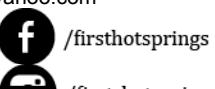


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# THE MESSENGER

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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



Scan here to go directly to the FBC webpage.

The 2018 Upward Basketball season has tipped off! Registration is now open!

Register online at [www.fbcrecreation.com](http://www.fbcrecreation.com) or pick up a registration form located around the church.

## Upward Basketball divisions include:



Kindergarten Coed (Instructional division)

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Girls (Developmental division)

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys (Developmental division)

Upward is a total church ministry! We need your help to reach the Hot Springs community!

We provide the training and resources necessary for you to be successful in your ministry position!

Review the ministry positions below and sign up with Wallace asap!

## Volunteer Positions / Number of Volunteers Required

### Miscellaneous Volunteer Positions

#### throughout the season

- Audio/Video Team: 4-6
- Scholarship Providers: ?
- Prayer Partner team: unlimited

### Pre-Season (October-early November 2017)

- Advertising team: unlimited
- Player Evaluations, Thu, Oct 26 & Sat, Oct 28: 64

### In-Season (January-early March 2018)

- Coaches/Assistants: 24/30
- Referees: 16
- Concessions team: 12-16
- Greeters: unlimited
- Clock Operators: 16
- Awards Celebration Team: 10

## Pastor's Message

Okay, some of you are going to be lost in what I'm about to say, but here goes. I enjoy following Twitter: brief statements of people I "follow" on Twitter come across my feed. (Some of you are already cat who goes by the name Augustine of Hiphop. He occasionally tweets short bursts in the form of poetic rap. Can I share with you his post on Tuesday? It seems so fitting in the wake of Las Vegas. His tweet doesn't try to answer questions, doesn't suggest some political angle; it declares Christian hope in the wake of the broken, violent world in which we live—a world where a man could commit wholesale slaughter of people he doesn't even know. Here's the tweet:

thy kingdom come,  
it's the kingdom of peace  
where the tears won't flow &  
the strife will cease

Yes. That day and that kingdom is coming. One day, evil will be vanquished, completely judged and destroyed. There will be no more tears, no more war, no more sorrow, no more grief, no more pain, no more death: "the tears won't flow & the strife will cease." Come, Lord Jesus, come.

In the meantime, let's be faithful to live Christ-centered lives in this broken world. James is helping us understand what that looks like. As we continue our James series, *This Is the Life*, we'll consider snobbishness this Sunday—that human tendency to play favorites, form cliques, and snub people who we don't like or who aren't just like us. Like I said on Sunday, James invites us in ... and slaps us in the face. He just won't let us off the hook of Christian living. Let's dive in again on Sunday. See you then.

Your Pastor,  
John

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Oct 5	Mon Oct 9	Fri Oct 13
Jeremiah 7-8;	Jeremiah 15-17;	Jeremiah 24-25;
Ephesians 5	Philippians 3	Colossians 3
Brian Westfall	Tom Higdon	Carl Hawthorn
Mary Vitro	Joe McCutcheon	Cynthia Shirley
Chad Lockwood	Lilly Olaru	Morgan Moaty
Bailey Capps	Carol Aughenbaugh	Norman Mason
Karen Cole	Jacqueline Rios	Jim Hill
Valerie Fletcher	Jordan Lynch	Mike Bridges
Lorie Boudra	Michael Sexton	
Wilma Mansfield	<u>Sat Oct 14</u>	
Charlie Watson	Jeremiah 26;	
Roman Terlecki	Colossians 4	
	Philippians 4	
Fri Oct 6	Karen Harris	
Jeremiah 9-10;	Betty Owens	Tommy Hollis
Ephesians 6	Herbert Gray	Betty Williams
Shirley Grigsby	Rich Braley	Layla Anderson
Cayla Maston	Gina Edson	Carol Bledsoe
Beverly Criss	Evelyn Barlow	Nancy Jordan
Brady Arnold	<u>Wed Oct 11</u>	Jane Ellen Phillips
Sat Oct 7	Jeremiah 20-21;	
Jeremiah 11-12;	Colossians 1	
Philippians 1	Amy Diggs	<u>Sun Oct 15</u>
Ed Smitherman	Linda Outler	Jeremiah 27-28;
Eda Bottoms	Amelia Sweetin	<u>1 Thessalonians 1</u>
Sarah Roe	Annabelle Sweetin	Suzanne Mangrum
Sun Oct 8	Jacob Catlett	Carlene Witt
Jeremiah 13-14;	Thur Oct 12	Richard Standage
Philippians 2	Jeremiah 22-23;	Mary Kendal Knapick
Gary Curry	Colossians 2	Debbie Spann
Carolyn Davis	Scott Nease	Vicki Outler
Mary Goodman	Donna Sheppard	Doug Conine
Bob King	David Mangan	Tanya Beckwith
Sharon Gloria	Kathy Reeves	Ayanna Foster
Indie Wreyford	Emily Long	
	Ethan Erwin	
	Joy Welch	
	Lacy Westbrook	
	Connie Roberts	
	Natalie Gray	

## SERVICE TEAMS

<b>Door Greeters - Oct 8</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Marie Colmenero, Bob & Bonnie Biles, Charles & Carol Hill, Vernon & Beverly Gingrich, Mary Pogue
<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Jim & Jane Bledsoe, Pat Webb, Jody Baker, Betty Parker, Patti Heckmann
<b>Ushers - Oct 8</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Brandon Jones, Joe Woosley
<b>Every Sunday balcony:</b> Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke Haight, Sam Capps
<b>Every Sunday main floor:</b> Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan
<b>Welcome Center Guides</b>
<b>8:30 a.m. PS Ctr: Even Weeks:</b> OPEN
<b>Odd Weeks:</b> Kim Miller, Al & Susan Blount
<b>FH Ctr: Even Months:</b> David & Gigi Bird
<b>Odd Months:</b> Sherry Hunicutt, Nita Ingram
<b>Foyer Welc Ctr:</b> 1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford
2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis
3rd Sunday: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
4th/5th Sunday: Kelly & Vickie Robbins
<b>10 a.m. PS Ctr 1st Sun:</b> Ed & Whitney Argueta
<b>2nd Sun:</b> Travis & Lauren Warren
<b>3rd Sun:</b> Jake & Sarah Bird
<b>4th &amp; 5th Sun:</b> Jay & Jennifer Winters
<b>FH Ctr: Even Months:</b> Betty James, Joy Scallion
<b>Odd Months:</b> Leo & Vonni Ensz
<b>2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months:</b> Vaughn & Stephanie Treadaway
<b>Odd Months:</b> Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris
<b>Van Outreach Drivers</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday.....North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624
.....South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735
.....South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday.....North: Missy Herron, 762-3749
.....South: Duke Haight, 815-4416
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday.....North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
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<b>Safety Teams - Sunday Oct 8</b>
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Jerry Franks, Vernon Brooks, Gary Segrest, Stan Fouts, Matt Parchman, Brian Witt, Jeremy Bush
<b>10:15 a.m.</b> Chris Brock, Lee Carson, Kyle Benton, Bill James, Jason Blankenship, Brad Wreyford, Jay Porter
<b>4:00-6:00 p.m.</b> Jason Dugger
<b>Wednesday - Oct 11</b>
<b>4:00-6:00 p.m.</b> Clyde Shirron, Gene Watson
<b>6:00-8:00 p.m.</b> Gary Smith, Jason Harris, Cole Morgan
<b>Welcome Center Guides</b>
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## New Members:

Emelinda Eason

## ATTENDANCE

October 1, 2017
<b>Homebound TV Class</b> .....*80
9:00 Connect Group .....385
10:30 Connect Group .....417
<b>Total Connect Groups</b> .....802
Worship Attendance 9:00.....446
Worship Attendance 10:30.....607
<b>Total Worship</b> .....1,053
*Average

## Deacon Hospital Visitation

<b>Week of October 9-13</b>
Monday ..... Phil Montgomery
Tuesday ..... Jim Taylor
Wednesday ..... Bill Richardson
Thursday ..... Alex Strawn
Friday ..... Lance Porter

## Education / Outreach Ministry

### Connect Group Needed for 30's-50's at the 10:30am time.

We have identified 36 people in their 30's-50's who come to the 9am Worship that have no Connect Group to go to at 10:30am. We are looking for leaders who would Teach and Reach-out to this group. We also need a core group to start with. We will soon be needing a teacher for our Singles Group at this time as well. Would you pray with us about this? Then talk to me about the possibility of you serving?

### Everyone needs to find a group and Connect!

#### Connect Groups help you:

- Connect with New People!
- Connect with God!
- Connect with Each Other!

Directories and Guides are available at Welcome Centers to help you find a good fit!

## Committee and Ministry Team Enlist Starts

If you are interested in serving in these areas, please complete a Christian Service Survey available at the Welcome Center. Return it to the office or to Danny.

### Welcome Center

We have moved our foyer Welcome Center counter out from its original position, to further in the foyer. We hope this will be more obvious for new comers and people looking for a Connect Group. If you don't have-n't Connected yet with a Group, please stop by!

Love, Danny



## Fitness & Recreation Ministry

(All sign ups/resources are available at the Fitness/Recreation Ministry HQ.)



#### Interested in coed volleyball?

Sign up with Wallace or Danny Bryson asap. Tentative plan is Monday night games, season runs early November through mid-February.

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### Sunday morning Meet & Greet Fellowships Sundays, 10:00 am in the gym

We invite you to join us for relaxed fellowship and light snacks every Sunday in the gym between Worship Services/Connect Groups. This is one of the easiest places to get to know others. Look around, introduce yourself to someone you don't know! Also, just a reminder that we have a rotating schedule of snack providers for the Sunday Fellowships. Please provide snacks according to the first initial of your last name as scheduled below:

Oct 8: F, G, H  
Oct 15: I, J, K, L  
Oct 22: M, N  
Oct 29: O, P, Q, R

Nov 5: S, T, U  
Nov 12: V, W, X, Y, Z  
Nov 19: A, B  
Nov 26: C, D, E  
Until we all fall down, Wallace



### Keenager's Luncheon

Special Guest is Award-winning Gospel Music Artist, **Miles Pike**

Thursday, October 26th  
11:30 am in the FLC  
We will serve soup & sandwiches for lunch.

You must sign up at the Foyer Welcome Center on Sundays or Wednesdays.

Church members who are widows and widowers eat free, and everyone else is \$5.00 per person.



Goal:  
\$30,000  
Given to Date:  
\$31,253

## BUDGET REPORT

<b>Ministry Fund</b> (10-1-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$68,571
Online Giving	\$8,690
Total Given	\$77,261

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, [firsthotsprings.com](http://firsthotsprings.com), and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

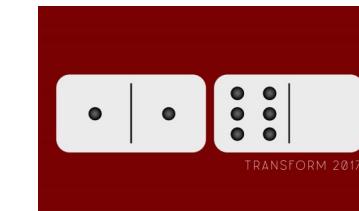
#### All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (10-1-17) \$8,578  
Balance of loan: (10-1-17) \$2,135,017

## GROUPS & CLASSES

### First Baptist Quilters

Meet on the 1st & 2nd Thursday of each month, 9 AM til Noon in NEW Room #129. We are quilting Quilts of Honor, to be presented to wounded soldiers. Anyone is invited to join! If interested, contact Marilyn Morgan at 520-4105, Henryetta Norman at 627-4618 or Cheryl Nichols at 622-9002.



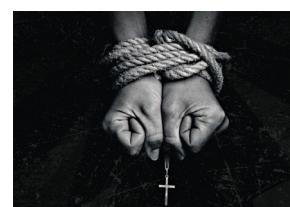
### TRANSFORM 2017

Friday Nov. 17-Sunday Nov. 19 for students in 7th-12th grades  
Students will be staying in host homes of our church members on Friday and Saturday nights.

We have some really exciting things lined out for this year that you will not want to miss!

The cost of TRANSFORM weekend is \$35.

Deadline to register and pay is Nov. 1 to ensure you get a spot for the weekend and receive a T-shirt. To register your student, come by the youth area for a registration packet or to the front office during the week. We are looking forward to and anticipate a great, impactful weekend full of fun, fellowship, learning, and worship! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Bill Newton or Elizabeth Standage.



### Eyewitness Accounts of the Persecuted Church

Saturday, October 14, 2-4pm  
Garland County Library, Williams Hall

If you have a heart for the nations and the persecuted church, you'll want to join us in hearing from Firefall Associates Pastor David and Diimte from Myanmar. They'll be sharing updates on the advancement of the Gospel through persecution. A team returning from Vietnam will also share about the church in that nation. There will be times for tea, prayer and question and answers.



Connect Groups that are committed to provide meals for ESL Int'l students, children, teachers and staff:  
Oct. 5: Melanie McClain Connect Group Class  
Oct. 12: Bob Biles Connect Group Class  
Oct. 19: Bill Newton Youth Connect Group Class  
Oct. 26: Margarito Ramirez Hispanic Church

## THANK YOU

A thank you note has been received from Amy O'Neal. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

## SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Allyson Dunbar and family in the death of her step mother, Margaret "Tish" Dunbar; and to Taylor Jackson in the death of her father, Kevin Smith. May God bless and comfort you.

## ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to  
**Pam Hawthorn** on her 12th anniversary as Office Receptionist.  
**Harold Humphrey** on his 16th anniversary as Grounds Director.  
**Katy Wreyford** on her 2nd anniversary as Communications Specialist. Your service to the Lord and First Baptist Church is greatly appreciated.

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Greg & Amy Sutton on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Ruth. She weighed 6 lbs 7 oz and was 19 1/2 in long. Proud big brother and sister are Jesse and Rachel. Heath & Brittany Harris on the birth of their daughter, Lucy Skye. She weighed 6 lbs 2 oz. Proud big sister is Saylor.

