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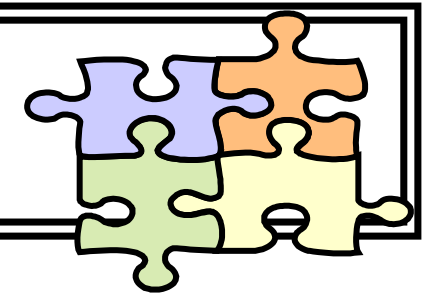
Interim Pastor, Rev. Mike Taylor Minister of Music/Education, Jeff Walker
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2012			1 Children's Leadership Meeting-5:30	2	3	4
5 Churchwide SuperBowl Party-6:00	6	7	8 Regular Schedule	9 Outreach-6:00	10	11 Men's Bible Study-9:00 am Sweetheart Banquet-6:30
12 Youth/Parent Meeting-12:00	13	14 	15 Regular Schedule	16 TLP Lunch/Meeting-12:00	17	18
19	20  Deacons-7:00	21 Executive Committee Meeting FCBC	22 Regular Schedule	23 Outreach-6:00	24	25 Men's Bible Study-9:00 am
26	27	28	29 Regular Schedule			



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FEBRUARY 2012



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

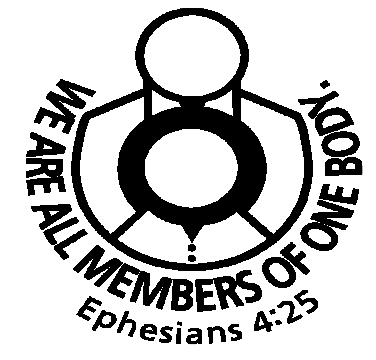
Sunday
 9:00 am—Prayer Time
 9:45 am—Sunday School
 11:00 am—Morning Worship
 5:00 pm—Evening Worship
 5:30 pm—Discipleship (Adults, Youth, Children)

Monday
 6:00 pm—Golden Chorale

Tuesday
 7:00 am—Prayer Time
 10:00 am—Ladies Prayer

Wednesday
 10:00 am—Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm—Children's Choir Fellowship Supper
 6:30 pm—Prayer Meeting "Belong" Youth Worship
 Olympians/Gopher Buddies
 7:15 pm—Worship Choir

Thursday
 6:00 pm—Outreach (2nd & 4th week of month)



2 Fellowship Opportunities



SuperBowl Sunday
February 5th
6:00 pm
Fellowship Hall

Chili and hotdogs will be served. Please bring chips/dip, desserts or 2 liter drinks. For your own comfort, bring camping or lawn chairs. There will be no evening worship or discipleship on this night and Pastor Mike will present a half-time devotion.

Sweetheart Banquet
Saturday, February 11
6:30-8:30 pm



Mark your calendar now for a night out with your sweetheart!
 The cost will be \$25/couple
 Make your reservations now in the church foyer

Our menu will be:
 Chicken Parmesan with pasta
 Beef Bourguignon with gravy, asparagus, served with mashed potatoes
 Steamed broccoli and carrots
 Salad
 Carrot nut raisin bread or roll
 Cheesecake with choice of toppings



There is gladness in my heart as I write with this news: Flat Creek Baptist Church will vote next Sunday, February 5, to determine if indeed the Lord is calling us to partner together in ministry with me serving as your next senior pastor. I sense that He is, and the search committee and deacons have confirmed that leading as well. But the time is at hand for the church family to reflect and discern God's leading. I invite you to be in prayer – much prayer – as we approach a called church conference next Sunday, February 5th.

Circumstances have changed for the better in the church over the past four months that have made this possible. My goal has been to teach and model the love of Jesus in a way that builds unity in the church family. Hours before Jesus was crucified, Jesus prayed for us, asking the Father “that they may be one, even as We are.” Unity and love for one another is high on Jesus’ list of priorities. In John 13:35, Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” My hope and prayer has been to re-set the tone in the church family as one of love, respect, and open, honest communication leading to healthy problem-solving. The church is asking for leadership; I’ve attempted to provide some on a part-time basis; and the fit seems to be good.

We’ve also seen quite a turnabout financially over the past four months. You may remember me saying back in October “we cannot afford to hire a full-time pastor.” That was true then. The September general fund offerings dipped below \$20,000 for the month and the outlook was bleak through the end of the year. But that has changed for the better, and here’s how: the general fund checking account balance at the end of September was \$3,900 + change. As of January 4, 2012, that same account has a balance of \$52,619!!! That’s a great running start to the year financially – in fact, that sum amounts to approximately 18% of the annual projected budget need already in the bank at the start of the year. Remarkable! Not only did our offerings pick up in November and December, but the church responded to the “My Gift for Jesus” campaign in December by contributing right at \$25,000.

I have submitted a 12-step proposal to both the pastor search committee and deacons in order to outline steps I believe we can take as a church to grow and mature in the Lord Jesus, and reposition ourselves in the center of His will and plans for us. Because we Baptists are congregationally governed church families, in the end, your challenge is to pray and discern God’s leading as well.

To God be the glory! Let’s see how He leads in unfolding our future together! See you Sunday for Sunday School and church?

Love in Christ – Pastor Mike

Welcome New Members...

By Baptism: **Brian & Jennifer SanSeverino**
703 Sims Harris Road, Gillsville, 30543
Marissa Bryner
5572 Radford Road, Flowery Branch, 30542

Congratulations...to Josh & Heather Westmoreland on the birth of their son, William Henry, on January 10. He weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. Henry is welcomed by his big sister, Anna Kate. The proud grandparents are Gary & Patsy Bagwell and great grandmother, Annie Mae Millwood.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all your prayers, cards and visits during my recent illness. A special “thank you” to Pastor Mike Taylor for his prayers and support at the hospital. I want to especially thank my Sunday School class and the Ladies Prayer Group for their visits, cards and Christmas gift. May God bless you as he has done for me. *Phoebe Peck*

Dear Church family...Our loss is Heaven’s gain with the transition of dad’s mortal body to his eternal home. Thank you for the uplifting prayers you have expressed this past year for us, dad, and Barnett. Your gift is appreciated and will be used for the trip to Tennessee for our family memorial. *Joy Dodge & family*

CBA EXECUTIVE MEETING—Feb. 21

(HOSTED BY FLAT CREEK)
MEAL—5:30 P.M. (BY OUR KITCHEN COMMITTEE)
MEETING—6:15 (MUSIC BY FCBC CHOIR)

LifeTouch Make-up Day...If you missed your opportunity to be photographed for our new church directory and would like to be included, please contact the church office as we try to secure 15 families/individuals to justify a make up day for Lifetouch.

CHURCH GROWTH (January)	
Sunday School Average	129
Morning Worship Average	173
Evening Worship Average	60
Budget Receipts for month	\$29,671.02
Budget Receipts to date	\$29,671.02
Budget Requirement to date	\$27,443.90
Budget Expenditures to date	\$18,708.27
Building Fund Receipts to date	\$4,070.00
Building Fund Needs to date	\$3,788.00

DiscipleNow 2012

March 23-25



Generation Multitask. It’s a fitting label for an overcommitted, over-entertained generation of teenagers, don’t you think? School, band, sports, work, volunteering, and hours of “screen time,” all create a tremendous drain on their lives. *Where is the time for cultivating their relationship with Christ? The Pause* will teach our students to “hit pause” to spend time growing their relationship with God.

We need your help...in providing lodging for our DNow event. We are going to need anywhere from 6-10 homes. If you would agree to host a group of 6-10 students & one leader, please see Justin.

Youth/Parent Meeting—February 12

All youth and at least one parent should plan to join us in the youth worship area for this meeting. We will be discussing upcoming events for 2012, including DNOW, MFUGE, Youth Week, Concession Stand, Yard Sale and more. We will also be filling out permission forms and taking up deposits for camp and DNOW if you have not already paid them.

Men’s Bible Study continues

(February 11 & 25)



All men (including high school youth and up) are encouraged to join us in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. as we learn how God created us to be warriors.

Book of the Month Group

For those who care to be challenged to read the same book and then gather for discussion—Pastor Mike is beginning a group and the first meeting will be **Thursday, March 1 from 3:30-4:30**. We will begin with “The Hole in Our Gospel” by Richard Stearns (available at your local bookstore). If there is enough interest from those who work, we can also create an evening group. See Pastor Mike if you would like to host one of these groups in your home—otherwise we will meet at the church.



Notes from Jeff...

Church music is a never-ending cycle. We just finished one holiday season, and the next one is upon us. The Worship Choir is working on our Easter Cantata entitled “In the Presence of Jehovah.” The choir is also busy preparing for Sunday mornings and to sing at the CBA executive meeting which will be held at our church on Tuesday evening, February 21. It’s not too late to come and join us as we prepare to celebrate the risen King, and for singing His praises in worship. There is always room for more, so come and join us as we lift our voices in praise to the Lord.

Outreach...

There will be a Children’s Leadership meeting on Wednesday, February 1 @ 5:30. If you are on the Preschool or Children’s committee, this meeting is for you. Prepare your plate for supper and join us in the back of the fellowship hall.

Education...

If you know of anyone looking for a church home or who has drifted away from church—let us know and we will add them to our outreach list to contact and invite to Sunday School and worship.

TLP Lunch/Meeting

All senior adults are invited to join us on **Thursday, February 16 at noon**. Mandy Stertzbach will be our musical guest following lunch. We will have a “valentine card” contest—so bring your creative “homemade” valentine card and take a chance at winning a \$25 gift card to Longhorns.

