

Minister on Call

February 3-5
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February 10-12
Brent Kimlick
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February 17-19
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February 24-26
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March 2-4
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March 9-11
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March 16-18
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March 23-25
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March 30-31
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Church Office Hours
Monday—Friday
9:00 AM—Noon
1:00—4:00 PM

Please note that the
entrances to the
church are locked
from Noon —1:00.

When I look into the mirror I see more gray hair. If I have wide dress ties, skinny ties are in fashion. My calendar is in constant flux. Whatever technology I have is instantly out of date. For today's generation, history is what happened moments ago and if stretched perhaps even yesterday. Things are always changing – in our personal appearances as we age, in fashion, family dynamics, and technology. Change always occurs and always will. Why then do many feel that the church should be immune to change?

Hear me clearly – the message of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love does not waiver. The offer of God's redemption and grace never changes. Scripture confirms the same in James 1:17,

'Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.'

But embrace and adapt we must, as individuals and as a church, if we hope to remain a voice for those who are beaten down. Change will be required of all of us if we expect to continue as a beacon of hope for those who need a lift. If in our spiritual journey as a church and individuals we are not learning, adapting and changing, then perhaps we believe more with our mind than with our heart. In Luke 9:29, Christ was changed at the Transfiguration,

'As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.'

If Christ was changed, what makes us think that change won't be a part of our faith story? The changes which are upon our community, church, lives and world is like a relentless suitor who just won't take no for an answer.

What type of changes should we expect in our lives? That will depend on the individual of course. How about changes at our church? How will we live into what God is already calling us forward as a congregation to do? If we had a phone to God, God's vision for this place would be easy for us to figure out wouldn't it? But minus that, determining our future story will take prayer. And patience. And more prayer. There are many things that churches are expected to do well – Bible study, worship, fellowship, music and stewardship of time/talents/finances, to name just a few.

My sense after my time as your pastor tells me that God wants us to do three things radically well – hospitality, missions, and stewardship of time, talents, and financial giving. If we aren't hospitable to guests and strangers, then people won't be interested in being a part of God's future story here. For years missions was 'over there' or 'somewhere' else. Those times have changed. Now missions is a four legged stool – where we have to engage on behalf of Christ locally, statewide, nationally and globally. Studies continue to indicate that a majority of those that attend a family of faith contribute only 2% of their
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Outside Ourselves — Missions Spotlight

Thanks from Ruth Clowater, missionary with SIGA Ministry Partners,
in Costa Rica, Latin America



I would like to take the opportunity to give thanks, first to God, and also to you, for your support of our efforts to minister to the families of this region in Jesus' name. It was months ago, when you sent a team of visitors to us. With the team also came gifts for the children to be distributed during our Christmas outreach among the isolated villages of the jungle here in Central America. With just a few more villages to go, those gifts are just now reaching the hands of the children. I also would like to thank those who decorated little cloth bags and made Christmas cards for the children

here. It makes the gifts even more special. Whenever I can I write the child's name on the Christmas card, and those bags have saved me, personally, considerable time, as the bags serve as Christmas "wrapping"!

I have spent several months worrying about how we could pull off another year of Christmas outreach. We started this initiative seven years ago, with the simple idea of providing gifts to the seventy children in our own little village, but the project quickly mushroomed. This year, we expect to deliver over 500 gifts in twelve or more villages! As you well know, presents don't just appear under the tree, and down here there are no chimneys for Santa to slide down. Nor does our ministry have the budget to purchase that quantity of toys and school supplies! Christmas is only possible because of the kindness and generosity of fellow believers—people like you. So, while it is true that the gifts we deliver didn't "fall out of the sky," one could say that they were Heaven Sent!

Thanks from Chip Kingery, founder of proVISION Asia in Bangalore, India:

Hello! I am boarding a plane to Bangalore, India in two days. I will be there until May 30th working alongside our proVIsion Asia staff. Thank you for your great encouragement in this new season for our ministry in 2012! I go, thanking God that you 'help hold the ropes' as I am away.



Please pray for safe travel, focus in strategic planning, expansion of our facilities, and the continued growth of our International Church. Last but not least, please pray for Jean and the kids while I am away for five months.

Week of prayer for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions Offering:

CBF Offering for
GLOBAL MISSIONS



The **week of prayer for CBF Global Missions** will be held February 5th – 12th. Both the stewardship & missions teams ask you to please be in thought and prayer on how you might share your time, talents and resources to help our field personnel (missionaries).

To help us mark the week of prayer, **Jon and Tonya Parks**, future Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) missionaries to Slovakia will join us for our Wednesday dinner and study on February 8.

The Parks will also lead our worship service on 3/18. That morning a 'noisy offering' will be collected by our BANG Children's Ministry for the Park's ministry in Slovakia. Start saving your coins. Put their visits, our 'noisy offering,' and our week of prayer on your calendar now.



HopeTree Family Services – A Virginia Baptist Partnership Ministry




HopeTree's roots go back to The Baptist Orphanage of Virginia established in 1890 that has been more recently known as the Virginia Baptist Children's Home. Ministry services for children include Treatment Foster Care, HopeTree Academy, Residential Care, Independent Living, and the Woods Program (outdoor discovery). For adults with intellectual disabilities there is a Development Disabilities program that includes the operation of 17 Christian group homes across Virginia. Funding is provided in part through Virginia Baptist Cooperative mission giving, and also by direct giving.

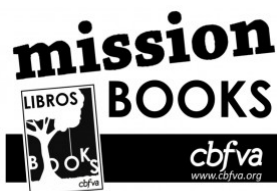
For more information go online to www.hopetreefs.org or call (540) 389-5466.



Missions in Our Community

Missions is the process of reaching outside our church walls to engage our community and world. In February and March, the stewardship team asks you to **extend Christ's reach** in our community by:

- Donating non-perishable food items to **Franklin Cooperative Ministries** (collection bin can be found by fellowship hall). Donations have been slow since the Christmas season. Items needed include juices, canned fruit, peanut and jelly, oatmeal, grits, pop tarts, cereal, spaghetti, noodles, mac and cheese, saltine crackers, rice, Jiffy cornbread or muffin mix, canned meats, canned pastas, dried or canned beans, instant potatoes, and stuffing mix. Items should be small or regular sizes. No out-of-date food or home canned items can be accepted.
- Volunteering your time or donating items to the Franklin Habitat for Humanity **ReStore**. You can serve any length of time between 9 am – 3 pm on the first Saturday of each month. All ages and physical conditions are invited to participate. Children 5th grade and below must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. 
- **Worship**, with a focus on missions, will take place on February 12th starting at 6:30 pm in the chapel and moving into the community. Come for a time of worship, serving, missions, upbeat music, and fellowship. Warm, causal dress is encouraged.
- Each summer, students throughout Virginia need help purchasing school supplies in preparation for the upcoming school year. In Franklin, usually this task falls to local teachers. In our Commonwealth, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Virginia (CBFVa) through LUCHA Ministries helps Spanish-speaking immigrant families with school supplies.



In partnership with CBFVa, and our mission and stewardship teams, you will be invited to participate in the **MISSION BOOKS** project by filling a draw string book bag/sport pack (provided) with various school items. These supplies and the bags will go to help students both locally and in our state.

The school supply list will be distributed at the end of February. This mission's project will run at Franklin Baptist March 5th – April 22nd.

Outreach

While our live interactive worship supplement isn't a replacement for your personal worship participation, it's a great way to follow along, take notes, read the scripture lesson, vote on interactive polls and see the results live, ask questions anonymously, and request prayer. And all of this can be done from your hand held mobile device/phone (internet connection required)! Download the **YouVersion** app for your phone or go to www.youversion.com from any computer and search the live events under 'Franklin Baptist' or zip code '23851'. We look forward to seeing you at church and interacting with you on-line. Let Brent know if you have any questions.



Spiritual Growth

Spiritual growth suggestion from your stewardship team:

During this upcoming Lenten season, you may want to enhance your spiritual growth by fasting. **Fasting** is:

- an expression of repentance for personal/communal sin.
- a way of self examination of God's imparted grace when acting in God's mission in the world.

Examples of fasting: 40-day fasts of Moses, Elijah and Christ (Exodus 24 & 34, 1st Kings 19 and Matthew 4).

How can we fast today? Prepare the spiritual fast with prayer.

- A 'normal spiritual fast' calls us to restrict our intake of all food, solid or liquid, **but not from water. Drink water and plenty of it.**
- Do not conduct a fast if you are sick, under stress, or traveling. If you are under the continual care of a physician, conduct a fast only on consultation with her/him.
- Reduce normal activities to offset the reduction of energy.
- If you are new to spiritual fasting, a fast should not last more than 24 hours nor occur more than once a week (Ex. begin fast after evening meal and fast until next day's evening meal).
- Conclude your spiritual fast with a light meal (no fats, with lots of vegetables and fruits).

Remember, 'The purpose of abstinence is to learn to **rightly** enjoy God's gifts'.

Ministry Spotlight on Our Children’s Ministry



Traditionally the day before Ash Wednesday is called Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday) or Mardi Gras. The name predates the Reformation and refers to the common Christian tradition of cleaning out the pantry and eating special rich foods before the season of Lent.

Shrove Tuesday/
Mardi Gras
Pancake Supper!

What could be better than all you can eat pancakes and dessert?

All children, youth and their families are invited to a **Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras pancake supper** on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00 pm in the church Atrium. Come for all you can eat pancakes & sau-

sage (plus the fixings), dessert, King’s cake, and the running of the pancake race! Bring your favorite dessert to share with the group and wear your Mardi Gras fare. Let Michelle Kimlick know if you have any questions.

God's Creation - Stop and Be Aware

Part of stewardship is the **care of God’s creation**. By the effective use of electricity here at church, we are exercising care of God’s resources and creation. Each and every week, Donnie Wade, Ed Simms, members of the property team, Steve Gibson and others are working hard to conserve electricity at church where possible. Not only is this a benefit to God’s creation, but it allows us to extend ministry finances to something other than the power bill. Thanks to Donnie, Ed and others for 7 straight years of declining costs!



<u>Year</u>	<u>KWH used</u>	<u>Cost per year</u>
2005	215280	\$25,180.22
2006	211800	\$24,812.52
2007	209640	\$24,280.93
2008	194400	\$24,212.84
2009	195200	\$23,301.01
2010	185640	\$22,159.63
2011	174960	\$22,131.24

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income to support the ministry obligations of the church. If we give 2% of our time, talents or finances, it is truthfully not enough to engage the world on behalf of Christ. All three of these are part of our congregational story already. God is calling us to embrace, adapt and change once again and not only focus on these things but radically change how we feel about them.

I’m not for change just for the sake of change. There is enough of that to go around in our world today. We made good strides in 2011 on journeying down different and enlightening paths of faith. I have every confidence that you, I and the congregation are prepared to lean into the story that God has already prepared for us. It will require us to adapt, embrace and change. It will require us to pray. Like all good stories, it will take hard work. Are you ready to do your part? I look forward to our future ministry together in 2012.

Brent



Music Notes



The February Hymn of the Month is *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love* (#501). This hymn was adapted from a folk song in Chereponi, Northern Ghana, in 1963 by Tom Colvin. The tune was first heard at Chereponi by Presbyterian missionaries Al Drass and Bob Thelin. Colvin later wrote the text based on John 13: 3-5 and also have glimpses of Luke 10:25-28. As we approach the season of Lent, this hymn is a reminder that we, like Christ are called to minister to the needs of people. The simple refrain implores God to fill each of us with a servant heart for ministry in his world. May this text become a part of our everyday lives!

The March Hymn of the Month is *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* written by Stuart Townend. The creation of this hymn began as Stuart was meditating on the cross, and particularly what it cost God the Father to give up his beloved Son to a tortuous death on the cross. The realization that it was Stuart's sin that put Christ on the cross gave way to an even more sober thought—that if he were present, he would probably have been in the crowd shouting 'crucify him!'. Then and there, Christ's sacrifice became deeply personal for Stuart. As we sing this hymn, we will probably agree with Stuart that we can see ourselves in that crowd as well.

Music for Worship

February 5	Chancel Choir
February 12	Chancel Choir
	Melody Tayloe, soloist
February 19	Chancel Choir
	Tim Harcum, soloist
February 26	Chancel Choir
	Jeff Joyner, soloist
	Children's Choir,
	Children's Chimes

Music for Worship

March 4	Chancel Choir
March 11	Chancel Choir
	Shirley Pope, soloist
March 18	Children's Choir and Chimes
March 25	Chancel Choir
	Handbell Choir
	Jeff Joyner, soloist

The Eleanor Moon Clingenpeel Music Series is pleased to announce the February 19th concert will feature United Praise Youth Choir from Huguenot Road Church, Richmond, under the direction of Rev. Phillip Brown. The concert will be at 4:00 pm in our sanctuary. Please mark this date and invite a friend to attend with you.

The Virginia Baptist All State Choir weekend is February 24th-25th at Second Baptist Church, Richmond. I am pleased that two of our singers were selected to participate: Wesleigh and Madalyn Kimlick are returning singers and Stephanie Long was an alternate. The concert will begin at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 25th. Early arrival is suggested due to the popularity of this event.



Holy Week begins with **Palm/Passion Sunday (April 1st)**. This musical service begins with a processional with Palms followed by music for the day by Children's Choir and Chancel Choir. Holy Communion will serve as the climax to this Service.

Seder Meal is scheduled for Thursday, April 5th at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall.

Tenebrae Service is scheduled for Friday, April 6th at 7:30 pm in the chapel. Worshippers are asked to leave in silence, reflecting on Christ's sacrifice for us.

Resurrection Sunday will begin with a silent procession in a darkened sanctuary. As lessons are read and music is offered, the sanctuary will crescendo to full light as we celebrate Christ's victory over death. Music will be provided by the chancel choir and the handbell choir.



2012 Community Lenten Worship Lunch Seatings 12:00 and 1:00 pm Lenten Service 12:30 pm

All services and lunches will be held at the
High Street United Methodist Church

February 22 (Ash Wednesday)	High Street United Methodist Church
February 29	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
March 7	Franklin Baptist Church
March 14	St. Jude Catholic Church
March 21	First Baptist Church
March 28	Hunterdale Christian Church

Music Camp 2012 is rapidly approaching! Please reserve the dates of July 16-20, 2012 for Music Camp. The theme for the week, class schedule and costs are being finalized now. Reserve your spot now with a deposit of \$75.00, made payable to Franklin Baptist, earmarked Music Camp and give to Steve. Music Camp is for grades 3-9. Questions? Please contact Steve or anyone who has partici-



Would you be interested in participating in a church mission's trip to **Costa Rica, Latin America** in early August? Costs, schedule, etc. have yet to be determined, but the possible volunteer list is forming now. All ages are invited to participate, but children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If you would like your name to be considered for the team or have questions, please let Brent know ASAP.

The **Garden and Grounds Committee** invites you to participate in a Church Clean-Up and Mulch day on Saturday, March 24. The day will begin at 8:00 am with coffee, water and biscuits (smiley face) Last year we had a great turnout and got through by noon and we anticipate the same schedule this year. Sign-up sheets will be available in your Sunday School Class or by calling the church office.



BAPTISTS Today

In 2012, many of our Sunday worship themes and weekly Bible studies will use the news journal *Baptists Today* as their resource. To prepare for weekly worship and Bible study, you may find it helpful and enlightening to have a subscription to *Baptists Today* so that you can consider the scripture lesson and read the prepared commentary. If you are interested in having a monthly copy of this publication mailed

to you, please make a check payable to Franklin Baptist Church (memo: Baptist Today subscription) and give your check to Brent.

As part of Franklin Baptist Church's outreach to the community and world, the church often uses pictures and videos to help share the exciting mission and ministry which is taking place here. The church's role can be seen in two distinct parts: the sharing of information about our church and safe guarding the privacy of those individuals and families which may not want their personal images used by the church. If you would prefer not to have you or a member of your family's personal image used, please contact the church office to express your wish to opt-out. We will then try our best to limit their use in **written or on-line publications** sponsored by the church. As always, any on-line publication of pictures or videos will not contain personal names (especially of children).



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Every Member A Minister

Condolences

We express Christian sympathy to the families in our church who have lost loved ones recently:

- The family of Hope Dodson
- Mark and Kay Drumheller in the death of Mark's mother, Martha Drumheller
- Avis Shockley in the death of her brother, Rev. A. C. Ashford
- Ann Atkinson in the death of her brother, William "Sonny" Dillon
- The family of Susan Pappin
- Marian Smithwick in the death of her brother
- The family of Patty Clark
- Bill Scarboro in the death of his father, Don Scarboro
- Sue Johnson in the death of her mother, Mary Jane Johnson

Prayer Concerns



Bessie Best, Ron Bridges (Shirley Crowder's brother, Meta Cutchins, Phyllis Drewry, Brady Shirley (Diane Rusnak's father), Vickie and Butch Turner

Welcome New Members...

Todd and Ashley Higginson who joined by transfer of letter from Reynoldson Baptist Church in Gates, North Carolina.

We Rejoice with ...

- David, Cindy, Chad, Emmy, and Wade in the dedication of Wade on January 22
- Rich, Beth, Evan, and Ryan in Evan's baptism on January 22
- Rebekah (Skowronski) and Jeremy Cone in the birth of a daughter, Loralye Renee Skowronski-Cone born in Medford, Oregon, on January 26th