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Office News & Deadlines

By Debbie

Deadline for the **December Newsletter is November 14th. Please email your articles to me by the deadline.**



Facilities/Grounds Report

If any one sees or knows of anything that needs repair or our attention concerning the buildings or grounds, please contact Eddie Coats. Custodian Susie Juma has placed a suggestion box in the Fellowship Hall for church cleaning needs.

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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please email Frances Ray (frances@fbccb.org), call the Church Office (458-5134), or fill out a Prayer card from the pew and drop it in the offering plate.



Martha's Kitchen Pig Cooker



The cooker is available to Church Groups at no charge, but individual church members are asked to pay a rental of \$60 a day or \$80 for weekend. We do ask that you bring it back clean and tanks full. For information contact Bob Hodge 458-4302



Alcoholics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.

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*Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!*

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Mission Statement

*"First Baptist Church is
committed to building a bridge
to the community through
outreach, education, spiritual
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This is our mission."*

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Making Vision A Reality

Hebrews 11:1 tells us that faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Once God gives us a Vision, our faith gives us the momentum to see it become reality. Therefore, faith is essential for us in making Vision become Reality!

Undergirding our Faith process involves a discipline to move our vision forward. As individuals and a Church, this process follows a logical progression that we need to understand. Let's Consider the following steps of this progression:

1. **Evaluate where you are.** It's so important that we're honest about our present circumstances and challenges. When we are united in our understanding of where we are, we are at the starting line and ready to move forward.
2. **Envision where you desire to be.** We need to have SMART Goals as we look into the future. That is, goals which are: **S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elative, **T**ime sensitive. In the end, we should know the answer to the question: Has the Vision been accomplished?
3. **Establish a clear plan.** Our SMART goals have to be accompanied by action plans that serve as a road map to move forward. If we don't have a plan, we will wander aimlessly and take longer to reach our destination while delaying God's next journey for us.
4. **Eliminate distractions.** We must stay focused on our goals. There will be things that keep us from moving forward if we allow them to. Sometimes those things are unavoidable but we must guard against distractions that hinder the achievement of the Vision that God has given.
5. **Explore all options.** There is usually more than one way to a destination. Flexibility is important, even as we start down a path and then decide that another path is even better. Be open to God's revelation of new and better ways of doing things as we trust Him all the way.
6. **Enlist the help of others.** We are a Team. Goals are not accomplished by an individual who starts out and tries to do it alone. Team means **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. Such is the Kingdom of God.
7. **Execute your vision plan.** Having a plan is not good enough. Carrying out a plan means diligent work and sacrifice. The investment of our time and energy to accomplish the vision before us is essential.
8. **Examine your process.** Along the way we must evaluate the process that we are engaged in to accomplish the goals before us. This monitoring of the process will help us determine when we need to make adjustments for effectiveness.
9. **Enjoy the journey.** Accomplishing goals on a Team can be one of the most rewarding things that we do as a Church Family. It provides an opportunity for Fellowship that we wouldn't have otherwise!

I'm praying for you as we move forward strategically for the future that is ours together!

Because He Lives, Pastor Hal



NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Tammy Dew
6 – Beverly Lovingood
13 – Tammy Dew
20 – Peggy Creech

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jane Walker
6 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
13 – Melissa Story
20 – Roxanna Barker & Jane Walker
27 – Tammy Dew, Dianne Tucker, Lisa Jones



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

6 – Need Volunteer
13 – Melinda Latta
20 – Need Volunteer

11:00 am Service

6 – Molly Painter
13 – Molly Painter
20 – Molly Painter
27 – Molly Painter



GREETERS

8:30 am Service

6 – Peggy Creech
13 – Steve & Leslie DuPre`
20 – Young Adults

Sunday School

6 – Marie Underwood
13 – Tommy Tucker
20 – Brian Dew
27 – Lee Latta

11:00 am Service

6 – David Lehman & Joy Coats
13 – Jerry & Diane Johnson
20 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell
27 – Barbara Bigley & Inez Malloch



TELLERS

Jane Walker & Jim Wind



November 26 – Michael and Sue King
November 30 – Tom and Jo Campbell



Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday School



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age groups.



Nursery

During our worship services, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.



Children's Church

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 5th Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.



Prayer Time

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary to pray for our church and community.



Hanging of the Greens Service



Hanging of the Greens will be on Sunday, November 27th. This will be a Combined Worship Service at 11 am. We need several volunteers to read Scriptures and a family to light the Advent Candle for the service. If interested, contact the office.



Volunteers are needed to help decorate the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall for Christmas on Sunday, November 20th at 2 pm until done. Please call Debbie Passmore (503-706-1144), if you are able to help. Thank you.



Operation Christmas Child



It's time to fill our boxes with little gifts and lots of love. Boxes are by the door near the elevator in the Church and in the Educational Building near the stairs. They have the instructions and labels in each box already. Our last collection date and Dedication Sunday will be November 13th. Thank you for your support of this mission that brings joy to children all around the world.

Help Center Christmas Basket



The Help Center of Federal Point is asking us to help them with the donation of **65 Bottles of Pancake Syrup** for their annual Christmas Baskets. Please place them on the table in the sanctuary by Sunday, December 4th. They also invited our congregation to come out and help them make deliveries on Saturday, December 17th at the Seaside Chapel Fellowship Hall between 10 am and noon. It's a wonderful expression of the true Christmas spirit.



It is time to order your Poinsettia to Honor or In Memory of your loved one for the Advent - Christmas Season. An order form is inserted in this newsletter. The cost is \$11 each. If you need more forms, they will be available in the Vestibule. The deadline to place your order is Sunday, Nov. 20th. After the Christmas Day Service, you may take your Poinsettia home (please do not take the plastic cup under the poinsettias)

Wednesday Night Bible Study From the Heart of God Evangelism Explosion



Evangelism Explosion is a strategic initiative that we'll be using to move our Church forward as we share the Gospel! Paul and Maria Agrillo have personal experience with EE and they will be our equippers. **THIS PROCESS WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9** as Paul and Maria begin leading us in this time of teaching and training.

All you need to do to sign up is: call the church office, email Pastor Hal or Debbie, or on the on the signup sheet located on the bulletin board beside the entry door. This will be an AWESOME opportunity for us to see God do incredible things in us and through us - don't miss out!



Joy of a Child

This mission/ministry helps the children on the island with Christmas gifts and food. On Sunday, Nov. 13th, the cards for the children's wants will be in the Vestibule. Take a card off the box, buy the item(s), place the card on the **unwrapped gift** and bring to the church office or place in the fellowship hall. The deadline to bring your gifts back to the church is Monday, December 12th. If you would like to donate monies, you can place it in a pew envelope and mark it "Joy of a Child".



Joy of a Child Benefit Concert

We will be having our Joy of a Child Benefit Concert on December 4th at 6:00 pm. All are invited to the best Christmas Concert ever!!!!

MIKE'S FARM



It's that time Again!!!

Mike's Farm Road Trip will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 7 pm for Hayride and Dinner at 8 pm **We have 55 spots. Please start thinking if you would like to come with us.**

Sign-up sheets will be placed in the Foyer as well as the Educational Building by the end of the month!!! When signing up please list each name and age of all who is coming with you.

Price list:



- Sr. Adults (age 56+) \$26.00
 - Adults (ages 12 to 55) \$27.00
 - Children (ages 7-11) \$19.00
 - Children (ages 5-6) \$15.00
 - Children (ages 3-4) 7.00
 - Children (ages 0-2) free.
- (Dinner, Hayride, Tax and Tip Included!!!)

Debbie will be collecting the monies (Cash only, exact amount please) that evening of the trip.

Hope to see you all there!
We have reserved only 55 spots!!!