

First Edition October



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Plug in and experience the joy!

By Senior Pastor Marc Heinz

What a wonderful opportunity we have had this summer to grow deeper in the Lord! It has also been a time to renew and deepen existing relationships and build new ones. Together we have dined on salmon, gourmet desserts, and all kinds of other culinary delights. We have had fun and fellowship.

This week as I was reflecting on all the joy, laughter, and growth that we have experienced this summer, the Lord called my attention to the importance of building and maintaining healthy, godly relationships within His Body. How desperately we need each other!

Folks, it is God's design that each of us be fully investing, not only in Him, but with one another. And so if you are one who is fully invested in the life of the church and the Body of Christ at FBC, I encourage you not only to grow deeper in the relationships that you have established, but also to keep meeting new people and making more friends. If you are shy or maybe you are new and don't know very many people in our church family, I encourage you to take a small step forward and see what happens. I think you will be pleasantly surprised. There are a whole lot of people who want to get to know you better!

Remember, we were created for relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ and we will never, ever be all that we can be individually or corporately until we are functioning in unity and harmony with each other. May God grant that we continue to grow in Him and that our church family would be characterized by unity, harmony, and a genuine love for

God, for one another, and for the lost!

This fall, as we begin a new season of ministry, I encourage you to get more involved with your brothers and sisters in your church family, so that together we may grow deeper and deeper in Christ. There are a multitude of opportunities for fellowship, growth and service, and so I invite you to attend the **new** Mid-Week Bible study, which will begin Wednesday, October 27th. We will be doing an in-depth, small group study of the Book of John. Check out one of the new Sunday School classes that will begin October 11th.

Another great way to get involved is to attend a monthly Men's Breakfast or one of the upcoming Women's Ministry events, become part of the Harvest Festival Team, join the Facilities Restoration Team as we seek to repair and restore God's house. Participate in an upcoming Community Outreach events, join one of the many ministries teams such as Children's Ministry, Youth, Worship Choir or Awanas, **but please don't just sit there, get involved and plugged in!**

Step up and step out' as you do I think you will be amazed to find how many wonderful people God has assembled together in this Body, and I am certain that they will welcome the opportunity to get to know you better.

May we be united in Spirit and one in purpose as we serve our great and Awesome God together this Fall! in purpose as we serve our Great and Awesome God together this Fall!

MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

By Clay Minter

Would you like to serve our Lord? One way you could do that is to help along side other brothers and sisters here at First Baptist Church. To bring God's house back up to where it should be, to bring Glory to God. FBC Facility Restoration Project is looking for people who have a desire to serve The Lord by helping in any way possible. The first project is prepping and painting the chapel, there are several ways to help, not just sanding and painting. Many other projects are also being planned for the near future and could use the unique skills that you may have. Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called. So anyone can be involved. Please pray about this and get involved at your Church. If you have any questions contact Clay Minter, Ron Murray, Skip Hoard or Mike Jalilie. Announcements on workdays and other information will be coming.

Thank you, and GOD Bless.

Special offerings for the month of October will be for Harvest Fest.



**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS, AND AGAIN I SAY REJOICE!
PHILIPPIANS 4:4**

Ron Walter's

Pastors Letter

In the aftermath of World War II, as an allied world finally breathed a sigh of relief, a meeting was called in the Oval Office to confront the world's newest potential threat.

The very same atomic energy that brought about a worldwide peace now reigned as the newest threat to destroy that peace. The atomic age had begun, but no one knew where it was headed.

In response, President Truman appointed a creative team builder, David Lilienthal, to kick-start the Atomic Energy Commission.

Lilienthal's assignment was to recruit some of the top scientific minds in America's fresh innovative thinkers, geniuses in their fields of expertise. Furthermore, this group would be commissioned to discover the unknown atomic potential, while at the same time safeguarding against its destructive powers.

Bringing this diverse group of brilliance together was the easy part.

The real task would be to turn these stand-alone characters into a unified team. After all, each had achieved greatness by leaving the herd. They had all taken a road less traveled. Conformity was not listed in their resumes.

Lilienthal's thinking was, 'Only when they begin to believe in each other will they be able to work together, and be open to different viewpoints.'

For weeks Lilienthal's single agenda item was to get these one-of-a-kinds to accept each other. And while Congress waited impatiently, and the national press labeled the proceedings as worthless, this collage of brainpower engaged in the most elementary of assignments they shared childhood stories and favorite nursery rhymes, they swapped family photos and upcoming vacation plans. They played charades and board games. They revealed their craziest superstitions and favorite holidays.

It was the equivalent of recess time at M.I.T. and Cal Tech.

But soon the barriers began to drop as these cerebral hermits learned to like each other. They had gone from being individuals to colleagues to friends. And, when it came time to wrestle over the critical atomic issues, they did it as men who cared for each other, friends who trusted one another, even when their conclusions on atomic energy differed.

Lilienthal's plan-building friendships before building atomic policies had worked.

A wise man once said, 'Just as sweet perfume makes the heart glad, so is a man's counsel sweet when given to his friend.'

Friendships are a precious commodity. Although fragile at first, the best friendships last a lifetime.

The hand painted sign outside a kid's clubhouse could serve as a good starting point: Nobody Act Big, Nobody Act Small, Everybody Act In-Between.

What a great rule to grow up with - and grow old with.

That sign could have easily hung over the front door of the church of Thessalonica, except for the fact that the church of Thessalonica didn't have a front door, or even a building. Their membership was small, predominantly from the lower social classes, and devoid of any built-in political influence. Nor did they have a famous pastor or a budget to afford one. And yet, the apostle Paul 'spoke proudly' of them to the other churches.

Question: What made Paul so proud of that church?

Answer #1: Their faith. Paul called theirs an "enlarged faith." It was a faith without limits, increased beyond measure, and grown beyond what a typical church would expect.

Answer #2: They "loved one another." Love permeated the entire congregation despite the shortage of creature comforts, and the excess of cultural persecution. They truly cared for one another.

To the Thessalonians, loving other church members wasn't a syrupy, emotional sentimentality, but an eager and sacrificial attitude for the cause of Christ.

That kind of love has always marked the true believer.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you' by this all men will know that you are My disciples."

Amazing dynamics happen when God's people get to know one another, and learn to care for and about each other. But then, faith and love were always meant to work side-by-side.

Provided by Ron Walters
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PLEASING THE FATHER

By Clay Minter

This last Fathers Day my son and daughter asked me what I wanted. I told them all I wanted was for all my family to be at church with me. Well God blessed me and made that happen. Gina took a wonderful picture of us all in the courtyard of church and I posted it on "Facebook". I added the comment, "What fills a fathers heart? His family with him at church on Fathers Day!"

I started to think about this and thought that our Heavenly Father, I am sure, feels the same way. It has to please Him that His children think enough of him to be with Him on His day. Exodus 20:8 says: "*Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.*" How do we know it makes Him happy? Because when we do the things He desires of us, we reap the blessings that He so wants to give His kids, just like we are with our children. Isaiah 58:13,14 says "*If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and doing as you please on my holy day. If you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and you honor it by not going your own way and doing what you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob.*" The mouth of the Lord has spoken.

So, just as my heart was filled with joy that my family thought enough of me to be with me on Fathers Day, I will remember, along with all of the other personal joy-giving benefits (worship, fellowship, hearing of God's word, a delight in the Lord's Day), that most importantly it, must fill our Heavenly Father's Heart to be with Him on His day.

Acts 3:19-20

"Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,



CHOIR IS BACK!

If you like to praise God through music, come join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in Room 250.

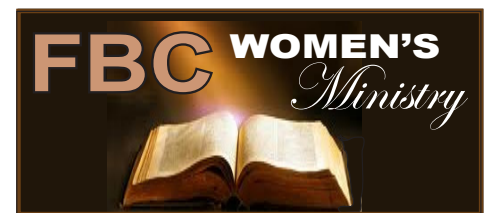


BE EQUIPPED:
FBC SUMMER TRAINING

**Teacher Training and
Pottery Classes continue through October 14th.**

**Next Fun, Food, & Fellowship Night is
Wed., October 21, 6pm.**

Come, drink deeply of the Living Water.



By Sandy Murray

The Women's Ministry Team met in August to begin to pray and discuss what the Lord would have us do this year with regard to ministry. Our first event will be in December. We are planning a Christmas event. The date and details will be announced soon. There will be a Winter Retreat and a Spring Conference at Grace Bible Church. The Conference is scheduled for April 9th and will be featuring a national Bible Teacher.

We have two big changes this fall. The Women's Class on Sunday morning will be joining the Firm Foundations Class in the Chapel at 11:00, beginning October 11th. The topic will be, "Know What You Believe". Each week the class will be looking at the Doctrinal Statement of FBC which accompanies our By Laws.

The Tuesday Evening Study will be moving to Wednesday Evening. Instead of the Wednesday Evening Service, we as a congregation will be studying The Book of John. Both men and women will begin together in the sanctuary for an opening devotional or time of worship. After that we will divide into a men's group and a women's group in order to "dig deep into The Book of John". This will begin on October 28th.

We are looking forward to an exciting year growing in the knowledge of our Lord. Please plan to join us.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”
James 1:2-4

We are guaranteed that we all will face trials and they will be of many kinds, James tells us. What is interesting about James’ focus here, is that he doesn’t look at trials the same way we do. He makes it clear that the issue is not what the various kinds of trials are and what we need to do about each different problem to solve them. The issue for James is WHY they have come. To him, and to the Lord, it’s more important for us understand WHY God is allowing them, and WHAT He is doing in our lives through them.

For most people, we want to know what the specific issue is and how to solve the problems so that we can find relief and move on. We seek counselors, seminars, books, therapists, friends, and even social media for suggestions and techniques to solve our problems.

While it is true that there are many directives in the Bible about various trials we face, it seems that the most important issue for us to understand, is what God is doing in all of these situations. Once we know and understand that, everything will change.

James explains that these trials we face are for the testing of our faith, which will result in developing perseverance. The kind of perseverance James is describing is one that is “unswerved from its deliberate purpose and its loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings.” (BDAG). The person who has developed perseverance is unmoved, steadfast in their commitment to Christ, and has the ability to patiently endure even the worst of situations. This is developed because they know the Lord and His character. Specifically, that God has not left them or is unaware of the problem. The man or woman of perseverance is confident that God has all the power and ability to remove the trial, yet has allowed it

to remain for a greater purpose. That greater purpose is maturity in Christ. Charles Spurgeon writes...

“Brethren, the most valuable thing a man can get in this world is that which has most to do with his truest self. A man gets a good house; well, that is something; but suppose he is in bad health, what is the good of his fine mansion? A man is well clothed and well fed: that is something; but suppose he shivers with ague, and has no appetite through indigestion. That spoils it all. If a man is in robust health this is a far more valuable boon. Health is far more to be prized than wealth, or honor, or learning: we all allow that, but then suppose that a man’s innermost self is diseased while his body is healthy, so that he is disgraced by vice or fevered with passion, he is in a poor plight, notwithstanding that he has such a robust frame? The very best thing is that which will make the man himself a better man; make him right, and true, and pure, and holy. When the man himself is better, he has made an unquestionable gain. So, if our afflictions tend, by trying our faith, to breed patience, and that patience tends to make us into mature men in Christ Jesus, then we may be glad of trials. Afflictions by God’s grace make us all-around men, developing every spiritual faculty, and therefore they are our friends, our helpers, and should be welcomed with ‘all joy.’”

So is it in men and women, like fruit ripened by the sun: a certain amount of trouble appears to be needful to create a certain sugar of graciousness in them, so that they may contain the rich, ripe juice of a gracious godly character. You must have known such men and such women, and have said to yourselves, “I wish I could be like them, so calm, so quiet, so self-contained, so happy, and when not happy, yet so content not to be happy; so mature in judgment, so spiritual in conversation, so truly ripe.” This only comes to those in whom the proof of their faith works experience, and then experience brings forth the fruits of the

Spirit.

Maturity in Christ is what is most important to the Lord, because it’s what matters most to furthering His Kingdom here on earth. A mature believer is able to stand confidently through trials, exalt and lift up the Name of Jesus before all people, direct others to the One who brings calm in the midst of the storms, walks on the top of problems, and produces life where the world sees only death.

However, this takes time and experience with God. There is no quick and easy maturity. There is no 3 steps, quick-fix, microwavable maturity. God is the teacher and shaper of our maturity, and time and trials are the tools He uses. It’s one thing to know the right answers to people’s problems and talk to them about what to do or even pray with them. It’s quite another (and greater), to have experienced the pain and struggle of life’s hardships and after having turned to the Lord found Him perfectly able, strong, present, and faithful.

Too often as a pastor I have desired to jump in and help people fix what’s wrong. And all too often I have gotten in the way of helping people discover what God is saying to them through the pain and struggle to make sense of the circumstances. Now more than ever, I am trying to be sensitive to the Lord and aware of His powerful presence and purpose in trials. I no longer see them as problems to solve and get rid of, but now I recognize that they are experiences to be understood with a greater purpose to be realized in the life of His people. He is the Perfect Potter and we are the clay. He has the right to mold us in whatever fashion He desires and it is always for our good. His reasons are always perfect, and He has chosen the crucible of trials to mold us.

So, when trials come, it’s time to go to Him and experience them moment-by-moment with Him. Listen to His word. Strain to hear His voice. Seek to glorify Him. And do not to ask for their relief or their end, but that God’s great purpose in allowing the trial (knowing Him more intimately and glorifying Him more completely) would be realized in our lives.

Daily Bible Readings

The following Bible readings
are provided by

OCTOBER

Thurs.	1	Habakkuk 1-3
Fri.	2	Zephaniah 1-3
Sat.	3	Haggai 1-2
Sun.	4	Zechariah 1-3
Mon.	5	Zechariah 4-6
Tues.	6	Zechariah 7-10
Wed.	7	Zechariah 11-14
Thurs.	8	Malachi 1-2
Fri.	9	Malachi 3-4
Sat.	10	Matthew 1-3
Sun.	11	Matthew 4-6
Mon.	12	Matthew 7-9
Tues.	13	Matthew 10-12
Wed.	14	Matthew 13-15
Thurs.	15	Matthew 16-18
Fri.	16	Matthew 19-21
Sat.	17	Matthew 22-24
Sun.	18	Matthew 25-28
Mon.	19	Mark 1-3
Tues.	20	Mark 4-6
Wed.	21	Mark 7-9
Thurs.	22	Mark 10-12
Fri.	23	Mark 13-16
Sat.	24	Luke 1-3
Sun.	25	Luke 4-6
Mon.	26	Luke 7-9
Tues.	27	Luke 10-12
Wed.	28	Luke 13-15
Thurs.	29	Luke 16-18
Fri.	30	Luke 19-21
Sat.	31	Luke 22-24

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid? . . . One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple. For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock . . . Hear my voice when I call, Lord; be merciful to me and answer me. My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, Lord, I will seek. Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Savior. Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me. Teach me your way, Lord; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.



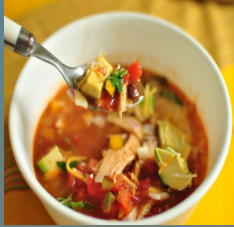
MINISTRY SUNDAY October 4th

- Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.
- Combined service at 10:00
and
- Communion
- Ministry Fair on the courtyard.

Come learn about First Baptist Church, and possibly see how you can serve.

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JUMP HOUSE



Free soup or
chilli

PONY
RIDE

Petting Zoo



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IT'S FOR YOU!

FEST




S SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

T Late afternoon

FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

October 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:30am Bible Studies for Children and Adults Contemporary Style Worship 11:00am Bible Studies for Adults and All Youth Classical Style Worship		All Events Are Subject to Change.		1 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	2	3
4 Ministry Sunday ● Breakfast 9am ● Combined Service 10am with ● Communion ● Ministry Fair	5 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	6 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	7 6:30pm Ministry Training Teacher Training Ushers/Greeters 6:30pm AWANAS 8pm Choir Rehearsal	8 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	9	10
11 New Sunday School Classes Begin	12 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	13 7pm AI-Anon 7pm C.A.D.	14 6:30pm Ministry Training Teacher Training Ushers/Greeters 6:30pm AWANAS 8pm Choir Rehearsal	15 3pm Youth Band Reh. 7pm TNT	16	17
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Have you ever considered honoring a loved one by providing a bouquet of flowers for the sanctuary? Several dates are available. Sign up in the notebook on the counter in the narthex. We ask and appreciate a \$40 gift for each arrangement.

The office staff will order your bouquet to be delivered -- so convenient, and so appreciated by your loved ones.

Do you have a prayer request?

The Prayer Box is available in the narthex.

The Pastoral staff will pray for you.



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**Consummate
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ATTENTION ALL

MEN:

**Men's Ministry
Monthly Breakfast**

Saturday,

October 3rd

8:30 a.m.

in the Chapel.