

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

Wednesday Evenings

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

Children's Ministries



From the Pastor's Pen...



Freedom's Final Price

What began in awesome glory robed in perfect light
Was suddenly disrobed with the first man's sinful plight.
The freedom man once relished was shackled in sin's chains
As his sinless life of perfection was forever changed.
The sin grew dark and gruesome as it plagued man's every thought
His life was full of battles that he forever fought.
The image he once bore was now marred by present sin
The beauty God placed in him was now trapped deep within.
The harmony and peace he'd know it seemed was forever lost
He regretted that he'd lost his life; but death was sin's final cost.
He could not buy his freedom no matter how hard he tried
For when he chose rebellion that day he truly died.
But God in His great mercy considered the depth of sin's cost
He stepped out of heaven's glory proclaiming all was not lost.
There was a price to pay for sin; but man could not afford
So, God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ the Lord.
The chains of sin were strong its true and would not easily break
Jesus Christ would have to die; our atonement He would make.
Freedom's final price astounded all of creation
As Jesus Christ our Lord died for people of every nation.
The blood ran red and tears did flow the Father's face was turned
As sin and death and hell gave way as Satan's plan was spurned.
Our destiny is changed now for atonement has been made
Our chains they are broken freedom's price has now been paid.

--Dr. John Duncan



Committed

Leadership Team

To His purpose...For His Glory

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team,

Many times, I have heard someone say that they are a Christian, but they don't need to or want to attend church for various reasons. But, as Christians we are instructed by God's Word to find a local church body to attend. Hebrews 10:25 tells us that we should not neglect meeting together. So, the instruction is clear, but the question is "Why?" What are the reasons God wants us to attend a church?

The first reason that comes to mind is worship. Corporate worship is very important in the life of a believer. Psalms 100:4 says "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" We are to come together to praise and worship God as a church united remembering all He has done for us. While we can worship Him by ourselves, there is something special about being part of a group lifting up the name of the Lord in worship!

Yet another reason is what meeting together means to each other. Again in Hebrews 10 we see this: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another," - Heb. 10:24,25. Our meeting together is meant to be a time of encouragement for us all.

And yet another reason is that our meeting together is an opportunity to serve. 1 Cor. 15:58 - "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." And as Galatians 6:10 tells us this is especially true for other brothers and sisters in our church: "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

So, as we meet together on each Sunday and throughout each week let us come together to praise and worship our God and to encourage and serve each other.

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

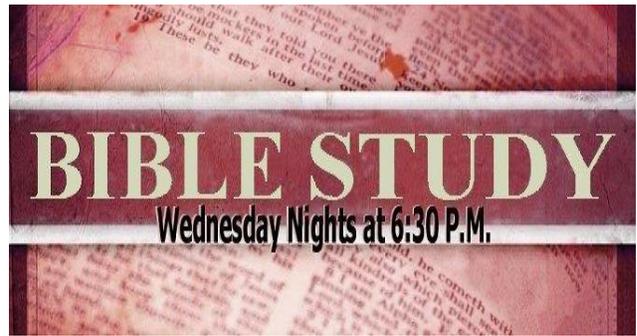
Our Men have just started a new study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. They are studying the book, ***The Christian Man*** by Patrick Morley. This book will help you have a much clearer picture of the man you believe

God is calling you to become. Morley deals with ten issues that men believe are biggest issues they deal with in their battle to become godly men. We welcome all men to come and join us for a time of fellowship and growth.

Our men also meet on the first Saturday of every month for a Men's Breakfast. We will be meeting on Saturday, July 6th at 9:00 am. All men are invited to come and join us for a time of food, fellowship, and inspiration. If you would like to help cook please arrive at 7:45 am.

Women's Ministry

Our women are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and are studying the book ***The Ten Commandments*** by Kevin DeYoung. They are discovering that there is much more to these commands than meets the eye as they study not only their original intent but their relevance today. All women are invited to come and join them as they live life together and grow in Christ.



The weighted lap pads were finished and delivered to the Timbers in Jasper around the middle of June. Thank you for all the donated fabric and miscellaneous supplies. A special thanks to all the ladies who helped sew the lap pads.

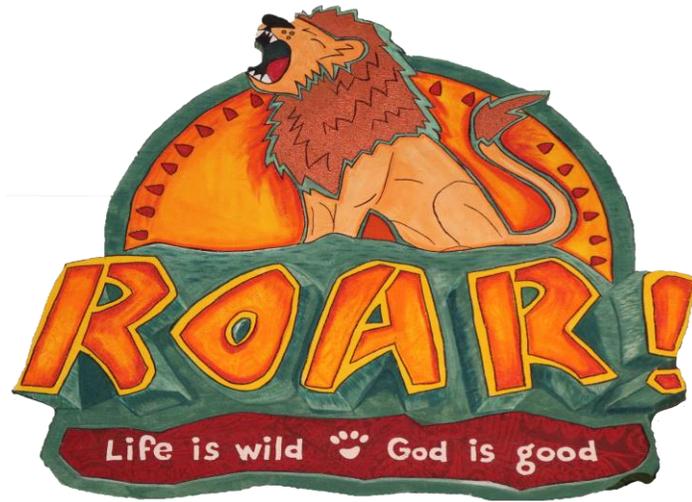
MISSION POSSIBLE

Beginning this month, we start up our *Mission Possible* Campaign to eliminate our mortgage. We have asked each of our families to prayerfully consider what they would be able to give each week (in addition to current tithe) toward our debt retirement. Our goal is to average \$25.00 per week per family (65 families). If we do this, we can retire our debt in the next 5 years. If you have not turned in your commitment card, please do so in the offering plate. Your commitment is a one-year pledge. We will renew these after the first year. Be in prayer for this campaign so we can eliminate our debt and focus on ministry.



Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The JOY Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, June 20th. They had 16 in attendance and enjoyed a great meal with a variety of meats and vegetables and some incredible desserts. After they enjoyed their meal, Dr. Duncan shared a devotion with them from Hebrews 11 reminding them that faith produces actions. He pointed out the definition of faith in verse 1 “**Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen,**” as well as highlighting the examples of faith in which their faith is proven by their actions. Dr. Duncan left them with this provoking question: “Does your faith work?” Come and join us for our next JOY Group Luncheon on Thursday, July 18th @ 11:00 am. All those 55 and over are invited to come and join us.



A Personal note of Thanks from Sandy Duncan

I would like to thank all those who worked in Vacation Bible School this year. Many of you put in long hours and offered your creative ideas that made our VBS decorations such a huge success. Thank you to those who came out each night and shared the love of Christ with all the children in your own special ways. Whether you were a Bible Study Leader, worship leader, recreation leader, craft leader, kitchen leader or crew leader your sacrifice and commitment helped make this VBS special.

A special note of thanks also goes out to all those who fixed food and desserts for the workers, those who prayed over our VBS, and those who passed out fliers to promote our VBS. Each of you helped make this VBS successful. Thank you all. It wouldn't have happened without you.

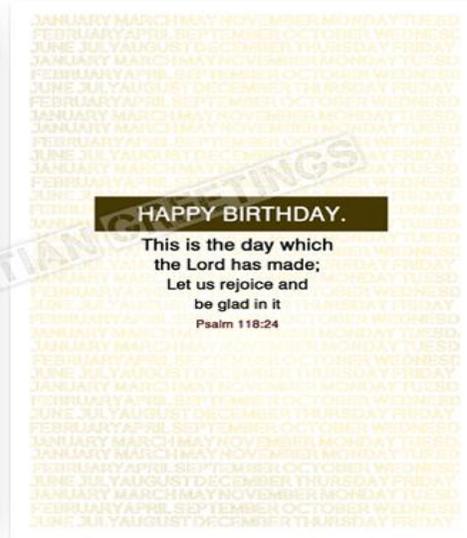
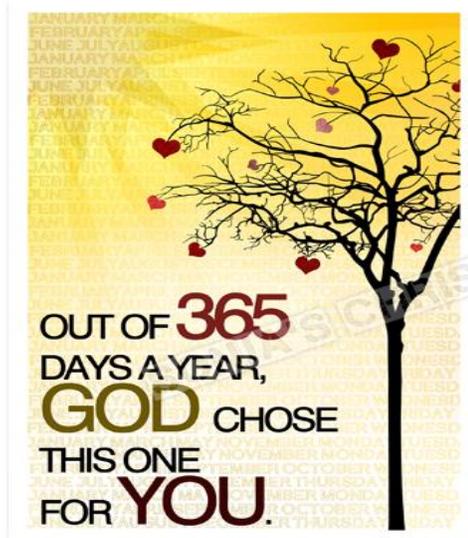
Sandy Duncan

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July Birthday's

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| 4 Tina Hostetler | 5 Sghelda Haworth |
| 8 April Blackwood | 10 Bill Thrasher |
| 11 Les Enlow | 13 Warren Hester |
| 14 Katrina Hopf | 14 Jerry Burris |
| 19 Blair Harlow | 21 Cathy Ulstad |
| 21 Jeremy Wood | 23 Kurtis Overpeck |
| 26 Peggy Dedrick | 30 Lanna Mason |
| 30 Tim Harris | 31 Kathy Herndon |

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



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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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

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Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's
Ministries
6:30 p.m.



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Men's Breakfast
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