

*Our Vision is to be Christ to each other  
and our community— doing  
justice, loving mercy and  
walking humbly with our God.*

## BOOK CLUB

The Fernwood Book Group will resume meeting on **Thursday, January 9**. Kathy Hensley will be leading in the study of "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. The least expensive copies of the book are on Amazon for \$7.18. For more info contact, Nancy Easler.



## CHURCH CONFERENCE

### Proposed 2020 Ministry Plan Schedule

**Sunday, January 12, 2020** during worship  
**CHURCH CONFERENCE** to vote on Proposed 2020 Ministry Plan

## Celebration/Information Quarterly Luncheon - January 12, 2020

Happy New Year Fernwood Family! Let's celebrate and learn about the happenings at Fernwood "the cozy way" after Worship this Sunday with a bowl of soup and a sandwich or cornbread. More crock pots of soup, plates of sandwiches, and desserts are needed so that we have plenty! If you have not already signed up, please contact Lloyd Callaway at (864) 237-0882 or email [ltiger@bellsouth.net](mailto:ltiger@bellsouth.net) to let me know what you plan to bring. If you are planning to bring a crock pot of soup, please bring your crock pot empty and the soup in a separate container for easier delivery and set-up in the EFLC. Our proud sponsors for this luncheon is the Alma Hudson Sunday School Class.

Thank you!  
Stewardship Ministry Team

## Date Change: Ministry Council & Deacon's Meeting

We have changed the Meetings on Monday, January 13 to Tuesday, January 14.

**6:00 p.m. for the Ministry Council**

**7:15 p.m. for joint meeting Ministry Council & Deacons**

**7:30 p.m. for Deacons Meeting**

## Our Next Coat & Blanket Giveaway will be Sunday, January 26 - 2pm-3pm

Please come and help if you are able. For more information, please contact Penny Ginn at 864-923-0232.



This Saturday, January 11th, marks the 61st anniversary of Fernwood. Today, I took a few minutes to look through the old record books. Seeing all the names, from the charter members down to today, was a humbling experience. It's a good reminder of the "great cloud of witnesses" who have come before us and surround us even now. They are the people who made this church who it is. They are the church. And they are you!

I'm so thankful for each and every one of you. I'm thankful for what you do for God and for Fernwood. You are the ones who make ministries of worship, belonging, serving, and investing possible. Thank you for being the church and for 61 years of faithful witness on Fernwood Drive.

As we look to the future, I hope we will continue to honor the legacy of those who came before us. Let's harness the vision of those charter members who believed that God was doing a new thing on the east side of Spartanburg. Let's continue to honor that vision by always seeking God's new thing together.

One way we can celebrate what our church is doing is to gather together this Sunday after worship for our quarterly Ministry Celebration meal. We will eat together, fellowship together, and hear from the different ministry leaders as they keep us up to date with everything happening here. Make plans to join us this Sunday in the Dining Room right after the service!

*Matt*

**FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS**

**Year-To-Date December 2019**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual Better or (Worse) Than Budget</u>
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS</b>			
Contributions Received	\$378,445	\$355,000	\$23,445
Use of Building Receipts	\$17,498	\$0	\$17,498
Other Income	\$36	\$0	\$36
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$395,979</b>	<b>\$355,000</b>	<b>\$40,979</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>			
Total Personnel Related	\$153,252	\$162,050	\$8,798
Children / Youth			
Ministry	\$1,904	\$3,000	\$1,096
Music Ministry	\$5,542	\$4,600	(\$942)
Community Ministry	\$20,500	\$20,500	\$0
Ministry Teams	\$4,732	\$3,400	(\$1,332)
State & World Missions	\$15,838	\$16,000	\$162
Operating Ministry	\$139,320	\$145,450	\$6,130
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>\$341,088</b>	<b>\$355,000</b>	<b>\$13,912</b>
<b>OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$54,891</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$54,891</b>

## Salt Shakers are BACK...



Dear Fernwood Family,

We are once again looking forward to a round of Salt Shakers dinners. We will be taking sign-ups until Sunday, January 25. At that time, groups will be made and disturbed later that week.

Salt Shakers is a church-wide effort to provide a setting for inter-generational fellowship. Couples or single adults will be grouped together to compose each group. Each dinner will be hosted in a different home and attended by a different group of people. The groups are random as best as it can be. (I try not to put everyone in the same Sunday School class in one group.) This round of Salt Shakers will take place during the months of February, March, & April. If you cannot agree on a date for your entire group, feel free to have it another month, or contact someone you think would enjoy it and may not have signed up.

For those of you who are new to this idea, here are the rules:

- In each group, the host will pick the date, decide the dinner format and contact each participant. They will also provide the meat and beverage.
- The others will provide the a) vegetables, b) the salad and bread and c) the dessert.
- We have had groups who went on a picnic and other who have had a luncheon instead of a dinner.

The format and time and dates are up to the host family.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the concourse for the next few Sundays, or contact, Sabrina Myers at 864-621-3610 or email at [zoo@charter.net](mailto:zoo@charter.net). Singles may sign-up as singles or as a pair. Please let me know if you are willing to host one month. You are not required to do so for your participation.

Thank you all. I think you will enjoy the time, meeting with and enjoying other's company.

*Sabrina Myers*

## January Family Night Supper Menu

JAN 15: Bowl of Chili / Cornbread / Garden Salad / Dessert

JAN 22: Parmesan Encrusted Chicken / Rice pilaf / English Peas / Roll & Dessert

JAN 29: Meatloaf / Mashed Potatoes / Green Beans / Roll & Dessert

## Scripture Reading in Worship

Have you ever wanted to lead in Worship? Well, now is your chance to do just that. The Scripture Reading/Prayer of Adoration sign-up sheet is on the Concourse Table. If you wish to read and not pray, please check scripture reading only box.



This worship leadership opportunity is offered to children, youth, and adults. Please bring your calendars to church and sign up for at least one Sunday in the New Year!

Thank you,  
The Worship Ministry Team

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