

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings

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

Children's Ministries



From the Pastor's Pen...



August has arrived and students are returning to school. This time of year always brings with it new hopes, new adventures, new discoveries, and new directions. As our students spread their wings learning new things and making new friends may we be there to encourage them and share in both their excitement and their fears. Take extra time at the dinner table (that's that round thing in the room that has stuff stacked on it!). Yes, some people do actually sit around a table in the evening and share a meal. Why not rediscover your family this August?

It's so easy for us to become so busy and so obsessed with electronics (cell phones, televisions, computers, and games) that we don't take the time to talk to our children (or to one another). Spend some extra time around the dinner table this week and ask your children how their day went...then actually listen to what they say. Pay attention and you may discover a great deal about your children. If you listen well, you may discover the subjects they really enjoy and the one's they could do without. You may even learn your daughter's boyfriend's name so you can make sure to meet him.

But seriously, take a long, hard look at your family. Do you do things together? Even if your children are grown and it's just you and your spouse at home. When is the last time you really sat down and talked to one another and listened? We grow close through communication. Remember when you first started dating each other? How often you would talk to one another? Do you still have that same ardent desire to hear his or her voice? Do you still share your dreams together...oh sure, they may have changed over the years, but you still need to talk about them?

Just like the students are facing new discoveries and new adventures, maybe it's time for all of us to make some new discoveries together. Make time this week for your family. Spend time playing a game together, talking over dinner, and sharing your life together. Those of us who are empty nesters, spend time with one another. Plan a date night and do something fun together. Sit together in your living room (with the television off!) and take the time to share your hearts with one another. Talk about the life you have shared, the life you still long to share together, and how God can use you in the coming year. We are only a vapor; here for just a short time, let's make the most of it and live life together!

Dr. John Duncan



Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

Last month we talked about some of the reasons God wants us to be a part of the church. One of those reasons is because as a member of the church we have the opportunity and responsibility to serve: **“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.” – Gal. 6:10** and **“... through love serve one another.” – Gal. 5:13.** We were not created for isolation but were created to be in community, reflecting the nature of our triune God. As we looked at before, we are told to encourage, love, forgive, accept, pray for, and yes, to *serve* each other. Being a member of the church is a vital part of our journey to spiritual maturity and *servng* God and others is a big part of that.

The Pastor and elders have begun the process of looking at ways to better perform the ministries of our church which help serve our church membership and our community. Each of the elders will be taking on the responsibility of overseeing three or four different ministries. Each ministry will have a team leader which, with help and guidance of the responsible elder, will put together a team, which will then go about the task at hand for the appropriate ministry. In this way the ministries are distributed so that no one person or just a few people are trying to do all the work.

A few months ago, the church had a ministry fair where people could sign up for various ministry opportunities. Using the list of folks that signed up and then praying for God to direct our thoughts and decisions the elders have started to put together the leadership for the ministries that we would like to see moving forward in our church. We would ask that you too would be in prayer about this and if asked, prayerfully consider serving.

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, 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

Our men continue meeting every Wednesday evening at 6:30 for their Men's Study. They are presently studying **The Christian Man**, by Patrick Morley. All men are invited to come and join us as we discover how we can be the men God has called us to be.

Our men also meet on the first Saturday of each month for their Men's Breakfast. Their next Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 3rd at 9:00 am. Make plans now to attend. You will be blessed!

Women's Ministry

Our women are presently meeting each Wednesday evening at 6:30 for their Women's Study. They are going through the book, **The Ten Commandments**, by Kevin DeYoung. All women are invited to come and join us. You will be blessed by the fellowship and challenged by the Word.

Children's Ministry

The Children's Summer Program is fun, exciting, and filled with laughter. Every Wednesday night an average of 8-15 young people along with several leaders come to FBC to "move it, move it, move it" outside on the "greens" of the church.

Bill Thrasher says the program is going well and the kids are having fun. To emphasize the Summer theme, the leaders are using both creative games and old traditional games to promote teamwork and to Glorify God.

Questions about the program were answered by 2 adults, teenagers, and kids and were opinion based. Each age group was asked to choose one funny event from the Summer, separate, then write what was funny about it in his/her own words. Both the adults & the teens picked Bills birthday. The adults thought the water activities were funny. The teens thought the hats from Bills party were funny. The hats kept breaking as they put them on. After the questions were answered another teen joined them and the conversation began. One of the teens with laughter in her voice and a sparkle in her eye tells of David Derr wearing his hat in a funny way because his hat broke. Together, they're creating fun & exciting memories. I enjoyed listening to them describe the event and hearing their laughter made me smile. It was a blessing!

According to the questionnaire, our young people are happy & excited, they're having fun, they feel comfortable and accepted, they're active but out of breath. The young people are growing through the Summer program. A child who pushed the limits at the beginning of the Summer no longer pushes the limits. They're learning through their weekly devotions as each of them explained to us in the questionnaire. A respect for their leaders can be seen in the answers of these 4 young people. Except...when they told us the adults look funny and get red in the face when they are "moving it".

The Summer program will continue through the month of August. You too can be blessed, for information on how you can help with the Children's Ministry Programs, please contact Bill Thrasher or Pastor John. Your kids are worth it! Asking questions is the second step in starting a conversation between you and your children. Deciding to spend the time with them is the first step.



JOY

(Just Older Youth)

Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The JOY Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, July 18th. They enjoyed another wonderful meal with an array of meats, vegetables, and some truly incredible desserts. Pastor Duncan followed our meal with a devotion from Isaiah 61:3 and challenged us to stand firm like a “righteous oak” when the storms of life rage against us. He shared with us that no matter how fierce the storm our God is able to make us strong and sturdy when we stay connected to Him. After the devotion, we shared prayer concerns, gave testimonies and shared how God is at work in our lives.



Calling All Seniors!

We encourage all those 55 and over to join us next month for our luncheon. You will enjoy the wonderful food, be inspired by how God is at work among us and be challenged by God’s Word. Join us!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August Birthday's

2 Rachel Reinhart	2 Jamie Shinabarger
3 Veronica Lassiter	3 Kalah Hester
4 Finley Harlow	4 Jake Rose
5 Wonda Colman	5 Marie McGlothlin
5 Scott Duncan	7 Dale Lassiter
9 Braddac Boger	12 Mike Jones
12 James Rose	15 Sandy Haskins
17 Lisa Kuebler	19 Kim Coles
19 Danny Jasper	21 Melissa Tanner
22 Collin Thrasher	25 Michele Rose
28 Mark Russell	30 Michel Coles

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



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Men's Breakfast
9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

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Prayer Time
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
In the Sanctuary

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J.O.Y. Group
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