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# THE MESSENGER

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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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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 lookout for our social media posts to share with your online community. And don't forget that personal invitation is always best!



## 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	Sun Nov 26	Thur Nov 30
<u>Ezekiel 40-41:</u>	<u>Ezekiel 47-48:</u>	<u>Daniel 4:</u>
<u>James 5</u>	<u>1 Peter 3</u>	<u>2 Peter 2</u>
Emelinda Eason	Jeanne Crouse	Sara Santillan
Wesley Harris	Lori Nichols	Steven Green
James Whitefield	Devin Moore	Charlie Zoll
Amy Shipman	Tony Johnson	Dewey Dirrim
Sonya Walker	Sandy Morgan	Peggy Broussard
Robert Rowland	Norma Hill	
Fri Nov 24	Blake McLelland	
<u>Ezekiel 42-43:</u>	<u>Mon Nov 27</u>	<u>Fri Dec 1</u>
<u>1 Peter 1</u>	<u>Daniel 1:</u>	<u>Daniel 5-6:</u>
Jane Hampton	<u>1 Peter 4</u>	<u>2 Peter 3</u>
John Slater	Joyce Fox	Brian Bell
Tiger Jordan	Amelia Alter	Bettye Gray
Klaus Schwarznau	Rebecca Rupar	Blair Jordan
Ardeth Marks	Brianne Pettiet	Bob Hill
Ryan Latham	Holly Culpepper	Rachel Mills
Trisha Willis	Mallory Eastin	Hailey Hawkins
Kaitlyn Rhodes		Grant Mason
Angela Dugger		Jacob Happy
Bruce Upton		
Sat Nov 25	<u>Tue Nov 28</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
<u>Ezekiel 44-46:</u>	<u>Daniel 2:</u>	<u>Jason Williams, Donny</u>
<u>1 Peter 2</u>	<u>1 Peter 5</u>	<u>Moore, Kelly Robbins</u>
Joy Wolf	Pam DeYoung	<u>Every Sunday balcony:</u> Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke Haight, Sam Capps
Duke Haight	Teresa Schnebe	<u>Every Sunday main floor:</u> Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan, Robert McAlister, Don White, Jack Smith, Bill McIntyre
George Boatright	Don Robertson	<u>Welcome Center Guides</u>
Michael Davidson	Pam McCauley	<u>8:30 a.m. PS Ctr: Even Weeks:</u> OPEN
Joseph Cook	Josh Wollery	<u>Odd Weeks:</u> Kim Miller, Al & Susan Blount
Dennis Dunn	David Santillan	<u>FH Ctr: Even Months:</u> David & Gigi Bird
Jeremy Mackey	<u>Wed Nov 29</u>	<u>Odd Months:</u> Sherry Hunnicutt, Nita Ingram
	<u>Daniel 3:</u>	<u>Foyer Welc Ctr:</u> 1st Sunday: Brad & Katy Wreyford
	<u>2 Peter 1</u>	2nd Sunday: Robert & Cindy Davis
	Scott Malloy	3rd Sunday: Connie Bryson, Janis Spraggins
	Amy Gammill	4th/5th Sunday: Kelly & Vickie Robbins

## SERVICE TEAMS

### Door Greeters - Nov 26

**9:00 a.m.** Leah Avery, Mary Goodman, Carol & Charles Hill, Vernon & Beverly Gingrich, 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 Richardson, 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday.....North: Carlos Lemos, 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

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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.....North: 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 Covey, Henry Brunson, Charlie Zoll, Ed Argueta, Jamie 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, Carlos Lemus

**6:00-8:00 p.m.** Don Norman, Jimmy Schultz, Herbert 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 & 5th Sun:** Jay & Jennifer Winters

**FH Ctr: Even Months:** Betty James, Joy Scallion

**Odd Months:** Leo & Vonni Ensz

**2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months:** Vaughn & Stephanie Treadaway

**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

## New Members:

Phoenix Branch

November 19, 2017 BIG SUNDAY

Homebound TV Class .....\*80

9:00 Connect Group .....452

10:30 Connect Group .....419

**Total Connect Groups .....871**

Worship Attendance 9:00.....471

Worship Attendance 10:30.....739

**Total Worship .....1,210**

\*Average

# 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**

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grade girls: 21 registrations / **7 vacancies**

1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> 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.fbcrecreation.com](http://www.fbcrecreation.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 24: O, P, Q, R**

**Dec 3: F, G, H**

**Dec 31: S, T, U**

**Dec 10: I, J, K, L**

**Jan 7, 2018: V, W, X, Y, Z**

**Dec 17: M, N**

**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



**CHURCH GOAL:  
\$110,000**

## BUDGET REPORT

If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, <a href="http://firsthotsprings.com">firsthotsprings.com</a> , and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.	
<b>Ministry Fund</b> (11-19-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$80,665
Online Giving	\$7,055
Total Given	\$87,720
<b>All In Fund</b>	
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 Cribfield** 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.

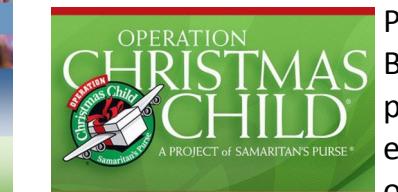
Men's & Women's **Coats, Jeans, gloves,**

**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



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.



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