

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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First Baptist Church

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Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Life Groups

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Children's Ministries



FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:



October has arrived, and it won't be long before summer is a distant memory. Gone are the dog days of Summer with their sweltering heat and kids scurrying to the nearest pools to relieve the intense summer heat. Soon we will be feeling the Autumn breezes that pull the multi-colored leaves from our trees and litter our yard with their remains. The seasons teach us that change is always in the air. No matter what season we are in, change is coming. Summer gives way to Autumn, which succumbs to Winter, which in turn surrenders its harshness to Spring, only to see the rains of Spring usher in the sweltering heat of Summer again.

Church, this reminds us that regardless of what season of life you are in, change is coming. One must wonder why we are so resistant to change since change is the one constant in our lives. You begin life as a baby and then grow quickly into a toddler. Before long that toddler is off to school and before you know it that little baby is off to college and then married with a family of his own. Yes, change is coming. We might as well accept it because it's happening anyway. The same is true in the church. Things don't stay the same. They can't, if we are going to reach an ever-changing society.

For many years we have been a church that has excelled at ministering to those within the church body. We have enjoyed God's grace and united our hearts and minds as one as we seek to love one another even as Christ loves us. However, if we are going to reach those outside the church then we must begin to focus on extending God's glory. We must start looking outside. In the coming months we are going to focus on various servant evangelism projects in which we can share the love of Jesus with our community. These will be projects in which everyone can participate. You will be hearing more about these soon.

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:



Speaking of change, what would you think about instead of hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner on a Sunday afternoon in which we feed ourselves, we turned it into an outreach ministry where we set aside a day and we all worked together to provide a Thanksgiving meal at the church for those who would otherwise not have Thanksgiving? Instead of focusing on ourselves and what would satisfy our appetites, we advertised and promoted a special Thanksgiving Dinner for those who truly need one. I wonder, which one of these meals most captures the heart of Jesus? Think about it and stay tuned...change is coming.



Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

We all have times in our lives when we face anxiety and fear. When we are concerned about our family, a health issue, a financial issue, or our job. What do we do? Where do we go? Who do we talk to?

Scripture tells us we have a loving Savior who cares about us and the anxieties we have. 1 Peter 5:6-7 says **“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.”** Philippians 4:6-7 tells us **“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**

When we pray and humble ourselves to God, He will take our cares and anxieties. Just as Jesus has taken the burden of our sin He will take and bear our burdens in life. He wants us to cast our cares on Him so we can live a life full of peace and full of joy!

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



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.

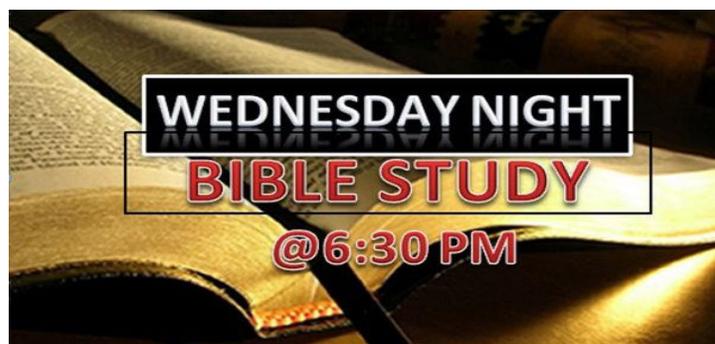
In Him,

FBC Leadership Team



Men's Ministry

The men's ministry continues to meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall for our Book Study. We are presently going through the book, **Desiring God** by John Piper. We are averaging about 18 men. All men are invited to join us. We also have a Men's Breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. We will not be meeting for our Men's Breakfast in October due to a Wedding scheduled on that day.



Women's Ministry

The women's ministry just began a new study on Christian Hospitality called, **Just Open the Door** by Jen Schmidt. They meet each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in Room 103. All ladies are invited to join them for a time of great fellowship and growth in the Lord. The women's ministry also meets on the second Tuesday of every month for their Women's Card Ministry at 6:00 pm. Come and join the fun as they use their creativity and imagination to encourage others with cards of kindness and love.

Children's Ministry

Our Children's ministry started a new program in September called Children in Action (CIA). We meet on Wednesday evenings and have classes for Preschool- Kindergarten (Mission Friends), Grades 1-2 (CIA), Grades 3-5 (CIA), and Grades 6-12 (Youth On Mission). We encourage all of our parents to bring their children on Wednesday, so they can grow in the Lord, enjoy fellowship with other children, and learn about missions. While they are growing in the Lord, our parents can plug into our Men's and Women's studies and grow in their walk also.



Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The JOY Group meets on the third Thursday of every month for their monthly luncheon at 11:00 am. Beginning on October 4th they will be meeting each Thursday for 6 weeks at 11:00 am. to go through the book, **I Am A Church Member** by Thom Rainer. This will be their life group meeting. All those 55 and over are invited to join them as they discover how to be a vital part of the body of Christ.



October Birthday's

1 Jack Wood 5 David Derr
9 Dr. John Duncan 12 Gene P. Gossler
13 James F. Harris 18 June Weales
21 Marissa Gonzalez 22 Caleb Gafford
23 Barb Malone 24 Jaimi Gafford
30 Danny Carr

*Your First Baptist Church Family
would like to wish each of you a
Happy Birthday!*



Have a Blessed Birthday!



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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2 Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	3 Bible Studies Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	4	5	6
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