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From the Pastor...

We are excited to restart our Wednesday Evening Activities and we have something for all ages! This is a great opportunity for you to grow in your relationship with Jesus and your brothers and sisters in Christ. It is also an excellent opportunity to grow our church by bringing your friends and family.

Children: Wonderful Wednesdays (2:30-5:00 p.m.) and Worship Camp (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Wonderful Wednesdays are back with a record enrollment. We pick up children from four elementary schools and bring them to First Baptist Church for a fun afternoon. During Wonderful Wednesdays kids get help with their homework, enjoy a snack, have fun playing, and learn about Jesus' love for them.

New for preschoolers and children this year is First Baptist Church's Worship Camp. After our dinner, our children will participate in an exciting time of learning about worship. In this interactive camp kids will discover the joy of worship as they prepare to lead us in worship on World Communion Day, October 1, 2023.

Youth: Youth on Mission (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Youth on Mission is a time for our teens to both learn about missions and to practice missional engagement. Youth will experience cultures from around the world and learn how the Gospel is shared in various regions. They will also participate in projects where they can engage in hands-on missions themselves.

Adults: *The Commands of Jesus* (6:00-7:00 p.m.)

Adults will be taking a deep dive into the *Commands of Jesus* upon our lives. These sessions were inspired by John Piper's book: *All That Jesus Commanded*. Whether you are new to Christianity or a long time Christian, this study will help you live out your faith.

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus tells us to make disciples and "teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." But what did Jesus command? In this study we will both discover our Lord's commands and examine how to fulfill them in our daily lives.

For All: A Time of Fellowship (5:15-6:00 p.m.)

Each Wednesday evening offers us an opportunity to catch up with fellow church members, meet new friends, and introduce guests to our church in a more casual atmosphere. We are grateful again to our volunteer cooks who will provide homemade meals for us. Please thank the team leaders and their crews each week.

Schedule

Sunday, August 27

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 30

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 Worship Camp & Missions
6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission
6:00 p.m. Budget Discussion &
Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 31

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, September 3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream
11:00 a.m. Business Management Team
available for budget questions

Monday, September 4

Labor Day
Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6

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 Worship Camp & Missions
6:00 p.m. Youth on Mission
6:00 p.m. Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 7

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, September 8

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Happy Birthday

September 2

Peggy Sykes
Catherine Taylor

September 3

Tyler Williams
Kelly Wilson

September 5

Jerry Campbell

September 6

Sarah Johnson
Ruth Shankle

September 7

Kim Allen

September 8

Brenda Johnston
John Jones
Amanda Tompkins

September 10

Emily Ashley
Patricia Fyfe
Betty Watts

September 11

Bradley Hedrick

September 12

Angie Roberts

September 13

Emily Mullins

September 14

Terri Helms

September 15

Renee Barker

September 16

Lillie Laws

September 19

Curtis Abell

Dawn Bare

September 20

Brenda Baker

September 21

Sherry Ashley

Mackenzie Barker

Ted Evans

September 25

Mary Hunt

Lillian Marsh

September 27

Ben Faulkenberry

James Hunter

Jackson Wimpy

September 29

Beth McDaniel

Spiritual Statistics

	8/13	8/20
In Person	163	157
Live Stream	19	18
Sunday School	87	98

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	9,263.00	66,847.00

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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Jody Parlier and Neill Pardue Promoted

While we were busy on Sunday promoting the children to their new Sunday school rooms and giving out Bibles to our first graders, another promotion happened rather quietly. Jody Parlier and Neill Pardue were finally promoted from the Preschool Sunday School Class. Jody had been teaching this class for thirty nine years, and Neill taught for thirty-five. After all that time they decided it was time to finally be promoted. They have faithfully served in the children's Sunday School class, while also serving on security and building and grounds and just lending a hand all over the church. If you talk to their former students they will tell you about the tradition of making pinecone bird feeders by smearing peanut butter over a pinecone and then rolling it in birdseed. They might also tell you about dying Easter eggs or many of the other creative and fun activities they enjoyed in the preschool class. These men made Sunday School a fun and exciting place for more than a generation of children. For this I am thankful and I am sure many of you are as well. As you see them over the weeks ahead be sure to thank them for their service and congratulate them on their promotion.

Melissa Wilson

Fall Kickoff - Wednesday, August 23, 2023

We kicked off our Wednesday evening activities with a cookout style meal and a time of fellowship and fun. Pastor Nelson presented our new Wednesday evening activities and the children played in bounce houses.





Announcements

Clothes Closet Needs

The Clothes Closet needs children's clothing, sizes newborn-teen. Please bring your donations to the church on Sunday morning or during office hours, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



2023-2024 Ministry Budget

A copy of the 2023-2024 Ministry Budget has been mailed to all members.

Wednesday, August 30 - 6:00 p.m.
Budget presented to congregation.

Sunday, September 3 - 11:00 a.m.
Members of the Business Management Team available in Adams Hall for individual questions.

Sunday, September 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Budget presented for approval without discussion in Sunday worship service.

Parents Night Out
Friday, September 8, 2023
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Children (birth - grade 5) are invited for a fun evening with Melissa and Kristina. Children will have dinner, make crafts, watch a movie, and play in the gym. Registration will open soon!

Senior Adult Luncheon
Thursday, September 21, 2023
11:00 a.m. - FLC

The 2023/2024 Seniors Luncheon season begins Thursday, September 21 at 11:00 a.m. with Clay Lunsford and the Gospel Voices. Lunch will be meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert. Cost is \$6.00.

Wednesday Evening Schedule

2:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Wonderful Wednesdays After School Program

5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Meal

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Children's Worship Camp
Youth on Mission
Adult Study: The Commands of Jesus

7:00 pm
Sanctuary Choir

Wednesday Evening Menus

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

August 30
chicken pie, green beans, slaw, & dessert

September 6
tacos

First Fellowship
Sunday, September 24, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a new event – First Fellowship. This will be a time to enjoy one another and introduce people to our congregation. It will take place on the front lawn, so bring your lawn chairs. We will grill some hamburgers and hot dogs and spend a relaxing evening fellowshiping with one another. Of course, there will be lots of games for kids and those young at heart.

This event has two purposes. The first is to get to know one another better and bond as a congregation. The second is to provide a more casual event where you can introduce folks to our church. Make plans to join us and pray about who God would have you to bring. If you want our church to grow, bring someone with you.