

Pastor's Lines

Dear Church Family,

I was at Kindergarten Graduation on Thursday night. All of our teachers and leaders do such a wonderful job in the classes. Those children knew so many songs. They could sing their ABC's backwards and forwards (ZYX's). It was a wonderful night. And the gym was packed with families taking pictures.

The highlight of the evening was the "when I grow up" part of the ceremony. Every child had the microphone and said, "when I grow up I want to be a _____" There were ballerinas, and dance teachers. There were firemen and farmers. There were policemen and more farmers. There were veterinarians and singers. The children had some wild ideas of what they were going to be in their future. Curiously, there were no doctors and no preachers. There were teachers, but no preachers. (well, they have time, lol!) What struck me about the "when I grow up" time, was the realization that every child was filled with hope. They had no reason to think that they could not be a ballerina or a musician. Hope is built into each one of these little ones. Families encourage hope. The church encourages hope. And the expectation of hope is a gift from God. Hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and trust.

Today, as we share a message in Lamentations, (crying out), we are reminded that no matter how hopeless life becomes, there is ALWAYS, I mean, ALWAYS Hope. Hope will never let you down. Hope is where you find God. I hope you hear from God today, and find hope.

By the way, next Sunday is our Memorial Day weekend covered dish lunch after church. (that is a long name for an eating meeting) We are inviting our Veterans from the VA home and they will be staying for lunch. Let's do our best to provide a great meal, and give honor to those guests who will be coming.

Blessings,
Dr. j

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Please collect the following items for VBS:

Boxes that 12 pack sodas come in

Net bags that onions or oranges come in

Any old sports equipment or items that can be used for decorations

Any size plastic bottle with a lid

A box will be placed in the office and front foyer

Next VBS workers meeting TODAY at 3pm in the Family Life Center



VBS June 18-22

VBS positions still needed: Morning Recreation Leader and a Nursery Teacher. Helpers are needed in every class. If you are able to help this year, contact Ruth Cardoza, Cindy Sonnier or Brian Wells.

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, May 21st from 3-5pm.**

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Our honored guests will be residents of our VA Home

Sunday, May 27, 2018

10:30 am Worship

11:30 am Covered Dish Lunch

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share



2018 Pinewood Derby Results

This past Wednesday, children from our Mission Organizations; Children in Action, Girls in Action and Royal Ambassadors, took part in the annual Pinewood Derby Races. Twelve boys and girls participated and had a great time. Barret Freeland was our champion of all the races. Awards of recognition were given out in four other categories besides racing: Most Creative Car Design, Best Paint Job, Car that Looks the Fastest, and Car with Best Name.



Ad-hoc Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 23 at 5pm in the Family Life Center.

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Student Ministry

students.fbcjennings.com

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

Opportunities to join in Student Ministry:

Wednesday Nights: 5-7pm

Sunday Mornings: 9:15 - 10:15am

Sunday Nights: 5 - 6:30pm

Youth VBS Meetings

for youth planning to work in VBS

June 10th at 5pm in the Refuge

June 17th at 5pm in the Refuge

*** Summer Mission Camp ***

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

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone for your prayers and support as I recover from back surgery.

Thank you to those who were with me at the hospital, for the cards, calls, texts, food and visits. Thanks to those running errands for me, taking me to the doctor and so much more.

Words cannot express the love and gratitude I have for my church family. You have made such a difference in my recovery with all the love and support.

*With Gratitude,
Theresa Eggleston*

Sunday, May 20 Saturday, May 26

Sunday, May 20:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 3:00 p.m. VBS Workers Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Small Group
 5:00 p.m. Kidz Konnection

Monday, May 21:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise Walking
 3-5 p.m. Food Distribution
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study - Esther

Tuesday, May 22:

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

Wednesday, May 23:

5:00 a.m. FLC Open Exercise/Walking
 10:00 a.m. Jeff Davis Living Center Sing-a-Long
 5:00 p.m. Ad-hoc Committee Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Refuge
 6:00 p.m. G.A.'s R.A.'s, C.A.'s & Mission Friends
 6:00 p.m. Mid Week Prayer Service
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 24:

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

Friday, May 25:

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

Saturday, May 26:



Welcome to the worship services of First Baptist Church

Sunday, May 20, 2018

THE
STEADFAST
Love
 OF THE
LORD
 NEVER
CEASES

LAMENTATIONS 3:22, NRSV

Dr. Jeff Cook
Pastor

Brian Wells
Minister of Education & Sr. Adults

Derrick Laughlin
Youth Minister

Eric Sonnier
Children's Minister

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Morning Worship

"Game On"

"What Great Love"

Welcome & Fellowship

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Scripture Reading & Offering

Children's Dismissal

"Mighty to Save"

"At the Cross"

Sermon

Dr. Jeff Cook

Invitation

"Just As I Am"

Evening Activities

Evening Worship 5pm

Discipleship Small Group 5pm

Kidz Konnection 5pm

Sermon Notes

THEREFORE

Lamentations 3:21-31

1. We can choose to have hope v.21

2. We can continually call on the mercies of the Lord, and know His compassion v.22

3. We can resurrect God's faithfulness v.23

4. We can tap into the "portion" of the Lord v.24

5. We can wait v.25

6. We can draw on the salvation of the Lord v. 26

7. We can learn lessons in our youth v. 27

8. We can claim a truth that the Lord will not press me down forever v. 31-32

Nursery workers for
extended session

May 20 Abby Richard
 May 27 Tina Goebel

Window/Door Offering

March 19,2017 - May 13, 2018

\$43,013.00 received

Total amount invoiced: \$97,360.34

Window project is completed but we are still receiving your offerings and gifts.

CHURCH FINANCES

Monthly Budget Requirements: \$39,993.17
 May 2018 Receipts to Date: \$13,961.06