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Church Newsletter

A Message from the Pastor

Revelation 22:13

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

This edition of the newsletter serves as both the last of 2017 and the first of 2018. Can you believe it? Another whole year has passed. What a year it has been!

Our church has been so blessed this past year. Before we move on to 2018 I thought I'd mention how thankful I am for all of our staff and volunteers that make our church work! Deacons, teachers, teacher assistants, hospitality committee, worship team, video team, nursery and pre-school, youth, ministry leaders, DLIFE group leaders, benevolence volunteers, sanctuary prep volunteers, grounds maintenance folks, and of course the office folks all contribute to the success of FBC Seabrook. Thank you!

Let me encourage you with this promise from Scripture:

Galatians 6:8-10

⁸ For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. ⁹ And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

I believe that, as we continue to be faithful in doing good, we are going to reap a harvest in 2018. I am excited about that!

2018 is going to be a difficult year in many ways. We will see the construction project on Hwy 146 begin and probably won't see it end for a couple of years! I think it's kind of a metaphor for us...as TxDot expands the highway, the Lord is going to expand his church! The vision for the future is bright!!!

Speaking of vision, what's yours? Do you have a vision for yourself and your family? Has God given you a vision for the church? A new ministry? A mission project? If He has given you a vision for the church, please share it! *"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."* Proverbs 29:18

Let me both end this year and begin next year with this thought. Our nation is in trouble. The church must respond. This is how we start:

2 Chronicles 7:14

¹⁴ If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

God bless and Happy New Year!

Pastor Rob

December/January Calendar

December Focus Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Saturday, December 2

- Youth ~ Houston Zoo & Zoo Lights

Sunday, December 3

- Lord's Supper Services

December 3 — 10

- Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Saturday, December 16

- Youth Secret Santa Christmas Party

Thursday, December 21

- Ladies Lunch Bunch Christmas Gift Exchange

December 22 — January 2

- Church Office Closed

Sunday, December 24

- One Combined Worship Service ~ Christmas Cantata
- Christmas Eve Candle Light Service

Monday, December 25

- Christmas Day
- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

Wednesday, December 27

- No Evening Service

Sunday, December 31

- One Combined Worship Service-Hymn sing

Monday, January 1

- No Men's Ministry Bible Study

January 5-7

- Blast & Cast Rockport

Saturday, January 6

- Youth Serve at Houston Food Bank

Sunday, January 7

- Lord's Supper Services
- Valentine Gram Fundraiser begins

Monday, January 8

- Men's Ministry Bible Study resumes
- Hospitality Planning & Recruitment Meeting

Sunday, January 14

- Women's Ministry Bible Study resumes

Wednesday, January 17

- Church Council Meeting

Saturday, January 20

- Youth Pizza & Movie Night
- February Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, January 28

- Youth lead Children's Church

Weekly Schedule

Sunday ****One Combined Service 12/24 & 12/31 at 10:30 AM**

8:15 am..... Adult Bible Study 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
 9:15 am..... Berean Adult Fellowship (studying Philippians) 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
 9:15 — 9:30 am 1st Adult Coffee Fellowship 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 9:15 — 10:30 am 1st Nursery 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 9:15 — 10:30 am Children's Church ****No CC 12/24 & 12/31**** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 9:30 — 10:30 am Youth Bible Study ... ****No SS 12/24 & 12.31**** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
 9:30 — 10:30 am 1st Worship Service 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 10:45 — 11:00 am 2nd Adult Coffee Fellowship 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 10:45 am — 12:00 pm 2nd Nursery 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 10:45 am — 12:00 pm Children's Church/Pre-K Church ****No CC or Pre-K 12/24 & 12/31**** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 11:00 am — 12:00 pm 2nd Worship Service 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 1:15 — 2:00 pm Retirement Ministry Worship Service Regal Estates, 500 Enterprise, League City
 5:00 pm..... Women's Ministry Bible Study; "Patchwork..." ****Resumes January 14, 2018**** 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Monday ****Not Meeting 12/25 or 01/01**

6:30 pm..... Men's Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)

Wednesday ****No Evening Service 12/27**

6:30 — 7:30 pm Youth Discipleship (6th-12th grades) 1506 Bayport Blvd., (hwy 146)-Portable Bldg
 6:30 — 7:30 pm Praise, Prayer & Bible Study (Malachi) 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)
 6:30 — 7:30 pm Nursery 1506 Bayport Blvd., (Hwy 146)



**Church Office will be closed
December 22—January 2**

Regular Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:30 AM—1:30 PM

The Church office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. The main office phone number is 281-474-3281. If you call while the office is closed or after hours please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible.

December 2017 Tellers

Dec. 03 John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
 Dec. 10 Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
 Dec. 17 Gene & Heather Engel and Paul & Kim Rangel
 Dec. 24 Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long
 Dec. 31 Mary Johnson, Linda Long and Juliet Wall

January 2018 Tellers

Jan. 07 John & Cheryl Harrison, Norma Keeler & Margie Minix
 Jan. 14 Mary Johnson, Jackie Lally, Kathy Slater & Pat Smartt
 Jan. 21 Gene & Heather Engel and Paul & Kim Rangel
 Jan. 28 Karen Broyles, Michelle Hazlett & Linda Long

Do You Need Prayer?

We would love to
pray for you!

Click Here

For Prayer Request Form

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A look at the church finances...General Funds

October 2017.....\$31,773.00
 Thank you for your faithful giving!

Birthdays

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Sarah Smith
 Steve Mewborn
 Blake King
 Barbara Sue Smith
 Cody Stewart
 Katy Wilk
 H. Scott Apley
 Pastor Rob
 Lori Forrest
 Paul Rangel
 Eileen Morse
 Rayma Solis
 Ronda Rabalais
 Joyce Fisher-Clark
 John Scott
 Bob Snow
 Tanya Langham
 Kathy Littlefield
 D. Benjamin Woleben
 Pat Broussard
 Lawrence Wall
 Jean Corley
 Bill Woleben
 Jackson Rawls
 Matthew Abernathy
 Rebecca Miller
 Don Clark Jr.



William Williams
 Azalee Treadaway
 Melanie Martinez
 Alice Joy Brown
 Michael Perez
 Mary Johnson
 Wendy Hutton-Perez
 Marianne van Leeuwen
 Daniel Clark
 Lucile Phelps
 Betty Coker
 Wayne Stewart
 Joy Moss
 Theresa Smith
 Carly Wells
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Sunday, Dec. 3 & Jan. 7
**OBSERVANCE OF
 THE LORD'S
 SUPPER**
 9:30 & 11:00 AM Service



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Week of Prayer: December 3—10

Generous giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering makes a massive difference in the world. Men, women, children and entire communities are transformed as a result of this offering. Your gifts enable thousands of missionaries to live among, serve and share the gospel with people who have never heard it until now.

Every December since 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has empowered Southern Baptists' international missions work. At the beginning of this giving season, we start with a week of prayer dedicated to international missions.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give to support International missionaries and their ministries.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Dec. 22 — Jan 02 Church Office will be closed
 Sunday, Dec. 24 One Combined Christmas Cantata Service
 (*No Pre-K or Children's Church or Youth SS)
 Sunday, Dec. 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Dec. 25 & Jan 1 No Men's Ministry Bible Study
 Wed., Dec. 27 No Wednesday Evening Service
 Sunday, Dec. 31 One Combined Worship Service
 (*No Pre-K or Children's Church or Youth SS)



Christmas Blessing Project December Collection

FBC Seabrook Benevolence department's goal and ministry is to provide short-term financial assistance (rent, utilities, food pantry) to residents of the Seabrook community when the unexpected happens. As we visit with each client and their needs unfold, it is clear that if they are struggling with their basic living expenses then purchasing Christmas gifts for their children will be impossible. Here's where you can help...donate money, no amount is too small and no amount is too large ;-). If you can donate toward this project please mark your offering envelope "Christmas Blessing".

Gloria Henry and Heather Engel will be using all monies donated to purchase items specific to each families needs. If you have questions please call the church office at 281-474-3281 or speak with Gloria and/or Heather.



Ladies Lunch Bunch Red Hat Christmas Celebration

All ladies of the church are invited!

It's that time of year again — time for the December Lunch Bunch at Cracker Barrel. This will be a Red Hat event and \$5 gift exchange.

Thursday, December 21, 2017
11:30 am (carpool leaves church parking lot)
Please bring \$5 gift to exchange

This is always a fun time, so don't miss it! Come dressed in your red hat regalia, (over 50-wear red and purple, under 50-wear pink and lavender. You don't have to wear either, but you have to wear something!) This is a time of laughter and fellowship for the ladies and friends of the church, please join in the fun-the more the merrier!

Hospitality Committee Planning & New Member Recruitment Meeting

Monday, January 8, 2018
7:00 PM

The Hospitality Committee is recruiting new members. This is a fun way to get to know everyone and participate in planning activities for 2018.

For details, please contact Mandy Stilwell.



Christmas Cantata One Combined Worship Service Sunday, December 24 at 10:30 AM

We will all gather together for one service, which means there will be no Children's or Pre-K church and no Youth Sunday School. The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for this special morning service.

First Baptist Church of Seabrook

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Sunday, December 24
7:00 PM



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF SEABROOK

One Combined Worship 5th Sunday Hymn Sing Service Sunday, December 31, 2017 at 10:30 AM

We will all gather together for one service, which means there will be no Children's or Pre-K church and no Youth Sunday School. The nursery will be open for children ages 0-3, but all other children will get to stay with their parents for this special morning service.



R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry (6th through 12th grade)

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Sunday School meets every Sunday, at 9:30 - 10:30 am in the #1 portable building directly behind the main church building. **(We will not meeting on December 24th or 31st as there will be ONE combined worship service at 10:30 am on those days.)**

R.E.F.U.G.E. Student Ministry Wednesday Evening Discipleship and Activities start at 6:30 pm, ends at 7:30 pm in #1 portable building directly behind the main church building. **(We will not meet on December 27th)**



Saturday, December 2 ~ The youth will spend the day at the Houston Zoo and will stay for the Zoo Lights that night. There will not be a charge for admission to the Zoo; however, each youth will need to bring money for food/drink and any souvenirs. We will plan to meet at the church at 7:45 am and leave the church at 8:00 am.

Saturday, December 16 ~ The youth will meet in the youth room from 6:00—8:00 pm for a Christmas Party. The youth will be drawing names and will bring their Secret Santa gifts on this day to exchange. Please keep gifts under \$20.



During the month of **January**, the youth will be selling their annual Valentine Grams which will be delivered on Valentine's Day. Please stop by our in the foyer during the month of January to order your personalized Valentine Gram.

Saturday, January 6 ~ The youth will be serving at the **Houston Food Bank**. We will meet at the church at 6:30 am and will leave at 6:45 am. We should return to the church 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to join us. There will be a sign-up in the hallway. Please sign-up if you want to go and Lori Forrest will get you registered.



Saturday, January 20 ~ The youth will enjoy a pizza and movie night in the youth room from 6:00—8:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet in the youth room for those wanting to attend.

Sunday, January 28 ~ The youth will be teaching Children's Church during the 1st service. Please be there by 9:15 am.

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Rockport Event ~ January 5—7, 2018



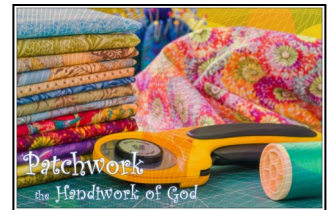
Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship

Not Meeting 12/25 & 01/01
Resumes Every Monday
January 8, 2018

6:30 pm ~ snacks

7:00 pm ~ Bible Study

*Dinner immediately following
the bible study.*



Women's Ministry Bible Study

Resumes Every Sunday
at 5:00 PM on January 14, 2018

The women will continue the Bible Study "Patchwork...the Handiwork of God" and as a bonus they are making quilts for cancer patients. All women are welcome!

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
6:00 PM



Attention all Committee and Ministry leads... the Church Council will be planning for the months of February, March and April. Please come prepared and on time, and the meeting should only last 20-25 minutes.

Deadline
for February 2018

Newsletter Submissions

Saturday
January 20, 2018



December 2017 / January 2018 Lamplight *Roller Coaster Ride -- Up, Down, In and Out*

The Women's Ministry Bible study ~ *Patchwork, the Handiwork of God* ~ will take a break during the holiday season and will resume after the first of the year. All women are invited to be part of this special ministry! Come and join us for Bible study, fellowship and quilting. The excitement grows every week as the quilts begin to take shape. When finished, the Prayer Quilts will be given to cancer patients. What follows is a brief synopsis of the study. We hope you will join us on **January 14th** as our journey continues...

Session One ~ *The Fabric of Our Lives (fabric)* - Our God surrounds us on every side and His hand is upon us. He knows the number of our days, and He is aware of every minute of every single one of those days.

Session Two ~ *All Things New (seam-ripper)* ~ Our God may have to rip out a few stubborn sins, but His finished work is always flawless.

Session Three ~ *Needles, Thread & Enlightenment (threading a needle)* ~ When God enlightens our hearts we are able to see everything in a new light. God's light helps us to remain hopeful, even when our journey leads us down shadowy paths.

Session Four ~ *Full Measure (tape measure)* ~ For the sake of this lost world we must allow God's Divine Nature to work through us... this and only this will help us to be "effective and productive in our knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Session Five ~ *Priority One ~ (presser feet)* ~ God guides us to his free gift of salvation. Priority one... we must be born again.

Session Six ~ *For Your Consideration ~ (bobbins)* ~ Instead of provoking anger, we must learn to provoke one another toward love and obedience. When we obediently allow God's love to flow through us, everyone knows to whom we belong... Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Session Seven ~ *Roller Coaster Ride ~ (buttons)* ~ Sometimes life resembles a roller coaster ride. In short... the ups and downs of life are an integral part of understanding the ins and outs of God's Word.

As we traverse our appointed highs and lows in life, we also learn about valley and mountaintop experiences. Most valleys lead to mountaintops and mountaintops roll down into valleys; both are connected by rocky mountainsides.

Case in point ~ In **Genesis 22**, God tested Abraham... *"Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."* (vs. 2)

Talk about a roller coaster ride! I'm sure that Abraham was incredibly troubled by God's command, but take look at the beginning of the next verse: ***Early the next morning Abraham got up...***

Personally, if I know I am about to have a bad day, I prefer to just stay in bed. Abraham had the same choice, but even though he was about to face the worst day of his life... **he got out of bed**. Abraham *got up* in the valley and obediently climbed the rocky mountainside. And because of his faith, Abraham experienced God's provision. His beloved son Isaac was spared because God provided the sacrifice. Wow! The view from that mountaintop must have been spectacular!

God's perfect plan for our lives may lead us through valleys, up steep mountainsides, to spectacular mountaintops, and then down the other side... but we can rest assured that God keeps His promise to be with us through all the ups and downs.

Remember this... you are loved and you are always in my prayers.

In Christ,
Cheryl

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December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Week of Prayer: Dec. 3--10					1	2 Youth-Day at the Zoo and Zoo lights
3 Lord's Supper Services Last day to order calendars	4 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	5	6 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	7	8	9
10	11 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	12	13 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	14	15	16 6:00-8:00 PM Youth Christmas Party and Secret Santa
17	18 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	19	20 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	21 11:30 AM Ladies Lunch Bunch Red Hat Christmas	Church Office Closed December 22 - January 2	
24 10:30-Christmas Cantata, 1 Service 7:00-Christmas Eve Candle Light Service	25 No Men's Ministry Meeting Christmas Day	26	27 No Evening Services	28	Church Office Closed December 22 - January 2	
31 10:30-One Family Service "5th Sunday Hymn Sing"						



January 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 No Men's Ministry Meeting Happy New Year	2	3 Church Office Re-Opens Regular Hours	4	5	6 YOUTH TO houston foodbank
7 Lord's Supper Services Valentine Gram Youth Fundraiser begins	8 Men's Ministry Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship Resumes Hospitality Planning and Recruitment Mtg	9	10 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	11	12	13
14 5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study Resumes	15 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	16	17 6:00 PM Church Council Mtg 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth	18	19	20 6:00-8:30 PM Youth Pizza & Movie February Newsletter Deadline
21 5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study	22 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	23	24 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	25	26	27
28 5:00 PM Women's Ministry Bible Study	29 6:30 PM Men's Monday Night Bible Study & Dinner Fellowship	30	31 6:30 PM Praise, Prayer & Bible Study + Youth Group	January Youth Fundraiser Valentine Grams <i>Stop by the Youth table and order for your loved one all month</i>		

