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From the Pastor's Pen

It's hard to believe November is already here, and we're entering the final stretch of 2025. It's been a great year in the life of our church. We've walked through seasons of transition, welcomed Pastor Tyler and Leah into our ministry, celebrated baptisms and new members, and served our community in meaningful ways.

This past year hasn't always been easy. We continue to live in a world marked by both beauty and brokenness with moments of joy and moments that feel uncertain or heavy. And yet, in the midst of it all, I've seen a people at First Baptist who are trying to live faithfully. People who seek the peace of Christ and the flourishing of our community. People who desire to walk in the way of Jesus, even when the road is uneven.

Week by week, we've been moving through our A Covenant People sermon series, looking at what it means not only to live under the new covenant of Jesus Christ, but to live in covenant with one another as a family of faith. I hope this series has invited you to consider what it means to belong to this body not just in name, but in presence and purpose.

I pray you've been encouraged and challenged. And I pray that together, we'll continue growing as a congregation that worships God wholeheartedly, centers Christ in all things, and pursues life marked by worship, discipleship, stewardship, and mission.

As we look toward the future, I'm excited to share that on Sunday, November 23, we'll not only gather for our annual Thanksgiving Feast, but also introduce the beginning of a new exciting season in the life of our church: a capital campaign called *Forward in Faith*. This initiative reflects our commitment to stewarding well what God has entrusted to us, as we build upon the rich legacy of love and ministry that has shaped First Baptist for generations.

There will be more to share in the weeks to come, but for now, I want you to know that this isn't just about projects or facilities. It's about vision. It's about making room for the next chapter of what God is doing in and through this church. It's about responding to God's faithfulness with trust and boldness as we look ahead together.

I'm grateful to be walking this road with you and am leaning forward in hope and faith for what's to come. As Hebrews 10:23 says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." May it be so!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Evan



FBC News

As the leaves begin to turn vibrant shades of red, orange, and gold, and the crisp air reminds us that fall has arrived, we're reminded of one of life's great truths—seasons change, but God remains the same. The beauty of autumn invites us to slow down, reflect, and remember that just as nature transitions through its seasons, our lives do too. Some seasons are filled with joy and growth, others with challenge and waiting—but through them all, our God is constant, faithful, and unchanging (Hebrews 13:8).

No matter what season of life you find yourself in—raising children, caring for aging parents, serving faithfully in ministry, or finding your next step—God's love and purpose remain steady. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

I was grateful for the opportunity to fill the pulpit on Sunday, October 12, and share a message that's close to my heart: "The Next Generation." In this message, we explored four key truths that are vital for us to live out and for the generations that come after us:

1. Love God Fully– To reach the next generation, we must first love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. Our love for Him overflows into how we love and lead others.
2. Teach Diligently– We're called to pass down our faith intentionally—to our children, grandchildren, and the children of our church.
3. Live Visibly– The next generation needs to see faith in action. Let's live in a way that encourages them to love Jesus as much as we do.
4. Support Collectively– This calling isn't just for parents or teachers, it's for all of us. Together, as the body of Christ, we can help nurture faith that lasts a lifetime.

If you're looking for a tangible way to invest in the next generation, join us for our Children's Leaders Meeting on Sunday, November 2, following 2nd Hour. We'll walk through our new curriculum together and our new check-in process for Children's Church. Exciting updates that will help us create a safe, engaging, and Christ-centered experience for our kids.

There are many ways to serve, from teaching and helping to setup and prayer support.

So I invite you to ask:

- How can you be part of teaching and leading the next generation here at First Baptist?
- How can you help First Baptist be known as a church that loves, encourages, supports, and teaches our children and youth?

I'm also excited about our upcoming Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 31, a wonderful opportunity to show the children and families in our neighborhood the love of Jesus. You can participate by decorating a trunk and passing out candy, donating candy, or doing both! Every smiling face and kind word that evening is a chance to share the light of Christ with our community.

I'm truly excited about what God is doing and will continue to do through our children's and youth ministries. The seeds we plant today will grow into faith that shapes tomorrow. Together, let's be a church known for loving God deeply and leading the next generation faithfully.

With gratitude and excitement,

Pastor Tyler

Around The Church ...

Abigail Circle

Abigail Circle will be held on Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30 pm. All women are encouraged to attend!

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.

Advent Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers in commemoration of a loved one during the Advent season, sign up at the Gathering Place starting November 16th. Deadline will be Dec. 17th.



*Operation
Christmas Child*

Deadline to return your completed shoeboxes is November 17th.



Children's Ministry Update

You have heard us share that we have some great things coming to our children's ministry. Here are some of the coming updates and improvements: New curriculum for Children's Church called Simply Loved. New check-in system for our parents and the safety of the children in our care. More opportunities to serve- teachers, assistants, set-up crews & prayer partners. Want to learn more? Come to our next meeting on Sunday, November 2nd following 2nd hour in the chapel or contact Pastor Tyler.

What is Simply Loved?

Simply Loved is designed for preschool through upper elementary grades with an intentional approach to each age level. Simply Loved goes beyond a standard "age-appropriate" approach and adds several subtle (yet critical!) elements that can make a big difference in how each age level responds to a lesson.

Other News...

Love Chapel Food Distribution

MISSION VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

This year Love Chapel plans to distribute more than 1,600 Christmas Feast baskets from December 1-22. Volunteers are needed to help pack and distribute these baskets. Our church has committed to having eight volunteers to help on Tuesday, December 9, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Love Chapel warehouse. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. Contact Bob Langdon, 812 343 2944, if you have any questions.



Thanksgiving Fellowship

Join us on Sunday, November 23rd at 11:30 am for our Thanksgiving Fellowship. Sign up to bring a salad or dessert, and to let us know you are attending. This will also be a special day as we will launch our capital campaign, *Forward in Faith!*



Around The Church ...



Church Camp Offering

During the month of November we will be collecting for both the Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp and Indian Creek Baptist Camp to support their vision plans for expanding their camp ministries. Mark your envelopes "Youth Camp."



Christmas Market

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for this year's Christmas Market, taking place on Saturday, November 22nd (the Saturday before Thanksgiving) from 10-3 pm. To have a successful Christmas Market we need your participation!

Additionally, if you have friends who are artists/crafters who might like to participate, please have them contact Jerald Hatton for any questions. Applications are available at the Gathering Place or through email.

Leadership

Pastoral Care Team

Nov. 2nd: Jim & Linda Reid
Nov. 9th: Paula Pickup & Linda Mayfield
Nov. 16th: Paul & Carol Poe
Nov. 23rd: Kerry & Alice Richmond
Nov. 30th: Bob & Jean Langdon

Emergency Responder Schedule

Nov. 2nd: Jean Williams
Nov. 9th: Lindsay McIntosh
Nov. 16th: Cole Bennett
Nov. 23rd: Judy Rhude
Nov. 30th: Jean Williams

Wednesday Night Meals Menu



There will be a free-will donation taken every evening to offset the cost of the meal.

Oct 29th: baked potato bar and salad bar

Nov. 5th: chicken and rice egg rolls and salad bar

Nov. 12th: chicken casserole and salad bar

Nov. 19th: pulled pork, beans, slaw and salad bar

Dec. 3rd: chili, cornbread and salad bar

Dec. 10th: taco bar and salad bar

Dec. 17th: meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and salad bar

Join us starting at 5:00pm for a great meal each week. Even if you are running late, the meal will be waiting for you!

Communion

We will celebrate Communion on Sunday, November 2nd. 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

November Birthdays

4. ~ Teresa Arbuckle
5. ~ Jean Langdon
7. ~ Kerry Brockhagen
8. ~ Lynne Lovelace, Alberta Ruble
10. ~ Reagan Babb, Sharon Fulkerson
11. ~ Sue Putterill

12. ~ Carolyn Baker
13. ~ Norma Compton
15. ~ Norman Curry,
Bob Hoffman
16. ~ Betty Harrison
17. ~ Martha Whedon
18. ~ Bill Griffith

21. ~ LuAnn Harlow
22. ~ Janet Bailey, Rob Lilly,
Landon McIntosh
23. ~ David Emmert
25. ~ Dennis Adams
27. ~ Joanne Sublette
28. ~ Gail Fields

The Body of Christ Prays For...

Janet Bailey, Dorothy Abney, Susan Carter, Tim Pickup, Priscilla & Roger Day, Bobbie & John Walker, Daryl & Dot McMath, Joyce Sutton, Jenny Wilkerson, John & Liz Lipson, Jon Carlstrom, Marge Betz, Anita Burton, Dick & Beth Miller, Ramona Harlow, Claude Wright, Jr. "Bub", Anita Yancey, Allen Rea, Larry Alexander, and Roger & Ben Glick and all persons who are homebound & in nursing care centers.

Looking Ahead to November

2- Communion/ All Saints Day (9:30 am)
6- Ministry Safe Training (6:00 pm)
15- Newsletter Deadline
18- Council Meeting (5:30 PM)
22- Christmas Market (10 am-3 pm)
23- Thanksgiving Fellowship (11:00 am)
25- Abigail Circle (6:30 pm)
27 & 28- Thanksgiving- Office Closed

Weekly:

- Prayer Shawl Group: Tuesdays at 11:00 am
- Prayer Group: Weds. at 12:30 pm in Prayer Room
- Wed. Meal & Bible Study: @ 5:00-6:30 pm.
- Choir Practice: Weds. at 7:00 pm
- LIGHT Ladies Bible Study: Thurs. at 9:00 am
- Men of Faith Bible Study: Thurs. at 9:00 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.



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