





Gail Ford; Cheryl Bingham; Mary & Jack Barker; Bill Allen; Dave Fleury; Mai "Mike" Nary; Gail Holcombe; Angelita Sedigo; Jim & Mary Davis; Ramon Garrido (Ann Knauff's husband); Shawn Baldwin; Joy Bourroughs (friend of Dreema Adkins mother); Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Jim & Barbara Northcut; Chuck Martin; Phil Summerlin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Tyler Rich and Family & Bret Lyness (friends of the Cass and Crosslin families); Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Brian Baldrige (cousin of David Cass); Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin) John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother).

Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, January 21

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 1 (Cass / Cass)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 1 (Cass / Cass)
- 12:15 pm Youth & Parents Luncheon; Fellowship Hall
- 4:00 pm Literary Krewe; Meets at 1951 Gunbarrel Starbucks. We will discuss *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys. Everyone is welcome.



### Monday, January 22

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 6:30 pm Turning the Pages Support Group; Faith Collective Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, January 23

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 pm House Worship; Sanctuary

### Wednesday, January 24

No Scheduled Activities

### Thursday, January 25

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

### Friday, January 26

- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall



Help from the Heart of the City

### Saturday, January 27

No Scheduled Activities

### Sunday, January 28

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 1 (Cass / Cass)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 9:30 am Choir Practice; Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 1 (Cass / Cass)

## FROM THE TABLE

Every year on Martin Luther King, Jr Day, I re-read his *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, which I consider to be one of the most important pieces of Christian writing of the 20th Century. This year, the following quote has stuck with me:



**"In the midst of blatant injustices inflicted upon the [Black Community], I have watched white churches stand on the sideline and merely mouth pious irrelevancies and sanctimonious trivialities. Here we are moving toward the exit of the 20th century with a religious community largely adjusted to the status quo, standing as a taillight behind other community agencies rather than a headlight leading men to higher levels of justice. The contemporary Church is so often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Is organized religion too inextricably bound to the status quo to save our nation and the world?"**

What are we doing at First Christian Church to be a beacon for justice, and racial reconciliation that goes beyond platitudes and good intentions? Is our voice weak and ineffectual? Or do we have something to say that will lead to more than words, but real action that reveals a bit of what Jesus called "The Kingdom of God," and King called, "The Beloved Community?"

Such is my daily prayer.

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,  
Brandon*



For the past 15 years, Kyle Cutsinger's considerable gifts and energy have led the Youth and Children's Ministry. Following her decision to take a well-deserved break from leadership, we've been asked and are excited to take on this role.

We want to introduce ourselves and share with you a specific need. The church values its youth and wants to create a place for them. Over the next few weeks, we'll be meeting with our youth and parents gathering ideas on what this might look like.

When a plan has been developed, we look forward to presenting it to you. We have a space but are in need of flooring, paint, furniture, and other things.

As our church continues to grow, it is really exciting to imagine how best to serve the needs of the Children and Youth who are its future.

All input is, of course, welcomed. Please don't hesitate to get with us. **Our contact info is: email: [reneeandmatthew@epbfi.com](mailto:reneeandmatthew@epbfi.com) or phone: 423-499-2484.**

*Renée and Matthew King*



A Very Happy Birthday to...



## JANUARY

- 21 Stephanie King
- 22 Maya Wiisanen
- 25 Kevin Givens
- 26 Luke Edmondson
- 27 Alan Cates
- 30 Kathie Fulgham

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Susan Haymes
- 5 Matt Smithson
- 10 Forrest King, Gayle Mingledorff
- 11 Emily Auten, Sarah Flynn
- 14 Justin Givens
- 15 Ava Grisham, Kit Hanley



### ELDER EMERITI RECOGNIZED ON JANUARY 14, 2018:

Although Ruby Lewis and Jim Northcut were unable to be at church Sunday, Jim Davis, Alan Derthick, and Mary Davis were congratulated as Elder Emeriti.



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