



Because We Care

December 2013

Pastor's Voice

WE ARE FAMILY



Beloved,

Here at Family Bible Fellowship, WE ARE FAMILY! And I truly thank God for each and every one of you. God has a divine

purpose for us collectively as part of His family. And He has a divine purpose for every member of the family that is intricately woven together to fulfill the collective purpose. I'M PREACHING NOW!!!

Therefore, we NEED one another! And as a popular gospel song says, "It is His will that every need be supplied. You are important to me. I need you to survive...stand with me, agree with me. I love you. I NEED YOU TO SURVIVE."

And remember, because we are family:

1. We have a divine Connection!

"For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being." ---Ephesians 3:14-16 (NIV)

2. We have a common Denominator!

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

---Galatians 3:26-29 (NIV)

3. We have an uncommon Praise!

"Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises."

---Hebrews 2:11-12 (NIV)

Merry Christmas

Loving you,

Pastor Horacio S. Jones



Bible Study Schedule

Wednesday and Friday Night Live
September 20 - December 13, 7:00pm - 9:00pm
(No class on November 27)

Zumba Class

Mondays and Thursdays
(\$8.00/class or \$70/10 classes)

Christmas Program

December 22, 10:45am

Church-wide Christmas Fellowship

December 20, 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Watch Night Service

December 31st, 2013

REACHING UP

Hearing from God

FBF reaches up in corporate worship every Sunday! There have been so many messages from God delivered by Pastor Jones and others. A message series that was incredibly powerful had the same title as the most popular TV series, "Scandals."

A scandal can be defined as a discredit to a religious figure or religion brought upon by disorderly conduct by a leader. Or it can be a discredit to an individual because of disorderly conduct. But, it is not a scandal until it is exposed.

There are multiple scandals in the Bible, including:

1. The fall of Lucifer, Isa. 14:12
2. The fall of man, Gen 3:17
3. The falling between brothers, Gen 4:8-9.

What causes scandals:

1. Seeking praise instead of staying in your place or position
2. Pursuing pleasure instead of fulfilling your purpose
3. Wanting approval without willing to pay the price.

To avoid scandals value God, yourself, and others. And to recover from a scandal, you must learn, grow, and become better from it. Then, you must move on!

The greatest scandal in the history of humanity

is the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. So, always remember:

1. Jesus is the WAY out of any scandal
2. Jesus is the TRUTH that you need to never revisit your scandals
3. Jesus is the LIFE that can emerge in the aftermath of your scandal.

HEBREWS 11:1-12

Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season and every season.

May God bless and keep you,

Myra Crenshaw

REACHING OUT

FBF Serves the Community

FBF continues to serve the community with a special focus on the youth in 3 programs.

Kamp Xtreme is a summer camp for elementary school children focusing on Christ while engaging in developmental activities and field trips.

Summer Algebra Institute enriched the math and algebra skills of middle school students and emphasized the history of mathematics beginning in Africa.

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Many students improved their grades, including those who have gone from D's to B's.

The Block Party supplied over 100 K - 12 students with backpacks filled with school supplies. And most of all 11 people accepted Christ.

REACHING OUT Ladies Day Out Brunch

Greetings everyone,

This is the day that the Lord has made and I am glad to be rejoicing in it! As the director over Women, Worship and Word ministry, I would personally like to thank all of the ladies who attended our outing and brunch to Souls restaurant, located in the city of Oakland. It



was a wonderful sight to see the gathering of the sisters of faith coming together to break bread in such a wonderful atmosphere. You were all laughing, taking pictures, eating off of one another's plates and just having a flat out hallelujah great time!

All of you are so very dear to my heart, and I would love for us to get together again real soon. I would also like to give a special thanks to First Lady Lisa Anderson from In His Image ministries in Lathrop, California. Thank you Lady Lisa for your partnership and for sharing in this special gathering of our women's ministries. Your ladies were great and this was truly a day that will not be soon forgotten.

Ladies, I know the holidays are quickly approaching, and it is my desire that we all come together again to make the season very special. So please look for more information regarding the festivities in the coming weeks.

I love you all, and I thank you again for loving and supporting me. My prayer is for each of you to have a wonderfully blessed rest of the week in Jesus and to experience an abundance of spiritual, emotional and physical wealth within your lives...amen!

Chasing hard after the Master,

First Lady Florence V. Jones

Women, Worship and Word- Ministry Director



MINISTRY OF THE MONTH

Deacon Ordination Celebration

On Sunday afternoon August 18th, FBF was blessed to ordain three new deacons with their wives: Deacon Aaron Jones (Tina), Deacon Andre Lewis (Millie), and Deacon Jason Miller (Adrian). The Ordained Word was preached by our own Rev. Dr. Lyman Alexander, Executive Director of Missions for East Bay Baptist Association. The topic was, "Deacons: Leaders Who Help Lighten the Load (of the Pastor)", and scripture from Exodus 18:13-23. A deacon must:



1. Be a man of good character: make sound decisions to counsel others, respected in the community, can be trusted, looks out for others (not just himself), not a womanizer

2. Saved man who respects and fear God
3. Have a truth for God, being trustworthy and dependable
4. Be a man who hates dishonest gain and cannot be bribed.

The Ordained Charge was given by Pastor Arthur McKay of Trinity Baptist Church in Daly City, CA. And the Ordained Consecration was given by FBF daughter, Pastor Wilma Traylor of In His Hands Ministries in Oakland, CA.

"A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:11-13

This ministry is lead by God's faithful and dependable servant Deacon James White.

Community Spotlight

FBF was visited by Teresa Cox, candidate for CA State Assembly. She is currently serving on the Board of Trustees for Ohlone College, where she is the first African American to be elected. And she is the first African American woman to earn a B.S. in Nuclear Engineering. Our best wishes go out to her!!!



Pastor Jones and Teresa Cox, candidate for CA State Assembly

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