



The Window

The Newsletter of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church

Message From the Pastor

A Significant Year

I think when Fort Hill church members look back 10 years from now, we will remember 2015 as a significant year in the life of our church. I can sense it as we interact with one another. There is energy and an awareness that God is doing something with us. The Spirit is moving among us, and we will be changed people because of it.

As I write this, my spirit is full even if my body is tired. Just in the last week I witnessed:

- 67 persons discussing and discerning what we are called to do to make an impact on our youth, families, and mission to call all people to follow Christ. Our Ministry Architects led a 2-day assessment of our youth ministry which will drive and inform our next steps.
- Eight members committing themselves to prayerfully and faithfully seek a new staff person. We elected an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to begin work on behalf of the congregation of identifying a person called to serve among us in youth ministry and other ways.
- Faithful disciples gathering to learn about Christian Marriage in an open and loving way. One mark of being Presbyterian is that we have a faith that seeks understanding.
- So many came to hear what the Long Range Planning Committee has been working on so that our mission and ministry can be accomplished with the help of improved facilities. This team has been working since Fall 2013, so many of us feel like we have birthed a baby in that time! Like parents at a baptism, we are asking you to help us care for the baby!
- 22 Officers-elect beginning their study, preparation, and investment of time and talent as our servant leaders for the next three years.
- A saint of the church dying. I am reminded that a life lived in faithful service to Jesus is a witness to the amazing love of God. We do not live as those who are without hope, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ.

This all happened in a week and does not even include all of the regular, mundane ways we are serving and growing. I am encouraged and thankful for you all. I am glad that God placed me in this vineyard to labor for a time. I know I will look back on 2015 and feel that something significant happened in my faith journey because I shared it with you. I hope 2015 is significant for us all.

May all we do glorify God, grow disciples, and meet human needs and, in turn, be the good news!

In Faith, Hope, and Love,

Laura Smith Conrad, Pastor

February 2015

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Joining together on a journey of Christian faith, we seek to be Disciples of Christ and to share God's love in our community and around the world.

We do this as we Glorify God, Grow Disciples, Meet Human Needs.

Scriptures for Sunday Worship

2/1 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Deut. 18:15-20; Ps. 111;
1 Cor. 8:1-13; Mark 1

2/8 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Isa. 40:21-31; Ps. 147:1-11, 20c;
1 Cor. 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

2/15 Transfiguration of the Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12; Ps. 50:1-6;
2 Cor. 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

2/22 1st Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9:8-17; Ps. 25:1-10;
1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

The Window March 2015 Deadline

The deadline for announcements, articles, and features for the September issue of *The Window* is **Monday, February 16**.

Please email your item as a Microsoft Word document to the church office at window@forthillchurch.org or type the item directly into your email and send. If you don't have access to a computer, you can leave the item in Lori Houck's box in the FHOG office.

Congregational Dinner

Sunday, February 8 at 5:30 pm
Clemson First Baptist Church

Same price!!
Adults \$15 Children \$5
Family Cap \$45

You may pay at either service or by check to FHPC, marked "Congregational Dinner" on the memo line. Childcare will be provided. Please use the rear church entrance, and park at either church or in the parking garage.

Bring a door prize if you'd like... baked goods, a handmade item, or a gift certificate to a shop, restaurant, or for a service. Please bring these the night of the dinner. We will also collect canned goods for Clemson Community Care.

Come, relax, enjoy a delicious meal, and fellowship with your church family!

Choir Corner

February is the month when love is talked about most and a month of special days like Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday signifying the beginning of Lent, the birthdays of two famous presidents, lots of basketball, cold weather, and usually a little bit of snow! There is a great deal packed into these 28 days of the second month of the year!

So I was thinking about the word "love" — a short word of 4 letters. To be so small, it carries a great deal of importance and meaning. It's a word that is used a lot. Some may say it is overused, maybe even abused. I like the word. I like to use the word to let those nearest and dearest to me know that I truly have strong feelings for them. I usually end a phone call with this small word after talking to my husband or one of my children. I tell friends I love them. I use it when conveying how I feel about a piece of music, a favorite food, a movie, a book, a sunset, a sunrise, etc., etc., etc. Okay, so I overuse it. The thing is...when I say it or write it, I do mean it!

Think about how many times you say the word love, write the word love, sing about the word love, exhibit the word love, use the word love in a sentence or conversation in one day. As the old saying goes, "if I had a dollar for every time I said the word love, I would be rich!" Maybe. Maybe not.

What I do know is that I like to hear the word love as much as I say it. And I hear that word everyday — from family and friends, in songs, in notes and letters, in tv programs, and the list goes on. I feel that word in hugs — from my hubby, from a youth, a child, a co-worker, a friend, a relative, even a stranger. And I see it exhibited all around in caring people reaching out to others with generous spirits, with strong hands and arms wrapped around people who need to feel it. And I know in my heart that the love of God is present and strong all around me in a caring community of faith here at Fort Hill. How blessed we are to know God's love and the love of his son Jesus Christ, and to feel his spirit surrounding us each and every day. "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so. Yes, Jesus loves me." What a great assurance for us all!

It's the "love" month — feel it, show it, share it! What a gift!

Happy Valentine's and a blessed Lenten season!

Margaret

Festival by the Sea in Charleston was well attended January 30—February 2 by 12 of our choir members who loved making music with 200 others from the southeast. Thanks to Judy Bonham and the PSA music team for holding down things at the Fort.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 18 — 7:00 pm

Every year before the Christian Passover (Easter) we celebrate our redemption through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Lent is time to prepare for this celebration and to renew our life in the Passover mystery. We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes. This ancient sign speaks of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marks the penitence of this community. We thus begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance, and for the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. You are invited to observe a holy Lent by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by works of love, and by reading and meditating on the Word of God.



Deacon's Corner

This month we will say goodbye to the following deacons who have faithfully served for the last three years: David Crum, Lee Davis, Linda Davis, Ann Rash, Blythe Smith, Evanne Thies, Nikki Wald, and Shelly Wilson. A new deacon will greet some of you following the deacon retreat on February 21. The following will have completed their officer training and will look forward to meeting those in their circles of care: Susan Brown, Donna Crader, Cile Dunkelberg, Cynthia Gravely, Peggy Rutland, Joy Skelton, Terri Smith, Lisa Street, Marchita Culpepper, Gensie Waldrop, and Audrey Thompson.

Diane Egan, Deacon Moderator



Sunday Servants

Pastor on Call

2/1 Laura Conrad
2/8 Mary Morrison
2/15 Laura Conrad
2/22 Mary Morrison

Elder at the Font—8:30 Service

2/1 Michael Bailey
2/8 Bill Cato
2/15 Chip Egan
2/22 Bob Jones

Elder at the Font—10:30 Service

2/1 Charles Barron
2/8 Megan Chavis
2/15 Erika Hays
2/2 Jay Jones

Infant Nursery

2/1 Amy Worley
2/8 Shelly Wilson
2/15 Reagan Blondeau
2/22 Eva Williamson

Toddler Nursery

2/1 Katherine Mostertz
2/8 Lisa Britt
2/15 Jackie/Virginia Ellis
2/22 Edmee Reel

2 & 3 Year Old Nursery

2/1 Denise Anderson
2/8 Beth Durham/Beth Gregory
2/15 ?
2/22 Erika & Mandy Hays

4 & 5 Year Old Nursery

2/1 Donna Crader
2/8 Donna Crader
2/15 Donna Crader
2/22 Donna Crader

Children's Ministry Update

Remember to sign up for the Party at the PSA for grades 1-5. Meet at the PSA building at 6:00 pm for pizza and a movie. RSVP to Lisa Britt, ebritt@alumni.clemson.edu.

Make plans to attend one of the discussion groups for parents of children from birth to fifth grade. The groups are divided by the children's ages. You need attend only one group if you have children in several age groups. (You are certainly welcome at any and all meetings pertaining to your children.) These meetings are informal talks about topics of interest involving your children and church. Two topics will be Sunday School and Fellowship activities. Please email your ideas for discussion to cyndi.davis@forthillchurch.org. We will talk about as many topics as time allows. The meetings will be about 45 minutes in length. The times are listed below. Childcare will be provided.

February 15

4:25—5:10	Parents of third through fifth graders	Meet in Library
5:15—6:00	Parents of children birth — 3 years	Meet in Library

February 22

4:25—5:10	Parents of first and second graders	Meet in Conference Rm.
5:15—6:00	Parents of children 4 year—kindergarten	Meet in Conference Rm.

Third grade Bible Study class begins on February 1 led by Sally Martin during the Sunday School hour.

It is a special blessing to spend time with the children. I look forward to seeing you and your children often in February.

Counting my blessings,

Fort Hill Medical Missions

The 38th Fort Hill Medical Missions trip will take place on February 20, traveling to El Faro, Guatemala, a location which continues to urge us to return regularly. We are very happy that we can be useful in relieving needless suffering. This trip will be unique in that we will have a dental team and an eye team, and part of the mission will be working out in the surrounding villages. We look forward to the challenges and the opportunities.

The dental team will be led by Dr. Gus Gustafson and with him will be Dr. Jim and Joan Woods and Gary Duncan. On the eye team will be Bob and Susan Brown, Joanne Trenholm, Pam Waddle, and Crossie Cox.

As always, we stand on the shoulders of Fort Hill Presbyterian Church, and we would not get to first base without your care and concern. Thank you for your support and your prayers — and God bless you all.

Bob Brown



Announcements & Concerns

Christian Sympathy is extended to:

Nancy Spitler and family in the death of Nancy's mother, Opal McAlpin, on January 4.

Raenota Merrill and family in the death of Raenota's mother, Pauline Storm, on January 5.

Nancy Littleton & family in the death of Nancy's mother, Grace Jacobi.

Helen Wooten and family in the death of Tom Wooten on January 15.

The family of **Margaret Miller** who passed away on Monday, January 26.

Congratulations to **Ryan and Kristy MacRae** on the birth of their son, **Lachlan Paul**, born January 22, 2015. Lachlan is the baby brother of Emma, Katelyn and Sullivan.

Thank You!

I would like to sincerely thank everyone that sent me so many lovely birthday cards and for the phone calls as well. It made my birthday very special.

Eva Henry

Thanks to each of you who answered the recent call of age appropriate toys for the children's nurseries! The children have really enjoyed them. Your generosity has replenished the toy cabinets to overflowing, and we no longer have a need for more toys at this time. How wonderful to have a huge response to the request. Thank you again!

Men of the Church Breakfast —

Tuesday, February 3, at 7:00 am in Tartan Hall. Our guest speaker will be Stephanie Enders of **Ripple of One**. Please join us, enjoy a great breakfast and fellowship, and learn more about this great ministry in the update area.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 8, at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary**. A financial report will be made and the Terms of Call for our Pastoral Staff will be presented for your approval. Members of the Congregation must vote annually on the pastor's terms of call especially per IRS law to set the annual housing allowance. The 2014 Annual Report will be available.

Dare to Dream: Built on a Firm Foundation

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations... Ephesians 3:20-21a

The Long Range Planning Committee has been working with the architects from Freeman Major and contractors from Trehel to develop final design documents during the past few months. The final design documents will be used as a key input to develop the final pricing for the overall project as well as outlining the costs associated with potential project add-ons that we may want to consider. We met with the architects and contractors to review the final design documents on December 15, 2014, and January 7, 2015. We have received approval of the building design plans from the Clemson Board of Architectural Review. Currently, we are working with the architects and contractors on the development of construction documents which will be part of the permitting process with the City of Clemson. We intend to submit documents for permitting in February 2015 so approval will be received in time to begin construction once the Fort Hill Preschool classes end.

Town Hall Meetings were held on January 11 and January 14 to discuss the Master Plan progress with the congregation. Additional updates will be planned in concert with the continuation of the design project and the capital campaign effort.

The Capital Campaign Committee has been working to set up the capital campaign efforts to cover the funding for the implementation of the initial phase of the Master Plan. The committee has been working with a consultant on the capital campaign effort and has developed subcommittees to focus on the different areas of the campaign.

As we continue through the efforts on the Master Plan Phase I implementation, we will be working with the session and congregation to determine the final direction on the scope prior to beginning any construction. Thank you for all of the feedback that has been provided during this process and your patience as we work to get additional information to share with the congregation.

News From Presbyterian Women

Valentine Boxes for College Students

Presbyterian Women, led by Maggie Bandy, will be assembling Valentine Boxes for our 40 Fort Hill Presbyterian Church college students. You can help! PW will assist in collecting items such as individually wrapped:

- Gum, popcorn, or chewy granola bars, etc.
- School supplies (highlighters, pens, sticky notes, etc.)
- Individual servings of drink mix (Crystal Light, etc.)
- Frosty coupons from Wendy's

Please place your contributions in the box marked "Valentine Boxes" located in the Collections Room no later than Sunday, **February 8, 2015**. The boxes will be mailed to our students.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon

It is time to mark your calendars for the Annual PW Birthday Luncheon to be held at Fort Hill Presbyterian on **Saturday, April 11, 2015, at 11:30 am**. **ALL** women attending Fort Hill Presbyterian are invited to this special gathering. Don't miss the program we have planned!

Dates to Remember:

- February 8 Valentine Boxes due
- April 11 PW Birthday Luncheon

Welcome Fort Hill New Members



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Announcements & Concerns

Sewing for Missions — Tuesday, February 10, 9 am in the Club Room. Sewing skills and a willingness to work and fellowship together needed! Our Fort Hill Sewing for Missions group is making clothes for children in need and you are invited to join the fun! Gather your fabric and notions (and a friend or two) and join Susan Brown. Bring fabric scraps 3/4 to 1 yard or larger, your scissors, grosgrain ribbon (3/8 to 3/4" wide by 42" long needed for dresses), thread, needles. With your help we can deliver these needed items during our February and May mission trips. Contact Susan Brown, 654-6625, if you have any questions.

Family Promise: Fort Hill Church will host Family Promise the week of **February 22**. Please sign up on the volunteer sheet outside the FHOG office. We need volunteers for hospitality, meals, overnight, activities, tutoring, laundry and shopping. The Unitarian Fellowship is our support church and will take Monday and Tuesday of that week. Please volunteer. For more information, contact Linda Gahan at 654-2953 or glinda1942@gmail.com. Training is available via DVD.

Mission Haven Clothing Drive — collecting through March — spring/summer clothing in good condition for men, women, and children.

Volunteers Needed for Funeral Guild

The Funeral Guild needs a group of people willing to help with funerals at Fort Hill. The responsibility is a real service to our church, and the work involves usually two hours of your time. Deacons are already helping the families involved, and there are committees who provide receptions and food for meals. The Guild members set up the sanctuary (or Tartan Hall, as needed) for the service and greet guests for the service. After the service, we return the sanctuary to its setting for the next Sunday morning.

Longtime members enjoy serving at funerals, for they meet and greet many friends and Fort Hill members. Newer members enjoy serving, as they work with our team to meet others and feel more a part of the congregation. We enjoy this service to the church members and know you will, also.

For questions, call Aleta Robinson (868-9238) or Nancy Oates (654-4262). With a larger pool of Guild members, the same ones won't have to be on call at the time.

February Fort Hill Church Activities

Sunday, February 1

1:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
4:00 pm Officer Training - Club Room

Monday, February 2

12:15 am PW Circle 1 - Club Room
3:00 pm PW Circle 3 - Club Room
4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
7:00 pm Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast - Tartan Hall
7:00 pm Fellowship Ministry Meeting - Library
7:00 pm Personnel & Program Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, February 4

8:00 am Planning Focus Group Meeting - Conference Room
10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room
5:00 pm Planning Focus Group Meeting - Club Room

Thursday, February 5

8:00 am Planning Focus Group Meeting - Conference Room
10:00 am Deacon Meeting - Library
12:00 pm Lunch for Planning Groups - Tartan Hall
4:00 pm Mission Meeting - Library
4:00 pm Planning Focus Group Meeting - Club Room

Saturday, February 7

9:00 am NAMI - Conference Room

Sunday, February 8

10:15 am Congregational Meeting - Sanctuary
1:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
5:30 pm Congregational Dinner - First Baptist Church

Monday, February 9

9:30 am PW Circle 3 - Club Room
4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
5:30 pm Christian Action Meeting - Library
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
7:00 pm Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 am Sewing for Missions - Club Room
4:30 pm Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Tuesday, February 10, continued

5:45 pm Music Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
6:30 pm Worship Ministry Meeting - Conference Room
6:30 pm Finance Meeting - Club Room
7:00 pm Youth Ministry Vision - Club Room
7:30 pm PW Circle 2 - Library

Wednesday, February 11

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room
4:00 pm Trustee Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
6:30 pm Finance Meeting - Conference Room

Thursday, February 12

10:00 am Deacon Meeting - Club Room

Friday, February 13

6:00 pm Youth Ministry Vision Meeting - Club Room

Sunday, February 15

2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
4:00 pm Officer Training - Club Room
4:25 pm Parents Meeting (3rd - 5th grade) - Library
5:15 pm Parents Meeting (Infant-3 yrs) - Library

Monday, February 16

4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
7:00 pm Bible Study - Library

Tuesday, February 17

9:30 am PW Coordinating Team Meeting - Club Room
7:00 pm Officer Examination - Club Room
7:00 pm Session - Club Room

Wednesday, February 18

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room

Thursday, February 19

6:30 pm Old Stone Church Meeting - Library

Friday, February 20

6:30 pm Boy Scouts - Tartan Hall

Saturday, February 21

10:00 am Deacon Retreat - Club Room

Sunday, February 22

2:00 pm NAMI - Conference Room
2:30 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

8:30 am Worship Service - Tartan Hall
9:15 am Sunday School - various locations
10:30 am Worship Service - Sanctuary
4:30 pm JAM & Jesus Jammers - Choir Room
4:30 pm Middle School Youth Group - Youth Room
6:00 pm Senior High Youth Group - Youth Room
6:00 pm PSA Dinner & Program - PSA Student Center
8:00 pm AA — Education Building, Room 205

Monday

6:45 pm Boy Scouts - Club Room, Tartan & Bethlehem Halls

Tuesday

9:30 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
6:00 pm Folk Dancing - Tartan Hall

Tuesday, continued

7:15 pm Foothills Chorale - Choir Room
8:00 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

Wednesday

9:15 am Preschool Chapel - Bethlehem Hall
6:00 pm Chancel Bells - Choir Room
7:15 pm Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Thursday

9:15 am Preschool Chapel - Bethlehem Hall
8:00 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

Friday

12:30 pm AA - Education Building, Room 205

Sunday, February 22, continued

4:25 pm Parents Meeting (1st - 2nd Graders) - Conference Rm
 5:15 pm Parents Meeting (4yrs - kindergarten) - Conf. Rm.
 5:00 pm Family Promise

Monday, February 23

4:00 pm Daisy Scouts - Education Building
 5:00 pm Family Promise
 7:00 pm Bible Study - Library
 7:00 pm Eagle Scout Court of Honor - Sanctuary

Tuesday, February 24

4:30 pm Girl Scouts - Bethlehem Hall
 5:00 pm Family Promise
 5:30 pm Membership Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, February 25

10:00 am Bible Study - Club Room
 5:00 pm Family Promise
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - Bethlehem Hall

Thursday, February 26

5:00 pm Family Promise

Friday, February 27

5:00 pm Family Promise

Saturday, February 28

5:00 pm Family Promise

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



2/1	Bradley LeCroy Eric Pollard	2/6	Anna Tollison Jimmy Weir
2/2	Hayden Anderson Devon Broome Linda Davis Nina Norris Marshall Smith	2/8	Arlene Cheatham Eileen Homan Chloe Satzger Tom Scott Hack Trammell
2/3	Diane Bitzer Quin Foster Almeda Jacks Stacey Miller Matthew Wetsel	2/9	Terri Bruce Beth Wilkinson
2/4	Brian Brown Debbie Vaughn Crader Donna London Alena Nebesky	2/11	Laura Lefevre Aleta Robinson
2/5	Laura Conrad Adam DeWitt	2/12	Bennett Bost Ward Browning, Jr.
2/6	Justin Hill Charles Rutland	2/13	Ann Gilreath Bud Hicklin Margaret MacKay Terrell Suit
		2/14	Jason Kohlmayer Patrick Pettigrew Sarah Van Daele
		2/15	Cathy Morton Catherine Norris
		2/16	Samuel Bruce Riley Johnson

2/17	David Barley Forrest Fuller
2/18	Lauren Chavis
2/19	Bill Alexander Jessica Christenbury Jim Dusenberry Diane Haselton Ed Ingalls John Martin Laurence Mudge Duaine Wigger
2/20	Joyce Christenbury Aaron Pollard
2/21	Kate Hollingsworth Bob Jones Eliza Smith Jeffrey Weir Joseph Weir
2/23	Holly Burchfield Kyle Smith
2/24	Hansen Wetsel Tripp Mostertz
2/26	Janet Cantrell Becky Fant

2/26	Steve Hunter Laurel Whisler Alexis Winchester Spencer Wright
2/27	Rick Clarke Owen Van de Sande
2/28	Christine Lightsey
2/29	Jacob Poetz



2/8	Brian & Niickie Mueller
2/14	David & Debbie Collins Tim & Ann Howard
2/18	Bob & Nancy Littleton
2/19	Jack & Raenota Merrill
2/21	Michael & Joy Van Daele
2/22	Steve & Stacey Miller
2/25	Al & Ginger Littlejohn
2/28	Bob & Duaine Wigger

From the Finance Ministry

2014 has come to a close, and was another successful year for Fort Hill. Total income through year-end was \$974,286 while expenses were \$928,263 leaving a surplus of \$46,022. Overall expenses completed at 93.1% of budget, while income finished at 98.1%. As you can see, income was approximately 2% below budget while expenses were 6.5% below budget. Session ministry chairs did a great job of managing expenses, and not being fully staffed led to the budget surplus. 2015 will bring continued and new financial challenges, so your sustained support is needed for Fort Hill for its ministries to members, community, and around the world.

Fort Hill Income/Expenses 2014



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Mission of the Month 2015

discover Mission of the Month opportunities through Minute for Mission talks, weekly church emails, The Window, the mission bulletin board, or just by asking any member of the Christian Action Ministry.



During February we will learn more about Ripple of One: an organization serving disadvantaged families that reside in Oconee County, Pickens County, and surrounding areas who are battling generational poverty and receiving government assistance. Parents of generational poverty are challenged to think higher than government assistance and are inspired to recognize that each person is designed on purpose...for a purpose.

Ripple of One organization promotes a powerful incentive & prevention program addressing generational poverty. To effectively reduce cycles of poverty and abuse, Ripple of One focuses on four core areas that must be in balance. These four core areas immerse parents in financial, educational, nutritional, and spiritual programs to help them achieve self-sufficiency and teach them the skills they need to train their children to make better choices. Core programs target:

- Financial:** "Red to Black" — reducing debt with financial counseling and budgeting
- Relational:** Heath's Haven — equipping families for healthy relationships and personal counseling if requested
- Nutritional:** How to eat healthy on a budget
- Educational/Professional:** Finding purpose for their life

*Look for more information in February about starting your own **SPLASH Team!***