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#### Office Hours:

M-Th 9am—3pm; F 9am—1pm

Sunday School	9:45am
Morning Worship	11:00am
Evening Worship	6:00pm
Wednesday	6:30pm



## DAILY PRAYER POINTS

### Focus: Upward Basketball & Cheer

- 1-Jan First week of practice to be a good experience
- 2-Jan Upward Program reaches exactly the families that need it
- 3-Jan Practice time devotions
- 4-Jan A wonderful spirit among all involved
- 5-Jan Scholarships for those who cannot afford to participate
- 6-Jan Encouragement for league administrators
- 7-Jan Our Commissioners
- 8-Jan Coaches to be patient
- 9-Jan Children to listen and want to learn
- 10-Jan Parents to be encouraging
- 11-Jan Operation of clocks, scoreboards, and other details
- 12-Jan New friendships
- 13-Jan Open hearts
- 14-Jan Enthusiasm to remain high
- 15-Jan Non-Christian players and cheerleaders
- 16-Jan Non-Christian parents
- 17-Jan Safety for everyone traveling
- 18-Jan Volunteers
- 19-Jan A smooth and organized first game day
- 20-Jan (First game day) Those leading halftimes
- 21-Jan Those without a church home
- 22-Jan Referees
- 23-Jan A spirit of sportsmanship among parents
- 24-Jan Safety for all players and cheerleaders
- 25-Jan Coaches who need spiritual growth
- 26-Jan A positive spirit on the court on Saturday
- 27-Jan (Second game day) Those leading halftimes
- 28-Jan Team and squad parents
- 29-Jan Coaches as they share devotions
- 30-Jan Preparation of the hearts of those who will hear the gospel
- 31-Jan The opportunity to invite families to our church



January  
2018

Church Office Closed Jan 1

# BBOQ

## FUNDRAISER

### JAN 13 11:30-2:30P

### EAT IN OR TAKE OUT

Proceeds to benefit Capital Building Fund. Tickets available now from church office or members of the Vision 20/20 team.



## Apr 21 | 8am

Church Wide Yard & Bake Sale  
Presented by Vision 20/20

Please begin gathering your donations now! No clothing please. We will start collecting in mid January. We will also need our fantastic bakers to whip up some delicious cakes to sell. The proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign.

# disciplelife classes

Wednesdays @ 6pm | Fellowship @ 5:30pm

## a beautiful design

AN UNCHANGING  
PLAN IN AN  
EVERCHANGING  
WORLD

1/3-2/28

## STEPS

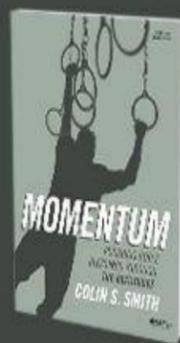
GOSPEL-CENTERED RECOVERY

1/3-3/28

## MOMENTUM

Pursuing God's Blessings Through The Beatitudes

1/3-2/28



### Discovering Church Membership

Learn More About Our Church

1/3-1/31



sign up at [fbcshallotte.org/wed](http://fbcshallotte.org/wed)



## LOVE GOD



Monthly Meeting  
Jan 8 at 6:30pm

### Dance for Joy

THURSDAYS 6:30PM

Fun exercise class for ladies!  
Contact Joan Wurtz 910.579.0296

## MEN'S MINISTRY

MONTHLY MEETING JAN 15 AT 6:30PM

DINNER & BIBLE STUDY ~ ALL MEN WELCOME



KOW Sundays at 11am



50's Plus  
Lunch

Jan 18 | 11:30am

Meet at church. Bring your favorite covered dish. Drinks will be provided. Also bring a \$1.00 donation of snacks for food pantry at Hospice Center. (examples – from Dollar Tree, individual pkgs of crackers, peanuts, candy, chips, etc.).

If questions call

Susan Hewett at 910-232-8336.

New Sermon  
Series

Starts Jan 21

With  
All  
Your  
Mind



# Plans That Make Planning Make Sense

Standing in the doorway of the new year, we tend to review the past year and establish plans and goals for the new one. We certainly do this as a church, and we should be doing it personally as well. But it raises a question: What is God's perspective on our plans? When we make plans or set goals, are we working in concert with God's will, or trying to manipulate His goodness?

Consider these words from James:

*"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will travel to such and such a city and spend a year there and do business and make a profit.' Yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring—what your life will be! For you are like vapor that appears for a little while, then vanishes. Instead, you should say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'" James 4:13-15*

It sounds like James is instructing us not to make plans. That planning anything for tomorrow is futile! He seems to say we should just resign ourselves to whatever happens. And yet, the Bible also tells us to "commit our plans to the Lord" (Prov. 16:3) and assumes we are proactively making plans for the future! How do we reconcile these two teachings?

The Bible is quite transparent about God's perspective on our plans, and He always advocates that we make plans and strategize. What matters, as with James, is that our planning accounts for God's direction, His will, and our inability to know the future. James is not speaking against planning. He is speaking against *prideful* planning from the person who actually thinks they are in control of tomorrow.

The fact is, the Bible advocates making wise plans and teaches at least six principles that coalesce to make making plans make sense:

1. God reminds us that life is brief (Ps. 90:10, James 4:14). Time is a diminishing commodity. And we are not masters of our time. We are stewards of it. So, our main objective is to make sure we are making the best use of the time that we have. As James says, our lives are a brief blip on the radar screen of history. Planning helps us avoid the sin of squandering our time (Eph. 5:15-16).
2. God advocates planning, because by our plans and goals God speaks to us and directs our decisions (Prov. 16:9).
3. God blesses plans that are in keeping with His will and demonstrate trust in Him (Jer. 29:11; Prov. 3:5-6).
4. God asks us to adjust. Sometimes we make plans that are clearly within God's will, but then God changes our plans or our

direction so that He can use those plans to reveal to us something new, or get us where He wants us to be (Acts 16:6-12).

5. God applies grace to our plans. He teaches us that what lies ahead matters more than what lies behind. God sees our time and our plans as opportunities for us to grow in faith and impact the world. God has prepared plans in advance for us, and if we trust and follow Him, we will discover His plans for us. Each day is filled with teachable moments, and we should look for God's hand (Ps. 90:12; Eph. 2:10).

6. God holds us accountable for our plans and how we spend our time on earth. We should do our best to always honor Him in our planning (Rom. 14:7-12).

So how can you best use your time in 2018? What plans should you make? Along with plans you will make for your life or your job or finances or family, I would suggest making plans to move forward in at least three areas. If you develop plans and goals in all three of these areas, you are clearly working in God's will:

1. To Grow Spiritually. Get back in church. Get into a DiscipleLife group or a Bible study. Make a new plan to read your Bible every day and spend time praying. What do you need to change to make this happen?
2. To Serve Faithfully. If you have been on the sidelines and watching other people serve the Lord, isn't it time you invested in the Lord's work on earth as well? With the time you have left on planet earth, what does God want you to do for Him?
3. To Share Frequently. When you arrive in heaven, who will be with you that you personally impacted for Christ? Talking about the Lord is not hard. It is just a conversation. When God gives you an opening, invite someone to church, share how God has changed your life, or tell them how to trust Christ. You will be amazed how God will use you for His glory!

As the door closes on 2017, ask yourself: How do I want 2018 to be different? If 2018 is my last year on planet earth, and I have to give an account of my time and my plans to the Lord, what will I say?

So now, start making plans!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Bob



## Ministry Snapshot for January 2018

### message series

**Upcoming Series:** "With All Your Mind" Starts Jan 21

**Church Family Chat**  
Jan 7 | 6pm

Listen or download messages at FBCS on our website or from iTunes™.

### children

**Kids Choir**  
Sundays | 6pm | K-5th Grade

**Wednesdays**  
Mission Classes | 6:30—7:30pm  
*Wednesday Fun Day Discontinued*

### vision 20/20

**BBQ Plate Fundraiser**  
Jan 13 | 11:30am—2:30pm

**Yard & Bake Sale Fundraiser**  
Apr 21 | 8am

### finance

**2018 Tithing Envelopes**  
Available  
**2017 Giving Statements**  
Will be mailed by Jan 15



### finance

**Building Fund Balance:** \$16,991

### 50's plus

**Monthly Meeting/Potluck**  
Jan 18 | 11:30am

### upward

**Winter Basketball & Cheerleading**  
Games Start Sat Jan 20  
Volunteers Needed, Contact Pastor Mike

### prayer

**Prayer for Our State, Nation and Boston Mission Initiative**  
Tuesdays | 5:30pm | Conference Rm

### men

**Men's Bible Study**  
Mondays | 6am

**Men's Ministry Dinner & Meeting**  
Jan 15 | 6:30pm  
*Larry Speakman 910.269.3186*

**QUARTERLY ministry meeting**  
Sunday, Jan 14 | 6pm

Please join us for our quarterly ministry meeting. Ministry leaders please come prepared to share updates. Snacks will be graciously provided by the adult Sunday school classes.

### Youth (7th-12th grade)

**7th—10th Grade Girls' Small Group**  
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm  
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

**11th—12th Grade Girls' Small Group**  
Thursdays | 6pm  
Michael & Brenda Wicker's home

**7th-12th Grade Boys' Small Group**  
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm  
Roger & Beth Hart's home  
Led by Pastor Mike

**Wednesdays**  
Bible Study | 6:30—8pm  
*Wednesday Fun Day Discontinued*

### Fusion (5th-6th grade)

**Boys' Small Group**  
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm  
Roger & Beth Hart's home  
Led by Pastor Mike

**Girls' Small Group**  
Sundays | 5:30—7:30pm  
Mark & Wendy Giordano's home

**Wednesdays**  
Bible Study | 6:30—7:30pm  
*Wednesday Fun Day Discontinued*

### women

**Ministry Meeting/Dinner**  
Jan 8 | 6:30pm  
*Jane Buffkin, Director*

**Dance for Joy** | Thursdays | 6:30pm

### administration

**Church Office Closed Jan 1**