

# **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY**



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## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:***



I am so honored to serve as your pastor here at First Baptist Church. When I think about our church and mention you in my prayers it brings a smile across my face. I see so many pictures of Christ in your demonstrations of love and service. It's not the big things you do, but the many small things you do simply because of who you are. I see the love of Christ in the volunteers who simply show up like cleaning ninjas and make sure that the church is clean and prepared for the coming Sunday. As pastor, I have the privilege of being present while these ninjas move from room to room cleaning as they go. The beauty of it all is their attitude. They always show up with a smile, looking to serve others and to lose themselves for the sake of the Lord. I further see the love of Christ demonstrated in the faithful service of those who take care of our audio and lighting for each service. They are always faithful and looking for ways to bring glory to God through their giftedness. The love of Christ is also evident in the spirit of our Praise Team as they prepare on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings to sing praise to our Lord. When they stand up there to lead us in worship it is not to perform for us, but rather to lift up their hearts and souls to the God who is worthy of all of our praise.

So yes, I am humbled to serve as your pastor and to experience firsthand the body of Christ illustrating the love of Christ in so many tangible ways. Perhaps the greatest expression of the love of Christ that is witnessed among the body of Christ at First Baptist is when I simply stand back and watch the body of Christ at work. As I watch I see a couple of men walk over to a man who is struggling, grab him by the shoulder and begin to pray with him right there in the sanctuary. I watch as a couple of ladies put their hands upon a young woman who is hurting, and they lift her to the throne of God. As I keep watching I see extended session leaders taking children by the hand...getting down on the floor with them and showing them the love of Jesus in a very simple way.

## ***FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:***



Church, your demonstration of God's love doesn't end there. It is tied up in everything you are and everything you do. I see it when a notice goes out on the prayer chain and each of you stop what you are doing and pray fervently for the needs of individuals. I have witnessed it firsthand with my family as I have reached out to elders and deacons for emergency prayer and they have responded immediately and consistently. I have witnessed it as the church gathers around those in crisis and lifts them up to the God who is Sovereign. I have also witnessed time and time again the church hearing of a family in desperate need and digging deep in their pockets and supplying the need out of the blessings that God has given.

Church, I want you to know that I love you and I am so proud to be your pastor. Many churches never get it. They never figure out that we are to love one another and pray for one another and carry one another. I am so thankful that the body of Christ at First Baptist Jasper demonstrates the love of Christ in everything we do. Keep losing yourselves as you serve one another, and God will be glorified.

--Dr. John Duncan



## Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

One of the major topics addressed in Proverbs is how we use our words. We can speak with either wisdom (which comes from God) or with folly. Proverbs guides us to speak with words of wisdom that will be a fountain of life to others, especially our brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Proverbs 6:16-19 three of the seven things the LORD hates has to do with our words: “a lying tongue”-v:17; “a false witness”-v:19 and “one who sows discord among brothers”-v:19. While all are important the last one stands out as one that we need to always work on in our church.

Of the ones who speak wisdom and life into others Proverbs 11:25 says: “Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.” And Jesus said in Matthew 11:25 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” May we always bring blessings and enrich one another’s lives as we fellowship together with the Body of Christ.

Our teams continue to meet every month with Pastor John to pray together for our church and to look over any business we need to discuss.

We remind everyone that we continue with our prayer ministry. We have groups meeting at church on Sunday morning at 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:50 AM. Please join us to pray for our church.

Again, our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Eric Jones, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

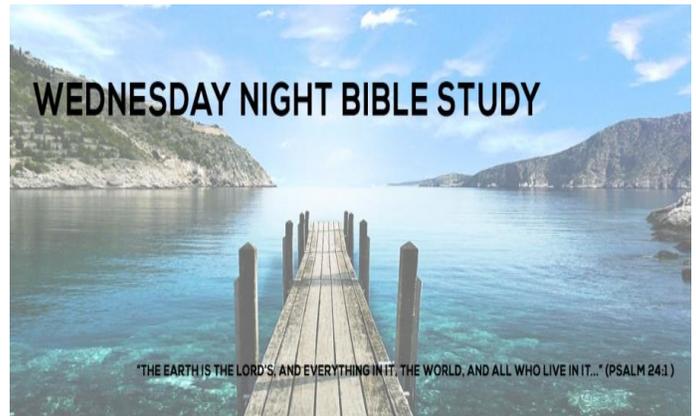
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## Wednesday Night Bible Studies:

### Women's Ministry:

The Women's Ministry will meet for their monthly Women's Card Ministry on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm. We encourage all ladies high school age and up to come and join us as we make cards, color pictures, and create crafts to send to those who are shut-in, recovering from illness, or simply need to be encouraged.

The women are continuing with the **No Other Gods** study by Kelly Minter. They meet every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 p.m. in room 103. All women are encouraged to join us for fellowship, study, and growth. It's time well spent!



### Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry will have their monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am. All men are welcome to come and join us for great food and fellowship.

We are truly being challenged to live godly lives as men as we study **Disciplines of a Godly Man**, by R. Kent Hughes. So far, we have covered the disciplines of purity, marriage, fatherhood, and various others that are instrumental to our Christian walk. We encourage all men to join us each Wednesday Evening at 6:30 pm as we continue growing in godliness and encouraging one another.

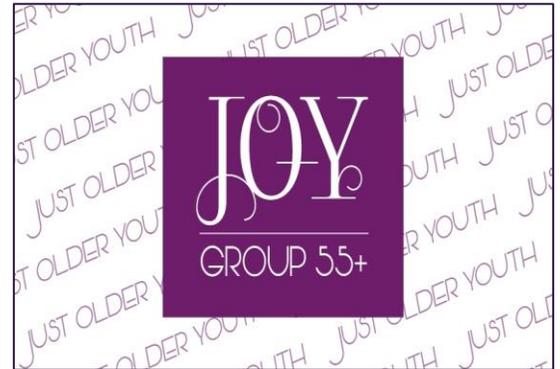


### Bake Sale

Transforming Hope Center For Women's Ministries will be having a spring bake sale on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. The bake sale will take place at the IGA at 750 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Jasper from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Proceeds will help the Center spread the word about the ministry, help with printing cost, and promotional needs.

# Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

## Joy Group



The JOY Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. We enjoyed a great array of food and desserts that left us wondering where we put it all. We shared our lives together, got caught up on things that were going on, shared our prayer concerns and praised God for the way in which He is at work in our lives. We had 27 in attendance and Pastor John led us in a devotion from Hebrews 12:1-4.

We would love for you to join us for our next JOY Group Luncheon on Thursday, May 17 @ 11:00 am. Theresa Wolf from St. Charles Health Campus will be our guest speaker and will share with us some of the opportunities that are available for us at their facility. We encourage all those 55 and over to join us for a great time of food, fellowship, and inspiration.

--Dr. John Duncan

## Annie Armstrong

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering total was \$931.00. Thank you for your generosity and your faithful support of missions.



### God's Helpers

God could not be in every place  
With loving hands to help erase  
The teardrops from each baby's face,  
And so, He thought of mother.

He could not send us here alone  
And leave us to a fate unknown;  
Without providing for His own,  
The outstretched arms of mother.

God could not watch us night and day  
And kneel beside our crib to pray,  
Or kiss our little aches away;  
And so, He sent us mother.

And when our childhood days began,  
He simply could not take command.  
That's why He placed our tiny hand  
Securely into mother's.

The days of youth slipped quickly by,  
Life's sun rose higher in the sky.  
Full grown were we, yet ever nigh  
To love us still, was mother.

And when life's span of years shall end,  
I know that God will gladly send,  
To welcome home her child again,  
That ever-faithful mother.

--George W. Wiseman





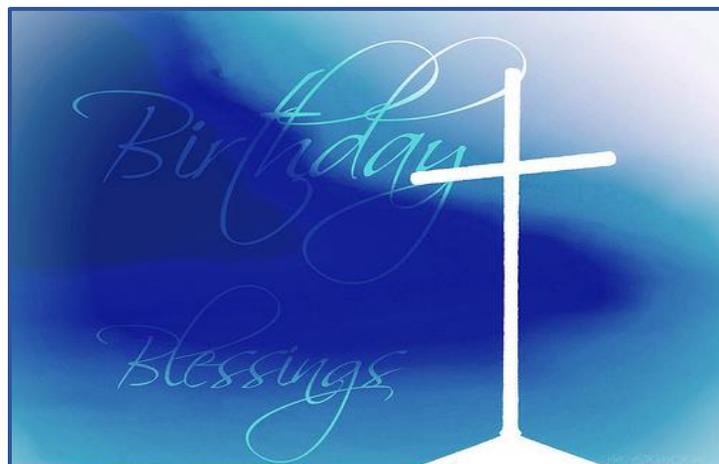
## May Birthday's

4 Karen Esslinger  
9 Clayton Rose  
11 Andrew Gagnon  
13 Jacob Gafford  
16 Sherry Haulk  
19 Mark Spivey

6 Doris Whittington  
11 Eric Gafford  
11 Windell Toby  
13 Nick Pfau  
18 Patty Jasper  
29 Rod Haskins

*Your First Baptist Church family  
would like to wish you a*

# *Happy Birthday!*





# May 2018

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday mornings for our prayer ministry. Groups are meeting in the cry room to pray at: 7:30 am, 8:30 am, and 9:50 am.</p>	1	2	3	4	5	<p>9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p>
<p>6 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Movie - War Room 5:00 pm</p>	7	8 6:00 pm Women's Card Ministry	9 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	10	11	12
<p>13 Happy Mother's Day Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	14	15	16 Kairos agape will be picked up today 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	17 11:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group Meeting	18	19
<p>20 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	21	22	23 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	24	25	26
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