



TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

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For 12 months FHBC has been pursuing life transformation—not just so we look *different* but so we can accomplish the mission of God and look more like *HIM*. It is time to celebrate what God has done in and through your life these past 12 months: have you read through the Bible (or the goal you set for yourself); have you memorized a chapter; what have you discovered prayer-walking through your community; are you healthier and better able to accomplish what God has for your life; do you have a better grasp on the spiritual condition of your neighborhood, are you close to being debt-free so more of your resources can be used to impact the kingdom; is your family stronger and are you not focused on God's desire for your family; is more of the world worshipping God because you have given your time and energy to global endeavors?

This list of questions could go on for miles, but we want to hear from you. Submit your TRANSFORMATION initiative story today: email the church office, share it in your Sunday School class, capture it on a video, etc. It doesn't matter how big or small you think what you did is, we want to celebrate with you.

Finally—the TRANSFORMATION initiative does not end on 12/31/11—it is a lifelong journey. The process of renewing our mind and offering our life to God to accomplish HIS purposes does not end until we see the pearly gates. PRESS ON.

Because of the Generosity of FHBC a new home for a Haitian family will be built in the near future.



TRANSFORMINGtheWORLD

reachIN Exercise

The body of Christ (the church) must have everyone functioning together and moving in the same direction to accomplish the purpose God has given us. Do you know how you fit into the FHBC body? Get started by completing a spiritual gifts assessment.

Free online @...

<http://www.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi?intro=1>

2012 Budget Process

December 1

Proposed Budget emailed/mailed out.

December 7th

Budget Q&A (6pm, Worship Center)

December 11th

Special Business Meeting to vote on proposed Budget (10:30am, Worship Center—without discussion)

A Big thank you to all the ministry leaders, the personnel team, the deacons, and the stewardship team for helping shape the 2012 Ministry Budget.



5000+ international missionaries have been commissioned by the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to be the "tip of the spear" who coordinate what SBC endeavors on a global scale among all nations. In addition to our prayers and participation, it is our responsibility to financially partner with them to ensure that they have everything they need to accomplish their missional strategies. FHBC has adopted a goal of \$1500 to send to them which is to be a love offering ABOVE the tithes. Prayerfully consider what you need to give. Remember, if FHBC can spend \$40,000 on A/C repairs and \$16,000 for Haiti, \$1,500 is not much of a sacrifice. As part of your Christmas budget factor in getting the gospel to the world through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and donate this Sunday. (envelopes available in the pew through December)

reachUP Exercise

A Great tool to use to be a worshipper of God all week long is through Pandora. After you register for free at www.pandora.com, type in the name of your favorite Christian artist or type of music and then enjoy great Christian music by them or similar artists. Remember, worship is a lifestyle and not just an event we attend once a week.

Children's

Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th, 6-8pm



Don't miss out on the games, crafts, food, and much more

Music Ministry

We are very thankful for Travis Oran as he has been leading us in worship through music and will continue to through Christmas. When you get a chance, take the opportunity to express your sincere gratitude for leading our church and working with the Choir.

Please continue to pray weekly for our Personnel Team as they prayerfully seek God's direction for the next person to be our Minister of Music. If you have any suggestions or comments, please pass them along to one of our Personnel Team Members: (Barbara Lusk—chair, Corina Potts, John Jenkins, Myra Dobbs, Hubert Thompson)

Student Ministry

Adam Koppin (292-6994)

What's In Your Ipod?

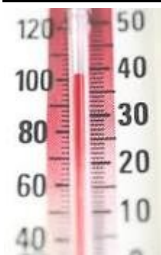
By now you probably have seen the Capital One credit card commercial where old world Vikings suddenly appear in the modern day world wreaking havoc on stores, ski slopes, and salons. The point of the commercials, though it is hard to remember the original point now because it has changed over the years, was that the Vikings would pillage and raid you unless you had a Capital One credit card in your wallet. The less than subtle message was that the competing credit cards were pillaging you with high interest rates.

In John Bunyan's book *The Holy War*, he lists five gates in the city of Mansoul—the eye gate, the ear gate, the mouth gate, the nose gate, and the feel gate. He goes on to say that Satan will enter through those gates anyway he can. We must stop him.

It may be more subtle than a pillaging, raiding Viking, but the music we listen to will pillage and raid you just the same. I have just a few questions for you. If I got out your Ipod, and looked at your music selection would I be surprised? Could I tell the difference between your Ipod and an unbeliever's? And finally, does your music build up or tear down the Christian faith that you say you believe in?

Opportunity to Reach Out

I am very proud of the effort that our youth has put forth in sponsoring a child from India. For nearly two years we have faithfully funded the necessary cost of \$38 a month through fundraisers and offerings, but unfortunately we have not had enough money coming in to continue sponsoring our Compassion Child. If you are interested in taking over the sponsorship of Neharika Sunder please contact me at 292-6994.



Cold Weather Shelter

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?" - Isaiah 58

Now is the time for Ferris Hill to decide if we only like to study scripture or if we are going to be doers of the Word. The Cold Weather Shelter Ministry is packed with opportunities for you to live out what Jesus said is the foundational piece of those who claim to be followers of Him—providing for those who are in need. This will demand that we become uncomfortable, adjust our schedules, and make sacrifices. But isn't that exactly what Jesus did for us. If you would be interested in this great opportunity to BE the church, sign-up today through one of our coordinators

Tom Turman (overnight) - 261-7470

Julie Griffin (cooking) - 384-7238

Scott Cooley (check-in) - 736-1340

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." -James 1:22



Leadership Development Ministry
(...to prepare God's people for works of Service.) -Ephesians 4:12)

Dec 4th—Church Council

(Winsome SS Classroom)

Topic: "2012 Calendaring"

Dec 11th—Sunday School Teachers
(Helping Hands SS Classroom)

Topic: "The Process of Declaring Our Purpose"

Dec 18th & 25th—No Meeting

Normal 412 Schedule resumes January 8th

reachOUT Exercise

List the names of 3 people who need to hear about the GRACE of JESUS...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If the eternity of these individuals rest on you communicating the GRACE of JESUS to them, what will you do this week to ensure they hear?

BEtheCHURCH

December Benevolence	
Food	105
Clothing	406
Financial	2
TOTAL	513

launching in 2012

the **M4**SSION

REACHING the FERRIS HILL community	REACHING Your community
REACHING an UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUP	REACHING HAITI

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the year of TRANSFORMATION

From the Pastor...

December 2011



Immanuel (God with us). What an awesome reality that we get to focus in on this time of year with the celebration of Christmas. It is a word that we can never become complacent in our hearing. This Christmas season we are going to spend some time on Sunday mornings rejoicing in the gift given in the manger but then realize that Jesus' life had a built in trajectory—for all people from all nations to worship Him. As Jesus' followers our life is to have a similar trajectory. While we are to spend time celebrating Jesus' arrival, we are to live life with the same trajectory (same mission) - for people from every nation of the world to worship Jesus. I pray that you will join us on this Christmas journey and especially on Sunday, Christmas morning, as we celebrate Jesus' birthday.

It is hard to believe that our year of Transformation is drawing to a close and the strategy we have embraced in the TRANSFORMATION initiative. It has been exciting to hear of people engage in numerous transformational activity so that their life is a living sacrifice of worship to God. Let me urge you, not plead with you, not to let your pursuit of transformation end at midnight of 12/31. If you didn't quite hit a goal, press on till you get there. If you discovered something that worked great, repeat it. Remember, we are continually being renewed in our mind and life until our moving van begins to unload at our mansion in heaven. So stay with it and never stop transforming.

As we look forward to 2012 I have much excitement as I envision our 4th MISSION strategy to **BE** the CHURCH. There are numerous unknowns as to what fulfilling this vision will look like. That is why we must prayerfully come together and discuss what we believe God would have us do. This Sunday night, December 4 at 5pm, I invite you to join me in the worship center as we begin the conversation of what does it require of us for us to embrace the mission field of the community of Ferris Hill more so than we already are. If you are unable to get at night, I invite you to join me for a second opportunity on Monday at 1pm in the Worship Center. My desire is for all of FHBC to be in engaged in the mission that ultimately belongs to God but that He has entrusted to us. I pray you will join me.

Finally, I am excited to welcome several new people to our family of faith. We are continually having guests worship with us and some are desiring to join in and partner with us. Let me encourage everyone to take the time to introduce yourself to someone you don't know. Remember our 10-3 rule. If you get within 10' of someone you don't know, smile and introduce yourself; and for three minutes after church be sure to greet any guests we may have.

Have a Great week and I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday.

**REACHING UP
REACHING OUT
REACHING IN**

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

**COURAGEOUS
DEDICATION
SERVICE**
(December 3rd, 3pm)

**DAYTIME
4th MISSION
PLANNING**
1pm, December 5th
(Worship Center)

**CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
(December 9th, Fellowship Hall)

**ANGEL TREE
DEADLINE**
December 18th

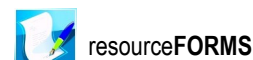
**CHRISTMAS
CAROLING**
December 18th, 5pm

**CHRISTMAS
EVE
SERVICE**
(Worship Center, 6pm)

**CHRISTMAS
SERVICE**
(December 25th, 10:30am)
No Sunday School

**NO MINISTRY
EVENTS**
December 28th

fhbcBYTES: Available at FERRISHILL.ORG



resourceFORMS



upcomingCALENDAR



publications/ BIBLE READING PLANS



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pastSERMONS



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FHBC Leadership Team

Pastor

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Minister of Music
vacant

Minister to Students
Adam Koppin
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292-6994

Ministry Assistant
Brandi Opager
office@ferrishill.org

Deacon of the Month

December
Bill Wallace
(572-6500)

January
Bryan Unruh
(982-7951)

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Ministry Mobilizers

Ministry Area	If interested, call
Building & Grounds.....	Patrick Murrell (748-9481)
Deacon.....	Bryan Unruh (982-7951)
Music Ministry.....	Prayerfully searching
Greeters.....	Judy Hurst (994-9831)
Outreach.....	Tom Turman (623-4788)
Student Ministry.....	Adam Koppin(292-6994)
Sunday School.....	Bryan Unruh (982-7951)
Transportation.....	Bill Wallace (572-6500)
Ushers.....	Phil Potts (623-1299)
Website.....	Todd Johnson (626-5774)
Hospitality.....	Julie Griffin (626-2409)

FHBC FAST FACTS

DATE	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	GIVING
11/06	96	121	\$4,676.72
11/13	82	102	\$1,849.20
11/20	121	136	\$3,693.40
11/27	97	131	\$2,260.00

Amount Required to Date: \$172,217.60
Amount Received to Date: \$164,318.38



TRANSFORM THE CHRISTMAS OF A CHILD THIS YEAR... ADOPT AN ANGEL.

PICK UP AN ANGEL FROM THE TREE IN THE FHBC FOYER, PLACE THE ATTACHED CARD IN THE BOX AND THE PURCHASE YOUR GIFTS. RETURN ALL WRAPPED GIFTS BACK TO THE ANGEL TREE BY DECEMBER 18TH.