

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

Well, it is the last day of the year, and tomorrow we start another exciting year called 2018. I am sure you are like me, in that January 1 is a time to reflect on how the previous year went for you, and how the coming year could be different, and better. The good thing about our world, is "things" in your life can always be better. So, how do you go about making the coming year, "better"?

If you are going to make a New Year's Resolution, here are some tips:

1. Pick the Right Resolution
 - a. Do "a" new thing well
 - b. It takes 30 days to create a new habit
2. Create Your Plan
 - a. Remember Habakkuk 2:2-3..."Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; BECAUSE IT WILL SURELY COME. It will not tarry."
 - b. Let God guide your plans
3. Leap Over Resolution Hurdles
4. Find a Community
 - a. The church family is a good community
 - b. Find accountability/encouragement partners to help you stay on track
 - c. Stay prayerful and focused
5. If you Fail, Start Over

I know we will all be better in 2018 as we stay focused on Him.

Btw, congratulations to Eric and Cindy Sonnier and family on the birth of Nate. We are thankful that Eric is preaching today, and glad to welcome Andy and Sonya Harrison as our worship leader guests again today.

Hopefully, Jo and I will have grandbaby news soon. I look forward to being with you.

Blessings, Dr. j

Church News



The Lottie Moon Post Office is open for our church family to send Christmas Cards to each other. The Lottie Moon stamps are 10 cents apiece and can be purchased in the church office or from any of the G.A.'s.

Proceeds from the stamp sale go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Cards with the Lottie Moon Stamp can be mailed in the Lottie Moon Mail Box. The Post Office will close on January 4th.



Finance Committee Meeting TODAY immediately following the morning service in the Family Life Center.

Mission Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 5pm.

Finance Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 3 at 6pm in the Family Life Center.



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.

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

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

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.

Church News

Student Ministry

students.fbcjennings.com

Students from 7th - 12th grade are encouraged to join us on Wednesday from 5-7 pm for Bible studies. We will meet again on January 3rd. 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 8th at 4:30pm in the Refuge. We will be discussing 2018 and Summer Camp. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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.**

If pre-registered by December 31st, cost for the 12 week session is \$65.00. This includes the Member's Book and Bible study, "Be Free". Registration after December 31st is \$70.00.

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



Sunday, December 31- Saturday, January 6

Sunday, December 31:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
11:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
Evening Activities Cancelled

Monday, January 1:

Happy New Year
Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Wednesday, January 3:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
5:00 p.m. Refuge
5:00 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
6:00 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service
6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 4:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Friday, January 5:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking

Saturday, January 6:



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 31, 2017



When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

Matthew 2:10, ESV

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

"To God Be the Glory"

Welcome & Fellowship

"Sweet By and By"

"When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

Scripture Reading & Offering

"I'll Fly Away"

"The King Is Coming"

Special Music

"Glorious Day" Andy & Sondra Harrison

Sermon

Eric Sonnier

Invitation Hymn

"Without Him"


Evening Activities

Evening Activities Cancelled

Sermon Notes

"Behold I Make All Things New"

Philippians 3: 12-16

	Nursery workers for extended session:
December 31	Carolyn Delahoussaye
January 7	Kristian Fontenot
January 14	Martha Phelps
January 21	Tina Patterson
January 28	Samantha Patterson

Window/Door Offering
March 19 - Dec. 24 \$32,260 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: \$23,347.00