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JOIN OUR *Family* OF FAITH

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From the Pastor's Pen

Time flies when you're having fun and it's hard to believe our family has been in ministry with you here at First Baptist for almost 6 months. We are so blessed and grateful that God led us to be a part of such a wonderful church family and look forward to many years together!

As we've celebrated Easter and moved further into spring, I hope you've enjoyed our exploration of the Beatitudes in the "Blessed" sermon series. Through these teachings, we've delved into the heart of what God loves and discovered profound truths that challenge and inspire us in our own walks with Christ. Each blessing has invited us to consider the values of God's kingdom and how they shape our attitudes, actions, and relationships. I pray you've been blessed and encouraged in your faith!

Our journey has also extended beyond Sunday sermons. In our L.I.G.H.T. and Men of Faith Bible studies, we've been exploring the compassionate heart and actions of Jesus. Studying his life and teachings has illuminated the love and mercy he extends to all who seek him. It's been a joy to witness the insights and revelations emerging from these studies as we've grown together in our understanding of Christ's character and the call to embody his compassion in our own lives.

Maybe it's just me, but I feel there's so much renewed energy and enthusiasm present in our church family. It's evident in the lively discussions during Sunday School and Bible studies, the heartfelt prayers shared at our weekly Prayer Meeting, and the joy and faith of our kids during Children's Moments. God is good and on the move at First Baptist!

As we prepare for a new month, let us carry forward the peace and joy of the Lord. In the words of Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

With Love,

Pastor Evan



SEASON OF THE CHURCH:

EASTER

MARCH 31ST - MAY 19TH

Altogether for Good

Although this newsletter is technically for May, I want to dwell a little longer on the final Sunday of April. This year, we are celebrating what's being called "Love Chapel Sunday" along with several other churches in town, all of whom are members of the Ecumenical Assembly. As you will have seen, Love Chapel has recently undergone a re-branding with the resulting phrase "Altogether for Good" emerging as its unifying voice.

I love this phrase. Cliff Putterill knows I love this phrase. But I want you to know it, too. "Altogether for Good" is a beautiful expression for what we have understood to be "our" Love Chapel. These three simple words bring together the mission of so many churches in town to support the ongoing ministry of Love Chapel by recognizing the many ways each faith community can contribute to our friends, family, and neighbors. "Altogether for Good" is about people, for people, with people, by people. It is not something to merely gloss over, but can in fact serve as a prayer of dedication we can use to emphasize our involvement in God's community.

As we have studied the Beatitudes together with our Bible Study stories serving as case studies, we have entered into the story of Jesus each week giving new emphasis on the many people Jesus interacted with. Each week, we have stepped into the shoes of a new person. Note that I say *person*. Not *character*.

While stepping into the shoes of a character is an effective method of empathizing with our neighbor, there's something even more profound when those characters are real *people*. These aren't just stories we're telling. They're lives we're living.

As the Beatitudes show us, there are people all over the place, including in our own community, who Jesus would consider: the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the peacemaker, etc. And usually, those folks are the least expected among society. Yet, they are the ones Jesus sees, loves, and has compassion for. The Beatitudes aren't a pity party. Rather, they are a pick-me-up. Jesus is effectively telling all those in the many crowds he sees: I see you!

I see you. Three simple words that bring together the mission of God. Three simple words that Love Chapel has adopted in its own way - not for its own sake but for the sake of the community. And when we gather together on Sunday mornings in our respective churches, we contribute to this mission - telling, retelling, and reliving the many lives of those whom Jesus saw and had compassion for... because we are those people, too.

Jesus sees you. Jesus has compassion on you. Your story is among the many we re-tell on Sundays that is loved by God. As we conclude this series on the Beatitudes, keep asking yourself: "Self, how might your story, how might your life, intersect with those whom you serve and live?" How might our lives exist altogether for good?

Peace,
Pastor Daniel

Around The Church

Mark Your Calendar for a Baby Shower



All ladies are invited to a Baby Shower on June 8th at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall honoring parents-to-be Jessica & Kenny King. They are registered at Target, Walmart and Amazon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Gathering Place beginning May 12th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Again this year there will be a *Love Chapel Food Booth at the Bartholomew County Fair*. All proceeds from this project will go directly to Love Chapel's ministries. Volunteers are needed for jobs such as cooks, cashiers, runners, packagers, and cleaners. Our church will host all three shifts on Monday, June 24, from 6:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. and the breakfast shift on Saturday, June 29 from 6:45-11:15 am.

If you are willing to help, **please sign up at the Gathering Place before the deadline, May 5.** Job Descriptions will be available along with the sign-up sheets.

Save The Date

*Mark your calendar for
Sunday Suppers.
More info coming soon!*

*Dates are: June 30th, July 28th, and
August 25th*

Around The Church ...

Annual Work Day

**Saturday, May 11th
from 9:00 am to Noon**

Some of the things that need done:

- Weed and Mulch sidewalk area between kitchen and office
- Weed junipers on front hills
- Clean windows
- Install cooling unit filters
- Clean kid toys
- Power wash courtyard



Event Planning

If you are planning to use the church fellowship hall or chapel for an event, be sure to call or email Mel at the church office to get it on the calendar. Mel will then provide you with a "Set up" form that will let Frank and the custodians know what to plan for. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much to all who sent me birthday cards. It was greatly appreciated!
-Marjorie Betz



Congratulations!

We welcome Ava Lynn Coffman, born 4/18/24 weighing 6 lb 3 oz; 19.5 inches long. Parents are Casey & Leanne Coffman, grandparents are Lawrence & Becky Stephens and Great-Grandmother is Donna Emmert. Congratulations to the family!

Other News...

Interested in baptism?

We are tentatively planning baptisms for Sunday, May 26th. Please contact Pastor Evan for more information.

global encounter

LIVE STREAM

Join us at First Baptist for a livestream of the International Ministries World Mission Conference.

Tuesday, May 21 from 7:00-8:30pm
Wednesday, May 22 from 8:00-9:30am

Around The Church

Eclipse Event 2024





Love Chapel Altogether For Good!



Love Chapel is excited to be rolling out a new website and logo for our organization. Please save Wednesday, May 1st from 1 PM to 5 PM to come see Love Chapel and all we have going on. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs with all of the fixings, will have a snow cone vendor with free snow cones, and have tours available of the pantry and Brighter Days. We would love to have you stop by and see us. The grill will be set up in front of the pantry at 292 Center Street, and the Snow Cones will be set up at Brighter Days at 421 S Mapleton.

No need to RSVP - just plan to come by to see our new logo and enjoy some fun and food.

Love Chapel - we are Altogether for Good!

Medical Equipment Available for Loan



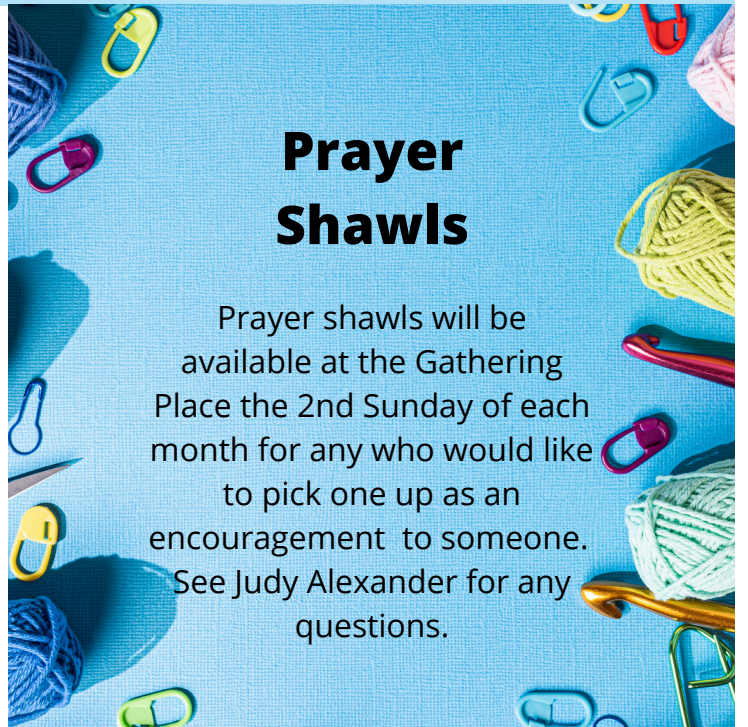
Durable medical Equipment is available at the church to lend to church family and friends as needed. Items available:

- Transport Wheel Chairs
- Bedside Commodes
- Elevated Commode Seats
- Rollator Walker
- Suction Handles for shower wall
- Walkers
- Canes
- Four Quad Canes
- Crutches
- Wheel Chairs

Please contact the church office or call Judy Rhude (812-764-9175) if any of this equipment is needed.

Prayer Shawls

Prayer shawls will be available at the Gathering Place the 2nd Sunday of each month for any who would like to pick one up as an encouragement to someone. See Judy Alexander for any questions.



Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

May 5th : Jim & Linda Reid
May 12th: Kerry & Alice Richmond
May 19th: Dortha Anderson & Amanda Reed
May 26th: Bob & Jean Langdon

Serving in the Nursery:

First Sunday: Susan Hoffman
Second Sunday: Adams
Third Sunday: Lowman
Fourth Sunday: *Open*
Fifth Sunday: *Open*

Emergency Responder Schedule

May 5th : Judy Rhude
May 12th: Jean Williams
May 19th: Mike Compton
May 26th: Lindsay McIntosh

Children's Sunday School

2-4 Year Olds -

Teachers:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: Susan Carter
Third Sunday: Carol Poe
Fourth Sunday: Heidi Jones
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Helpers:

First Sunday: *Open*
Second Sunday: *Open*
Third Sunday: Jennifer Kelley
Fourth Sunday: *Open*
Fifth Sunday: Carolyn Pool

Kids Connection:

First Sunday: Marcia Cheek
Second Sunday: Linda Reid
Third Sunday: *Open*
Fourth Sunday: Deanna Glick

No Kids Connection on fifth Sundays.

Coffee Fellowship



There will be Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, May 26th. Last names I-Q are invited to bring treats to share.

Communion

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, May 5th. For those of you who join us for worship via live stream, we invite you to have something available to use for communion as we come to the Lord's Table together.



Around The Church

May Birthdays

- 3. ~ Leslie Fields
- 5. ~ Daniella Hernandez, Cliff Putterill
- 6. ~ Bob Rhude
- 7. ~ Jan Stafford
- 8. ~ Nathaniel Hash
- 11. ~ Edmond Browne, Robert Kelley
- 12. ~ Nolan Pickup

- 14. ~ Everett Vogelpohl
- 17. ~ Mollie Adams, Deborah Nelson
- 19. ~ Joyce Briggs
- 21. ~ Bethany Fulkerson
- 25. ~ Linda Mayfield
- 26. ~ Ava Lowman
- 27. ~ Piper Flannery
- 29. ~ Sharon Tobias

The Body of Christ Prays For...

The Olson Family, Marge Betz, Devin Baker, Rick DeHaven, Norma Cherry, Jeanette McKim, Anita Burton, Marcia Battle, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Claude Wright, Jr "Bub", Anita Yancey, Joyce Sutton, Allen Rea, Roger & Ben Glick and all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Looking Ahead to May

- 5- Communion (9:30 am)
- 11- Church Work Day (9:00-Noon)
- 15- Newsletter Deadline
- 21- Church Council (*time change to 6:00 pm*)
- 21- IM Global Encounter (7:00 PM)
- 26- Baptism Sunday (9:30 AM)
- 27- Office closed for Memorial Day
- 28- Abigail Circle (6:30 PM)

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Choir Practice Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
- LIGHT Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 9:00 am
- Men of Faith Bible Study Fridays at 7:00 am

Service: Sunday Morning - Worship 9:30 am
(in-person worship & Live Stream)

2nd Hour Learning - following worship at 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.



Just Press Play

Live Video Every Sunday at 9:30
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