

MONDAY, APRIL 1 - WEDNESDAY APRIL 3

LIFT LAMAR

LOVING AND LIFTING OUR COMMUNITY TO JESUS

Lift Lamar exists to provide a concentrated time for our church to intentionally love our community and lift them to Jesus through service that is fueled by the Gospel.

Lift Lamar is an opportunity to serve our local community through small scheduled mission projects throughout the week. There will be mission projects available for all age groups and abilities.

Will you begin praying about being a part of this opportunity?

Project sign ups will be available in the Welcome Center by March 3. Online sign ups will be available Tues. March 5.



Last Day to Sign Up For Projects

Sunday, March 24

Worship and Team Meet and Greet Night!

Sunday, March 31 at 6:30pm

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GENERATIONS *following*

CAMPAIGN BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, *that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.*

Psalm 48: 12-14



From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster

In our Sunday morning series **"When Bad Things Happen to God's People,"** we've faced the fact that life hits us with some painful things that we can't understand. I remember when I was at Auburn University and decided to pursue a future in the field of teaching science, but I had one big hurdle I had to get over and that was physics! I somehow had escaped taking physics in high school. I had opted instead for marine biology in my senior year at Sarasota High School. And the only reason I passed pre-calculus with trigonometry is because my teacher was also my football coach! So, I had never taken physics and I didn't have the math background to take it. But I had to get through it in order to pursue my goal.

My physics professor was Asian and, as I like to say, I learned more Chinese than I did physics. Every day, after filling up three chalkboards with numbers and symbols, that brilliant man would end class with a smile and the same words, **"You no understand? You go home and study and you understand!"** Well, I went home and studied, and I still didn't understand. But I didn't drop out of school, and I didn't ditch my major. I persevered and finally got my degree in Secondary Science Education. And oh, by the way, by the mercy of the good Lord and that professor, I made C's in Physics.

Life is like that. We can't quit because painful things happen to us, we don't understand. **James 1:12** says, **"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him."**

We had a good month in February with 380 in Bible Study. We enjoyed such events as the **R. A. Racer Derby** on February 3rd, **Upward Games** on Friday and Saturdays with the Awards Night on Sunday, February 24th, and **The Canopy**, a worship event for women on February 28th.

March is filled with some great opportunities:

- Our **BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEKEND** will take place on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Our guest speaker for the event is **Andy Cook**, founder of a unique ministry called **"Experience Israel Now."** Andy makes the Land of the Bible come alive to us through his virtual video presentations of the history, geography and archeology of the Holy Land.
- We begin our **GENERATIONS FOLLOWING FAITH-RAISING CAMPAIGN** on Sunday, March 3rd through the end of the month. This will be five Sundays of encouragement and challenge as we look to the future together and seek to discern and follow God's will for our church.
- Steve Levinson** will be with us for a **CREATION SEMINAR** on Sunday evening, March 10th at 6:30 in our Sanctuary.
- We will continue to sell tickets to the **Priscilla Shirer Simulcast "Going Beyond Live"** that takes place on Saturday, April 6th.

March is going to be a great month! **COME EXPECTANTLY!**

I love you,

Garth



STUDENTS

Student Serve Day: Sat. March 16 from 10a till 3p, join us as we serve our church!

Worship: Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Follow us @drivenFBC



YOUNG ADULTS

Spring Break Mission Trip: March 10-14, cost \$100. We will be going to Lloyd, Florida to serve a local church.

Common Ground: Wednesdays at 8pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Coffee and Conversation:** Tues. March 5 at 10:30a in the Annex. We will be in learning about creative solutions to the challenge of missional living.
- Landscape Workday:** Sat. March 9 from 8am till noon
- Creation Seminar:** Sun. March 10 at 6:30p
- Deacons' Meeting:** Sun. March 10 at 7:30p
- GA Overnight:** March 15 - more details will be given soon
- Young at Heart:** Thurs. March 21 at 11a, reservations required for lunch.

Going **BEYOND**
SIMULCAST

with **PRISCILLA SHIRER**
(formerly Priscilla Shirer Simulcast)

APRIL 6, 2019
#GOINGBEYONDLIVE

Doors open at 9a/ Simulcast begins at 10a (Tickets include lunch)

Tickets are \$20 each.

A Word of Thanks

Thank you for the prayers from everyone during the death of my mom. My church family is a sweet, loving, and caring body of believers.

Love,
The Manghams

Thanks to all our church family for the love, prayers and support for all of us following the death of my mother. It really means a lot to know you are here for all of us especially in times of need like this. Good bless you all.

Love,
Lynda Sue Trice, Vikki, Amber and Wade