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Invite Everyone, Invest In People, Impact Eternity



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Basic Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship

Classic Service 9:00 a.m.

Celebration Service 10:30 a.m.

Connect Groups

9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday Nights

Dinner 4:45-5:45 pm

Worship Time 6:00 pm

TV Schedule Cable Channel 10

Thursday: 9:00 pm, Friday: Noon

Sunday: 8:00 am, Monday: Noon

Sunrise Sunday School

Sun: 7:30 am & 10:00 am

Spanish Sunday School

Sun: 5:30 pm & 10:30 pm

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ATTENDANCE

November 19, 2017 BIG SUNDAY

Homebound TV Class*80

9:00 Connect Group452

10:30 Connect Group419

Total Connect Groups871

Worship Attendance 9:00.....471

Worship Attendance 10:30.....739

Total Worship1,210

*Average

New Members:

Phoenix Branch



Join us for a 3-part celebration of Christmas on December 3, 10 & 17.

Invite cards are available now at the welcome center and in the front office. Please be on the look-out for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!

Our church photographers will be stationed in the FLC on Nov. 26 to photograph you and your loved ones. The pictures will be emailed to you later that week. Feel free to use your photo for Christmas cards, social media, or any way you wish. Times: 8:15-9:00,10:00-10:30, 11:45-12:45



Pastor's Message

Thank you for your encouragement around our series in James this fall. God has used it to stir in many of us a closer walk with Him. If you missed some of the series and want to catch up you

can check out our podcast or visit the website. You can also find Bill Newton's sermon on James 5:1-11 there too.

It's Lottie Moon season again. This Sunday we will be considering missions. I encourage you to be praying now about a sacrificial gift to this critical offering. These are kingdom impact dollars that make it to mission fields all around the world, providing missionaries and resources for evangelism, church planting, help for the sick and the poor, water projects, and all kinds of things that open ears and hearts to the gospel. Please pray for guidance and give generously. Our goal is \$110,000.

Once again, Advent will provide us an opportunity to reach out to our friends, family, and neighbors who don't know Christ or have no church family. On December 3, 10, and 17, we will be doing a three-part story highlighting Jesus as the Light of the world. There will be drama, music from all ages, and preaching. We've prepared invitation cards you can give to people you know. You can also leverage our social media page to share graphics and invitations via your social media channels. Let's do our part to get people to Jesus during this season in which we celebrate His birth.

Because **Christmas Eve** falls on Sunday this year, we are changing our schedule. We will offer our annual Christmas Eve Communion Service two times: 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. You can choose whichever time works best for your family. We are praying for two full houses.

Happy Thanksgiving from the McCallums! We are thankful for you and grateful to be your pastor!! See you Sunday.

John

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Nov 23
Ezekiel 40-41:
James 5
Emelinda Eason
Wesley Harris
James Whitefield
Amy Shipman
Sonya Walker
Robert Rowland

Fri Nov 24
Ezekiel 42-43:
1 Peter 1
Jane Hampton
John Slater
Tiger Jordan
Klaus Schwarznau
Ardeth Marks
Ryan Latham
Trisha Willis
Kaitlyn Rhodes
Angela Dugger
Bruce Upton

Sat Nov 25
Ezekiel 44-46:
1 Peter 2
Joy Wolf
Duke Haight
George Boatright
Michael Davidson
Joseph Cook
Dennis Dunn
Jeremy Mackey

Sun Nov 26

Ezekiel 47-48:

1 Peter 3

Jeanne Crouse

Lori Nichols

Devin Moore

Tony Johnson

Sandy Morgan

Norma Hill

Blake McLelland

Mon Nov 27

Daniel 1:

1 Peter 4

Joyce Fox

Amelia Alter

Rebecca Ruper

Brianne Pettiet

Holly Culpepper

Mallory Eastin

Tue Nov 28

Daniel 2:

1 Peter 5

Pam DeYoung

Teresa Schnebly

Don Robertson

Pam McCauley

Josh Wollery

David Santillan

Wed Nov 29

Daniel 3:

2 Peter 1

Scott Malloy

Amy Gammill

SERVICE TEAMS

Door Greeters - Nov 26

9:00 a.m. Leah Avery, Mary Goodman,

Carol & Charles Hill, Vernon & Beverly Gin-

grich, Dianne Shirron, Marty Black

10:30 a.m. Linda Green, Cheryl Nichols,

Judy Gerren, Janet Porter, Betty Parker

Ushers - Nov 26

9:00 a.m. Robert McAlister, Jerry Franks,

Don Norman

Every Sunday balcony: Mike Davidson,

Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke

Haight, Sam Capps

Every Sunday main floor: Frankie Moore,

Cole Morgan, Robert McAlister, Don White,

Jack Smith, Bill McIntyre

10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Donny

Moore, Kelly Robbins

Every Sunday balcony: Robert Davis,

Mike Ferguson, Jim Little, Ryan Smith,

Mark Twyford, Glen Catlett, Jon Vitro,

David Santillan

Every Sunday main floor: Bill Richard-

son, Al Blount, Chris Brock, Tom Pullig,

Bob Goodman

Golf Cart Drivers

Cart 1: Richard Beckwith, every Sunday

Cart 2: Don Norman, 1st Sunday;

Jamie Humble, 2nd Sunday; Dwayne

Gordon, 3rd Sunday; Mickey Akins, 4th

Sunday; Jimmy Schultz, 5th Sunday/Sub

Van Outreach Drivers

1st Sunday..... North: Carlos Lemus, 538-1624

.....South: Glen Catlett, 844-7565

2nd Sunday... North: Roman Terlecki, 622-7735

.....South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

3rd Sunday North: Missy Herron, 762-3749

.....South: Duke Haight, 815-4416

4th SundayNorth: Bob Roling, 545-5818

.....South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975

5th SundayNorth: Bob Roling, 545-5818

.....South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

SERVICE TEAMS

Safety Teams - Sunday Nov 26

8:30 a.m. Al Gloria, Dustan Gammill, Robert Cov-

ey, Henry Brunson, Charlie Zoll, Ed Argueta, Ja-

mie Walsh

10:15 a.m. Chuck Jordan, Robert McAlister, Jason

Smith, Larry Ingram, Jason Blankenship, Jake

Bird, Travis Warren

4:00-6:00 p.m. Ronnie Carter

Wednesday - Nov 29

4:00-6:00 p.m. Jerry Franks, Frankie Moore, Car-

los Lemus

6:00-8:00 p.m. Don Norman, Jimmy Schultz, Her-

bert Gray

Welcome Center Guides

8:30 a.m. PS Ctr: Even Weeks: OPEN

Odd Weeks: Kim Miller, Al & Susan Blount

FH Ctr: Even Months: David & Gigi Bird

Odd Months: Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram

Foyer Welc Ctr: 1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford

2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis

3rd Sunday: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins

4th/5th Sunday: Kelly & Vickie Robbins

10 a.m. PS Ctr 1st Sun: Ed & Whitney Argueta

2nd Sun: Travis & Lauren Warren

3rd Sun: Jake & Sarah Bird

4th & 5thSun: Jay & Jennifer Winters

FH Ctr: Even Months: Betty James, Joy Scallion

Odd Months: Leo & Vonni Ens

2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months: Vaughn &

Stephanie Treadway

Odd Months: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George &

Mary Harris

Deacon Hospital Visitation

Nov 27-Dec 1

Monday Greg Greeson

Tuesday N/A

Wednesday Don Slaton

Thursday Robert Davis

Friday James Woods

Education / Outreach Ministry

Read Your Bible Through in 2018!

We have One Year Bibles that would be a good tool to help you be in God’s Word throughout the year. And if you already have one it could be a good Christmas gift idea. One of the things I like about using it is the variety of daily readings. It shows an Old testament reading, a New Testament reading and then part of a Psalm and Proverb every day. We will sell them at our bulk cost of \$12 in the foyer starting this Sunday. Please let me know if you would like to help sell them at the table behind the welcome center on Sundays.

Ushers Training

For all of our Ushers and anyone else interested in being an usher!

Sunday, Dec. 3 at noon in the Fellowship Hall
Appreciation lunch and training
Ushers are an important part of our new assimilation process. We want to reach people, keep them coming and keep helping them grow to be a mature Christian.

SPECIAL CRASE TRAINING

CRASE is an acrostic for:
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events

Sunday, January 14, from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the Worship Center.
For: Staff, Preschool Staff, Safety Team, Door Greeters, Welcome Center Guides, Ushers and anyone else interested.

CONNECT GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

As you plan your parties, be sure to give special effort invite all your regular members and absentees, as well as all your prospects. The most effective way is personal invitations. These are a great way to reach in and reach out and build fellowship!

Coming Up Soon!

Dec. 24 - No Connect Groups, 2 Christmas Eve services: 10:30am & 5:30 pm
Dec. 31 – No Connect Groups, 10:30 service only

If You Come Early...

On Sunday, If you come early before 8:30am, please come through the office door on the North side.
On Wednesday evening, if you come early before 4:00pm, please come through the Family Life Center door. (The Fellowship Hall door will be open at 3:30 for the 4 pm prayer meeting.
Thanks for your understanding as we provide a safe environment.
Love, Danny

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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



Upward Update: We need 2 more head coaches and 2 more assistant coaches before we can draft the teams. Please contact Wallace today if you can serve as a coach this season.

Remaining Coach Training Options

Monday, November 27: 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 2: 9:30 am

We can take a few more players as well!

Current player numbers and vacancies:

Kindergarten Coed: 20 registrations / 8 vacancies
1st-2nd grade girls: 21 registrations / 7 vacancies
1st-2nd grade boys: 48 registrations / 8 vacancies

We’re continuing to recruit our game day volunteers including prayer partners, concessions, clock monitor, greeters, coaches, and referees. Job descriptions and registration is available at www.fbc recreation.com.

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33 The Series continues this January as we trek through Volume 2: A Man and His Story. This volume provides men with a biblical perspective of their “story”, equipping us to embrace how our past has affected our present and prepares us to deal with whatever the future may hold. No big deal if you missed Volume 1 last fall. Each volume of the six-volume gospel-centered video series stands alone but together, presents the timeless truths of Authentic Manhood in a powerfully engaging way. Bring a friend or group of friends and let’s grow together.

Volume 2 – A Man and His Story
Wednesdays, January 17-February 21, 2018
5:45-7:00 pm, Room 3025
Wallace Yamauchi, facilitator
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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:

Nov 26: C, D, E
Dec 3: F, G, H
Dec 10: I, J, K, L
Dec 17: M, N
Dec 24: O, P, Q, R
Dec 31: S, T, U
Jan 7, 2018: V, W, X, Y, Z
Jan 14: A, B

Until we all fall down, Wallace

Wednesday Night Supper November
22nd: No activities/meal
29th: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Chicken Strips,



IT ALL STARTS WITH A GIFT! AND LIVES ARE CHANGED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

We have been given an opportunity again this Christmas to give the greatest gift of all to children of incarcerated parents. Angel Tree is a ministry of the Prison Fellowship where gifts are provided to children on behalf of their parents in prison. For some it may be the only contact the child has had from the parent in a very long time. You can select your Angel on Sunday, November 26 or December 3 at Information Central. There will be a dinner for the children and their families on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center with a Christmas program to follow in the Worship Center. Everyone is invited to come. Please contact Charlotte Arnold at 318-6133 for more information or to ask how you can help.

Keenager’s Christmas Luncheon
Thursday, November 30th
at 11:30 am in the FLC
Special Guest:
First Baptist Church Ladies’ Ensemble
Menu: Ham, Green Beans, Potato Salad,
Hot Roll, Dessert
Please sign up at the Foyer Welcome Center on Sundays or Wednesdays.
Church members who are widows/widowers eat free, everyone else is \$5.00 per person

December 7
6:00pm
with special guests
ALLEY BELL & HOPE DARST

We’re getting excited for the biggest women’s event of the year! If you’d like to participate in this event by hosting a table of 7 guests, sign up today in the women’s ministry area. You provide the table decorations and we’ll take care of the rest! Your guests can be friends and family that you personally invite, or let us fill your table with friends you haven’t yet met!

November 19 to December 16
2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
CHURCH GOAL: \$110,000

BUDGET REPORT

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

Ministry Fund (11-19-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$80,665
Online Giving	\$7,055
Total Given	\$87,720

All In Fund
Weekly Receipts: (11-19-17) \$42,394
Balance of loan: (10-31-17) \$2,064,092

GROUPS & CLASSES

Women on Mission

Come join Women on Missions Thursday, November 30, 2017. We will be meeting in room 129 at 10:00 to make plans for 2018. See you then and for more information call: 501-282-3269.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Earlene Arnold and family in the death of her brother, Mitchell Aud. May God bless and comfort you.

THANK YOU

A thank you note has been received from Bob Goodman. You may view Thank you notes on the bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Georgie Criehtfield on her 21st anniversary as Weekend Custodian. Your service to the Lord and First Baptist Church is greatly appreciated.

Collecting for
December 2017 Ukraine Mission Trip
We are focusing on these items for the cold weather.
Men’s & Women’s Coats, Jeans, gloves,
Fleece fabric (any color) or fleece blankets (on sale at Wal Mart for \$2.50) & LARGE suitcases with rollers.
Please drop off your donations in the Church office by December 15TH

Fostering HOPE

We are collecting diapers and wipes for children who are under DHS supervision. Any donations may be dropped off in the baskets in the women’s ministry area in the lobby.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
A PROJECT OF SAMARITANS PURSE

Praise the Lord and First Baptist Church for the effort in packing the shoeboxes. We exceeded our goal for a total of 776 boxes.