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FAITH FORWARD

— Rev. Josh Roberts

Dear Church Family,

Did you know that families matter a great deal to God? How do we know? Because, before God created nations, governments, or any other institutions, He created the family. Then, when He ushered His redemptive plan to save humanity by sending His one and only son to dwell with us, He did so by having Jesus born in to a family. Jesus had an earthly mom and dad and brothers and sisters. In other words, God entrusted the human growth and development of our Savior by partnering with a human family.

I write this for two reasons. First, Jesus' plan to redeem the world

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A Valentine's Day Event that's sure to be fun for **EVERYONE**

as Not-So-Newlywed couples see how much they really know about each other!

February 19th - 5:30 p.m.

Bring your family and friends and join us in our Fellowship Hall for dinner and fun!

No charge — donations are gratefully accepted



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The Bonus Round

FPC Bartow's weekly podcast where Pastor Josh and Lloyd Harris answer questions about the previous Sunday's sermon. Listen on our website. Go to fpcbartow.org and click **Watch Worship Live** at the top of the page. Submit questions to Josh@fpcbartow.org

Sunday School For All Ages

Join us **Sunday mornings at 9 AM** for Sunday School. We have classes for all ages, children through adult. Let's grow together!
Come to Sunday School!

Honoring Our Acolytes

Each Sunday morning, our Acolytes (candle lighters) light the candles during our morning worship service. We will honor their dedication on Sunday, February 26, during our Morning Worship Service.

LET'S PRAY

Pray One For Another —James 5:16

LET US
PRAY

Reggie Arnold, Sharon & Rollo Arnold, Mica Barrington, Laurie Benton, John Bianco, Wayne Blount, Tom Bolton, Margaret Boren, Dr. Bill Brown in China, Harriet Campbell, Wayne Canady, Dan Cooley, LeeAnne Deese, Deborah Draper, Hunter Dupree, John Dye, Grace Eckman & family, Cliff & Lena Ellis, Tiffany Fogleson, Kennah Orr Gervais, Kathy Grimes, Sarah Hallock, Dot Harris, Joyce Hatch, Hank & Dot Henry and Family, Travis Hoover, Matt Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Charlotte Jordan & sons Weston & Carson, Linda Keene, Andy Laurent, Fred & Sheila Lepley, Richard Lewis, Floyd & Myoko McLain, Connie Meeks, Becky Miller and family, Ryan Moon, Bill Morgan, Frank & Monette Munroe, Karolyn Nunnallee, Riley Joy Osborn, David Patt, Willene Pawley, Bill Pendleton, Porter Reed, Caroline Schulz, Jack Schulz, Lisa Shenson, Curtis Smith, James Spoon, John Stansel, Trent Town, Debbie Turbe, Karen Vadala, Rich & Amy Till and family, Stephen Washington, Billy Whitaker, Glenda Wiggins, Serlie Williams, Beau Wilmoth, Gary Wilson, Our Pastor & his family, Our Elders, Our Children & Youth, Our Military & their families, Our Nation & Leaders, Our Community, and Our Church.

Get to know your FPC Family Ministry



Join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, February 26th** immediately following our **Morning Worship Service** to learn more about **Family Ministry at FPC Bartow.**

Find out what we have to offer and how you can join a family ministry group. Lunch will be provided.



Clean-up Day

FEBUARY 25TH

9AM-2PM

STAY FOR A LITTLE,
STAY FOR AWHILE

WE HAVE JOBS FOR EVERYONE!

WE WILL ALSO BE BUILDING
OUR NEW PLAYGROUND!

LUNCH PROVIDED

See you there!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Calendar

02/01 Deena Porter
02/02 Josh Roberts
02/05 Sophie Roberts
02/06 Skye Smith
02/07 Ashley Jackson
Charlotte Jordan
02/08 Bruce Munroe
02/09 Jacob Hinton
Andy Laurent
Kaitlyn Lord
02/10 Mary Tindell
02/12 Allison Kesler
Jace Lippett
Carson Rady
02/15 Debra Gensch
02/16 Aaron Lord
02/17 Zach Hastings
02/20 Alexis Mathis
02/22 Laurie Benton
Ann Whitehead
02/25 Drew Boren
02/27 Devona Sellers

Happy Birthday!

*Did we forget your birthday?
Let us know so we can add you to our
calendar! Call (863) 533-5005 or
email us office@fpcbartow.org*

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and our lives included creating a new type of family - a Church Family. If you are reading this letter, we consider you a part of our church family. We want to know you better, care for you more, and serve alongside of you. I hope you'll consider leaning in this year by spending time with and getting to know your church family better. Second, because families matter to God they absolutely matter to us at FPC Bartow. Therefore, I also hope you'll consider joining in this year by investing your time and resources in to caring and supporting the growing number of families that God continues to entrust to our church family and city. Would you consider joining us in family ministry? You can serve weekly, monthly or quarterly by helping out in our Kids and/or Student Ministries. **You can sign up right now by [CLICKING HERE!](#)**

Also, during this month there are 2 really great ways to get involved. **First, you can join us on February 25 from 9am-2pm for a work day.** We will be working in our Kids' Ministry classrooms and starting to build the playground. You can come for an hour or stay all day! It'll be a blast, and there will be plenty of opportunities to join in and help regardless of skill level and mobility. **Also, the following day, Sunday, February 26 we will be hosting a lunch immediately following the Sunday Morning Worship Service to discuss all Family Ministry (birth-high school) at FPC Bartow.** You can join us to learn more about our upcoming plans, needs, and ways to participate. If you are a parent of a student, we would love for you to consider joining us to offer feedback on the needs of your family and hear about some of our upcoming plans!

I am positive that if you'll lean in on Saturday, February 25 and/or Sunday, February 26, you'll be glad you did. Our church family and city will be better for it, as well!

The Best Is Yet To Come!

— Josh

THANK YOU

Thank You for Your Faithful Giving

Thank you for your continued support of the mission & ministry of First Presbyterian Church! We have been truly blessed by the spirit of generosity in our church! Your gift helps us live out our mission of connecting every life to Jesus.

Ways for you to give:

- ♦ by mail - 355 S. Florida Ave. Bartow, 33830
- ♦ online - [CLICK HERE](#) to be taken to our secure giving portal.
- ♦ at church - during morning worship

Thank you again for your faithfulness and generosity.

Happy
Valentine's Day

God Loves You

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Join us every Sunday 9 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship			1	2	3	4
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY	6	7	8	9 Feeding Bartow at CSC; 1-2:30 PM 6-10 PM - Emmaus Team Training	10	11
12	13 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study; Place TBA	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Don't forget your Valentine!	15	16 6-10 PM - Emmaus Team Training 6:00 PM Christian Ed. Com.; Church Office 6:30 PM Session; East Room	17	18
19 5:30 PM Family Fellowship Event "Not-So-Newlywed Game" and Dinner; Fellowship Hall	20	21	22	23 Feeding Bartow at CSC; 1-2:30 PM	24	25 8:30 AM - 1 PM Emmaus Team Training 9 AM - 2 PM Church Clean-up & Playground Assembly Day! Lunch Provided!
26 Acolyte Pin Presentation during Morning Worship Family Ministry Info Day in Fellowship Hall after Morning Worship. Lunch provided	27 6:00 PM Women's Bible Study; Place TBA	28				

Schedule of Weekly Events

Sundays:

- 9:00 AM — Sunday School
- 9:35 AM — Pre-Service Prayer; meet in Sanctuary
- 10:15 AM — Worship

Mondays:

- 4:00 PM — Intercessory Prayer; Church Library

Tuesdays:

- 12:00 PM — The Bonus Round Podcast; streaming live on Facebook, Twitter, & YouTube

Wednesday:

- 5:15 PM — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Choir Room
- 5:30 - 6 PM — Dinner in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday:

- 6:15 PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal; Choir Room
- 6:15 - 7:30 PM
 - ⇒ Wednesday Warriors
 - King's Kids Choir Rehearsal - 7- 7:30 PM
 - ⇒ Pursuit Youth; Room West 6 upstairs
 - ⇒ Growth Wednesdays (schedule on back of calendar)

Thursday:

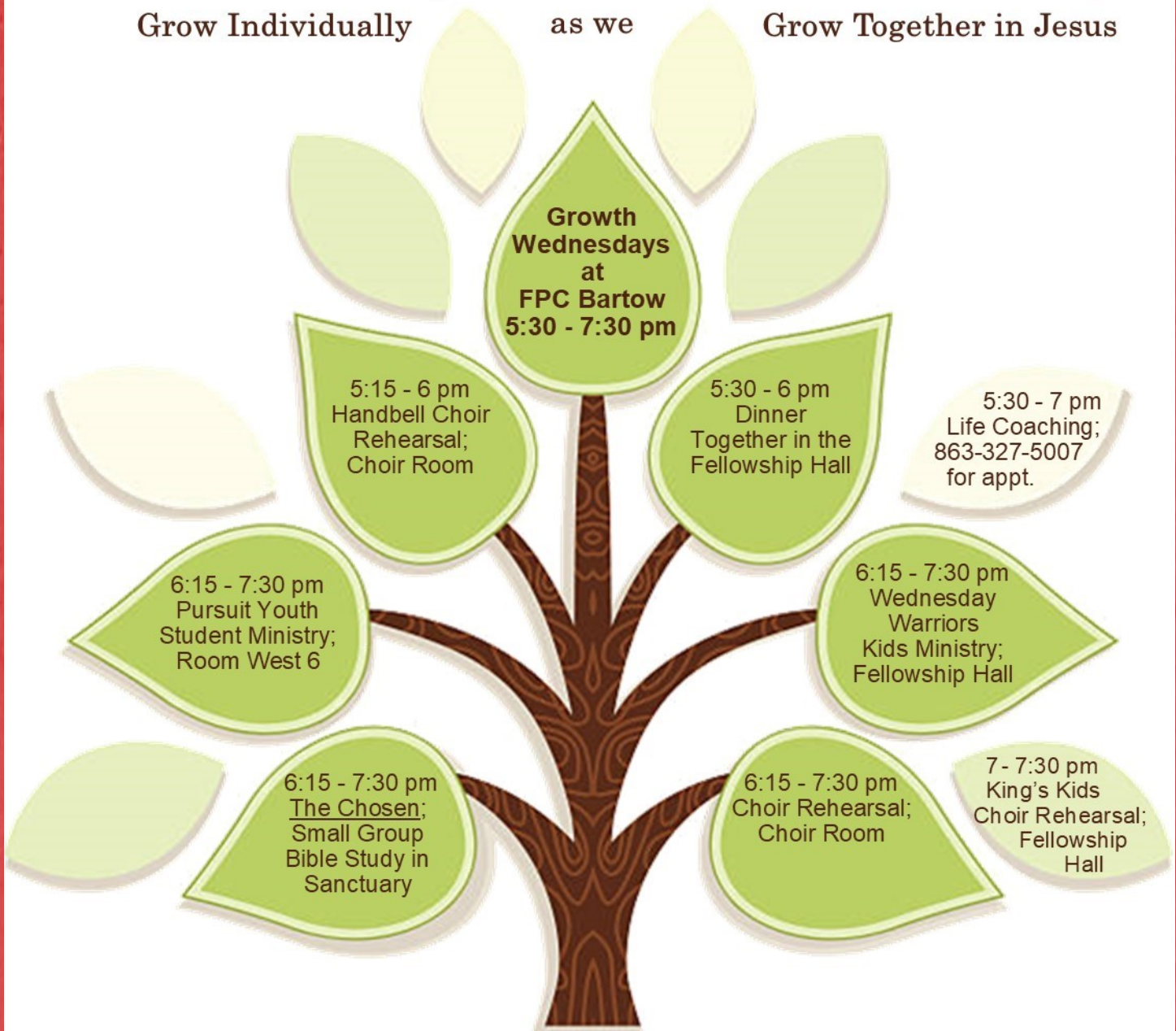
- 7:30 AM — Men's Bible Study at PalletOne; 6001 Foxtrot Avenue; Bartow
- 9:30 AM — Ladies Bible Study; Church Library (Sep — May)
- 2:30 - 4:30 PM — Grace Diner Meal Ministry; take-home meals served on 355 S. Florida Avenue

Growth Wednesdays • FPC Bartow • 5:30-7:30 pm

Grow Individually

as we

Grow Together in Jesus



GROWTH WEDNESDAYS WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

- 5:30 - 6 p.m. — Supper served in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested donation - \$5 per person.
- 5:30 - 6 p.m. — Handbell Choir Rehearsal; Choir Room (*Adult Classes & Choir Rehearsal will begin at 6:15 pm to give Handbell members an opportunity to grab some dinner*)
- 5:30 - 7 p.m. — 101 Life Coaching with Deena Fussell; 10-15 minute appointments available; text (863) 327-5007 to make an appointment
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Pursuit Youth Student Ministry; Youth Room upstairs, West 6
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Wednesday Warriors Kids Ministry; Fellowship Hall followed by King's Kids Choir from 7 - 7:30 pm; Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — The Chosen Small Group Bible Study; in Sanctuary
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal; Choir room