

In Worship Today

December 31, 2017

Offertory: "Awesome God" Jonny Elrod, piano

Today's Message: Rev. Ed Johnson
"The Challenge of Tomorrow" (Joshua 1:1-11, 16-18, 3:1-6)

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

The church office will be closed from **Dec 25 – Jan 1**. Any donations postmarked by **Dec 31**, as well as donations made online by midnight on **Dec 31** will receive contribution credit for 2017.



Come Join us for an afternoon of fellowship & food.

REMOVE DECORATIONS | 3PM FELLOWSHIP DINNER | 5:30PM THURS | JAN 4

Removing the Christmas decorations takes half the time as putting them up! And this year we have a free spaghetti dinner and all the fixins' (donations accepted) following in the Fellowship Hall to reward you for your hard work in helping us get our Worship Center ready for

the new year. Sign up on the Connection Card. You may sign up for either event, but please consider signing up for both.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT SAT | JAN 6 | 5-9PM

This month's theme is Pokemon... come and catch 'em all! Cost is \$15 per child, birth – grade 5, with a maximum of \$40 per family. We will feed your child if you provide a meal. If your child has any allergies, please pack a snack or food, otherwise we will provide a snack. Register and pay online at fbsweetwater.org/events, or make checks payable to FB Sweetwater referencing, "Parent's Night Out" in the memo. This event is a fundraiser for our Student Choir Summer Mission Tour.



READ THROUGH THE BIBLE CHALLENGE 2018

Suggested reading plans are at the welcome centers or online.

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

To give online, go to fbsweetwater.org and click on the green Online Giving button.

LOTTIE MOON POSTAL CENTER

Please be sure to pick up any Christmas cards you may have received at the Postal Center TODAY.

F-ORGIVE...B-LESS...S-ERVE

FBS Ladies' Retreat, **March 9-11**, Lake Yale Conference Center. Join us at this peaceful lakeside retreat center, as we look forward to hearing from special guest speaker, Sandy McRaney. An \$80 deposit is due by **Jan 7**. Reference "ladies' retreat" on your check, or register and pay online at fbsweetwater.org. by clicking on the "Ladies' Retreat" button. Complete the retreat brochure, which can be found at the Welcome Desk or online.

UPPER CLASS PROGRAM MON | JAN 8 | 11:30AM

Don't miss the unique harmony of the Weaver Believer Band. Sign up on the Connection Card and bring your covered dish to share.

We look forward to a special treat next Sunday, **Jan 7**, when the Weaver Believer Band will lead our worship service.

WOMEN'S PRECEPTS CLASS LUKE PART 2 | JAN 8 - MAR 12

Melody Ringenberg will lead this class. You needn't have done part 1 to come. Daily homework involved. No childcare offered. Questions? Contact Melody at rriegenberg@cfl.rr.com. Sign up on the Connection Card if you'd like to attend.

WOMEN ON MISSION KICKOFF TUES | JAN 9 | 9:30AM

Mark your calendars for an exciting start to the Women On Mission new year! Sweetwater's own Eric Reinhold, a Certified Financial Planner, will be our speaker at our first covered dish luncheon. Eric specializes in retirement income and estate planning and has served at FBS in many leadership roles. Eric has also written two children's novels as well as a financial book in 2016. Don't forget to bring something yummy for our luncheon!

DEACON ORDINATION JAN 21 | 10:30AM

We will focus our morning worship service on the ancient practice of ordination as four men join our group of ordained deacons. Bill Zang, Bob Wade, Andy Barclay and Ed Gay will be sharing testimonies. The deacon body will add thirteen men in 2018 bringing the number of active deacons to 23.

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP

Looking for a phone number of a member? In order to download the FBS Church Directory App, we need your permission first to be added to the app. To do that, please give us your e-mail address on the Connection Card. Then you will receive an e-mail with the information on how to download the app to your phone or computer.

Sunday, December 31

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
12:00 pm 1st Time Guest Reception

Monday, January 1, 2018

Happy New Year!
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool
6:30 pm PSMAT Meeting (A133)

Wednesday, Jan 3

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool

Thursday, Jan 4

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool
3:00 pm Remove Christmas Decorations
(Worship Center)
5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner (FH)

Friday, Jan 5

No Sweetwater Christian Preschool

Saturday, Jan 6

Sunday, Jan 7

9:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
12:00 pm 1st Time Guest Reception

Since the church office was closed last week,
the financials and attendance totals will be
updated on **Jan 7**.

Ways to Give at FBS:

- ◆ Mail to the church office
- ◆ Place donation in the offering plate
- ◆ Bill pay through your bank or financial institution
- ◆ Online Giving at fbsweetwater.org (one time, recurring, weekly, bi-weekly or monthly). If you don't have an account, click on NEW MEMBER and follow the prompts



**Kingdom Kids Children's Church
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade**

Kids, worship with your family at the beginning of service, then watch for our Kingdom Kids Team to escort you to our Kingdom Kids space. We'll bring you back to the Worship Center before the service ends.

Pastor Search Team (PSMAT):

Amy Bailey, Bart Barrett, Bill Chatlos, Nick Elkins, Chad Garmon, Greg Larson, Ron Pierson, Melody Ringenberg, Sarah Taylor.

Questions or suggestions? Email the team at pastorsearch@fbsweetwater.org

The **CHALLENGE** of **TOMORROW**

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