

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

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...



Beginning June 1st, we will kick off the **Mission Possible Stewardship Campaign** which will challenge us to catch the vision of eliminating our church mortgage in five years. This campaign was introduced at our April Membership Meeting and embraced enthusiastically by our church body. This campaign challenges us to look to the future realizing there are many ministries we are unable to do because we are hampered by our church debt. We realize that it is God's desire for us to be debt-free and to use the resources that our church body gives to extend His kingdom.

We presented some of those areas of ministry that are hindered by our current church debt: extensive mission opportunities, van/bus ministry, additional staff to facilitate ministry, aggressive marketing and community ministry, Youth Summits, Preaching Conferences, additional concerts/retreats, etc.

The **Mission Possible Campaign** challenges each family to contribute \$25.00 more per week to the principal of our mortgage (in addition to their tithe and current giving to the principal). Our figures are based on 65 families participating at an additional \$25.00 per week towards the principal of the mortgage. If this takes place, the debt will be eliminated in five years. Our current (as of March 31, 2019) mortgage stands at \$727,833.10. While some families may not be able to give an additional \$25.00 per week, some will be able to give more. We believe we can achieve this average giving and with God's grace we can eliminate this debt. What seems impossible today will become possible as God's people catch the vision and prove His faithfulness.

Join me in prayer as we begin this campaign. As we move closer to eliminating our debt, we will become better equipped to carry out our church vision statement: **A Church united to enjoy God's grace and extend His glory**. We have, indeed, enjoyed the grace of God, now may we join hearts in prayer that we might eliminate this debt so that we can **extend His glory** more effectively.

Dr. John Duncan



Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team,

This past month we celebrated Resurrection Sunday. A day we worship and praise God for raising Christ from the dead after His crucifixion. In Sunday school class on that day we looked at the events surrounding the resurrection as recorded in Matthew 28 which caused us to think about: Why is Jesus' resurrection important to us? We know Jesus had to die as payment for our sins but does the resurrection have anything to do with payment for sins? How does it affect the way we live on a daily basis? Do we even think about it daily or is the resurrection something we celebrate only once a year?

Jesus says in the gospels that He is God, He is the only way to salvation, the Old Testament is about Him, and He would be raised from the dead on the third day – His resurrection validates all of these claims. His resurrection validates the scriptures and our faith. Paul writes in 1Cor. 15:14 **And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.**

Paul also writes in 1 Cor. 15:17: **And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins** and in Romans 4:24-25 **Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.** His resurrection is the reason we are forgiven and justified before God.

Everything hinges on the empty tomb. We are alive in Him, have our faith, and are forgiven because He is not dead. These are the things that we should remind ourselves about every day as the truth of Christ resurrection and its meaning brings us to joy and worship of our Lord.

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

Join us for our new study entitled **"Echoes of the Reformation"** which begins on Wednesday evening, May 1st @ 6:30 pm. This study will include video-driven studies that provide small-group experiences, individual study, and applicable Scripture. Here is a brief synopsis of this upcoming study: It has been five hundred years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the All Saints' Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther's theses called for the reform of the church and served as the catalyst for the Protestant Reformation. Its impact is still felt today.

This Bible study examines the five core truths that came from the Reformation, now referred to as the *solas*. Group members will explore these essential convictions of the faith and emerge more immersed in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The *solas* include:

Sola Scriptura (by Scripture alone)

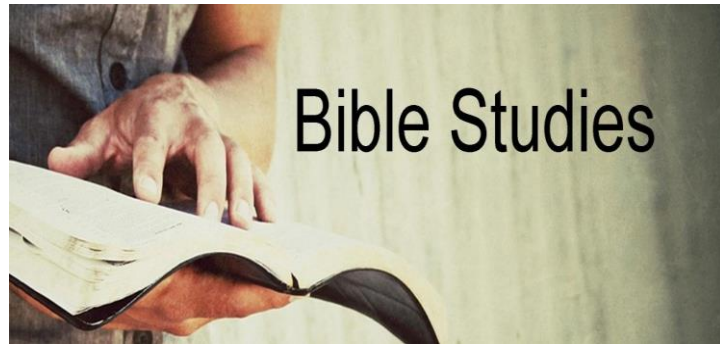
Sola gratia (by grace alone)

Sola fide (through faith alone)

Solus Christus (through Christ alone)

Soli Deo gloria (glory to God alone)

As you'll see in this study, the *solas* are more than cold Latin terms that academics throw around in church-history books. The five *solas*, like the Reformation itself, are intensely practical. They were the DNA of the Reformation and are still the DNA of the church today. They are grounded in a real-life, every day following of Jesus. They're the most important, basic scriptural truths you can ever believe. We stand on the shoulders of Christians in the past and knowing where we came from will help us keep moving forward with passion and biblical clarity. Come and join us!



Women's Ministry

The Women are beginning a new study on Wednesday, May 8th. They will be going through the book, **The Ten Commandments** by Kevin DeYoung. This study will be dealing with the questions: Are the Ten Commandments still relevant today? Do they still apply? What do they mean in light of God's mercy revealed in Jesus? Highlighting the timelessness and goodness of God's commands, pastor Kevin DeYoung delivers critical truth about the Ten Commandments as he makes clear what they are, why we should know them, and how to apply them. Come and join us each Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm.



Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The JOY Group met on Thursday, April 18th for their monthly luncheon. Our guest speaker from the Timbers had to cancel so we joined together in prayer for the many within our church body who are dealing with loss and illness. We were once again treated to a vast array of wonderful food and desserts. We would love for all those 55 and over to take advantage of this unique time of food and fellowship. Join us in May and you will be greatly encouraged as you share in fellowship with others who are partnering with you on the Christian journey.

Annie Armstrong

The Annie Armstrong Easter offering total was \$1,519.00. Thanks to your generosity and faithful giving, First Baptist Church has exceeded its goal of \$1,200.00. But most importantly, we have supported missionaries all around the world, which is the purpose of the Annie Armstrong Easter offering.



Pastor Kenny Carr

Kenny states, "We have seen vision become reality in these past 19 years"

PRAYER SUMMIT

On May 5th Kenny Carr, Pastor of Long Heights Baptist Church in McKenzie, Tennessee will be with us for a special Prayer Emphasis. Pastor Kenny will be preaching in the morning service at 10:15 am, then he will be leading a Seminar on Prayer at 5:00 pm walking us through his Prayer Journal. Pastor Kenny graduated from Union University in 1997 with a BA in Religion and from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 2002 with a Master of Divinity.

Kenny has served as pastor of Long Heights Baptist Church since 2000 and has seen God grow the church from an average attendance of 132 to an average of around 500. We look forward to having Pastor Kenny at our church and encourage everyone to make a special effort to come and rediscover the power of prayer

Pastor Kenny and Mrs. Jackie Carr have been married for 32 years and have two children. Derek (29yrs. Old) is an Edward Jones Agent in Jackson, Tn. where he resides with his wife Shelley and daughter Landry. Their daughter Dr. Kelsey Carr (25yrs. Old) is a Pharmacist and resides in Nashville, Tn.



Pastor Kenny Carr & Family



May Birthday's

4 Karen Esslinger 6 Doris Whittington
9 Clayton Rose 11 Windell Toby
11 Andrew Gagnon 13 Nick Pfau
16 Sherry Haulk 18 Patty Jasper
19 Mark Spivey 27 Charlie Heller
29 Rod Haskins

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



May 2019



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's
Ministries
6:30 p.m.

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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.
Pastor Kenny Carr
5:00 pm

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7
VBS Decorating
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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

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

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14
VBS Decorating
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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

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J.O.Y. Group
11:00 a.m.

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

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21
VBS Decorating
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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

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

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Have a Safe &
Happy Memorial
Day!

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VBS Decorating
Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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

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