

The Herald



FIRST BAPTIST
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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SUNDAY, MARCH 14

*It's time to Spring Forward
Set your clock ahead one hour!*



**SPRING SESSION: MARCH 21 - MAY 2
SUNDAYS AT 6PM**

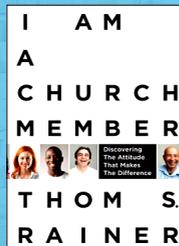
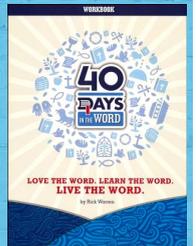


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About taking bold risks. Courage to step out into the unknown to cultivate daring faith. Leave your comfort zone and move to where God is calling you. Book Cost: \$10

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Foundational book for all church members. Reminds us that it is possible to have an effective, unified church body - even if the people in the pews have different opinions. Book Cost: \$5

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Our Goal:
\$11,000
Received To Date:
\$834

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FBC Sanger is in the midst of an exciting time. We have formed the search committee to begin the process of bringing to our church a Family Pastor. I am really excited about this committee. Each member brings a different perspective from their life experiences and church service. This group has a challenging role. They can't look at past experience here and try to find someone that fits a previous mold. We need to pray for them throughout this process.

We are not just hiring a "Children's Minister." That point needs to be driven home. Yes, this individual will have responsibility over our children's ministry, but the emphasis needs to be on reaching and discipling families. Reaching children with the gospel is so important, but if we just focus on reaching children, we will do a great disservice to those children. Numerous studies show how important discipling their parents is. Every member of the pastoral staff works in the area of discipling parents, but our attention is divided into many other areas. Trey, especially, works to assist parents in growing in Christ, as evidenced by his recent parenting seminar. Trey and our new staff member will work together to develop methods of discipling parents and helping those parents nurture their children in the path of Christ.

As of Wednesday the state-mandated COVID guidelines are rescinded. Now each business and entity must make their own decisions regarding masks and social distancing. We need to admit that the pandemic is not over. Hospitals are still full and many are still getting sick. At the same time, the number of people having received both doses of the vaccine is growing. Over the next few weeks, we will have a number of families returning to in-person worship. We still have room for those returning. As our attendance continues to increase, which we welcome, we will be ready to make adjustments as we have throughout the year.

As we navigate the changes in our state this week, remember one thing: love your neighbor as yourself. If you see someone making a different choice regarding masks, don't judge them. I am committing to carrying a mask in my pocket and if I see someone wearing a mask, I will put mine on before speaking to them. In the church building during our meeting times, I will continue wearing a mask until the COVID numbers go down significantly.

Pastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor




Please pray for our Search Committee as they begin the process of searching for our new Family Pastor

Gina Brown, Rene Escobedo, Nikkie Martin, Kayla Monschke, Linda Muir, Dennis Perry, Amanda Taylor, Cliff Swofford



**SANGER ISD
SPRING BREAK!**

NO SERVICES TONIGHT

For the Record	
Month of March	
Monthly Budget Needs	\$ 76,008
Received to Date	\$ 18,827
Missions	
Annie Armstrong	\$ 484



**FIRST BAPTIST
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MOTHER'S
DAY OUT**

**2021—2022
Registration
Now Open!**

[Classes for kiddos 18 months \(by Sep 1, 2021\) - Pre-K](#)

For more info and forms about our Tue/Thu program, go to: www.fbcsanger.com/mothers-day-out or call the office.

Hearing Check

An old man was wondering if his wife had a hearing problem. So, one night, he stood behind her while she was sitting in her lounge chair. He spoke softly to her, "Honey, can you hear me?" There was no response. He moved a little closer and said again, "Honey, can you hear me?" Still, there was no response. Finally, he moved right behind her and said, "Honey, can you hear me?" She replied, "For the third time, Yes!"

⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. So he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So, Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." | Samuel 3:8-10

You know as we get older, sometimes our hearing goes! My Mom didn't think my hearing was too good as a kid. Maybe it was my listening skills or my attention span. I still have that problem. I am a good listener, but you have to get my attention first. But I have to ask myself on a daily basis, am I listening to the Lord when it comes to my behavior, my relationships, my responsibilities? Or do I care more about what people think than what God thinks?

In our text, the Lord had an important revelation, an important word for Eli the priest. He chose to transfer that word through young Samuel. He was sleeping and did not recognize God's voice or understand God's ways, so Eli, the priest had to teach him. This is discipleship. We have members that have heard God speak and we need encouragement and prayer that we will continue to seek Him and not just agreement with our positions and ideas! We need to seek the Lord, not wrestle for our wants and will. We need to hear from God!

Why do we not hear from God? We don't hear sometimes because of distractions! It's just too loud and there are too many things pulling us away from the voice of God. Sometimes we do not hear because we are selfish and not listening for Him; we are seeking something else. If we are seeking things to build up our pride or to prove we are progressive or any other reason, we would not hear God because we don't want to hear from Him. So, there are distractions and there is selfishness; but there is also deafness where we just need some help, like a hearing aid. We have that kind of help in the Holy Spirit.

"Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. ¹² For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." Luke 12:11-12

The Lord will help us hear, but we must have that desire! We must choose to push the distractions out of our minds. We must choose to listen to Him. We must obey Him when He teaches us what to do and when to do it.

Br. John Guerra - Executive Pastor



SSM IN PERSON & ONLINE

- ♦ Sunday Morning CBS - 9:15 AM
- ♦ No Wednesday Evening Service (Spring Break this week)



Epic Waters Indoor Water Adventure Monday, Mar 15

Be at church at 9AM
Cost: \$40 pp
(includes lunch)

See Trey to sign up and pay ASAP!

YOUTH BUILD CLASSES BEGIN MARCH 21, 6PM

MARCH MADNESS BRACKET



Contact Trey if you would like to participate



Trey Bledsoe - Youth Pastor
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@firstsangerstudents



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Tonight: No evening activities

Sunday, Mar 14: Spring Forward

Sunday, Mar 21, 6:00 PM: BUILD classes begin

Sunday, Mar 28: Palm Sunday

APRIL

Friday, Apr 2: Good Friday

Saturday, Apr 3, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry

Sunday, Apr 4: Easter Sunday



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FBC MINISTRY TEAMS

Join one (or more) of our ministry teams to help meet some of the practical needs of our church family.

Hospital Visitation Team

This team will see that members are visited when they are admitted to the hospital. If they discover other needs, they will report to staff and the leadership of the other teams. Calls will do until hospitals allow visits again. It will be an additional goal to follow up with them when they have returned home.

Grief Support Team

This team will make contact with members who have lost a loved one. They will develop a follow-up plan that includes periodic calls or visits and contact on special dates through that first year, e.g., birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. If other needs are discovered, they will report to staff and the leadership of the other teams.

Home Service Team

This team will be available to help seniors and others who have household and yard work that they need help with. If the team discovers other needs, they will report to staff and the leadership of the other teams.

Homebound Ministry Team

This team will make visits or contact with our members that can no longer attend church. They will take them Sunday School material, if desired, and see if there are any needs or prayer requests. If they discover other needs, they will report to staff and the leadership of the other teams.

If you are interested in serving on one or more of our ministry teams, please email the church office and let us know to: tonja@fbcsanger.com

FBC SANGER CONTACT INFORMATION

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM,
Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

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