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from the Pastor

The church is not a place but a people. The church is a group of people who have come to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. The church gathers on Sundays (and other times) for worship, study, and fellowship. First Baptist Church meets at 800 Van Buren Ave. But the buildings at that location are not the church, only the place where this local church meets. Sometimes we segment our thinking with the idea that we 'go to church'. Actually, on Sundays, we go to the

buildings where the church meets. The church is not a building but a people.

When we leave the buildings we become the church dispersed into the world. The church goes to work where you work. The church goes to your house when you go home. The church goes to the game, the shopping area, the restaurant, the vacation and all the other places you and all our people go.

I believe God is at work when the church meets and when the church disperses. When we come together, it's a joy to share the loving warmth of Christian worship and fellowship. When we disperse, we go out on a mission of influence, witness, and love.

This fall, we've begun a process of unifying our thoughts and dreams for FBC with what we sense God is leading our church to do. I've suggested that the process include four parts:

- Praver
- Gain informed knowledge of our community
- Become aware of what is currently happening at FBC
- Dream together about what we could be doing to reach and disciple people.

Sunday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. we will continue in the next phase of the process. We hope to become more aware of what is currently happening at FBC. You will likely be surprised at all the things going on when we gather and as we disperse into the world. You may also see some holes in our ministry that may need to be addressed.

You are important to the process. Please continue to pray, be informed about our community and our church and consider what God may lead us to do in the days ahead as we continue to be His church.

I'll see you Sunday

Don





OCTOBER 1

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast 11 a.m. XYZ Program & Luncheon

Noon Prayer Meeting

XYZ Senior Adult Program Tuesday, October 1

11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Program by Beth Fitts
about her trip to Israel.

A delicious meal will be provided.

OCTOBER 2

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal5:30 p.m. AWANA: Store Night6 p.m. Midweek for Youth6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 6

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Life U Studies
6 p.m. Youth Bonfire at the Quarles

OCTOBER 7

5:30 p.m. GriefShare

OCTOBER 8

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast

Noon Prayer Meeting

OCTOBER 9

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal 5:30 p.m. AWANA

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 11

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Dessert Night (Email wmin@gotofirst.org for details)

OCTOBER 13

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Preschool Volunteer Appreciation Reception Bible Study classes 9:45 a.m. 11 a.m. Worship Service Children's Bible Drill 4 p.m. 4:15 p.m. Youth Bible Drill 5 p.m. Children's Choir 5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth Life U Studies 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 14

5:30 p.m. GriefShare 5:30 p.m. Outreach

OCTOBER 15

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer BreakfastNoon Prayer Meeting6:30 p.m. Sav-A-Life Annual Banquet

OCTOBER 16

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: Goofy Hat Night

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 17

6:30 p.m. Women's Ministry Book Club (Email wmin@gotofirst.org for details)

OCTOBER 20

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes
11 a.m. Worship Service
4 p.m. Children's Bible Drill
5 p.m. Children's Choir
5 p.m. Sunday PM for Youth
5 p.m. Life U Studies

6 p.m. Vision Service followed by Quarterly Business Meeting



FBC VISION SERVICE

October 20 at 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 21

5:30 p.m. GriefShare 5:30 p.m. Outreach

OCTOBER 22

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Noon Prayer Meeting

OCTOBER 23

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

OCTOBER 25

6 p.m. Parents' Night Out (Registration required)

OCTOBER 27

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes 11 a.m. Worship Service 4 p.m. Kids Karnival

OCTOBER 28

5:30 p.m. GriefShare

OCTOBER 29

7:45 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast Noon Prayer Meeting

6 p.m. Children's Ministry stocking

the Oxford Pantry

OCTOBER 30

6:30 a.m. Men's Explorer's Bible Study

5 p.m. Fellowship Meal

5:30 p.m. AWANA: Costume Night

6 p.m. Midweek for Youth 6 p.m. Adult Bible Studies

6 p.m. Women's Explorer's Bible Study

6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Band Rehearsal

Sunday school attendance

Sept. 1 - 494 Sept. 15 - 567

Sept. 8 - 575

Budget September 1-22, 2019

Budget	\$167,363.12
Building	\$1,517.00
Designated	\$13,115.00
Total	\$181,995.12



Margaret Lackey Offering

\$2,935.00

New Members in September

Cohen Knighton, Katelynn Rose McGowen

Congratulations

Ben and Christine Hellums along with big brothers Derek, Wyatt and Davis welcomed **Oliver Winston Hellums** on Sept. 21, 2019.

Our Sympathy

To Alice Bethay after the loss of her brother, David Monroe Langston.

Deacons of the Week

Sept. 29- Paul Hale, Fred Johnson,
Oct. 5 Michael Meurrier
Oct. 6-12 Nelson Little, Dave Miller,

Lanny Shackelford

Oct. 13-19 Ryan Overall, Kevin Bain, Derrell Doss

Oct. 20-26 Jason Simon, Bobby Clanton, Iim Rose

Oct. 27- Jeff Busby, Gary Carter, Craig Kirkendall

MISSION & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Questions? Contact Jeff Holeman at 662.234.3515 or wigtake@gmail.com

MONDAY OUTREACH Oct. 14 and 21

Light meal at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by Outreach.

Preschool care begins at 5:45.

MONDAYS in MARKS

continues on Mondays in October

Leave church at 2:30 p.m. and return at 6 p.m.

Helping the Reclaimed project with Tutoring, helping with homework, recreation with kids.





LINKS BIBLE STUDY

Sundays at 3 p.m. at The Links Clubhouse. FBC members welcome to join the group!

Trunk or Treat at The Links Thursday, October 24



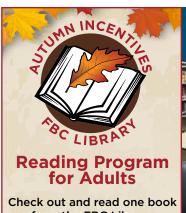
NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK NOV. 18-25

PACK A SHOEBOX!

OAXACA MISSIONS PARTNERSHIP

Medical Trip to Oaxaca. February 8-14, 2020

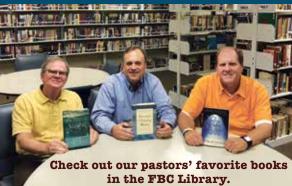
Cost is \$450 per person for FBC Members. \$1250 per person for non-members. \$100 deposit is due before October 15.



from the FBC Library.

continues through November

October is Pastor **Appreciation Month**

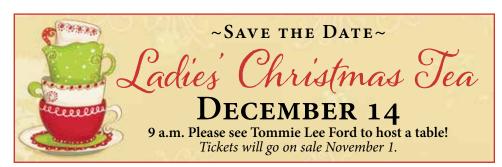


The FBC Library is downstairs next to the Old Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS wmin@gotofirst.org



Monthly Book Club Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. Our book for October is The Vow by Kim & Krickitt Carpenter. Email wmin@gotofirst.org for more info.



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



We have a few spaces left!

January 17-20 • Pigeon Forge, TN

Cost is \$195 plus meals. For all youth grades 7-12. \$50 deposit due now! Students will need \$120 for meals. Space is limited to 48 students.

For Parents...THE ART OF PARENTING

Sundays at 6 p.m. Third floor



5 P.M. SUNDAYS FBC GYM

Games, Bible Study, Snacks!



6 P.M. WEDNESDAYS 3RD FLOOR

We're studying the Book of James during October.



October 6

PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS



UPWARD BASKETBALL FOR GRADES K5-4TH Register now at www.gotofirst.org
Early registration discount through Nov. 3

Preschool Volunteer Appreciation Reception

October 13 in the Atrium

during the break between first service and Sunday School

Preschool & Children's Departments

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT October 25 • 6-9 p.m.

Signup begins Oct. 6



FBC Children's Ministry FOOD DRIVE

During the month of October, we will be collecting items for the Pantry. Each item will have a point value. We will have a competition to see which Sunday School class can collect the most points. The winning class will get a donut party in November!

We will visit the Pantry on Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. to stock the shelves with the food collected.





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