First Baptist Church

A church united to enjoy God's grace and extend His glory

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From The Pastor's Pen:

Church, my prayer for you is that you learn to love one another. I pray that we allow love to cover our frustration with our children, our disappointment with our spouses, and our anger toward those who mistreat us. The only way we are going to change the world around us is by allowing the love of God to change us by transforming our hearts and spilling out on all those around us. Dr. Tony Evans shares the following illustration about the challenges of loving those closest to you:

> ***A husband and wife one day were fussing. They were really going at it. So the wife suggested they write down their complaints on a piece of paper and then show the other person exactly how they felt. She thought it might cut down on the bickering. The husband agreed and got the paper. She got out the pencils. They both started writing.***
> ***They both wrote furiously for a while. The husband would pause, look at his wife, and write some more. The wife would pause, look at her husband, and write some more. The husband paused again, looked at his wife with an even angrier look on his face, and then he would write some more. The wife did the same and then put the pencil down. Her husband was still writing. He looked up at her in fury and continued writing. He kept writing. Then he wrote some more. The wife was getting furious because she had covered one side of the page and her husband was finishing the backside of his paper. He kept looking up at her and coming up with more to write. Every time he looked up, something new would come up and he'd write some more.***
> ***The wife was in pain and agony. She was clenching her fits and tears of anger were welling up in her eyes. Finally, her husband said that he was finished. They exchanged sheets of paper and looked at each other's sheet. As soon as she gave him her sheet and looked at his, she felt terrible. She wanted to take her sheet back. For when she looked at her husband's sheet of paper, in spite of his anger and in spite of his pain, he had written on every line, "I love you, I love you, I love you. I'm ticked off, but I love you. I'm angry, but I love you. I don't want to be here right now, but I love you." When she saw that much***

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:

love, it covered the multitude of sins that had brought up the argument in the first place.
When you and I love one another like that, that kind of love can cover up a multitude of sins.

We who have been loved much by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ have within us the power to change our families, our churches, our neighborhoods, and our world. May we simply allow the love of Christ to flow through us and splash out on all those around us. Regardless of what has been said or done to us, may our response always be, "I love you." Never forget the love that ignited your relationship with Christ, your marriage, and your family. Love changes things!

--Dr. John Duncan

Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

A study of the book of Proverbs encourages us to seek wisdom. Proverbs 1:2-3 says we are "To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruction in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity". Helping us to gain wisdom is the primary goal of Proverbs. From the young to the mature - those who are wise and have understanding – everyone is invited to grow in wisdom.

Where does that wisdom come from? Ultimately it comes from knowing the Lord Jesus Christ. Isaiah 11:2 points out "And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." And again in Proverbs 1:7 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Ultimately wisdom comes from having a relationship with Christ - knowing Him! Let us consider how we can gain wisdom for our daily lives through Christ as we live for Him.

Our team continues 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 in the Cry Room. If you would like you can join us at one of these times to pray for our church.

We have begun to make visits to our church members with our new Deacon Candidates. They will be ordained as Deacons at a date to be announced soon. Please continue praying for these men and their families as they prepare to take on this new ministry. Our new Deacon candidates are: Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Eric Jones. Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

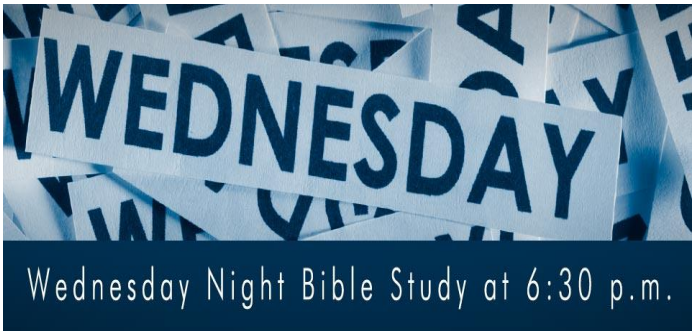
FBC Leadership Team

Wednesday Night Bible Studies:

Women's Ministry:

Our Women's Ministry has recently started a Women's Card Ministry where women meet at the church for fellowship and make homemade cards and color pictures to send to various people in our church and/or community. The next Card Ministry Fellowship will be on Tuesday, February 6th @ 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to come and join us.

Our Women also meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for Bible Study. They will be beginning a new study on January 31st entitled, ***No Other Gods*** by Kelly Minter. In this study they will learn to identify the gods we may be unwittingly serving and the lies they tell us. You will learn to dethrone your modern- day idols and be set free for the more abundant life Jesus gives.



Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry will be starting a new study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at the church. This study will begin on February 21st. We will be studying the book, ***Disciplines of a Godly Man***, by R. Kent Hughes. This was the theme of our Men's Retreat that several men attended back in the Fall. We encourage all men to come and join us in this important study. The cost of the books is $10.00.

We will also be hosting our monthly Men's Breakfast on February 3rd at 9:00 am. We would love to see all of our men attend this Breakfast. There will be great food, fellowship, a time of sharing how God is at work in your life, and a short devotion. Come and join us. Mark your calendar now. We will have our monthly breakfast on the first Saturday of each month. Plan on joining us!

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:

The Offering total at the end of January was $2,066.87. Thank you for supporting missionaries through your generous giving.

Your Love

Your love out loves all earthly love.
Your love loves the unlovable.
Your love cries out to the sinner.
It's done the unforgettable!

Words can not express your pure love.
Men can not comprehend your love,
Yet sinners can receive your love;
Comforted by your holy dove.

Your love shines of rarest beauty.
Your love was given at great cost.
Through Love, you shed your perfect blood;
And hung from that old rugged cross.

It was love that drove you to die;
and brought life to that cold dark grave.
Now, love is looking down from heaven;
Seeks the souls of the lost to save.

T'was awesome Love, wonderfully shown;
To helpless men lost in their sin.
No greater love, there's ever been;
Than God came down to die for men

Susan Y Nikitenko
Treasure Box Poetry And Praise

Sunday School:

As we start a new year and make resolutions and promises to ourselves, I pray that we will also covenant together to become more connected to our church family. God never intended for us to live our lives in isolation. In fact, the first thing that God declared "not good" about his "good" creation is that man was alone. One of the best ways to get connected with one another is to find a Sunday School Class to be a part of. You are already coming to church at 10:15 am, why not get up a little earlier and invest your time in the lives of others. In our Sunday School Classes bonds are formed that last a life time. You have the opportunity to ask questions about Scripture, to learn from others going through similar struggles in life, and to share in the lives of those who are connected to you through the blood of Jesus.

If you still have your doubts about the importance of Sunday School and connecting with one another, take the time to talk to one of the members of the JOY Group. Our Senior Adult Sunday School Class is our largest and most active group in the church. The members of that class pray for one another, spend time together, check on each other throughout the week, eat together, and generally live life together. There are friendships that have been forged in that class over the years that are life-changing. So, make the effort to attend a Sunday School Class and grow in the Lord as you form new relationships. It is not good for you to be alone! Connect with one another.

J.O.Y. Group

Due to the inclement weather, the January J.O.Y. Group meeting was canceled. The next scheduled group meeting will be on February 15th at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Anyone age 55 or older is welcome to attend.

February Birthday's

6 Brenda Toby

7 Donna Spellmeyer

8 Kathern Knox

11 Rodger Derr

14 John Moeller

15 Diana Moeller

17 Bill Whittington

20 Chevelle Kuhn

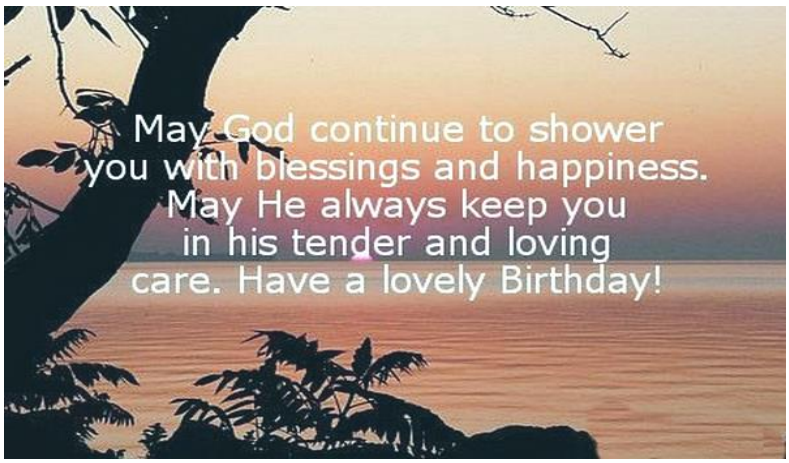
21 Brian Rose

23 Kendra Jasper

24 Stephanie Wood

Your family at First Baptist Church would like to wish you a very,

Happy Birthday!



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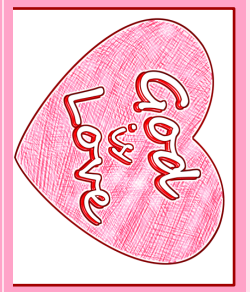
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
4 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m. Life Groups/Jam 5:00 p.m.	5	6 6:00 pm Women's Card Ministry	7 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	8	9	10
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