

**March 1, 2018**

**Exalting the Savior,  
Evangelizing the Lost,  
Equipping the Church,**

**A Note from the Pastor**  
by Dr. Steven Weems

Dear FBC Leeds Family,

In Luke chapter 14, Jesus tells His disciples a parable of a great supper where the master of the house tells his men to go out into all the city and invite all they see to the dinner. When the master notices there is still room he says, "Go out to the highways and hedge-rows and compel them to come in that my home may be filled." (Mark 14:23). I love that word "compel." It means to bring in by ear-

nest persuasion. The master's men were to go into all the city and with all their energy and gifts they were to do their absolute best to bring people into the house of their master.

You don't have to be a Biblical scholar to understand Jesus' meaning behind this parable. Bringing people into the house of God to hear the great news of the Gospel is not something that is optional for believers. Every single person that has given their life to Christ has the privilege to bring others into His great house! This is why we are

## VBS June 3-7

**119 Years of VBS, Reaching 25,000+ Churches & 2.5 Million People Annually**

Vacation Bible School has been a vital part of church ministry since 1898 and is used by more than 25,000 churches each year to reach 2.5 million young people. Last year, more than 70,000 salvation decisions were reported as a direct result of VBS. VBS isn't just about fun, games, and snacks. Its primary purpose is leading people to experience the life-transforming power of the gospel.

### LifeWay's VBS - Game On!

LifeWay's 2018 VBS invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with Game On VBS.



### Theme Verse

His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3

### Motto

Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!

## VBS Interest Meeting and Luncheon

If you plan to serve this year in VBS or would like additional information about serving, please plan to join Melena Gough, Pam Saunier and Oakley Luker along with the Children's Ministry Team for the VBS Interest Meeting and Luncheon on Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> immediately following the morning service.



(continued from the pastor's article)

starting the "Find Your One" campaign here at First Baptist Church, Leeds as a way to encourage each and every believer to reach out and COMPEL at least one person or family to come into the house of Lord. Just start with one person or one family that you know does not already attend church and reach out to them and earnestly persuade them to join you one Sunday for worship here at FBC Leeds.

If we all make the specific effort to "Find Your One," we will fill the house of the Lord and the glory of Jesus will shine through all highways and hedgerows of Leeds, Alabama!

So I encourage you to pray, seek God's face, and go Find Your One! And let's fill the house of the Lord together!

In Him,  
Bro. Steven

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## COMING EVENTS at FBCL

### Upward End of Season

- March 3 - Food, Games, and More
- March 4 - Parent Appreciation Sunday  
(Parent Breakfast at 10 am | Worship at 10:45 am)

### Youth Easter Service

March 14 - 5:30-8 pm

### VBS Interest Meeting

March 18 in the Fellowship Hall  
(following the morning service)

### Business Meeting

March 25

### Holy Week Services

March 26-30 at Cedar Grove Baptist Church

### Spring Break Week No Wednesday Services

March 28

### Easter Sunday

April 1