

We appreciate our pastors!



Newsletter October 2020

Important Dates

OCTOBER

- 4 Children's Christmas Program practice
- 4 Fish Fry 5pm
- 11 Deacons Mtg. 5pm
- 12 Offices closed
- 14 Business Mtg. 7pm
- 17 FBC Women's Retreat
- 18-24 Week of Prayer for Baptist Assoc.
- 22 FCHD Flu Clinic 1-3pm at FBC
- 26 Sweet Monday 6pm Soup Supper



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We have some great pastors here at First Baptist! Pastor Andrew & April have been with us for just under a year, but we love them already! Pastor Jeff & Stephanie have been part of our family for 6 years and are still going strong. Both families have experienced quite a bit of change in 2020: Baby Lewis was born this week, and the Shouse House will become an empty nest this month. Our pastors have led well through many ups and downs during this year of uncertainty. They have had to make hard decisions, learn how to do ministry online, balance fear and faith, and overall continue to do the ministry God has called them to in the midst of a world gone crazy!

Let's take this month to especially show them our appreciation and love! Send them a note or email telling them how God has used them in your life this year. Stop by the office and share some good news with them about what God is teaching you. And, most of all, pray for them & their families as they continue to follow the LORD and lead our church family to Know Christ & Make Him Known.

From Pastor Jeff

“Commit your activities to the Lord and your plans will be achieved.”
Proverbs 16:3

In Proverbs, there are several short pithy statements which are guidelines in which we are to walk in the way of wisdom. It seems like there are some that sound nice but in the times in which we live, are they really true? After all, haven't all our plans fallen apart this year. How many activities have we canceled already?

Proverbs is one of those books which seem very disjointed. We talk all the time about context and looking at the verses around the ones you are studying but those tried and true principles do not really fit in with Proverbs. However, one of the study principles we use is necessary with this book. That principle is: **always interpret Scripture with Scripture**. This verse is the same.

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James reminds us that whatever we plan or do it is always with the understanding of “if God wills...”. This is not just an excuse for God if He doesn't do what we ask, but rather it is an understanding that we have limited perspective and wisdom. It is a cry of dependence on Him because we know that He knows best. What we are saying is this, “Lord, I am asking You for this, but if this is not Your will or if this interferes with what You have planned for me, then disregard this prayer, because I want whatever You have for me.”

So, this Proverb is important especially with the first part of the verse. Commit your activities to the Lord. That means, put them in His hands to do what is best whether we actually do them or not. For our ultimate plan is to do the will of God.

Following Him,
Jeff

Prayer
Covered

Gospel
Centered

People
Focused

Keep It
Simple

TO KNOW CHRIST &
MAKE HIM KNOWN

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
STATE MISSIONS

We will be collecting till
October 31

Our Church goal \$1200

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Carol Price has been a member of First Baptist Church for 60 years! She has served and continues to serve in many ministries and committees! Her current role is as leader of the Kitchen & Fellowship Committees as well as working in the Sunday School office keeping records. We appreciate all Carol does for our church!

- One of her favorite fellowships is Taco Night! Everyone always seems to have a good time!
- Some of her hobbies are reading and crossword puzzles, (when she can find the time to enjoy them).
- Peanut butter pies and lettuce and broccoli salad are a couple of her favorite fellowship foods to make.



FBC Women's Retreat Saturday, October 17 9am-3pm

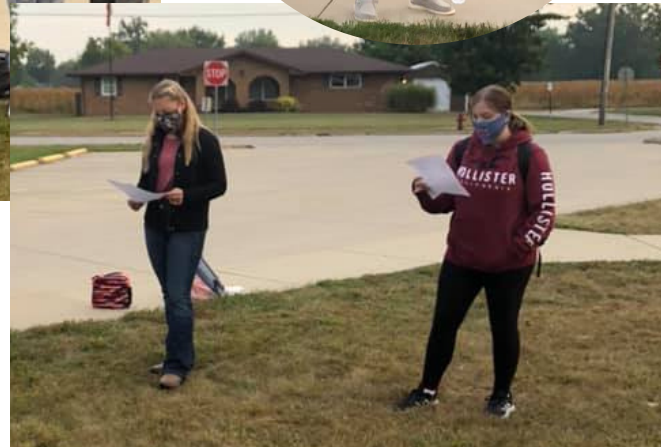
Friday Pre-Party 7-9pm

This year our R3 Conference will look quite different. We've had to cancel our normal plans for this event, but God has replaced them with something we are very excited about for this year!

Our goal this year is to refresh & encourage the women of FBC Ramsey by having a Women's Retreat just for our women! This retreat will focus on the truth found in 2 Corinthians 4:7-9 and will be planned to help build connections within our church family and encourage all of us to keep going in the midst of hard times.

This retreat will be completely **FREE** (compliments of the FBC Ramsey Women's Ministry budget) and will include a t-shirt, personalized art/craft activity, conference materials, light breakfast, lunch & a Friday night pre-retreat party! **Reservations are REQUIRED!** Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to reserve your spot by **Friday, October 9!**

See You At The Pole 2020



Operation Christmas Child

We are collecting for Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. If you would rather donate money for postage (\$9 per box), you can use a special offering envelope and mark it accordingly.

Items Needed for Shoeboxes

(See bulletin board for detailed list)

Toys:

- Deflated ball with manual pump (soccer, basketball, kickball)
- Stuffed animal or doll
- Small toys such as bouncy balls, frisbee, cars & trucks, baseball & glove, marbles, etcha-sketch, slinky, playdough, jump rope, puzzles, binoculars, kids-meal toys

School Supplies:

- Pencils, pens, crayons, markers, colored pencils
- Pencil sharpener & pencil case
- Glue (sticks only)
- Small notebooks, writing pads or coloring books
- Craft supplies or craft kits
- Small backpack or tote

Personal Items:

- Comb, brush, toothbrush (no toothpaste)
- Washcloth, bar soap (in package or container)
- Colorful bandaids, chapstick, hair accessories
- Reusable plastic containers (cups, bowls, plates, etc)
- Hat, scarf, gloves, mittens
- Flip-flops, sunglasses, casual clothing

NO candy, gum or food, NO toothpaste or lotion, NO glass or breakable items, NO aerosol sprays, NO liquid of any kind

Bring your donations to the church- kids & youth will pack boxes



Pray for our graduates that are in the military or college or preparing to leave for college.

Clark, Marshall

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***Maddi Hayes is transferring to Texas to begin AIT training to be a combat medic . We will update her address as soon as it is available.**

***Kianna Shouse will be leaving for college in New York the week of Oct. 11th.**

***Hayden Seaton is attending college in Evansville, Indiana.**

FISH FRY



Our Annual Fish Fry will be Sunday, October 4th at 5 pm. Fish and drinks are provided. Please bring side dishes or desserts. Come and enjoy some great fish and fellowship! Thank you to all those who donated fish!

October Highlights for Food Pantry

Large box of Instant Potatoes

Stuffing Mix

Sweet Potatoes

Canned Pumpkin

Canned Milk

Cranberries

Green Beans

Cream of Mushroom Soup

Monetary donations

And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:16

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Charlie & Linda Harris | 18 Paul Temmen |
| 1 Rick & Shelli Finley | 20 Hayden Hayes |
| 1 Ty Benhoff | 22 Ed Caylor |
| 2 Colt Christy | 24 Karen Warner |
| 3 Nicholas Rainey | 25 Hoyt Willis |
| 4 Kalasandra Cook | 25 Jill Hadley |
| 4 Tammy McDonald | 26 Cheryl Morefield |
| 5 Ron Blunt | 26 Gerald Sanders |
| 7 Les & Sue Albert | 29 Kevin & Tammy Schackmann |
| 8 Terry Casey | 30 Devin Friesland |
| 9 Bev Daniels | 30 Kyle Adermann |
| 11 Andrew Runge | 30 Lenora Clark |
| 11 Samantha Strobel | 31 Kianna Shouse |
| 14 David McFarland | |



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October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Fish Fry 5pm	5	6	7 Bible Study 7pm Ignite 7pm Mission Kids 7pm	8	9	10
11 Deacons Mtg. 5pm	12 <i>Columbus Day</i> Office Closed	13	14 Business Mtg. 7pm	15	16 FBC Women's Pre-party 7-9pm	17 FBC Women's Retreat 9-3
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25	26 Sweet Monday 6pm Soup Supper & project	27	28 Bible Study 7pm Ignite 7pm Mission Kids 7pm	29	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>