

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

By the time you read this, I might already be a grandfather. I have taken some time to get my mind around the thought of being a grandfather, and have heard from many people how important and special that experience is. My oldest daughter is having a son and he will have all the potential that God has afforded him when he arrives on his birthday. All the initial questions will be answered; What will he look like? Will he be healthy? What will he sound like? What will his personality be? And the list goes on. All of the questions center around his potential.

Reflect back on your own first birthday. Of course you don't remember it, but you were born with such potential to impact and change the world. Some of us were born with every advantage, and some were born with a distinct disadvantage, but everyone is born with "potential". We realize as we get a little older that potential can only be fully realized as we depend on God. In fact, that is why we are born, to find our way back to God and realize our full "potential". Sometimes, we have a tendency to be jealous of others because they seem to have more than

_____ you. But God gives each of us a unique role in the world to reach our full potential. Complete fulfillment is realized as we tap into God's potential for our lives. When we discover who we are, and how we are wired, we can soar with God leading us to realize our full potential.

Realizing our full potential:

1. Forgives and forgets the past
2. Owns the moment
3. Takes hard work
4. Will take a lifetime to achieve
5. Will grow our faith
6. Will inspire others
7. Starts now

I pray that in 2018, you will realize your full potential and receive the innumerable blessings of God.

Blessings,
Dr. j

Church News

February 16th and 17th at FBC Jennings

For more info and to register please visit fbcjennings.com

Marriage Under Construction

Lessons by Kevin Richard
Worship with David and Arian Harper
Children's lessons with ---McNeese

Building a strong, God centered marriage

Nursery Job Opening

There is a job opening for a nursery worker. The position would be for Sunday morning and evening and Wednesday evening during church activities. Contact Brian Wells or Nancy Walters for more information. Applications are available in the church office.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION MINISTRY

Food Distribution will resume on **Monday, January 8th from 3-5pm.** If you are interested in being involved, you are welcome to participate. Thank you for your prayers and service.

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Kidz Konnection will start January 14th at 5:00 pm

The next WMU Meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 9th** at 6pm in the Family Life Center. All ladies of the church are invited to join the WMU and help in the mission activities. Phyllis Armstrong will present the program. Carolyn Delahoussaye and Nancy Walters will provide the refreshments.

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

The next **First Place 4 Health** session that is being offered by First Baptist Church Jennings will begin **January 8th at 6 pm.**

Registration is \$70.00. This includes the Member's Book and Bible study, "Be Free".

For more information, please call the church office at 337-824-3271. To register and ensure your place, please pay at the church office.



The enrollment period is now open where only church members and those families who currently have children enrolled may sign up their child or returning child for this coming school year. The registration fee during this special period will be **\$40.00.**

On **February 1st**, registration will also be opened to the public. At that point, your child's place in the preschool or kindergarten is not guaranteed. You need to register your child as soon as possible. The registration fee starting February 1st is **\$50.00.**

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Student Ministry

students.fbcjennings.com

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us on Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible studies.

Student Ministry schedule:

Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm
Sunday Mornings: 9:15-10:15
Sunday Nights: 5-6:30pm

*** Summer Mission Camp ***

This summer students will be going to the East Texas Baptist University in Marshall, TX for Mission Camp, July 2-6th.

Deadline to signup is January 24th. Deposit of \$60 due February 14th. Total Cost will be \$330.

Parent Meeting - Jan 7th at 4:30pm in the Refuge. We will be discussing 2018 and Summer Camp. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Thank you so much for helping our church reach our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal of \$10,000! Thanks to your sacrificial giving we exceeded our goal!! \$13,456.80. Missionaries will be able to share the news of God's transforming power through Jesus Christ.



Finance Meeting **today at 11:30 a.m.**

To send a prayer need to the prayer chain, e-mail Liz Bollich at bollich@bellsouth.net text or call @ (337) 580-2896.



Sunday, January 7- Saturday, January 13

- Sunday, January 7:**
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 11:30 a.m. Finance Meeting
 4:30 p.m. Youth/Parent Meeting - Refuge
 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Small Groups

- Monday, January 8:**
 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise Walking
 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution
 6:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health

- Tuesday, January 9:**
 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 6:00 p.m. WMU Meeting

- Wednesday, January 10:**
 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 5:00 p.m. Refuge
 6:00 p.m. G.A.'s R.A.'s, C.A.'s & Mission Friends
 6:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

- Thursday, January 11:**
 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

- Friday, January 12:**
 5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Saturday, January 13:



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, January 7, 2018



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| Dr. jeff Cook
Pastor | Brian Wells
Minister of Education & Sr. Adults |
| Derrick Laughlin
Youth Leader | Eric Sonnier
Children's Leader |

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Morning Worship

"Come Thou Fount"

Welcome & Fellowship

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

"Footsteps of Jesus"

Scripture Reading & Offering

Children's Dismissal

"Living for Jesus"

"Make Me a Servant"

Special Music *"Whom Shall I Fear"*
 Andy & Sondra Harrison

Sermon Eric Sonnier

Invitation Hymn

"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"

Evening Activities

Evening Worship 5pm

Discipleship Small Groups 5pm

Sermon Notes

"Be Strong and Courageous"

Joshua 1:1-9

Nursery workers for extended session:	
January 7	Kristian Fontenot
January 14	Martha Phelps
January 21	Tina Patterson
January 28	Samantha Patterson

Window/Door Offering

March 19 - Dec. 31 \$34,310 received

Offerings and pledges will continue to be received throughout the construction period.

CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
 December 2017 Receipts to Date: \$48,951.87
 Lottie Moon Offering Total: \$13,456.80