:00AM; Evening Worship 6:00PM WEDNESDAY: Young Adult Bible Study / Fellowship 6:00PM; CIA & Mission Friends 6:30PM; Prayer / Bible Study 6:30PM; Adult Choir Practice 7:30PM

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### From the Desk of the Secretary

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## HUGGING

Friends, I'm not a doctor but I've got some very good news,

I've got the new prescription for getting rid of the blues.

What you need is a great big hug from a relative, lover or friend. It may seem strange at first, but you'll feel better in the end.

Everybody needs hugging ~ a child, woman, or man, it gives you something your body needs and does it like nothing else can.

It warms your heart and touches something in you that's very rare. It makes you feel secure and gives you a feeling that someone cares.

Hugging is a two-way street, as you give you shall receive. So fill your hugs with genuine love, don't fake it, don't deceive.

Every human being has a basic need to touch. So pass your hugs around generously, you just can't hug too much.

So make today a hugging day and hug the next person you see. And just in case I miss you, hug someone for me.

I will do the very same and hug someone for you. Till hugging spreads throughout the land and no one's very blue.

Author: Unknown