



From the Pastor...

You have been hearing a lot about Godly Play® at First Baptist Church. In fact, our parents were introduced to the program last Sunday. Our kids will experience their first Godly Play® session this Sunday, January 28, 2024. You will have the opportunity to experience Godly Play® in one of our four introductory sessions.

Church-wide Godly Play® Introductory Sessions:

- 9:00 a.m., Sunday, February 18, 2024
- 9:00 a.m., Sunday, March 17, 2024
- 11:00 a.m., Sunday, April 7, 2024
- 11:00 a.m., Sunday, May 5, 2024

Godly Play® is a Montessori based spiritual practice that explores the mystery of God's presence in our lives. Montessori was an educator who focused on experience as the best way to teach children. So Godly Play® uses the Montessori Method to help children experience God.

As the Godly Play website (www.godlyplayfoundation.org) points out,

- Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.
- Godly Play has a foundation of 40+ years of research and practice.
- Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.
- Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.
- Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.
- Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering and play.

First Baptist Church is committed to providing children with the best Christian education, that will help their spiritual development for their entire lives. We are one of the first churches in our area to use Godly Play® and feel it will benefit our children and be an outreach tool to others. Come to one of the introductory sessions and learn more.

Schedule

Sunday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

Monday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 p.m. Wond. Wednesday After School Prog.

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 Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 1

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, February 4

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

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

11:00 a.m. Soup Lunch Fundraiser

Monday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

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7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, February 8

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Happy Birthday

February 5

Ellie Mitchell

February 6

Houston Garris

February 7

Susan Foushee

Tracy Roberts

February 10

Jeff Benfield

February 11

Liv Lowrance

February 13

Debby Sipe

February 15

Ella Milwood

February 16

Jason Allen

Kendyl King

James Martin

February 17

Nancy Gatton

February 18

Bethany Dinh

February 19

Elizabeth Allen

Roger Elliott

Jeff Petit

Doug Price

February 20

Dianne Hall

Tuck Lazenby

Libby Purcell

February 22

Dawn Hayes

February 23

Linda Patterson

February 25

Calan Hall

February 26

Jerry Mills

Bentley Whitson

February 27

Sara Brandon

February 28

Sonja Lewis



Spiritual Statistics

	1/14	1/21
In Person	153	160
Live Stream	16	21
Sunday School	79	93

Financial Statistics

	January	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	49,117.00	381,150.00
Budget Receipts	34,635.00	267,925.00
Goals Not Met	(14,482.00)	(113,225.00)
Alms	1,747.00	5,053.00
Designated	772.00	46,607.00

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/Preschool Director
 Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
 Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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A Message From Minister of Missions & Young Families Elizabeth Kilby

With much excitement I write these announcements in the interim this week. The first this is Saturday, April 20 will be our annual Operation Inasmuch day. It will be 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.. There will be multiple projects for various ages both at the church and off site.

The other two announcements are also much anticipated. We will have a Bingo Night on Sunday, April 28, 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come and enjoy a great time of fellowship as we gather together to raise money for our mission trip this summer.

The last thing is something many of you have asked about. We will have a mission trip yard sale Saturday, June 1, 7:30-11:30 a.m., so get excited about cleaning out your house this spring as we come together to serve the community and raise support for Greece.

Tiny But Life Changing “12 Tiny Things: Simple Ways to Live A More Intentional Life” A Book Review by Joy Studern, Godly Play Trainer www.godlyplayfoundation.org

Micro spiritual practices have changed my entire approach to each day, which are now set with intention in seeing the “glimmers” in my days. Inspired by the work of Heidi Barr and Ellie Roscher, co-authors of *12 Tiny Things: Simple Ways to Live a More Intentional Life*, I have implemented micro spiritual practices that have the power to change my entire day, and yours! This book is a gift in leading a more intentional and rooted life in ways that are so tiny, so simple, that they can fit into anyone's day.

12 Tiny Things is written in a way that you can read the entire book in one sitting or easily take each chapter and practice that tiny thing for days, weeks, or even months before moving to the next chapter. This is a beautiful book to read alone or with a group to dive into discussion about what tiny practice works best for others.

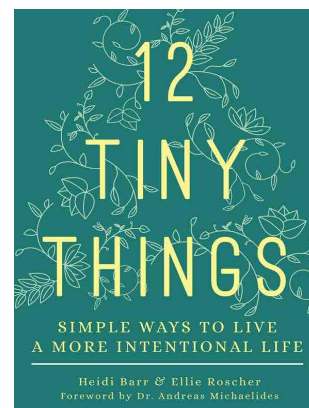
Every night after we have tucked our kids into bed, my husband and I meet on the couch with a couple of cups of peppermint tea. This is something we started in college years and have maintained for almost two decades (yikes). While we are holding our cups of tea we are not scrolling our phones, not working on our laptops, we are being present with each other and taking the time for a check-in. How's the week going? What's coming up? What's on your mind? What did the kids do today? This can take just a couple of minutes if we've been together all day, or it can take over an hour when we have so much to catch up on. I look forward to this time together every day. This started as a tiny thing. A cup of tea together. What it grew into was this incredible strengthening in our relationship and a pretty big thing for us both.

Don't underestimate this book's title, these might be tiny things to fit in your busy lives, but they are life-changing. Ellie says, “I am in the business of the smallest, simplest, tiniest things, when done consistently can make the biggest changes.” This is a tiny book that is jam-packed with powerful and thought provoking ideas.

Everyday Godly Play just released their second podcast on this book! Tune in for a conversation with author of *12 Tiny Things*, Ellie Roscher where we dive into the hopes and worries parents and caregivers experience with the start of another year.

Explore what it might mean to begin 2024 with moments that grow into habits that transform into rituals. From holding a cup of coffee to appreciating the sky, we can't wait to implement these simple yet meaningful practices in our own households.

Find Mess Makes Meaning on any podcast platform. We hope you will check it out and share with your friends and family! Order your copy of *12 Tiny Things* today!





Announcements

Wednesday Evening Menus

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

January 31

breakfast for dinner

February 7

BBQ, mac & cheese, baked beans, slaw, & dessert

Soup Lunch Fundraiser Sunday, February 4, 2024

The children and youth will host a soup lunch to raise funds for the trips to camp this summer. Please make plans to stay after worship and enjoy a hot lunch and make a donation. To-go plates will be available.

A Note from David Deal about the Medical Equipment Ministry

First of all let me thank Bob Dellinger for all the years he attended to the Medical Equipment needs of the church and community. You are our hero.

The months of November and December saw a lot of activity. We have been able to help nine individuals with equipment and supplies. At present, we have an abundance of walkers, canes, crutches and at least 2 knee walkers. We are very low on regular wheelchairs, gloves, wipes, diapers and other necessary supplies. We also do not have any "rollators" (walkers with seats). If you have any such supplies or equipment and are willing to donate, please leave them on the benches or along the wall outside of Adams Hall. If you have items you need assistance in getting to church, I will be happy to help.

This ministry is a big help to those in need and it deserves your support. Happy New Year Fellow Church members.

Thank you for your cooperation,
David Deal

A Note of Appreciation from the Family of Jack Causey

We are deeply grateful for the cards, conversations, meals, prayers and service offered by the First Baptist Church community in the passing of our beloved father and grandfather. We have felt your genuine care and, through you, God's abiding presence.

The Family of Jack Causey

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday
February 14, 2024

Parents Night Out
March 1, 2024

Holy Week
March 24-31, 2024

Easter Egg Hunt
March 30, 2024

Operation Inasmuch
April 20, 2024

Bingo Night
April 28, 2024

Kids Passport Camp
June 12-15, 2024

Youth Passport Camp
June 23-28, 2024

Greece Mission Trip
July 9-19, 2024

