

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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*When the hour came,
Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. . .
And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it,
and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."
Luke 22:14, 19*

Welcome, FBCS, to 2019.

As we enter this New Year together, I invite you to join me at the Table of Christ.

During this past year of dwelling in John's Gospel, we heard Jesus, full of grace and truth, inviting us into his abundant life of loving relationship - "abiding" and "oneness" - with God and one another. Now, with the Gospel of Luke and the whole of scripture as our guide, we will discover the place of the table - hosted by Jesus and open to all - in this life to which we are called.

"Jesus is either going to a meal, at a meal, or coming from a meal." This statement by New Testament scholar Robert J. Karris is on full display in Luke's narrative and reinforced by the inclusion of 15 parables featuring food. As my colleague Greg Mamula observes, "Meals were such a significant part of how Jesus went about his mission, that of all the symbolic acts Jesus could have given his followers that encompassed his identity, teaching, and mission he chose a meal." So, when Jesus joins his followers at the table and instructs them to "do this," he refers to much more than a monthly smidgen of bread and a sip of juice. He who "came eating and drinking" (Luke 7:34) is calling us to engage (re-member) him each time we eat and drink.

In this invitation to the table, the focus is being placed on learning to follow Jesus' instruction - Do This - in our daily lives and in life together. The goal? That we discover and practice the table life of Jesus, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving away what has been broken.

As people called into a life of shared abundance in Jesus, our host and guest, we will partake this year in the common course of scripture reading known as the "Revised Common Lectionary" (If you are interested in discovering more about the RCL, please visit <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/faq2.php>). The FBCS preaching and teaching ministry will, accordingly, follow the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, with Luke's Gospel in the spotlight (TextWeek.com).

As your pastor, I believe that following a shared reading pattern can be transformational. I invite you to join with believers around the globe in a schedule that involves chewing on four scripture texts each week (generally, two readings from the 2nd Testament and two from the 1st). The schedule will be posted in ways both electronic and written throughout the year.

Let's do this! -- Pastor Jeff

*"When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him . . ." - Luke 24:30-31*

Leadership Planning Meetings

Tuesday, January 15th
6:00-9:00 PM
For Council & Officers,
Dinner provided

Saturday, January 19th
9:00 AM to Noon
For Ministry Teams & Deacons,
Coffee & Refreshments
provided



Everyone is invited to attend the
Focus on Ministry, Family Meeting
A Celebration of Vision & Ministry
immediately following the morning
worship service, January 20th

We will meet in the Gathering Room of the
Worship Center

The church will provide salads and sandwiches. We ask that everyone bring their
favorite cookies to share.

This is an important meeting in the life of First Baptist Church.

OFFICERS of the CHURCH, 2019

Moderator.....Debbie Herr
Clerk.....Janet Savage
Treasurer.....Lou Engle
Financial Secretary.....Karen Harrington

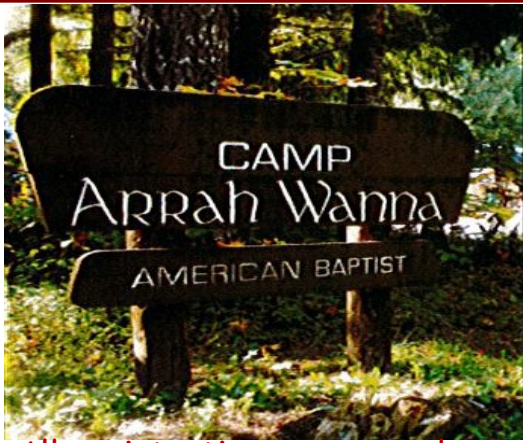
MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS, 2019

Growing Team Co-Leaders.....Jennifer Patterson, Kelly Roberts
Reaching Team Co-LeadersKaren Gillette, Bradys Savage
Training Team Co-Leaders.....Cheryl Vaught, Angie Werder
Campus Stewardship Co-Leaders.....Don Vaught, Jeff Kronser

MEMBERS of the DEACONS MINISTRY TEAM, 2019

Betsy Clewett, Judy Davies, Linda Forbes, Martha Green, Michael Nau, Jason
LaDuke, John Paskey, Dan Patterson, Jan Stanley, Mike Snider, Mark Werder

All terms begin on February 1, 2019



CAMP ARRAH WANNA

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Winter Camp for ALL
(3rd – 12th Grade)
February 15-18 (Fri-Mon)

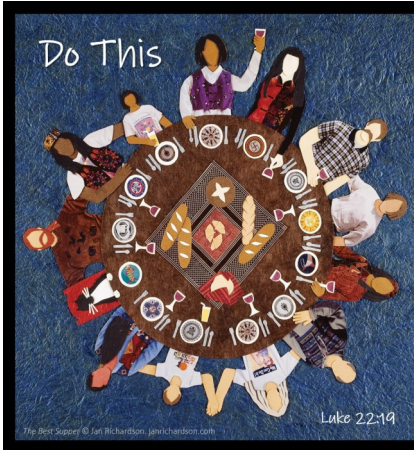
All registrations are now done online
at www.camparrahwanna.org



Thank you for
your prayers
(they worked
well) and all
the many
ways of help-
ing me out.

I'm doing well, have less
pain than before surgery
and feel better each day ~
even doing some
housework!

Time is my friend now.
Happy New Year,
Jean Blankenship



Preparing for Scripture . . .

<i>Dec 31 - Jan 6</i>	Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12
<i>Jan 7-13</i>	Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
<i>Jan 14-20</i>	Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
<i>Jan 21-27</i>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2:30 pm
Hult Center Silva Concert Hall

FAURÉ REQUIEM

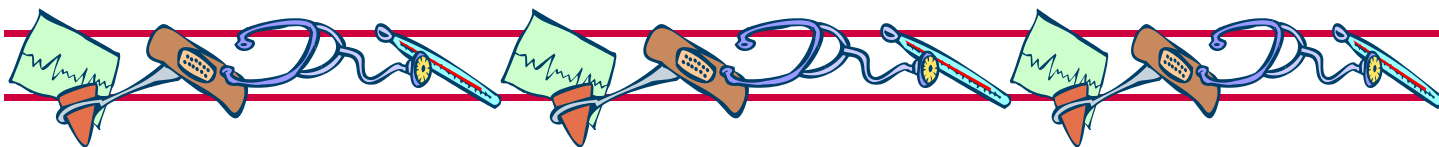
Described as a "lullaby" for death, the Fauré Requiem is one of the most well-known and beloved of choral masterworks. The Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music is a lovely companion piece that will enhance the beauty of the concert. Emotional expressions will reach the audience through Paul McCartney's "Celebration" from his tone poem "Standing Stone" and the live premiere of "If You Fall I Will Carry You" by media music composer Efisio Cross.

THANK YOU! Thank you so much for the generosity of those who provided gifts and specially made cookies to the parking lot Oasis families. The families were both surprised and overwhelmed by your act of service and love.

Your Reaching Team



Dear FBSCS Congregation: I am ever humbled when I receive any gift. It's always been much easier for me to give than to receive, and yet here I receive your thoughtful giving in so many ways, not just at Christmas, but all year through. It's truly a joy to serve you and I can only hope I give back as much as I've been given. Bless you all and thank you so much. Ronnie



~ For Your Health ~

LAUGH TO IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH

Proverbs 17:22 states "A cheerful heart is good medicine." When was the last time you laughed really hard, even forgot why you were laughing and then laughed some more? This kind of laughter is therapeutic, it increases your circulation, it relieves tension and it helps dull physical pain.

Try it, I believe that your health and well being will be much improved by laughter. If you can't think of anything funny, watch a funny movie, read a funny book. You don't have to spend money, use the library to find funny books. My favorite part of the newspaper are the comic papers. (Sometimes the comics are the only things that make sense.) Some people cut out funnies and post them on the refrigerator.

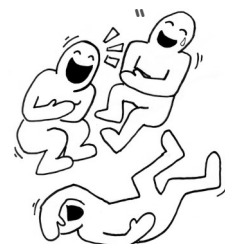


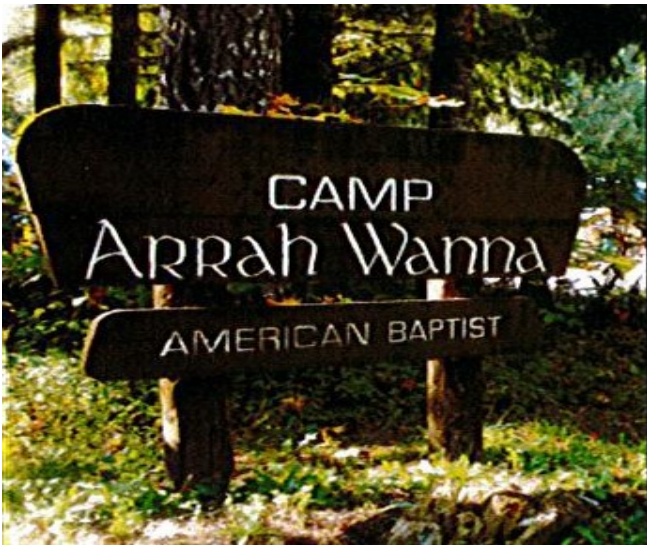
If you laugh at other people's jokes you will feel better, they will feel better and they will like you more! Finally, laugh at yourself. When you focus your humor on yourself and not on others it would be a kinder way to live. We can't expect ourselves to do everything right all the time. It is important to laugh at our stupidities and mistakes, it helps us accept our short comings and it diffuses tension. People who laugh at themselves have a stronger sense of self worth. When you are frustrated having to wait for someone or you are in a hurry and line is long in the store turn that frustration into humor. It helps!



Church Bulletin Bloopers:

- Due to the Rector's illness, Wednesday's healing services will be discontinued until further notice.
- Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.
- The Rev. Merriweather spoke briefly, much to the delight of the audience.
- On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.
- Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-old nursery workers.
- The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, Break Forth Into Joy."
- If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.





Dear Parents, Pastors, and Church Leaders of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast,

I hope that this message finds you well and blessed during this special season of Advent. My name is Corey Hughes and I am now serving as the Program Coordinator for the program camps at Camp Arrah Wana. I wanted to send this email to introduce myself in this capacity and to let you know about 2019 at Camp Arrah Wana.

Many of you already know who I am and that I have volunteered in a variety of roles at Camp for nearly twenty years now. In fact, I think this coming Winter Camp will be that anniversary for me! For those who do not know me, I have served as a cabin counselor since about 1999 or 2000. I have also directed each of our camps at one time or another, from Elementary to Middle School to High School. Additionally, I have also volunteered with Friends & Family Camp and I have served on the Camp Arrah Wana Inc. Board of Directors.

Outside of Camp, I have been an American Baptist in this region since I was in high school in the late 1990s. I have served on staff at two of our region churches, working in youth, children, administrative, associate pastor-type ministries. Between all of these connections I am familiar with quite a few students and adults from around the region, which I hope will be helpful in my new role now. As of this past year I am serving at Camp Arrah Wana as Program Coordinator overseeing the many details and volunteers for our programmed camps. I am also managing and coordinating our Summer Staff Intern program. This is why I am writing to you today!

Help us to find more awesome volunteers! We always need volunteers in order to make our programs stronger and healthier. Maybe you can volunteer? I am willing to come and share at your church about the exciting ministries happening at Camp Arrah Wana as well as our upcoming needs. Get in touch with me to make arrangements! Please! Also, as you know, we rely heavily on our volunteers to complete a lot of the work that gets done. Additionally, Camp Arrah Wana Inc. also is completely dependent upon gifts from individuals, churches, and grants to keep us afloat financially. We are a true non-profit and have no outside support from other organizations or government sources. Would you consider partnering with us by giving financially, investing in your camping ministries for generations to come?

As a member of the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast, I am so very thankful for the peaceful, meaningful place of Camp Arrah Wana. Without the ministry there I would not have connected with so many key colleagues and friends who have walked with me and kept me plugged in. My own journey in this ministry life is a witness to the value of camping ministries connecting us all together and raising up leaders in our region. Please join us in continuing that legacy!

May the blessings of the season past remain for the year ahead.

Sending you much HOPE, LOVE, JOY and PEACE!

Corey D. Hughes



NEW RECYCLING BOX

A Recycle Box has been beautifully crafted by Tom Stafford from the "modesty rails" when the pews were in place. Now we can easily recycle all paper goods (no trash or garbage please) from services! The box is located in the Gathering Room. Thank you, Tom!

Ronnie will empty it each Tuesday and reuse what she can; the rest will be placed in the recycling bin that is serviced by Sanipac.



***The Secret Place* renews your faith, invigorates your spirit, and strengthens your relationship with God.**

Each daily devotion in this quarterly magazine includes a Scripture passage, an original meditation, and a brief prayer. Written by Christian writers from across the nation, these meditations share comfort and inspiration found in life's everyday details. This combination of Scriptural and personal insight provides both a timeless and timely perspective for contemplative meditation that draws you closer to God in your daily walk as a Christian.

These are available on the Gathering Table; there are plenty,

so take one for a friend!



IGNITE



In January we will be making some small changes to the youth room to give it a good cleaning and spiff up. It is time to make room for new fun, friends, and activities in our space! It won't all be cleaning and grunt work though! We will be having our monthly game night, a faith focused craft session, a fancy dinner, and loads of fun each Wednesday night. You can check the calendar on the Youth Board in the classroom hallway for details.



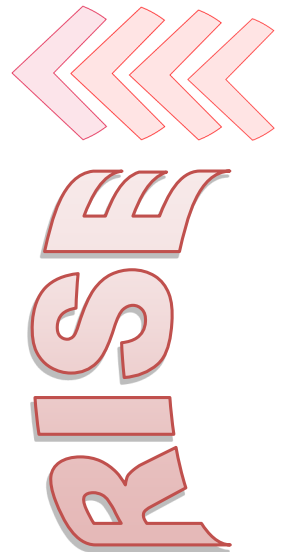
The Youth Board has a lot of information about youth programs, fun activities, schedules, and a place for prayer requests. Drop by any time and have a look!



Rise is back! I am so proud of all our Rise Kids and how hard they have been working the past two months to learn the books of the Bible! All 66 books in order! That is a big deal when you are in elementary school! We will be handing out awards to kids who have mastered this awesome feat in church this month.

In January Rise will meet on the 8th and 22nd from 5-5:45. Our focus is New Year's Resolutions – Making Prayer a Priority!

We will be making little prayer journals and learning how to put them to use.



CATS took a short break over the Christmas holiday, but we are back on January 8! January is building month in the CATS classroom. We will be building with Legos, making toothpick bridges, and completing feats of engineering we can all be in awe of! If you have any extra toothpicks, mini marshmallows, or building blocks laying around CATS Kids will gladly put them to work this month!



We will also be cooking a crockpot meal!

The kids love learning about recipes, chopping up veggies, and helping to feed a family close to our hearts. If you know anyone who could benefit from a warm, kid cooked meal let Mandy or Brianna know!

INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



This is part 2 of a reflective note of the Honduran migration in transit through Guatemala and Mexico to the United States.

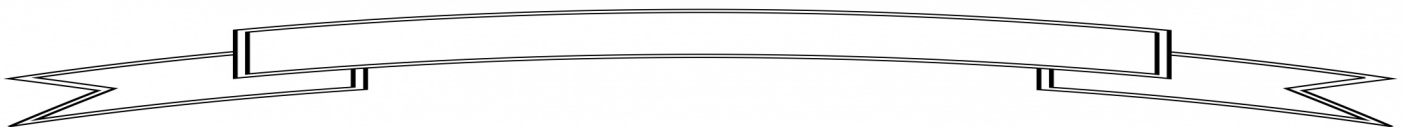
Pray for Ricardo Mayol-Bracero regional consultant and for the migrants from Honduras in transit through Guatemala and Mexico to the United States.

Father Mauro Verzeletti, director of Casa del Migrante, in an interview with the newspaper Prensa Libre on October 20, said that after the war Hondurans, Salvadorans, Guatemalans, Nicaraguans expected the state to be an ally of the neediest, but it established a market model at the service of private initiative. These migrations show that this model was a fiasco. These massive human displacements are the cry of the poor and excluded who no longer endure violence and poverty and who urge for a radical change of model.





- The poor and excluded Honduran migrants shout: examine the complicity of the country to which we intend to go in the placement of illegitimate presidents who violated the popular will and manipulated institutions and laws.
- They shout: take away the security forces from the custodian of the borders, because the army, immigration agents, cross-border police, are united with organized crime and drug trafficking and violate human rights.
- Honduran migrants clamor for health, education, decent employment, land for all.

Let's be vigilant, let's see if there is a political game with these human displacements to influence the elections of the legislative body of the United States in November. Maybe they want to push for a firm hand to crush the Democrats. No wonder they play with human pain for political purposes. Although this a twisted situation, the hope of the kingdom is an awakened people, who hear and live the gospel, and which Christ, the migrant, announces redemptive ways and invites to follow-up. We walk with Him, and we accompany Dulce María and her little daughter and her companions on this pilgrimage. Let us unite in this pilgrimage that undoes damning fences and borders; and like the hairdresser, come and offer ourselves to transform the borders of death into bridges of life.





January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 A HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 6:30 Ignite	3 7:00 CCF Practice	4 7:30 CCF Service	5
6 Worship Leader Jeff Savage 3 CCF Service	7	8 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 4:00 SSRA 5:00 Rise	9 6:30 Ignite	10 2:45 CATS 7:00 CCF Practice	11 7:30 CCF Service	12
13 Worship Leader Janet Savage 3 CCF Service	14	15 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 6 Leadership Retreat for Council & Officers	16 11:00 Food Box Delivery 6:30 Ignite	17 2:45 CATS 7:00 CCF Practice	18 7:30 CCF Service	19 9 Leadership Retreat for Ministry Teams & Deacons
20 Worship Leader Michael Nau 12:30 pm Focus on Ministry Mtg 3 CCF Service	21 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	22 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 5:00 Rise	23 6:30 Ignite	24 2:45 CATS 7:00 CCF Practice	25 7:30 CCF Service	26
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BIRTHDAYS


3 Terry Fitch
3 Liza Stucky
4 Gladys Roush
10 Claudia Eastburn
10 Sean Gley
12 Austin Moore
13 Valerie L-Ansell
17 Harrison Fitch
17 Isabelle Fitch
17 Lawson Fitch

17 Mike McCall
20 Megan Helms
23 Norm Bethany
26 Emily Sloan
28 Charlene S-Helms
28 Steve Stoneberg
31 Austin Ragland

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