

FBC News



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2011 - A Difficult Financial Year What Will 2012 Bring?

The financial figures for 2011 have been finalized and prove what we already knew - the year was a difficult year financially. Our actual expenses exceeded our income by nearly \$65,000. BUOH in Missions also fell short, with the actual expenses exceeding income by \$60,000. You may be concerned these deficits mean that we have unpaid bills and obligations, but we do not. Over the last several years when our yearly income exceeded the expenses, we were able to build financial reserves, a "rainy day fund." That rainy day arrived in 2011 and while we were able to use these reserves to cover the deficits, the reserves are now substantially reduced.

Plans are being implemented to prevent a similar situation from developing in 2012. Previously approved staff salary increases for 2012 will not be instituted and the staff has committed to carefully evaluate their program and ministry expenditures. Additionally, the Stewardship Development Workgroup will be meeting soon to review the financial picture and recommend appropriate actions as deemed necessary.

This failure to fully fund our obligations is disappointing and not typical in our history. However, we should not be disheartened. In 2011 FBC touched countless persons through its ministries, and through the personal witness, service, and love of its members.

We made a commitment to continue to be a face of Christ in our community and we accomplished that goal, largely through the expenditures of the Ministry Budget and BUOH in Missions.

We remain committed to being a face of Christ in 2012. Each of us has family members, friends, and neighbors, locally and globally, who need to experience Christ in a personal and life changing way. We will remain faithful to our calling of serving Christ and helping others to experience his love. The extent of that success relies greatly on the availability of our financial resources. Will we focus on the shortfalls of the past, or will we confidently look forward to the future with the expectancy of new opportunities the Holy Spirit may offer to us? This question is posed to each of us individually, and to all of us corporately. As we spend this year exploring in depth "the mind of Christ," let us look to his example as we ponder this question.

Our Sunday School Attendance

Sunday, January 8	529
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Our Best Wishes to Susan Cruse

Our Ministries Coordinator, Susan Cruse, will be moving to Lynchburg, VA in the coming weeks. She has ministered among us since 1986 and faithfully served on the church staff since 1998. All of us have been touched by her gift of music, which she has graciously shared in so many ways.

As Susan prepares to begin life in a new place, we invite you to send her your well-wishes. You may choose to write her a note, or send her an email at susan@fredericksburgbaptistchurch.org, or simply stop by the church office!

Susan's last Sunday with us will be on Sunday, January 22nd, where you will have an opportunity to greet her more personally following each of the worship services that day. God's blessings on you, Susan, as you begin an exciting new chapter in your life!

Our 2012 Financial Stewardship

Ministry Budget

Weekly Needs	\$26,766
Sunday, January 8	\$21,177
Y-T-D Total	\$37,788
Ahead/Behind Budget	-\$15,627

BUOH in Missions

Weekly Needs	\$4,808
Sunday, January 8	\$2,674
Y-T-D Total	\$4,969
Ahead/Behind Goal	-\$4,648

Looking Ahead

Saturday, January 14

Minister on Call-Mike Patch 720-3100

Sunday, January 15

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:15pm Deacon's Meeting
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture
5:00pm Nepali Worship
7:00pm Contemporary Worship

Monday, January 16

10:00am Staff Meeting
7:00pm Property Workgroup

Tuesday, January 17

10:00am ESL Classes
6:00pm Ministry of Health Workgroup

Wednesday, January 18

5:20pm Church Family Dinner
6:00pm Media Center Opens
6:00pm PS/Children/Youth Activities
6:00pm Citizenship Class
6:10pm Prayer Time/Adult Study
6:35pm First Light
7:20pm Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 19

10:00am ESL Classes
4:00pm International Choir
5:00am Community Dinner

Friday, January 20

Saturday, January 21

Minister on Call-Larry Haun 786-7762
7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, January 22

8:30am Worship
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
12:30pm Kirundi/Swahili Hymns & Scripture
5:00pm Nepali Worship
7:00pm Contemporary Worship



The January Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, at 7:15pm in Ferrell Hall.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu For January 18

Grilled Hot Dogs and Hamburgers, Seasoned Potato Wedges, Bowl of Chili, Tossed Salad, Sliced Tomato, Lettuce, Onions, Cheese, Fruit, PB&J Sandwiches, Dessert

Responsibilities for January 15, 2012

Extended Session

8:30am Service

Contact Person:
Erin Silver 809-1303

Infant Care (PA14):

Van & Tammy Snellings

Toddlers & Preschoolers (PA12):

Frankie & Anna Lee

11:00am Service

Contact Person:

Norah Pence 379-0501

Bed Babies:

Ellen Mayo, Jan Pierson, Liz Garnett

Toddlers :

Aaron & Tara Lehmann

2s

Allen Bennett, Kathy Davis

3s & 4s:

Carla Harrington, Elizabeth Papier

Greeters Schedule

Princess Anne St: Jerry & Vicki Silver

Hallway outside Chapel: Mike Wondree

Sanctuary Door: Joe & Pat DiCecca

Caroline Street: Harris & Dottie Judy

Children's Area: Bea Wondree

Youth Area: Volunteer from Youth Class

Amelia St: Hugh Mullen

Bus Drivers

8:30am

Basu Mudhel

9:45am

Dean Goff, Dewey Lowman,
Jimmy McGlone

Ushers

8:30am

Andy Moore, Bob Edwards
John & Beth Elkins

11:00am

Joe & Pat DiCecca,
Phyllis Patton, Winston Ward,
John Lawson, Mary Wayland Lawson

Deacons

8:30am

Cassie Hart, Sam Smart,
John & Susan Snellings
Marsha Stewart (W&B)
Ralph Stewart (W&B)

11:00am

Bill Tignor, Marla Tignor,
Ken Whitescarver, Jackie Haney
Tommy Settle, Reuben Pitts,
Randall Pierce
Jimmy Hilldrup (W&B)
Bill King (W&B)

Audio Operators

8:30am Randy Hart

11:00am Donna Haney

Among Our Family

In The Hospital

Healthsouth: Betty Walters

Spotsy Regional Med. Ctr.

Charlie Merrill

National Rehab Hospital:

Katie Berry

Sympathy To

Janice Clark in the death of her brother, Randy Pritchett;

Mike King in the death of his father, and B.J. King & Greg King, in the death of their grandfather, Earl King

Daphna Marsh in the death of her uncle, Warren Lilly

Welcome New Members

Jean and Berry English

Thank You

I wish to express my thanks to my church family for the kind words, cards, and prayers expressed to me in the death of my beloved brother, Charles Hedrick. It has been a great comfort.

Shirley Onderdonk

Special Gifts

In Memory of

Ministry Memorial Fund for **Charles Hedrick**, given by John & Margaret Ingram...for **Dennis Hundley**, given by John & Margaret Ingram...for **Dean Freeman**, given by John A. Hitchens; Ruth J. & Stuart D. Houck; Richard Roder...for **Verena Johnson**, given by Jim & Bettie Wiltshire

Music Ministry for **Charles Hedrick**, given by Franklin & Virginia Powell; Betty J. & Charlotte M. Walker; Bill & Nancy Young

Special Friends for **Dean Freeman**, given by Sonny & Linda Pulliam

In Honor of

CBF Affiliate Fund for **Tori Wentz**, given by Chris & Gail Hylton

Capital Campaign for **Jackie Haney**, given by Mary-Martha Class...for **Edie Dyal**, given by Mary-Martha Class