

November 2020 Messenger

We Come Bearing Gifts

“We Come Bearing Gifts” is the theme for our 2020-2021 stewardship emphasis at First Baptist. This year’s emphasis is based on I Peter 4:10 which says: Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. (NRSV)

First Baptist is to be commended for its strong record of giving during this pandemic impacted year. Despite the challenges we have faced in holding in-person services, accommodating social distancing, and working to keep everyone safe; the body of Christ at FBC has been faithful. You have not only supported our general ministries through giving to the weekly offering, but you have stepped beyond the norm in support of mission this year. Thank you for being such good stewards!

As we begin to look ahead and plan for our ministry needs for next year, you are invited to reflect on the “gifts” you bring in service to Christ and others. Gifts, of course, come in all types of ways. There are the gifts of our financial resources, without which we could not support our shared ministry and mission. There are the gifts of our person – sometimes this is simply our presence, but these often translate more into acts of service. As you complete the 2021 Ministry Team Sign-Up form you will help the Church Council and ministry area leads plan for how to accomplish ministry. We need some people to step into some new roles and opportunities in 2021. There are the gifts of our time. Offering a listening ear to one who is home or isolated, bringing a meal and visit to one who is bereaved, holding an infant in the church nursery, or teaching a class for children, youth or adults, or volunteering through Love Chapel – these are all kingdom investments of time that do not go unnoticed.

One of God’s love languages is “gift giving”. God has given us the greatest gift in Jesus. God pours out gifts of grace upon us again and again. God has also gifted us individually in unique ways for the greater good. As we, in turn, give back to God we express love through the sharing of those gifts. So, what gifts will you bring? What gifts can you offer in the coming year?

Will you prayerfully consider this as we walk together through this year’s stewardship emphasis? In a separate mailing you will be receiving a 2021 estimate of giving card, and a ministry team sign-up form (also available online). Please complete these and plan to return them during worship, or by mail, on November 22. Your follow through in this way will help us plan for the coming year and how we may continue to serve our Lord together.

In Partnership – Pastor Dan





Around The Church

Why Do the Nations...

2020 has been a year of prayer for me, and Psalm 2 has been especially important throughout the most tumultuous months. It's a prayer that I have read, or consumed, any time the world seems to be crashing down, and the result has been a pretty clear vision of the future for me.

Case in point, any time I turn on the news, receive a notification, or read a headline, I see Psalm 2 playing out before me rather than the end of the world. By acknowledging this, I've realized that, had I not been feeding on the Word, I'd be much more influenced by everything else that I was being fed. Instead, I see "the peoples plotting in vain."

Understanding what our minds and hearts are consuming is just like our physical diets. We have to know what we're consuming in order to be healthy, and the diet we're being fed by the media is anything but that. They feed us damaging messages about politics and science to keep us dependent on them for our deliverance. And worse yet, we're believing their promises even though they'll never be able to fully fulfill them. Add to that the increasing nearness of November 3rd and all we're receiving is a manufactured meal of unnatural preservatives. So, what do we do?

Well, in recognizing my need for a healthy diet, I crafted a question that cuts to the root of my susceptibility to the media's messaging. I ask myself this anytime I receive a message contrary to Christ because it allows me to freely serve and love my neighbor without fear.

Question: Am I secure? No matter what happens?

For the Church, the answer is a resounding, "YES!" Therefore, we engage with the media (especially their political messaging) through careful love and service to our neighbor.

A clear example of this is the election. Some of you may have already voted, some of you may not have, either way, the media will continue to preach human solutions that are contrary to Christ's promise of deliverance – They promise government systems that save the world. We know this is folly, so instead of buying into it we ought to move forward by considering which messages influence our political decisions most: The threats of the media against you, or the promises of God for you. If you've voted, I hope you can rest in the knowledge that you voted for your neighbor's good. If you're yet to vote, equip yourself with this gift from God. No matter the outcome of this election, we can all be at peace knowing we'll have another chance in 4 years to serve your neighbor.

All-in-all, we have to recognize that civil citizenship is good and right first and foremost for its capacity to be an expression of our spiritual identity. Any other benefit really is secondary, because civil service doesn't fulfill any conditions for the glory of all things. We don't bring the Kingdom of God through our actions, rather, we participate in the Kingdom through our freedom to love our neighbor. Therefore, for you who are free in Christ, vote and live in service to your neighbor because grace, forgiveness, and the redemption of all things are true. Everything is going to be ok.

Peace,
Pastor Daniel

Around The Church



All Saints Sunday

We will be sharing in observation of All Saints Sunday on November 1. This is an annual opportunity to remember those members and loved ones who have passed on in the past year.



For All The Saints November 2019 through October 2020

Alvin Arbuckle
Russell Brummett
Michael Casey
Ellen Joan Cash
Dixie Fisk
Miles Ford
Mary Garten
K.M. George
Judith Hale
Roselyn Hoff
Laura Kennedy
Howard McVey
Edith Mock
Desiray Myers
Laura Nelson
Margaret Nelson
Dale Pettit
Robert "Bob" Pettit
Leland Robertson
Janice Ross
Elmer Seeley
Harry Stewart
Kenneth Tull
Charles "Red" Whittington
Linda Workman

We also remember all those who are not listed.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOUNDATION
Donors for November 1, 2019 to October 31, 2020

ASF Sunday School Class
Larry and Judy Alexander
Dortha Anderson
Denny and Bonnie Ayers
Janet Bailey
Bill and Carolyn Baker
Ed and Donna Browne
CNHS Class of 1984
Barbara Campbell
Ellen Joan Cash Estate
Stephen Coons
J Trent and Amy Cowles
Forest and Marsha Daugherty
L Frank Eldridge
Donna Emmert
Engelstad Wealth Advisors, Inc
Patricia Evans
James and Julia Euler
Dave and Janice Fisher
Flower Lane Garden Club
Four Seasons Retirement Center
Wilma Fox
Eva Fuetterer
Eric and Besslee Graham
Greenbelt Friday Ladies Golf League
Jerald and Adrienne Hatton
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Jeffery and Kyle Huber
Tim and Wanda Huffman
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Larry and Juliann McQueen
James and Jane Moersch
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Purpose

First Baptist Foundation is designed to encourage special gifts to the Church, particularly bequests and memorials. The income from this fund is made available for special purposes and needs of the Church.

Gifts received by the Foundation are considered "special gifts" and will be used to meet "special needs" of the Church. As special gifts, these funds also can be used to expand the Christian ministry of First Baptist Church in the community and to assist with the mission-related needs of our denomination in the U.S.A. and around the world.

History

After much research and study, the First Baptist Foundation was established by vote of the congregation in October 1986, and duly incorporated in August 1987. The first Board of Directors was elected in July 1987. In January 1987, some of the existing money began to be transferred from the church accounts to the Foundation for management. The first contribution to the Foundation was received in October 1988.

Grants Made by the Foundation

E. Don Tull Scholarship	\$1,000
Foundation Scholarship	\$3,000
McCalip Library Books	\$ 208
Judson University	\$1,000
SEEDS of Love 5K	\$2,000
FBC-Tents for outdoor activities	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total	\$9,208

HOW CAN I GIVE TO THE FOUNDATION?

A major source of funds for the Foundation will be bequests to the Foundation through wills. Giving in this manner allows you to do something for First Baptist beyond your lifetime on earth. For some, a bequest may enable you to make a significant contribution that may not have been possible during life.

However, you may choose to give to the Foundation now through outright gifts of cash or securities, personal property, or real estate. In this manner, you have the satisfaction of seeing your gift at work during your lifetime.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Sharon Tobias President
Cliff Putterill Vice-President
Alberta Ruble Secretary
Kerry Richmond Treasurer
Larry Mayfield Board Member



Around The Church

Ongoing Adult Education Opportunities

- **Adult 2nd Hour Classes**

The Adult Study Fellowship (ASF) Class is now meeting every other Sunday during 2nd Hour in Fellowship Hall. November dates will be 1, 15, & 29. Seats will be spaced apart, face masks are required, no food will be served. Participants are encouraged to bring their own water.

A 2nd Hour Small Group will meet in the Chapel beginning November 1, facilitated by Keith and Teresa Arbuckle. Group content will include: review of the morning sermon, devotional time, sharing and prayer.

- **Men of Faith** continues its Friday morning (7 a.m.) study on "The Beatitudes". There will be no Men of Faith on Nov. 27.
- **Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom with Pastor Dan:** A new Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin on Nov. 1, led by Pastor Dan. Look for more information elsewhere in this issue.

2020-21 Stewardship Emphasis

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Our Financial Stewardship team will once again be asking you to consider your financial commitment to the church for 2021, completing an estimate of giving card, to be turned in by Nov. 22. Ministry Team sign-up opportunities will also be part of the emphasis, which runs November 15 (Stewardship Sunday) and 22 (Commitment Sunday).

Tech Volunteers Wanted!

As we look to 2021, we will be setting a new Tech Team schedule. If anyone is interested to join this ministry, let us know and we can get you involved! No experience is necessary, just a readiness to learn. We will train you on any of the following options:

Sound system -- Select Microphones and Set Sound Levels

PowerPoint -- Present our slides during the services. Slides are set in advance.

Live stream -- Select and Monitor the Cameras for those watching at home.

Interested?

Contact:

Adam Zimmerman 317-847-9978

Daniel Kane 260-582-6057

Around The Church

Wednesday Night Bible Study Begins Nov. 4

Pastor Dan will be leading a six-session study on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom titled, *Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection & the Mission of the Church* (by N.T. Wright). This video driven study will incorporate group discussion and comes with a study guide (available for \$7.00 each). The study is open to anyone. A Zoom link will be made available. Here's an Overview of the study:

<u>Dates:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>
Nov. 4	Session One: Hope for the World
Nov. 11	Session Two: The Hope of the Resurrection
Nov. 18	Session Three: The Hope of Heaven
Dec. 2	Session Four: The Hope of Jesus' Second Coming
Dec. 9	Session Five: The Hope of Salvation
Dec.16	Session Six: The Hope of the Church

ASF Class Schedule for November

November 1 - Ken Greenlee, leader - "Loving by Serving" (John 13: 1-35)

November 8 - No Class

November 15 - Tim Huffman, leader - "Confident Love" (1 John 3:11-24, 2 John 4-11, 3 John 5-8)

November 22 - No Class

November 29 - Jim Reid, leader - "Impartial Love" (James 2)

Dear Church family,

Where/how do I start to say how much I appreciate your support, care, love and prayers during Kenny's short illness and death! Your many cards, calls, texts, emails and food have all been so heartwarming and "characteristic" of our church family! So good to be a part of First Baptist. Please continue to pray for strength, courage and peace as we walk this journey.

Blessings to all,
Donna Tull and Margy King & Family

Thank you to our wonderful church friends who have held us up in prayer; all who sent cards, called and brought food during this long illness; for those who drove us to appointments; especially to Pastor Dan for his calls and visits.

The Family of Alvin Arbuckle

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Around The Church



Thanksgiving Dinner Saturday, Nov. 21

There will be 2 seatings - 5:00 p.m. & 6:15 p.m.
Reservations required!



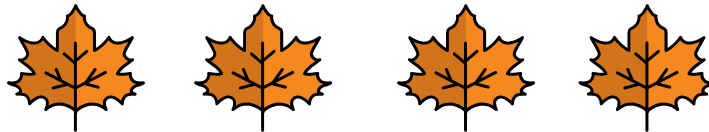
All food will be provided and you will be served in a buffet line.

Bring your family and enjoy the food and fellowship (socially distanced)!

To make a reservation call Teresa Arbuckle - 812-374-2438
or sign up at church.



****Deadline to make a reservation is Nov. 14.****



Love Chapel Christmas Pantry

The Mission Team is collecting boxes of cereal for the upcoming Love Chapel Christmas Pantry. This year we have pledged 550 boxes. Please drop off your donated boxes on the kitchen counter at the church.

Clarity

A variety of volunteer positions are available from direct contact with clients to behind the scenes supporting the staff and volunteers. Attend Ministry Orientation to learn more!

Clarity Ministry Orientation: Monday, Oct. 19 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus
Learn about the history, mission and vision as well as all volunteer opportunities available throughout the organization.

Clarity Client Services Volunteer Training*: Monday-Friday, Nov. 2-6 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - at Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus. Training for those wanting to directly serve clients as receptionists, client advocates and/or medical assistants at Clarity Pregnancy Services or clarity Testing Clinic. ***Ministry Orientation is a prerequisite for Pregnancy Services/Testing Clinic volunteer training.**

For more information or to register, call at 866-510-5067 or visit ClarityCares.org/events



MISSION

2020 World Mission Offering

Thanks are extended to all who contributed to the World Mission Offering in October. Through your generosity, as of Oct. 18, FBC raised \$ 2020.00 for world mission!



Thank you for all who have chosen to pack Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child Boxes. We will continue collecting them through the first week in November. It is not too late to participate.

Karabo is a young man from Lesotho, a kingdom in southern Africa. By the time he was 11, he lost both parents as well as well as his grandmother, who had taught him about God's love. He felt sad and lonely until he heard the Gospel at a church that was handing out shoebox gifts. Years later, he still carries a comb that was in his shoebox. "It is a reminder that God knows my needs, even the little things that can bring joy," he said. "God used the shoebox to give me hope and to fill my brokenness. I had a desire to know Him more, and I surrendered my life to Him. Today, I have eternal life in Christ because of His love for me.

Guam Pastor Andy Loos told us, we're seeing salvation come not just to one or two children, but to families through Operation Christmas Child. His wife Jennifer said, "These are doors that would not have opened if we didn't have Operation Christmas Child."

Contact Liz Lipson with any questions. 812-579-9024.

ABWM Special Project

Our state American Baptist Women's Ministries group has a special project this year in support of the Edna Martin Christian Center. They have asked for help with their Senior Citizens' Ministry for Christmas, and are accepting various items or money donations.

Due to the virus, and concerns with collecting items and delivering them, we have decided to support them with a monetary donation. This will be collected in November so that it can be sent to them in early December. Anyone who wishes to support this project, please mark your cash or check (made out to First Baptist) donation for "EMCC Christmas" no later than Sunday, Nov. 29.

New Song Mission - Employment & Volunteer Opportunity

New Song is seeking a second full-time teacher who is able to teach high school math, as well as a math tutor. If you are qualified and enjoy serving in a Christian ministry to at-risk kids, please go to newsongmission.org/employment.

In addition, it's very important that our houseparents receive respite time, and we are looking for a couple who would want to volunteer on a monthly basis to care for the kids for up to six hours. Please contact us at 812-372-1004 or through the website, newsongmission.org, if you are interested.

This Month's Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Nov. 1 - Bob & Jean Langdon
Nov. 8 - Susan Carter & Charlotte Oestreicher
Nov. 15 - Tim & Paula Pickup
Nov. 22 - Paul & Carol Poe
Nov. 29 - Carolyn Baker & Sue Hoffman

Emergency Responders:

Nov. 1 - Kim Hamon
Nov. 8 - Judy Rhude
Nov. 15 - Mike Compton
Nov. 22 - Kim Hamon
Nov. 29 - Judy Rhude

Serving in the Nursery:

Nov. 1 - Heather Babb
Nov. 8 - Jennifer Kelley
Nov. 15 - Lucy Cash
Nov. 22 - Heidi Jones
Nov. 29 - Diane Ginn

Children's Sunday School

Children's Ministry during 2nd Hour.

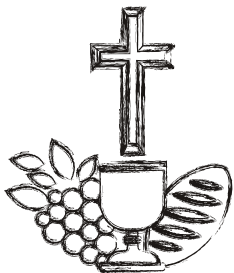


The Coffee Bar & Coffee Fellowship are cancelled at this time.

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on Sun., Nov. 1



Communion



We will be sharing communion again on Sunday, November 1. By using individual, pre-packaged communion packets we feel it will be safe for persons who are in the Sanctuary to share communion.

We invite those of you who continue to join us for worship at home to have something available that morning to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.



Healthy Living Tips

Food and Coronavirus Disease

What you need to know

- The risk of getting sick with COVID-19 from eating or handling food (including frozen food and produce) and food packages is considered very low.
- Take everyday actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Continue following basic steps for food safety and eat nutritious foods to take care of your physical and mental health.

Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that handling food or consuming food is associated with COVID-19.

Coronaviruses, like the one that causes COVID-19, are thought to spread mostly person-to-person through respiratory droplets when someone coughs, sneezes, or talks. It is possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, including food or food packaging, that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. However, this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

After shopping, handling food packages, or before preparing or eating food, it is important to always wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Remember, it is always important to follow good food safety practices to reduce the risk of illness from common foodborne pathogens.

Very low risk of getting COVID-19 from food and packaging or treated drinking water

- The risk of getting COVID-19 from food you cook yourself or from handling and consuming food from restaurants and takeout or drive-thru meals is thought to be very low. Currently, there is no evidence that food is associated with spreading the virus that causes COVID-19.
- Although some people who work in food production and processing facilities have gotten COVID-19, there is no evidence of the virus spreading to consumers through the food or packaging that workers in these facilities may have handled.

Food safety in the kitchen

Use proper food safety practices when handling food and before, during and after preparing or eating food.

- The virus that causes COVID-19 has not been found in drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency regulates water treatment plants to ensure that treated water is safe to drink.

Clean surfaces

- Regularly clean and disinfect kitchen counters using a commercially available disinfectant product or a DIY disinfecting solution with 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) unscented liquid chlorine bleach to 1 gallon of water or 4 teaspoons of bleach per quart of water. Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute. Before preparing food on the kitchen counter, rinse disinfected surface with water.
- **WARNING:** Do not use this solution or other disinfecting products on food or food packaging.
- If someone in your home is sick, clean and disinfect “high-touch” surfaces daily such as handles, kitchen countertops, faucets, light switches, and doorknobs.

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Healthy Living Tips

(Food and Coronavirus Disease continued)

Everyday handling of packaged food and fresh produce

It is always important to follow good food safety practices to reduce the risk of illness from common foodborne pathogens.

Handling packaged food

- When unpacking groceries, refrigerate or freeze meat, poultry, eggs, seafood, and other perishables within 2 hours of purchasing.
- **Do NOT** use disinfectants designed for hard surfaces, such as bleach or ammonia, on food packaged in cardboard or plastic wrap.
- If reusable cloth bags become soiled, follow instructions for washing them, and dry them on the warmest appropriate setting.

Handling and cleaning fresh produce

- **Do NOT** wash produce with soap, bleach, sanitizer, alcohol, disinfectant or any other chemical.
- Gently rinse fresh fruits and vegetables under cold, running tap water.
- Scrub uncut firm produce (e.g., potatoes, cucumbers, melons) with a clean brush, even if you don't plan to eat the peel.
- Salt, pepper, vinegar, lemon juice, and lime juice have not been shown to be effective at removing germs on produce.

Bulk meat, poultry, and seafood purchasing and handling

In response to changes in the food supply chain, some meat and poultry manufacturers, restaurants, and restaurant suppliers have begun selling large amounts of meat, poultry, and seafood directly to consumers. While there is currently no evidence that food can spread the virus that causes COVID-19, there are other important considerations for bulk purchasing.

- Harmful bacteria grow fastest between 41°F and 140°F. If you are picking up a meat, poultry or seafood order, bring a cooler and ice packs to keep food at 41°F or colder during transit.
- Never allow meat, poultry or seafood that requires refrigeration to sit at room temperature for more than two hours. Never allow meat, poultry, or seafood that requires refrigeration to sit at room temperature for more than one hour if the air temperature is above 90°F.
- Once you arrive home, meat, poultry and seafood items should either be prepared immediately or put in the refrigerator or freezer for safe storage.
- In case of leaks in the packaging, bring a secondary container or place cases of meat, poultry, or seafood in an area of your vehicle that can be easily clean and sanitized. If leaks occur, thoroughly wash the surface with hot, soapy water or a bleach solution after it comes in contact with raw meat, poultry or seafood, or its juices.

November Birthdays



- 3. ~ Spencer Frady, Sarah Patrick
- 4. ~ Teresa Arbuckle
- 6. ~ Jeannette McKim
- 7. ~ Kerry Brockhagen
- 8. ~ Lynne Lovelace, Alberta Ruble
- 10. ~ Reagan Babb, Sharon Fulkerson
- 11. ~ Sue Putterill, Nancy Williams
- 12. ~ Carolyn Baker
- 15. ~ Norman Curry, Faith Briggs, Bob Hoffman

- 16. ~ Betty Harrison
- 17. ~ Martha Whedon
- 18. ~ Bill Griffith
- 21. ~ LuAnn Harlow, Rachel Langdon
- 22. ~ Janet Bailey, Rob Lilly, Landon McIntosh
- 23. ~ Edith Carr, David Emmert
- 25. ~ Dennis Adams
- 27. ~ Joanne Sublette
- 28. ~ Jason Vogelpohl

The Body of Christ Prays For...



- Betty Euler, Cecil Workman, Anna DeHaven, Carl & Nancy Williams, Marcia Battle, Marilyn Estell, Heidi Putterill, Don & Nancy Hughes, Randy Wheeler, Rick McClintock, Bob Downin.

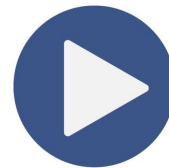
Looking Ahead

- Sun., Nov. 1 - All Saints Sunday
- Wed., Nov. 4, 18 - Worship Planning Team (5:30 pm)
- Wed., Nov. 4, 11, 18 - Bible Study by Zoom (7:00 pm)
- Thurs., Nov. 5, 12, 19 - Worship Rehearsal (5:00 pm)
- Fri., Nov. 6, 13, 20 - Men of Faith Bible Study (7:00 am)
- Tues., Nov. 10 - Church Council Meeting (7:00 pm)
- Wed., Nov. 11, 25 - Bells (7:00 pm)
- Thurs., Nov. 12 - Property Committee (6:30 pm)
- Sun., Nov. 15 - Stewardship Sunday
- Sun., Nov. 15 - Newsletter Deadline
- Fri., Nov. 20 - Emmaus Community Virtual Gathering
- Sat., Nov. 21 - Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal (2 seatings: 5:00 pm & 6:15 pm - reservations required)
- Sun., Nov. 22 - Commitment Sunday
- Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 26-27 - Church Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
- Sun., Nov. 29 - First Sunday of Advent

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am
2nd Hour Learning - 10:45 am

Live streaming available for Sunday Services

In addition to watching our streaming service on our website, the service is also streamed to Facebook, Roku and AppleTV. It is also sent internationally.



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