

Boys play a game at First Fellowship on Sunday, September 24.



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From the Pastor...

Fall is upon us and with it comes several holidays. Halloween and Christmas will be the two that get the most attention, but I think Thanksgiving deserves a lot more attention. This one reason why I'm going to be preaching on gratitude through out October.

In particular, I'll be focusing on the impediments to gratitude. Those parts of our lives that seem to rob us of our gratitude and therefore our joy. Some of these are nostalgia, worry, entitlement and greed. Each week we will see how gratitude can refocus us into a more joyful life.

On Wednesday evenings, we will continue looking at The Commands of Jesus. So far we've looked at repenting, coming, believing, loving, listening, abiding, following, praying, worshiping and rejoicing. For the rest of the fall, we will look at humbling ourselves, controlling our anger, forgiving others, and seeking God's will.

We will break into our Commands of Jesus study for two special sessions exploring the Importance of Women in Christian Leadership. This so we can understand why First Baptist Church encourages women in ministry, despite recent declarations by the Southern Baptist Convention. These studies will be October 11 & 18, 2023.

Getting back to the topic of gratitude, let me close by saying how grateful I am for the faithfulness of our First Baptist Church members. Your support of our church through your time, talents and treasure make a positive impact on our ministries. Thank you for all you do!

Sermon Series Impediments of Gratitude

October 8, 2023
Impediments to Gratitude: Nostalgia
Exodus 17:1-7

October 15, 2023
Impediments to Gratitude: Worry
Philippians 4:1-9

October 22, 2023
Impediments to Gratitude: Entitlement
Matthew 22:1-14

October 29, 2023
Impediments to Gratitude: Greed
Matthew 22:15-22

Schedule

Sunday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, October 9

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 11

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. Children's Music & Missions

6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, October 12

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, October 16

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, October 18

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. Children's Music & Missions

6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission

6:00 p.m. Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus

7:00 p.m. Choir

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 19

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. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
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A Message From Minister of Young Families & Missions Elizabeth Kilby

The first payment for next years mission trip is due on Friday, October 20. Now is the time to decide if Greece is where God is calling you next summer. Someone asked "Why Greece?". Greece is a place where in many parts the gospel has been forgotten. Greece is a main hub for refugees seeking asylum and still a huge place for trade and transient people. This is a great time to go and reach people who may have previously been in closed countries, reach Grecians who may have never heard in their upbringing about the life changing love of Jesus, and help ministries already there grow stronger. As you think about the trip, please begin praying for the specific areas we are going to impact.



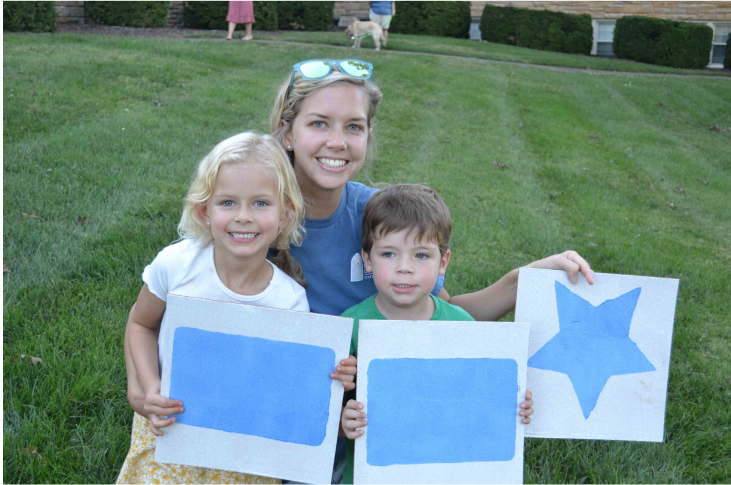
Spiritual Statistics

	9/24	10/1
In Person	150	165
Live Stream	xx	xx
Sunday School	11397

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	86,645.00	866,450.00
Budget Receipts	43,582.00	798,902.00
Goals Not Met	(43,063.00)	(67,548.00)
Alms	1,372.00	13,372.00
Designated	9,763.00	66,847.00

First Fellowship - Sunday, September 24, 2023





Announcements

Welcome to our Church Family!



Boomer Lewis made a profession of fath on Sunday, October 1. Boomer will be baptized at later date.

Wednesday Evening Menus

Cost of the meal is \$6.00/adult and \$4.00/child. No reservation is needed.

October 11

baked potaotes & salad bar

October 18

tacos

Advent Devotional Writers Needed

It is that time of year where we are gathering writers for the Advent Devotional. If you are interested in writing a brief devotional for one of the days of advent please see Elizabeth this week, or email her, esb7432@gmail.com

Cemetery Plots

First Baptist Church was recently gifted four cemetery plots at Sharon Memorial Park in Charlotte. The value of each plot is \$5,395 each and all four must be sold together. If you are interested in purchasing the plots, or you know of someone else who might be interested, please contact Mary Jane in the church office.

Deacon Ministry Team

On Sunday, October 1, our congregation elected Kim Allen, Lynn Barker, and Nan Miller Johnson to the Deacon Ministry Team. They will begin their service in January 2024. Thank you to all the nominees who were willing and ready to serve.

White Christmas

Saturday, December 9 , 2023

For White Christmas we will have multiple ways to serve. You can serve on the set up team, collect and sort food, buy gifts for the families, provide items for the parents to stuff a stocking for their children, or be a buddy in the Clothes Closet.

We will have a sign up for shopping for families on Sunday, October 22 and 29. That way we can get the family names to you as soon as we receive them. Gifts will be due Sunday, December 3 and we will have a wonderful day as a community on Saturday, December 9 as we have White Christmas that morning.

A Note of Appreciation from Melissa & Tim Tompkins

Dear Church Family,
Just a note to say thank you for all the cards, letters, and visits during the time of my mother's passing. It was conforing and greatly appreciated.

Melissa & Tim Tompkins

Trunk or Treat Sunday, October 29, 2023 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

All children are invited to our Trunk or Treat for some fall fun! If you would like to decorate your car, please sign up at the Welcome Center. We also need lots of candy and prizes! If you are unable to decorate your car, please pick up an extra bag of candy or other prizes at the store!

