

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

Missions Opportunities

Holidays are approaching, and the Missions Ministry Team is requesting that you consider ways to reach out to the community. Below are three options to consider.

- TOTAL Ministries is looking for Christmas sponsors. Individuals or groups can sponsor children or families. If you or a group in the church would be interested in participating in this, we can obtain information on a child (~ \$100) or a family that is in need of some Christmas joy. If you would prefer to make a donation, TOTAL can do the shopping for you. *Mail a check directly to TOTAL with the designation "Christmas Sponsor".*
- TOTAL Ministries is also looking for turkey donations for Thanksgiving. They have set a goal of 800 turkeys to collect before Thanksgiving. They have established three dates where they will be accepting turkeys at TOTAL on South Pine Street.

Alternatively, you can mail check directly to TOTAL with the designation "Thanksgiving Turkey". (~\$20)

- Habitat for Humanity is hosting a virtual Upcycled Art Show between November 5 – 19. Items from the Restore Thrift shop are being repurposed by local artists and will be up for bids. Individuals have to register to participate. After registering, you will be able to view and place bids on these pieces starting November 5th through November 19th. Funds raised will go toward creating homes for Spartanburg county.

If you have any questions about any of these Missions opportunities, please call Robert Hendrix at (864)706-6356.

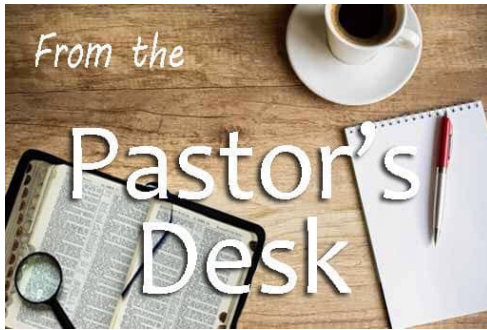
TOTAL Ministries
976 South Pine Street
Spartanburg, SC 29302

**Happy
Veteran's
Day**



Blood Drive this coming Sunday, November 15 from 9 until 12noon

We will continue to have a blood drive every 8 weeks, so that we will be on their schedule. Our next drive will be Sunday, January 10, 2021, then March 7, 2021, so mark your calendars!



As we finally arrive on the other side of this most contentious election, we find that things are, in many ways, much as before. Our nation is still divided. We still don't trust one another or our institutions. One side refuses to even concede that the election is lost. More importantly, the pandemic continues to rage, people continue to suffer from loss of jobs and incomes, needs continue to abound.

It's tempting in these moments to say that Fernwood should be the kind of place where Democrats and Republicans can put aside their differences and worship together. It is that kind of place, to be sure. We have people who vote differently and still love one another and sit beside one another in the pew (or at least we sat beside one another during pre-COVID days).

But I don't think the purpose of the church is to simply act like our differences don't matter. They do matter. How we vote, which is really a reflection of how we see the world and act in it, matters. But voting is just something we do one day a year, or every two years, or even four years. (If you are only voting every four years, you should vote in off year elections).

What I'm calling us all to is an ethic that transcends our worldly labels to an ethic based in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. And that should make all of us uncomfortable because none of us are living up to that standing. But we try. And we need to live into that calling every day, in every situation. We take that identity and ethic into the voting booth and vote for the person who best represents it, knowing that no candidate will live up to it, either. And then we get up the next day and carry on with our work of loving people with the fierce and jealous love of God. We continue to call others to a vision of a possible world beyond election cycles and vote counts. We call them to the values of God's Reign here on earth: where all have enough, where all tears are wiped away, where none are forgotten or left without.

Matt

Safety & Security Info

If anyone has an interest in serving on the Fernwood Baptist Church safety and security team please contact Jack Todd at 529-7711 or [email](#). Service opportunities include:

worship security team
mental health team
medical team



I am so proud to be the chair of the Ministry Council of Fernwood Baptist Church. We are not meeting in person, but our church is actively involved in our community.

Our ministries reflect our core values:

Belonging Ministries

The Family Life Team is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, November 15 and will continue to sponsor this event every 8 weeks.

The Discipleship Team encourages Sunday School classes to find ways to meet safely. As we approach the Advent season you will receive access to various Advent devotionals.

Worship Ministries

The Worship Team has put lots of work into planning special Advent services. There will be an opportunity for drive-by communion on Sunday, December 6. You will not want to miss a special virtual Christmas Eve service. Start now preparing yourself for a special Advent season.

Serving Ministries

The Missions Team continues to deliver meals to three buildings at the Hope Center for Children each Wednesday evening as a "Family Supper" ministry. Donations for these meals continue and are appreciated. Other opportunities include being a Christmas sponsor through TOTAL Ministries, providing turkeys for families in need for Thanksgiving also through TOTAL, and supporting the virtual Upcycled Art Show that provides funds for Habitat for Humanity.

Investing Ministries

The Finance Committee will be sponsoring a time for quarterly reports from our Ministry Teams and Standing Committees. There has been much to celebrate this year, and this will be a way to keep the Fernwood family informed. The first report will be made virtually on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00pm. Please stay informed about what is happening in your church family.

Please mark your calendar for all these events. Continue to be a part of the ministry of our church.

Sara Gardner, Ministry Council Chair

Facebook Live

Bible study every Wednesday Night at 6pm.

Adult Sunday School Time

every Sunday at 10am online taught by Dr. Gerald Keown.

Children's Sunday School Time

every Sunday at 10am online taught by Lee Anne Bailie

Sunday Morning Worship Time

every Sunday at 11am online

We will be uploading the video on our [website](#) each Sunday and also will be on our Facebook page.





The Choral Corner

With Covid cases once again on the increase, I found myself in search of inspirational examples of choral music that, in spite of the pandemic, were produced virtually. I was mesmerized by this video that features over 300 churches and religious organizations on the island of Ireland that combined their efforts into a rendering of the Irish hymn, Be Thou My Vision. This hymn, sometimes called the Prayer of St. Patrick, is over 1000 years old, yet it remains as relevant as ever in today's world. The video ends with the Irish Blessing.

The texts are below:

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, in the day and the night; Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true Word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I, Thy true son; Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be thou my battleshield, my sword for the fight; Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my high tower; Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Thou mine inheritance, through all my days
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won; May I reach heaven's joy, O bright heaven's sun;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall; Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Christ be with you, Christ within you, Christ behind you, Christ before you,
Christ beside you, Christ to win you, Christ to comfort and restore you,
Christ beneath you, Christ above you, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love you, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

AMEN, AMEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TascswZPj8U>

Stafford Turner

Family Night Supper Support - Will You Help?

We are supporting a local mission with meals. The Hope Center for Children are excited and pleased to be receiving these meals. Tina will be preparing larger casserole type meals along with sides. They have 3 residential homes that she will be preparing for. These meals will be hot and fresh and delivered on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30pm at each location.

Are you willing to continue to pay for your meal, but allow it to be served to your neighbors? If you would like to help pay for some meals, you can write "Family Supper" on your check or choose "Family Supper" when you give online. Please give generously and help spread the word to others. Thank you to those of you who continue to support this important ministry!

Drew & Melissa Patton
November 24, 2007

Please wish them a happy wedding anniversary.



Prayers of the People Highlights for November 8-14, 2020

Brooke and Mike, Southeast Asia

www.cbf.net/brookemike

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Matthew 25:23

Brooke and Mike are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel serving in Southeast Asia among a community to which Christianity is fairly new.

In this community, Brooke and Mike serve alongside the local church in efforts to cultivate beloved community as ministers of hospitality to students drawing from their city's many college and university campuses. They seek transformational development as they serve the local population through education initiatives and English as a Second Language training in both public and private religious schools as well as hosting programs in their neighborhood.

Mike and Brooke bear witness to the peace of Christ as they partner with interfaith colleagues to promote religious freedom, interreligious dialogue, and reconciliation in a country splintered by religious tensions.

Your generosity in support of Brooke and Mike and their work will transform lives. Below are just a few examples of how your general gifts can empower, equip and encourage communities and individuals through the power of Christ's love. When you give, you partner to provide programs like these and so much more.

Homebound Member of the Week

Joe Ball

121 Robin Court, Spartanburg, SC 29303

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

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Actual Better or (Worse) Than <u>Budget</u>
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Contributions Received	\$247,153	\$321,667	(\$74,514)
Use of Building Receipts	\$5,825	\$0	\$5,825
Interest Income	\$555	\$0	\$555
Processing Fees	\$256	\$0	\$256
Other Income	\$161	\$0	\$161
PPP Loan Proceeds	\$29,218	\$0	\$29,218
Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Receipts	\$283,168	\$321,667	(\$38,499)
OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
Total Personnel Related	\$141,315	\$147,275	\$5,960
Children / Youth Ministry	\$179	\$1,527	\$1,348
Music Ministry	\$1,377	\$3,917	\$2,540
Community Ministry	\$15,263	\$19,292	\$4,029
Ministry Teams	\$3,397	\$9,083	\$5,686
State & World Missions	\$10,141	\$12,875	\$2,734
Operating Ministry	\$122,857	\$127,698	\$4,841
Total Operating Expenditures	\$294,529	\$321,667	\$27,138
OPERATING RECEIPTS MORE(LESS) THAN OPERATING EXPENDITURES			
	(\$11,361)	\$0	(\$11,361)

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Luke 6:38



Dear Fernwood Family~

We can never find words to thank you all for the constant cards, letters, gifts, calls, support, love, and prayers you have showered over us this year. The service that was lovingly prepared and offered in the Chapel on the eve of our first transplant remains one of the most meaningful things I've witnessed in my life. And now you've

even collected corporately and very generously to give us many gift cards and help to pay rent for our Durham apartment. What love you persistently show us - and at a time when all of us are living in uncertainty and discomfort!

We are so very proud of the way Fernwood has continued to be a loving community, reaching out to everyone during these times of separation. You are all unceasingly a blessing to us and to each other!

With much love & admiration~
The Brown Family
**Suzanne, Reed,
Bethelyn, & Nathan**

Dear Fernwood Family,

We would like to express our deepest appreciation for all the cards, calls and prayers during both of our surgeries. Please continue to pray as we recuperate. We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

Blessings,
Mike & Dale Smith

Office Hours

CURRENT OFFICE HOURS ARE:

Monday: 9am until 1pm

Wednesday: 9am until 1pm

Ways to get information to us:

1. Call the church office and leave a message on the answering machine. We will check on Mondays and Wednesdays when in the office.
2. If it is information which is needed before we return to the office or an emergency, you can [email](#) Angie or call her cell 864-978-7404.

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Publication Notice

The next bi-weekly e-blast newsletter publication will be **Wednesday, November 18, 2020.**
Deadline for all articles is **Tuesday, November 17, 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!