

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...



As October arrives, Fall comes into full swing with the leaves changing colors and then falling from the trees and covering our lawns. As the year moves on, those multi-colored leaves will be replaced by what seem to be dry, lifeless twigs. When December hits, the trees that boast such brilliant colors now will be void of any semblance of life. Yes, the seasons of life bring many changes to the landscape. Not only the trees are affected by this but also the flowers, grass, plants, and even to some degree the sky as it transforms from a bright blue to a dismal gray.

In a similar fashion, the seasons that we pass through physically affect us physically, emotionally, and spiritually. There are times when we are going through a great season of joy, success, and growth that we feel alive and energetic, filled with hope and ready to change the world. Yet, there are also seasons that we face when it seems the life is being sucked out of us. You know, those seasons of sickness, job loss, financial struggles, family issues, rebellious children, etc. At those times our hearts are heavy, our focus is limited, we seem to be shrouded in a blanket of despair. Yes, the seasons of life can be difficult.

Oh, how we wish we could live always and forever in that season of bliss. We would love it if all was sunshine and roses. But you know, I don't really believe that. This past Summer, Sandy and I were able to go to Sedona, Arizona to see the Grand Canyon. It was an awesome (truly was, because God formed it!) sight. But as we hiked around and spent some time in that climate, we discovered that it's a nice place to visit, but we would not want to live there. Why? We missed seeing grass. It was 95-105 degrees every day. They had very little if any rain all year. We surmised that we would miss the seasons. When everyday seems like Summer, I would miss the Spring with the promise of new life and the Fall that brings the gradual changes that usher in the Winter which brings the cold and the wonder of snow. I want to experience all the seasons!

I believe the same can be said for life in general. We need all the seasons of life. If you always live your life on the mountain and never walk in the valleys you tend to take the mountain for granted and you stop growing. You see, growth takes place in the valleys of life, not on the mountains. It's the difficult seasons of life that bring on trials and tests of our faith that make us stronger. As I look back on my life it's the seasons that brought pain and heartache and loss that caused me to become more reliant upon God and to learn to trust Him more. Those harsh seasons strengthened my faith and taught me that no matter how severe the season that I am facing, God has it under control and He will also bring a season of refreshing. So, my friends, whatever season you are facing in life right now, embrace it and know that our Sovereign God is at work in you conforming you into the image of His Son. As we face the various seasons of life that are ever changing around us may we rest in this eternal promise: our God is steadfast and true. He never changes!

■ Dr. John Duncan



Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

In this day of electronic information, it seems we receive a verse of scripture every day. Email, Facebook, Instagram, texts, etc. While these verses are not at all bad, we need to be careful that we do not take them out of context. What verses are around them, who wrote them and why, to whom are they written, are there other verses of scripture that speak to the same subject, and so on. We want to make sure that we know the full meaning of the verse and how God would have us apply it to our lives.

With that being said, I received a verse this past week that really struck me. 1 Corinthians 8:3 "But if anyone loves God, he is known by God." What struck me is that it says we are "known by God" and we can find other scriptures that speak to the same thing. Galatians 4:9 says "But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?" (italics added), Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...", and Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him."

Think of it. The God of the universe, who created all things, everything we know and see and have around us, KNOWS us! Knew us before we were alive! When we call on His name, give our lives to Him, take refuge in Him, His Word says He knows us! Let that sink in and remember each day how much our God loves us, and may it drive us to live for Him.

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

Adults Interpreting the Bible Class

Our Interpreting the Bible Class will continue to meet throughout October on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. This class combines our Men's and Women's Studies into one group. Pastor John teaches this class and covers the following topics: how the Bible is inspired, is the Bible reliable, how did we get the Bible, why so many translations of the Bible, how do we interpret the various genres of literature represented in the Bible? And more. Come and join us!

Youth Ministry

Our Youth are meeting each Wednesday evening from 6:15 -7:45 pm in the basement. The Youth meetings consist of Fellowship, Praise and Worship, Teaching Time, Breakout Groups, and sharing together. All those in grades 6-12 are invited to join us.

AWANA

Our AWANA program has begun. We have classes for Cubbies (ages 3-5), Sparkies (Grades 1-2) and T&T (Grades 3-4), They meet each Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:45 pm. If you would like more information about our AWANA program see Holly Weyer. You can also register your children online at www.fbjasper.org.



Trunk or Treat

We are still meeting every Monday night at 6:00 pm to prepare everything for our Trunk or Treat event that will be on October 31st. We are still in need of people who will bring their cars to the event so we can decorate their trunks. We also need people who will help pass out candy at each trunk. If you can help in any of these areas, please see Nicole Overpeck. She will be in the foyer with a sign-up sheet before and after worship on Sundays.

JOY

(Just Older Youth)

Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The JOY Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, September 19th at 11:00 am. They enjoyed a great time of fellowship with a wonderful meal complete with meats, vegetables, and great desserts. Phil Malone then led the group in a time of prayer for the many who are sick; while others shared their concerns as well as praises for what God is doing in their lives.



Calling All Seniors!

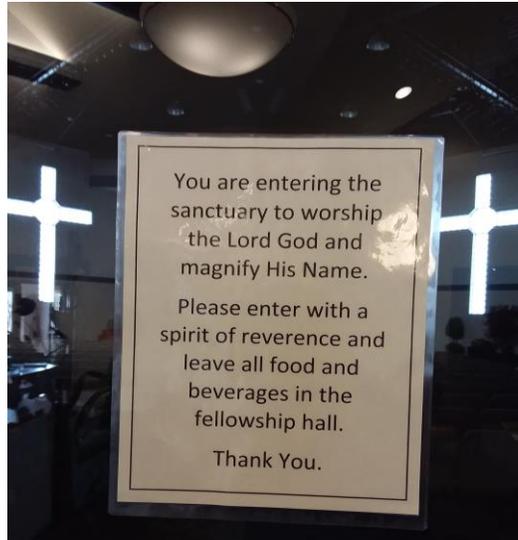
The next JOY Group meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The JOY Group welcomes Seniors over the age of 55.

Girls Night Out

Girls night out will be held from 6:00 pm - ? on October 18th, here at FBC. Ladies are asked to bring a snack to share and a drink. Coffee will be provided. Plans are being made to get to know one another. Plan to have Fun, Fun, Fun with Tina & Barb. All Ladies are invited to attend.

All Ladies interested in attending GNO, a sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board. Please call Tina Hostetler at 812-482-4724 with any questions regarding GNO.

What's in your cup?



During the month of September, spills were cleaned off the floors and chairs in the Sanctuary. The First Baptist Church Staff would like to remind you to respect the Sanctuary and leave all beverages (and food) in the Fellowship Hall. If necessary, only plain water may be taken into the Sanctuary.

Please respect the faithful few who serve you by cleaning the church. Unless Dr. Duncan gives your group permission, no food or beverages in the Sanctuary. Out of respect for others, please clean up after yourselves.

If you would like to be a part of the cleaning team, please see Brian Rose. There is also a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board just outside the Sanctuary.

Thank you



October Birthday's

1 Jack Wood 5 David Derr
8 Scott Kuebler 9 Dr. John Duncan
12 Gene P. Cossler 13 James F. Harris
17 Matt Sunderland 18 June Weales
21 Marissa Gonzalez 23 Barb Malone
30 Danny Carr

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



October 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1
Prayer in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm

2
Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's Ministries
6:30 pm

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5
JFBC Association Annual Meeting
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

6
Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

7
Trunk or Treat meeting
6:00 pm

8
Prayer in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm

9
Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's Ministries
6:30 pm

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13
Pastor Appreciation Day
Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

14
Columbus Day
Trunk or Treat meeting
6:00 pm

15
Prayer in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm

16
Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's Ministries
6:30 pm

17
J.O.Y. Group
11:00 a.m.

18
Girls Night Out
FBC
6:00 pm

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20
Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
10:15 a.m.

21
Trunk or Treat meeting
6:00 pm

22
Prayer in the Sanctuary
5:30 pm

23
Adult Bible Studies
Youth & Children's Ministries
6:30 pm

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Trunk or Treat

