

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

Welcome New Members!

Justin and Laura Hicks joined Fernwood on Sunday, March 1st. They both are coming by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Christ in Macon, Georgia. Welcome to the Fernwood family!



HYMN Singing

**On Wednesday night, March 18, we will have a good ole hymn singing.
So, come ready to sing your favorite hymns.**



COVID-19 (the “corona virus”) continues to spread across the country. We have our first reported case here in Spartanburg. The entire country of Italy is already on a mandatory lockdown.

Hopefully, this will not happen here. And while there is absolutely no need to panic (or stockpile toilet paper), we should still be prepared in case the situation gets worse before it gets better. To that end, we are instituting several changes to “business as usual”.

First, as we started doing Sunday, we will greet one another with a “holy elbow bump” instead of a handshake. Second, our communion services will be observed by passing plates (the traditional Baptist way) instead of by intinction. Third, if you are sick, please stay home. There’s never a need to tough it out and come to a church activity if you are unwell. If additional precautions or steps become necessary, a plan is in place to make sure the business of the church continues and Fernwood’s people remain cared for and prepared for.

The precautions we have already put in place are out of an abundance of caution and with the care of our most vulnerable members in mind. Above all, let us remember that we are a people who place our faith in Jesus Christ. Panic, fear, selfishness, and despair have no place in the heart of a believer. The most repeated command in the Bible is, “Fear not.” So, fear not, Fernwood! And please, wash your hands.

Matt

**CHURCH CONFERENCE &
TWO DISCUSSION TIME
SUNDAY, MARCH 29**



Wednesday, March 25 | 6:15pm
Question & Answer time on the two documents
(The Constitution and The Church Procedures)

Sunday, March 29 | 10am
Question & Answer time on the two documents
(The Constitution and The Church Procedures)
for those who were unable to attend the Wednesday meeting.

Sunday, March 29 | at the end of the Worship service
VOTE on these two updated documents.



**Preparing for Easter
and
Upcoming Events
for the Month of April**

Wednesday, April 1
NO regular activities due to District School Spring Break

Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday
9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
10:55am - Worship Service

Wednesday, April 8 - NO regular activities due to Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday
7pm - Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel

Sunday, April 12 - Easter
7am - Easter Sunrise Service | Greenlawn Memorial Gardens
(Open for those who wish to participate)
7:45am - Breakfast provided by St. Paul's United Methodist
9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
10:55am - Easter Worship Service - Flowering the Cross

Wednesday, April 15

5:30 | Family Night Supper - Dining Room
6:15 | Children's Missions & More - Children's Hall
6:15 | Adult Bible Study - Dining Room
7:00 | Adult Sanctuary Choir - Music Suite

Saturday, April 18

Habitat Work Day

Sunday, April 19

9am-1pm - SOUP KITCHEN
9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
10:55am - Worship Service

Wednesday, April 22

5:30 | Family Night Supper - Dining Room
6:15 | Children's Missions & More - Children's Hall
6:15 | Adult Bible Study - Dining Room
7:00 | Adult Sanctuary Choir - Music Suite

Sunday, April 26

9:45am - Sunday School for all ages
10:55am - Worship Service - Baby Dedication - Harvie Cadwell

Wednesday, April 29

5:30 | Family Night Supper - Dining Room
6:15 | Children's Missions & More - Children's Hall
6:15 | Adult Bible Study - Dining Room
7:00 | Adult Sanctuary Choir - Music Suite

For the Lenten Season

The Spiritual Development/Prayer Ministry Team recommends the devotional booklet "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross", for the Lenten Season. It is offered by the Luther Seminary online.



A Thank You Note...

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your warm, kind and comforting notes, calls, cards and visits as I tried to adjust to the loss of my mom. As my sister said, "she set the bar pretty high." And that she did. I will always carry her and her example in my heart. Thank you for being my loving, caring church family.

Jean Pruett



The Deacon's Bench

First: The Deacons approved to have the broken playground equipment removed by volunteers. Foster and Mason are coordinating this. A young father of five has volunteered his time to assist with this project for the equipment taken down. This will save Fernwood the expense of dismantling and carrying off this equipment.

Second: We also approved the proposal from our security committee to purchase a Security/Surveillance system for the church. The amount approved for the purchase of this system is up to \$6000. This will allow us to worship securely and with peace of mind. The wire for our new Security/Surveillance system is being pulled. The cameras and monitors will be installed soon. Our Safety/Security team will continue working on procedures for other areas of safety/security.

Third: The deacons approved the Constitution and Procedures that we have been working on for several months. These two documents were created from the current Church Procedures. The team, led by Kathy Hensley, basically removed the items from the original Church Procedures that should always have congregational approval to change and made them into the Constitution. All other items were put into a new Procedures document that can be more fluid to reflect where we are in any given year. Changes to the new Procedures can be approved by the Diaconate. ***A copy of both documents will be sent to you in an E-Blast later this week. If you wish to have a hard copy, please call the church office and Angie will print one out for you.***

Fourth: We will have a Question and Answer session on Wednesday, March 25, at 6:15 to address any concerns you may have with these two documents. If you cannot be there on Wednesday, March 25, we will have another Q&A session on Sunday, March 29, at 10:00 in the conference room. We will have a Church Conference to vote on these two documents on Sunday, March 29 at the end of the worship service.

Fifth: The Deacons have rolled out a new Congregational Care Plan. Realizing that Fernwood has a large population of members needing care we divided up the ministry into four areas, Hospital Visits, Rest Home/Retirement Facility Visits, In-Home Visits, and Card/Calls. We matched up our gifts with Fernwood's needs, by allowing each Deacon to choose their area for ministry. With this new plan no member should be neglected. This plan should not negate the need for our Congregational Care Ministry Team, but should enhance the efforts of this team.

Wendy Case
Deacon Chair



Walk on the Wild Side: A Journey into the Unknown

*Reverend Matt Johnson continues each Sunday with this new sermon series
Walk on the Wide Side.*

Grandbabies Everywhere!!!!!!!!!!

Kennedy was born on Wednesday, February 12th at 2:45 a.m. Her parents are Chazz & Pamela Gilbert. Proud grandparents are Clarence and Scarlet Batts.

Caleb was born this past Sunday, March 8th at 8:24 a.m. His parents are Cecil and Nyla Smith and his BIG sister (3 years old) is Ava. Proud grandparents are Clarence and Scarlet Batts.

CONGRATULATION TO ALL!



Easter Sunday | April 12

Flowering the Cross

Easter Sunday, we will remember and give thanks for the love and grace that has been lavished on us by Jesus. As a part of our Easter Sunday celebration, we will be flowering the cross. You can place your flowers on the cross which will be located in the concourse, when you come to Sunday School or before or after worship.

Everyone is asked to bring fresh flowers. You may purchase them or pick them from your own garden, to be used to flower the cross. We will provide additional flowers for those who are unable to bring their own. This will be a very meaningful time in the life of our church and we hope you will make plans to be with us on that day.

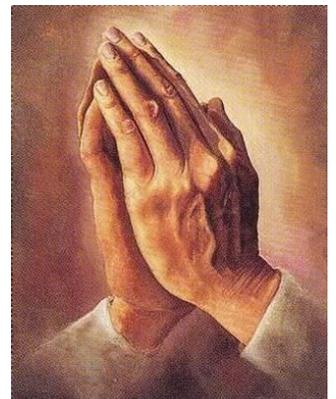
Habitat Work Day

Saturday, April 18

See sign-up sheet on the information table in the concourse.

Upcoming Deacon Selection | May 3

Deacon Selection will be coming up on **Sunday, May 3**. We are asking everyone to begin praying for whom God is leading in our church to be a Deacon. This year will be selecting 5 new deacons. Jean Pruett has resigned from the Deacons, due to Jim's health issues and her ministry, Healing Touch which is taking more of her time. The 5th person selected will be taking Jean's place and will serve the remaining two years of her term. Please be praying for Jean as this was a very hard decision to make.



FERNWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
 OPERATING FINANCIAL RESULTS
 Year-To-Date February 2020

	Actual	Budget	Actual Better or (Worse) Than Budget
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$50,968	\$64,333	(\$13,365)
Use of Building Receipts	\$4,075	\$0	\$4,075
Interest Income	\$263	\$0	\$263
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
 Total Operating Receipts	 \$55,306	 \$64,333	 (\$9,027)
 OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$25,264	\$29,455	\$4,191
Children / Youth Ministry	\$45	\$305	\$260
Music Ministry	\$1,242	\$783	(\$459)
Community Ministry	\$500	\$3,858	\$3,358
Ministry Teams	\$1,250	\$1,817	\$567
State & World Missions	\$2,207	\$2,575	\$368
Operating Ministry	\$22,904	\$25,540	\$2,636
Total Operating Expenditures	\$53,412	\$64,333	\$10,921
 OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN			
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	\$1,894	\$0	\$1,894

SHARING AND CARING

Suzy Nicholas

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Want to brighten someone's day! Send a card, make a visit or call them!
 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,
 who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8: 28

For I know the
Plans
I have for you,
declares the *Lord*
Plans to *Prosper* you
and not to harm you
Plans to give you
Hope and a Future
-Jeremiah 29:11



If you would like to know more about this trip, please see poster and sign-up sheet located on the information table in the concourse or contact Penny Ginn at [Email](#).

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, March 25, 2020**. Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at Noon**.

PLEASE NOTE: You may submit your information via email (angie@fernwoodchurch.org) or through the church office. Please do not submit any information over the phone. Information submitted after the deadline will not be published until the following issue (no exceptions). Thank you for your understanding!