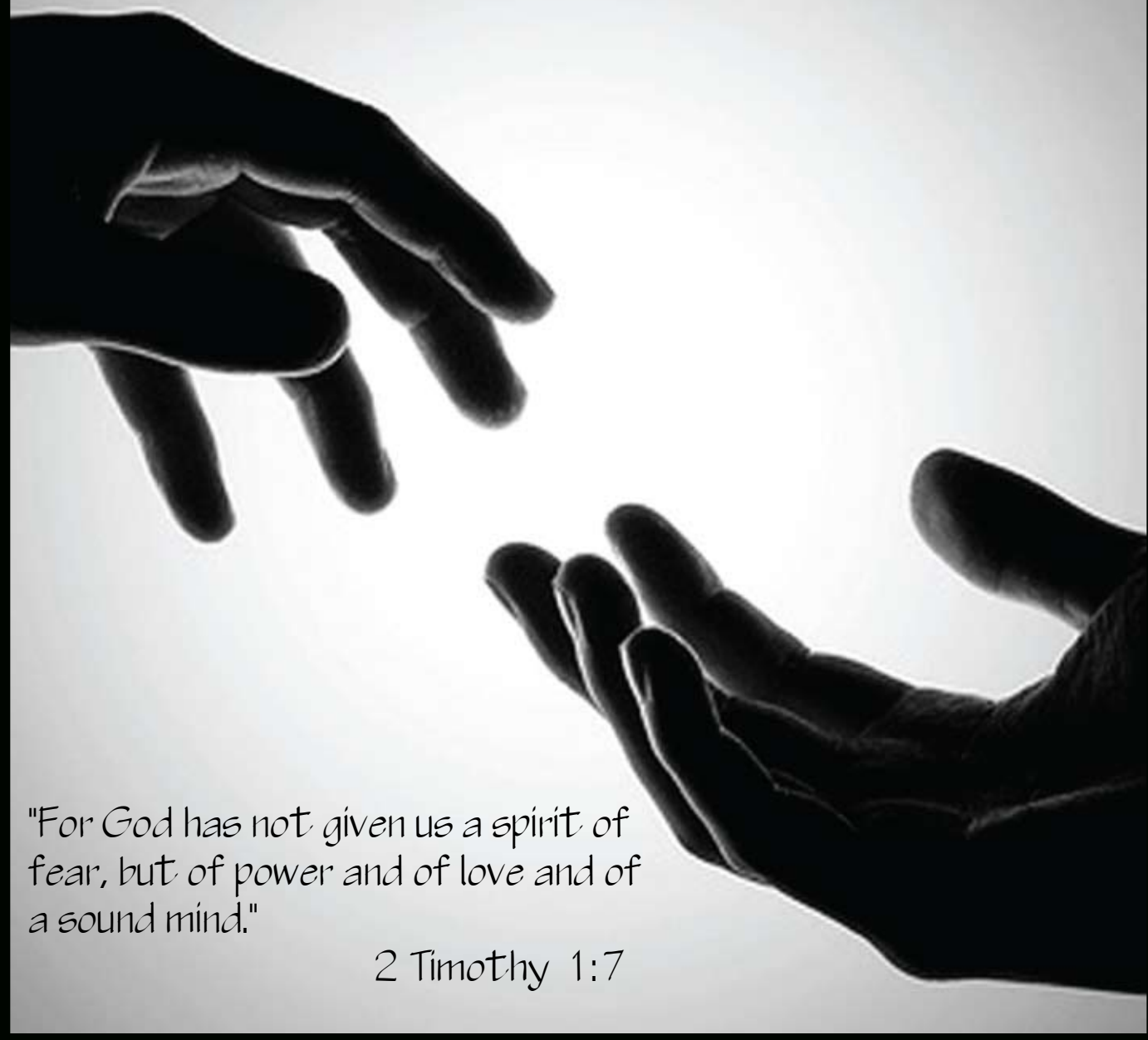

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REACH OUT!



"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

2 Timothy 1:7

From the Pastor:

During the month of February we are emphasizing small group Bible study. Having grown up in a Southern Baptist church, I still call it "Sunday School." Whatever the name, setting aside time each week to study Scripture and fellowship with a small group of believers is crucial to the spiritual growth of the members of FBC Keller. As a church grows numerically, it becomes increasingly difficult and ultimately impossible to know everyone. However, you can get to know everyone in a class or department. This affords you the opportunity to study the Bible together, exercise your spiritual gifts for God's glory, and meet the physical needs of your fellow members.

If you are not presently enrolled in a small group Bible study, and would like more information, please contact Jack Gatewood in the church office. Jack will be happy to make suggestions about which department would best meet your needs and provide an overview of the entire ministry program. When visiting any of our departments, you will find loving people and knowledgeable teachers. My prayer is that every member will participate in small group Bible study this year.

Blessings,
Bro. Keith

Worship & Creative Arts Ministry

This month I am pleased to highlight one of the most important areas within the Worship & Creative Arts Ministry. The FBC Keller Fine Arts Academy has been tasked with providing excellent private musical instruction for the past twenty years. Each week, almost 200 children, teenagers, and even some adults come to FBC Keller to receive private lessons in piano, voice, guitar, drums, strings, organ, and various wind and brass instruments. The purpose of the FAA is twofold: (1) We desire to serve our church and community by providing a safe environment where talented Christian musicians can help students develop their musical gifts. (2) The FAA provides us an opportunity to reach many families who otherwise would not walk through our doors. The gospel is presented clearly at each recital, and we are blessed to have had many families join our church through their involvement with the FAA over the years.

Please continue to pray for the FAA director, Stacy Porter, our many teachers, and our students in the Academy. Pray that God will use the gift of music to reach many young hearts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information concerning the FAA, please visit fbckeller.org/academy or contact Stacy at sporter@fbckeller.org.



*Just when I need Him most;
Jesus is near to comfort and cheer,
Just when I need Him most.*

HYMN OF THE MONTH

Just When I Need Him Most

This hymn is one of the few in our hymn books where the tune was written for this particular text and no other. After William Poole wrote this poem, he sent it with a few others to composer Charles Gabriel. Gabriel was so taken with the text to *Just When I Need Him* that he set it to music right away. It was then published in 1909.

ABC

Adult Bible Communities

Building Community is our theme in Adult Bible Communities January 8 through February 19. Believing that every family is better for hearing, learning, and applying God's Word, we are placing special emphasis on seeking to enlist new families for Bible Study during those 6 weeks. Every adult department is challenged to add two new families during our Building Community emphasis! Congratulations to those departments who have already reached their goal. Let's begin to build the bridges to bring families under God's Word in 2012!

Love, Laugh & Pray Singles Dinner
Friday, February 10
First Baptist Church, Keller
Music, Entertainment, Food, and Fun
\$10/ticket
For all Singles!

For information or to RSVP,
Contact Ted Moore, 817-310-0019
or Darla Hull, 817-917-1333

Jack Gatewood Assoc. Pastor of Discipleship
 & Church Membership

LEAP Sunday: We'll celebrate Leap Year by having our High Attendance Leap Sunday February 26! Everyone is encouraged to make plans now to be here then and see the whole "family" on one Sunday! Each department is challenged to set a new year-high attendance record that Sunday!

M&M Project: Missions & Ministry
 Every Adult Bible Community is challenged to develop their own missions or ministry project for their department to do sometime in March, April, or May. Check with your director for more details soon!

DiscipleLife

New Classes Coming After Spring Break:

- *The Biggest Lies and How to Answer Them With God's Word!*
- *Precepts: Matthew (Part 2)*
- *Creating a Spending Plan* (from Crown Financial Ministries)



FBC Women's Event!

\$5

Soup & Such -- Friday, February 3, 2012 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Dinner & Guest Speaker: Kerry Scheer "*Scoring Balance at Home*"
 The competition is fierce for time within our homes. Victory is sought daily by women of every age and circumstance. Being inspired and equipped to win is within our reach. Come hear a wife, mom and leader in women's ministry share what God has taught her about achieving balance in life. Open to all FBC women and friends!

RESERVATION DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Attention Married Couples..... Mark your calendar for Thurs. March 29!

Thinking of having children someday? Already have children?
 If you answered yes, then "**Sooner Than You Think**" is for you!

Special Guest Mary Flo Ridley will be presenting simple answers to challenging questions; providing a simple, natural approach to discussing sex with your children. For all married couples, from "still a twinkle in your eye" to those with children up to age 11. Mary and her husband have developed a wonderful teaching program to help parents develop a godly message and how to share that message with your children. You will learn how to create that message as parents and how to incorporate it into daily interaction with your children. This event is a must! Childcare will be provided!



Family MINISTRIES



Dr. Michael Wright

There was a man in our church in Tyler, Texas who was a bridge inspector. He traveled the state of Texas looking at bridges to determine their worthiness. After careful study, he would make a written report which included repair recommendations to state and local authorities. His job was vital to the travel needs of millions of people. I was glad to know there was someone out there doing that job.

Sometimes bridges collapse. In a study of over 500 bridge failures (published by the American Society of Civil Engineers), more than half were over 52 years old. The cause for most collapses was ground surface corrosion and underwater erosion. Other breakdowns were caused by various motor vehicle accidents or earthquakes.

The church is like a bridge. Her Designer (Jesus) established the church to bring worlds of people together, where the cargo of the Gospel could be delivered. Like real bridges, the Bridge Church connects the missionary with the mission field. The Designer is also the Inspector who judges the health and usability of the church.

Here are some things the Inspector looks for:

Foundation: Is Jesus the foundation? Again, most bridge failures are a result of foundation corrosion. Like the song says, “All other ground is sinking sand.” Jesus is the solid rock upon which the Bridge Church should be set.

Structure: Is the church structured according to the Word of God? The Word provides a blueprint for the Bridge Church. The Bible provides a way for the church to measure structural integrity and evaluate potential failures.

Access: Is the Bridge Church accessible? A bridge is not much use if it is blocked or choked by useless clutter. The church is supposed to be a bridge that keeps the Gospel road clear. Sometimes the church becomes too cluttered with superfluous activity. Programs rule the road and the Gospel cannot pass. A simple design and a clear road are necessary for uninterrupted traveling.

I believe FBC Keller is grounded on the solid foundation of Christ, is structurally sound, and makes the gospel accessible to all. However, I am not the Designer or the Inspector. Let’s all make sure that we look to Jesus Christ for the final report.

Family Ministry Marriage Retreat

March 2-3 at the Granbury Hilton and Conference Center

Theme – “Holiness” (personal, marital, familial)

The Family Ministry team of Dr. Michael Wright, Tony Richmond, and Casey Lewis will be delivering life-changing lessons on personal, marital, and familial holiness.

Cost: \$140 per couple (includes dinner Friday, breakfast Saturday, 1 night’s stay at the fabulous Hilton Garden Center, and all the retreat materials)

Register at the Family Ministry Table on Main Street (church foyer) or go to www.fbckellerfamily.org. Registration is limited to 50 couples. Payments can be made later. We need to have our list to the Hilton soon, so please register now.

Family Field Day

March 24, 11:00 am -2:00 pm

FFD is an opportunity for FBC members and guests to glorify God by serving the people of Keller and the surrounding communities. By providing family friendly games, fun, food, and Christian fellowship, we create a bridge of opportunities to share Christ and make disciples.

If you would like to serve at FFD, please register at the Family Ministry Table on Main Street (church foyer) or go to www.fbckellerfamily.org. There are several teams from which to choose. Training will be provided.



When Your Child Comes Forward in Church

Dr. Jim Dempsey

What a wonderful day that is for every Christian parent! With the church’s new process for receiving those who come forward to accept Christ, many parents are confused about the next steps for their children. Here’s some important information you should know:

- Children who come forward to announce their faith in Christ will be led to a counseling room by a trained counselor. The counselor will ask them key questions to be sure the faith confession is clear, and then take their photo. Counselors rely a great deal on the guidance of the parent, so if a parent is convinced the child is ready for baptism, the parent may call the church office to schedule the baptism.
- The child is invited to attend our next New Christians Class for Kids, but this is not required prior to baptism. Of course, if the child’s confession is not clear to either parents or counselor, it is always advisable to wait until that confession is clear. Our pastors love the opportunity to talk further with children in this stage, so we encourage parents to make an appointment with a pastor for this. The New Christians Class for Kids is designed to help children in first through fourth grade clarify their confession, and for parents to make sure the confession is real.
- On the day of baptism, the church will celebrate and acknowledge that new birth by having the child stand with parents at the end of that Worship Service to receive the congratulations of the fellowship. Between the initial Sunday (coming forward) and Baptism Sunday, the child’s picture will be shown to the congregation at the end of Sunday morning services.




Mission[®]
 Arlington † Metroplex
Taking church to the people

MISSION PROJECT
Grades 7-12
Saturday, February 25
7:45 am – 2:00 pm
 (meet in the south parking lot at 7:45 am)
 Bring \$\$\$ for lunch

BUILDING BRIDGES FOR CHRIST



If one wanted to describe the process of friendship or relational evangelism in a word picture, it could be likened to "bridge building." In this picture a bridge equals a relationship.

Someone has described the essence of life as relationships with people. The better those relationships are, the more meaningful life can be. Each relationship with another person is like a bridge between two people over which words, actions, and feelings travel.

Our focus in this article is on those bridges of contact which you have with people who do not know and confess Jesus as their Savior and/or those who are not presently involved and active in a Christian church. How many such contacts do you have in your neighborhood, at your place of work or at school, in your daily and weekly social contacts? Count them. You'll be amazed at how many there really are and at how easily you could multiply their number by just keeping your eyes and ears open!



Now focus your thoughts for a moment on just one of those relationships and think of it in terms of a bridge. Have someone in mind? Write down his or her name. Is the bridge of your relationship strong enough at this point to carry the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus over to that person? Or is it, perhaps, like a bridge you sometimes see pictured in a movie, a few rotten boards strung across an alligator infested river? Who is going to volunteer to walk over that kind of bridge with both hands occupied with treasure to be shared?

In most cases, our bridges to people who do not know or confess Jesus as their Savior will need to be strengthened by some sturdy planks so that Jesus can be shared in a non-threatening way. Some of those planks are prayer, loving and caring thoughts, words and actions. And not just any kind of love but AGAPE love, reflecting the perfect and unconditional love that God has shown us in Christ. It is going out of your way to be kind and helpful to people BECAUSE Jesus has gone all of the way to the cross for you! Such love builds bridges faster than any other way.

Bridges, of course, are never ends in themselves. No one builds a bridge over a river to simply look at it but to get to the other side. A bridge is a means to an end. So also building a bridge to an unchurched friend, relative, associate or neighbor does not have as its end a good and friendly relationship, worthwhile as that may be, but it has the loving end which seeks to offer an eternal beginning in Christ.

And the fact of the matter is that if you do a good and prayerful job of building a strong bridge, the person on the other side may venture out on the bridge and begin to ask you questions, like: "What makes you tick?" "Why are you so kind or helpful or generous toward me?" "How come you go to church every Sunday?" Such questions are most often and most easily asked by those with whom relationships exist. The stronger the relationship, the more likely the questions will come. Then it will be natural for you to say: "Because of Jesus. Come and see!" God says: "In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope you have." (I Peter 3:15)

As Christian witnesses, let us eagerly be about the task of building and strengthening our bridges to those who are without Christ so that we may carry the life-giving message of Jesus to many who are living and dying in this world without hope.

--James Radloff



UNDER CONSTRUCTION **Upcoming Opportunities to Build Bridges!**



LEAP Sunday - February 26
It's High Attendance Sunday!
Invite someone to join you!

FAMILY FIELD DAY
March 24

Community Outreach
May 26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 11-14

Candidates for Membership



1/1/2012
Bill Alexander
By Letter

1/1/2012
Ellie Gray
By Prof. of Faith

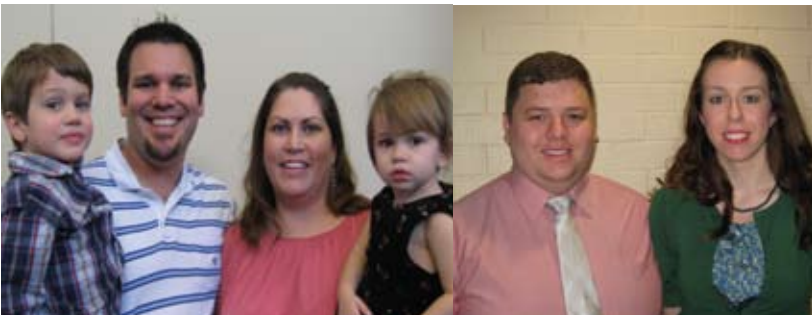
1/1/2012
June & Jim Richards
By Letter



1/8/2012
Donnie Wilkes
By Prof. of Faith

1/15/2012
Jeremy & Kimberly Burke
By Prof. of Faith
Not Pictured: *Brady

1/15/2012
Mark Harness
By Letter



1/15/2012
Dean & Heather Holman
By Letter
*Nate & *Ella

1/15/2012
Bruce & Jan Robidou
By Letter

*Denotes Sunday School only



*Children love "building bridges."
You can join them by telling
others about our
K.I.D.S. program.
It's a great place to grow!*

Fall Registration 2012 - 2013
Classes offered for 18-24 Months,
2 Year Olds, 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds
and Transitional Kindergarten for 5
Year Olds

Children are placed using September 1
as a guideline. Registration is on a first
come/first served basis.

Enrollment dates:
FEBRUARY 21 - Currently enrolled and
siblings. Forms will be sent home

FEBRUARY 28 - Church members
10 AM KIDS Office

MARCH 5 - Community Enrollment
8:00 AM Welcome Center

We would love to give you a tour and
visit with you. Additional information is
on our website at www.fbckellerkids.org
or call us at 817-431-4749.

WOMEN ON MISSION
Thursday, February 9
10:00 am
Room 134

Mission Action
Quilting Group
Thursday, February 23
9:30 am - 1:00 pm
Room 224

Sunday Attendance

	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22
Preschool	157	198	197	171
Children	122	209	195	200
Students	157	234	177	187
Homebound	21	19	19	19
Adults	582	807	797	797
TOTAL	1039	1467	1385	1374
Mimosa Manor	30	31	30	29
Sterling House	25	28	30	29
Whitley Place	21	21	19	29
Conservatory	17	20	18	19
Alterra	16	15	16	16
North Pointe	26	25	25	25
Carlyle	20	26	28	26
Mustang Creek	18	17	17	18

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February Staff Anniversaries

Shirlene Bershers – 4 years – Financial Secretary
 Celeste Davis – 4 years – Child Care Teacher
 Amy Jenkins – 19 years – Child Care Teacher
 Melissa McNellis – 6 years – Child Care Teacher



Stewardship Report

Required Weekly: \$79,843

	12/25	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22
FISCAL YEAR (Began July 1)					
Required Year to Date	\$2,075,914.62	\$2,155,757.49	\$2,235,600.36	\$2,315,443.23	\$2,395,286.10
Year to Date Gifts	\$2,121,595.27	\$2,309,008.36	\$2,376,356.21	\$2,459,308.91	\$2,538,195.88
Budget Surplus (Deficit)	\$45,681	\$153,251	\$140,756	\$143,866	\$142,910
Calendar Year to Date					
"Find Us Faithful" Gifts	\$396,628.92	\$403,090.92	\$8,461.66	\$14,521.89	\$23,125.89
Great Commission Offering	\$191,881.61	216,336.61	\$4,244.68	\$7,599.82	\$9,406.82

*All totals as of Sunday ~ Column Heading Date



JOY Club
 February 23
 \$1 Hamburgers
 Bring Chips
 & Desserts

GAP Breakfast February 2
 8:30 am Cost: \$2.00

WALKING CLUB
 M-W-F 8 to 9 am Gym

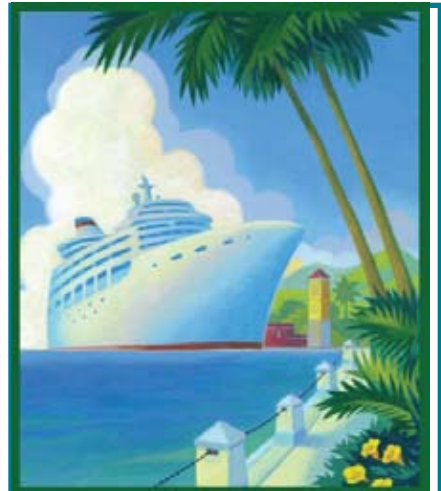
MAY 14-15

SENIOR ADULT CONFERENCE
PREACHING & PRAISE

at Houston Baptist University

\$99

sbtexas.com/sradults



Cruise the EASTERN CARRIBEAN

8 days / 7 nights
January 13, 2013

Charter Bus to and from Galveston, Texas

Inside Cabin
Category 4 B \$818
Balcony Cabin
Category 8B \$1128

\$25 Deposit Required

*****Passport Required*****

Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include cruise, port charges, and government fees.

THEME: HIS HIGHER WAYS

MAY 14-15

Schedule

Monday, May 14	Tuesday, May 15
1:00 Concert of Praise Worship & Messages from God's word	10:00 Concert of Praise Worship & Message from God's word
4:30 Supper and Museums	12:00 Lunch and Museums
5:45 Organ Recital	12:45 Organ Recital
6:15 Concert of Praise Worship & Message from God's word	1:15 Concert of Praise Worship & Messages from God's word
8:00 Snacks and dismiss	3:30 Dismiss

MUSEUMS INCLUDED

Visitors to the Museum of Southern History will experience five hundred years of the colorful past of southeast Texas.

Discover the Bible's role in American culture and history at The Dunham Bible Museum, including many rare Bibles and related books.

Speakers & Music


 Mike Henson


 John Morgan


 Buddy Griffin


 The Museum of American Architecture and Decorative Arts depicts everyday life in early Texas.

TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, MEALS Cost: **\$99**



ACTS 1:8

Touching Lives from Keller to the Ends of the Earth



Prayer for the Nations



Spiritual strongholds keep people in darkness for endless generations. Satan is hard at work to keep the light of God's love and truth from shining into their hearts so that they will never hear of God's love nor experience His forgiveness. Years ago Samuel Chadwick wrote, "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray." Yet, for the most part, **WE DON'T PRAY!** We neglect the greatest weapon in our arsenal. Prayer unleashes God's divine power to demolish strongholds and to set captives free, but we seldom use prayer as a weapon in spiritual warfare.

Our church has begun a monthly Friday night "**World Focus Prayer Meeting.**" The first one was January 13, and 28 people attended. It was challenging to hear about the needs of specific unreached peoples in other parts of the world, but it was also exciting to pray for them and to strategize to reach out to many who have relocated right here in Tarrant County! *The next World Focus Prayer Meeting is Friday, February 17, at 7:00 pm, Room 150.*

Another critical prayer need involves our church's direct outreach to unreached peoples. When this newsletter reaches you, we'll have a team of two (Keith Arnett and Casey Lewis) in Mali working to disciple the Yalunka people there. Our church embraced this people group over five years ago, and we are continuing that ministry to them full-force as we seek to develop local leaders to carry on the spread of the gospel there on their own. We have additional trips to Mali scheduled for April and May this year.



Something else new and exciting is on the horizon. From **February 15-24** Lawrence Duhon and Bob Vigoren will travel to southern India to explore the possibility of embracing an **additional unreached people group** there. This is a God-sized task that will require full mobilization of our church in prayer and involvement! Please pray for their wisdom, spiritual sensitivity, and physical safety as they go into areas where the gospel has never penetrated to seek people of peace and God's direction for our church in that region. Look for more details next month after Lawrence and Bob return.



Desert Ridge Baptist Church in St. George, Utah celebrated their first two baptisms January 8! FBC Keller is the mother church of this new church plant.



In Sympathy:

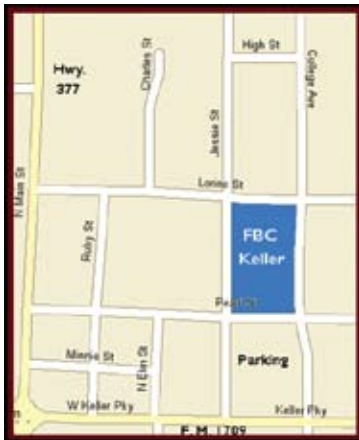
Kim Gray, in the loss of her mother
Theda Bass, in the loss of **W.C.**
Gloria Kidwell, in the loss of her mother
 The family of **Kenneth Webb**
Jim Hawthorne, in the loss of his sister-in-law
Craig Christy, in the loss of his dad
Donna Loter, in the loss of her dad
Gail Dempsey, in the loss of her dad
Brian Goble, in the loss of his stepfather
 The family of **Rodna Martin**

Thank You to all of those who were so kind to me during my recent stay in the hospital. Your prayers, cards, visits, and calls meant so much. **Donna Thompson**

Thank you dear church family for your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. The wonderful meal you prepared and served to our family following Kenneth's service was a blessing and very much appreciated. Thank you Brother Keith, Staff and David Farmer for honoring Kenneth with your beautiful words of hope and encouragement. We have felt surrounded by your love, prayers and support, and we are eternally grateful to all of you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

In Christian love, **Shanna, Makinley and Sidney Webb**
Judy Webb, Kellie Webb Dixon and Family

Thank you church family for every expression of birthday wishes, cards, and flowers. My heart was so touched, and I will not forget my week long celebration of my 100th birthday. Thanks for making it so special. **Mozelle (Moie) Hughey**



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