

FBCC NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CROFTON
JANUARY
2023

Pastor Matt's Notes

New Year-New Word

Each new year a new word or phrase begins to take over my house. Thoughtfully and prayerfully, Leslie and I reflect on what has taken place over the past year, where we stand at the moment, and what we hope to do in the next twelve months. Then we try to summarize it all with a hook - the previously mentioned word or phrase - that we can keep in mind to help us stay focused on our goals. Lately, I have been going through this same exercise with the church. The one word that keeps coming up is ... **deepen**.

As 2023 begins, we find ourselves with a clean slate and an opportunity to grow in our relationship with Jesus. Over the next few weeks you may notice new additions to our worship service. This winter's sermon series is from the book of Ephesians and the church has home study guides for you and your children. We encourage you to make good use of them and to get together with others outside of church and discuss the book. We are increasing the chances we have to gather for good fellowship this winter, beginning with a prayer dinner on January 20. We also have to build relationships with the dozen missions we have pledged to support this year. The first few verses of Ephesians are all about how overwhelmingly blessed we are by God in Christ. In 2023, let us all respond to that blessing well by deepening our relationship with Him, with one another, and with our community outside our church.



Verse of the Month

*It's in Christ that we find out
who we are and what we are living for.
Long before we first heard of Christ and
got our hopes up, he had his eye on us,
had designs on us for glorious living,
part of the overall purpose he is working
out in everything and everyone.
Ephesians 1:11-12 (The Message)*

Ministry Updates



Terrific Teens

The youth appreciate all the hard work that went into making the basement a safe, fun and inviting space, and they have enjoyed spending time together down there! In the last few months many of our teens have been active serving in our church and community during Sunday morning worship, AWANA, and making sandwiches for the Lighthouse Shelter. Next month, the teens are extremely excited to be heading back to River Valley Ranch to attend the retreat weekend "Winter Meltdown"!



FBCC Kids

Partnering with parents and children to grow in their love of the Lord! It is so important for our children to watch us in our praise and worship as parents and a church family. Join us for Family Sunday the Third Sunday of each month! We welcome all children to attend worship service and sit together with their parents. We will dismiss all K-5th graders toward the middle of service to attend Children's Worship where they will sing songs and have a Kids Ministry message. Childcare for Toddler/Preschoolers will also be available.

AWANA & Operation Christmas Child

Each year when the Awana kids pack Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, we register them so we know where they are delivered. We use this information to teach the children about other countries. Our boxes went to Columbia, Malawi, and South Africa. We would love to hear where your boxes went.

Thanks to everyone who brought in items to fill the boxes and those who packed a box. We collect items throughout the year to go into the shoeboxes. We would also like to thank Robin Marchant for heading this up and Pat Scheurer for assisting.

JANUARY EVENTS

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 pm

Mission & Ministry Meeting

Sunday, January 15

Family Sunday & Children's
Worship Service

Tuesday, January 17

7:00 pm

Admin Group Meeting

Friday, January 20

6:30 pm

Pancakes & Prayer & PJs
Event for all ages

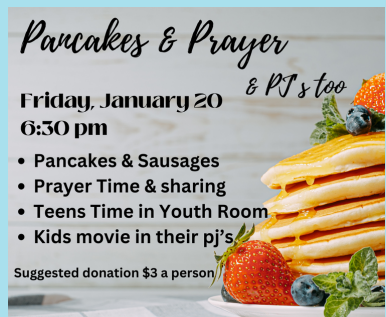
Sunday, January 29

Sandwich making for Light
House

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 PM

Men's Bible & BBQ



WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sundays

10:00 am

Worship Service and
Children's Classes

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am

Bible Classes
for Adults and Kids
Teens Bible Study

4:30 - 6:30 pm AWANA

Wednesdays

8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast

9:00 am Men's Breakfast

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Mission Updates

Helping others

Your generous giving to our church and our Lord allows us to set aside 10% of our budget to help with missions and benevolence

• Helping others from Benevolence Fund

Our church helped provide a winter coat to a man in the neighborhood. He was a veterinarian in his former country, but has to pass tests in this country to be able to practice.

• Helping hungry students at school

A new ministry is helping a teacher provide snacks for her hungry high school students. This month, we bought snack items she keeps in her classroom to use as needed.

• Helping others with food

Joanne faithfully transported all the vegetables to the Crofton Christian Caring Council's food bank. This month, we are collecting canned meals like spaghetti, ravioli, spaghetti-os, chili, pork & beans.

News from those helping others:

Frohe Weihnachten!



The Jacksons | 2022

• From Daniel and Rebecca Jackson

Missionaries to Germany "God has been merciful as we have transitioned to cross-cultural ministry in Germany. We are honored to follow His call and know that it couldn't be done without you, our faithful and generous supporters. We are grateful for your prayers and financial support over the past year, and we pray that God would bless you in your giving."

See their full note on the bulletin board.

• From Pat Lackey, CEF missionary

"Thank you so much for planning to co-minister with Child Evangelism Fellowship in the coming year. Your partnership is a great encouragement to us, as we see to reach children with the Gospel."

• From our foreign school mission

"We thank the Lord for giving us fruitful year 2022 with all His blessings. We thank you for being our most valuable partner. Together we are on the process of seeing a definite change in our society."

Meet Jim Windhausen



Deacon Jim Windhausen and his wife Maxine have been a part of FBCC since September 2016. Jim was born and raised in upstate New York and went to college at Cornell (in Ithaca, NY). After serving in the Navy, Jim joined NASA, where he worked on the Saturn V project at the Kennedy Space Center until 1978. Jim and Maxine, married for 40 years this September, first met when Jim's next job with ITT sent him to Tennessee to deal with some engineering problems at the Gray, TN plant where Maxine was a Sales Order Planner. Maxine now works at NASA-Goddard, where she has been for over 30 years. Their daughter, Alisha, married in 2013 and also works at Goddard, as a lab manager.

Jim says that he has really seen God's provision through major surgeries last year. "He has shown me that He has a plan." At each stage, Jim's prayer was, "Lord, it's in Your hands. Whatever Your will is, let it be done." With God's hand on him and with Maxine's support, Jim has been able to keep doing many things he loves, including singing in the choir. Jim also serves Bowie CLAW (Citizens for Local Animal Welfare) by making weather shelters, and participated in the feeding and trap-neuter-release program until 2022. Their two cats were both rescued from the colonies in Jim's care.

Jim says that he finds great comfort in the 23rd Psalm, showing God's character of love. In September of 1988, Jim felt like something was wrong and asked Maxine to take him to the doctor.

While he was being observed, he had a heart attack.

"I figure that if He had wanted me to go, He would have taken me then. I had something left on earth to do."

Since then, Jim strives to make a difference and tell people about God's grace.

"I know that God is always with me."

SERMONS FOR JANUARY

January 8

Us in Him

Ephesians 1:1-14

January 15

The Power of the King

Ephesians 1:15-23

January 22

Life After Death

Ephesians 2:1-10

January 29

Welcome to the Family

Ephesians 2:11-22



JANUARY

- 1-Teresa Piercy
- 2-Jim Windhausen
- 3- Gerard Iacouzze
- 6-Heather Curlett
- 6-Isaiah Russell
- 7-Charlie Logan
- 8-Randy Fortner
- 10-Gavin Carr
- 14-Linda Hackley
- 18-Aaron Amendolare
- 18-Matt McLaughlin
- 25-JP Wowkany
- 26-Jeremy Benjamin
- 27-Bob Fouts
- 28-Ray Kennerly

PLEASE HELP US! WE ARE LOOKING FOR

2 CHILDREN'S DIRECTORS

PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR
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PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR
Coordinate Nursery and Preschool Classes

- Recruit & Schedule volunteers
- Plan curriculum
- Add nursery workers as needed
- Maintain Nursery and Preschool rooms

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR
Coordinate K-5th Grade Classes

- Recruit & Schedule volunteers
- Plan curriculum
- Plan 4:00 children's class
- Maintain Grades K-5 rooms
- Special Kid Events: ABS, Fall Festival, Easter

These are paid positions. A little pay for serving our church, our lives, and our Lord.

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