



*Pastor Nelson slides down the inflatable obstacle course
at the Fall Kickoff on September 7, 2022.*

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From the Pastor...

First Baptist Church is blessed in so many ways! We have wonderful people, meaningful worship, and impactful ministries. One other way we are blessed is by the generosity of our folks with the gifts that God has given us. In fact, we are in a position very few churches experience. Because of the faithful giving of us all, and some special large gifts from a few, we are finishing our fiscal year with a surplus.

The Bible teaches us that we are blessed, not just to enjoy God's blessings, but to use our blessings to bless others. It also teaches us to be wise stewards who are prepared for hard times. Several have expressed a desire use our surplus to do more in our community. Others have suggested that we ensure that we are prepared for future emergencies.

Our Business Management Team and Deacons have also been thinking through this situation and have a recommendation. To be good stewards with God's resources and to share with our community, our leadership is recommending the following:

- Transfer \$100,000 to the Reserve Roof Repair/Replacement Fund
- Transfer \$100,000 to the Reserve HVAC Repair/Replacement Fund
- Donate \$40,000 to local ministries under the guidance of the Missions Team

We feel this both preserves funds for emergency use and makes an immediate positive impact on our community.

We are asking the Missions Team to distribute the \$40,000, because they keep close contact with local ministries, and we want to expedite our process. You, of course, can make suggestions (contact Elizabeth Kilby), but the recommendation will give final distribution authority to the Missions Team.

All of our funds are God's money under the discretion of the congregation, so redistributing these will require congregational approval. The Deacon Ministry Team is calling for two special business meetings to decide these matters.

- 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 5, 2022, for questions and discussion
- 10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 9, 2022, for vote without discussion

We celebrate how God is providing, and trust that, if we are faithful in doing God's work, God will continue to provide for our ministry needs.

Schedule

Sunday, September 25

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson
Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook
9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, September 29

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 2

7:00 a.m. Sunday School Lesson

Uploaded to YouTube & Facebook
9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Deacon Election

Monday, October 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wonderful Wed. After School Program

5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Music & Missions

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, October 6

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....	Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....	Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....	Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Happy Birthday

October 2

Mia Acosta
James Foushee

Jimmy Webb
Rebecca West

October 3

Carol Hunter

October 4
George McLeod

October 5
Nelson Granade

October 9
Mary Alice Lowrance

October 13

Teresa Earp
Wilma McNeil

October 14

Nan Johnson
Vonnie Jordan

October 15

Jocelyn Hembee
Jennie Payne

October 16

Carolyn Saddler
Matthew Waugh

October 18

Jeff Church
October 19

Crystal Beale
Nancy Hughes

Phil Johnston
October 22

Shirley Brendle
Jan Petree

Beth Webb
October 23

Rex Card
Ben Harper

Lisa Houston
James McNeil

October 25
Judy Horney

October 27
Ginny Devine

October 28
Pam Potter

October 30
Sam Buckner

Jody Parlier

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of September 11 & 18, 2022

	9/11	9/18
Live Stream Views.....	23	27
In-Person.....	143	130
Sunday School.....	104	96

Financial Statistics

	September	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	69,206.00	869,311.00
Budget Receipts	92,206.00	1,114,693.00
All Goals Met	22,661.00	245,382.00
Alms	888.00	13,396.00
Designated	5,173.00	144,235.00

Fall Kickoff - Wednesday, September 7, 2022

Our Wednesday evening activities returned on September 7. We kicked off the “new year” with a cookout and discussed what a wonderful summer we had at Passport Youth and Children’s Camps, on our mission trip to Chicago, at Vacation Bible School, and lending some aid to those impacted by the Kentucky floods. Our children enjoyed inflatables in the gym!





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Announcements

Deacon Election Sunday, October 2, 2022

The Deacon Election will be held on Sunday, October 2 at the beginning of the worship service. You must be present to vote. The newly elected deacons will begin to serve in January 2023. They will take the place of those that will complete their terms in December 2022 (Jerry Campbell, Nancy Deal, and Bill Henderson).

Fall Sermon Series The Way of Jesus

Christianity is more than just a set of beliefs. It is also a lifestyle. To be a Christian means we follow the Way of Jesus. We seek to live our lives as Jesus lived His. The Way of Jesus is a way of:

- Community (10/2)
- Humility (10/9)
- Forgiveness (10/16)
- Perseverance (10/23)
- Righteousness (10/30)
- Sorry and Joy (11/6)
- Sharing (11/13)
- Thanksgiving (11/20)
- Hope (11/27)
- Peace (12/4)
- Joy (12/11)
- Love (12/18)

Wednesday Evening Menus

Our Wednesday evening activities are back! The meal is served 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$5.00/adult and \$4.00/child. You DO NOT need a reservation.

September 28
baked potato & salad bar

October 5
Barbeque



All children are invited for a evening of trunk or treating! Sign ups to decorate your car will begin this Sunday, September 25. We will also need LOTS of candy! Please pick up an extra bag while you're out!

Redistribution of Funds

Because we have a surplus a funds, the Business Management Team and the Deacon Ministry Team recommends we redistribute our funds to prepare for hard times and to share with our community. We will meet to discuss this redistribution on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will vote on this without discussion at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 9.



For everything there is a season,
and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1