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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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<u>Thur Nov 30</u> <u>Daniel 4:</u> <u>2 Peter 2</u> Sara Santillan Steven Green Charlie Zoll Dewey Dirrim Peggy Broussard	<u>Sun Dec 3</u> <u>Daniel 9:</u> <u>1 John 2</u> JoAnne Oliver Foster Pratt Jake Keeling Michael Allred Rosemary Liles Billy Parchman Kimberly Chance	<u>Wed Dec 6</u> <u>Hosea 4-6:</u> <u>1 John 5</u> Laura Crabtree Jenna Thaxton Haylie Miller Carol Hill Laura Bright
<u>Fri Dec 1</u> <u>Daniel 5-6:</u> <u>2 Peter 3</u> Brian Bell Bettye Gray Blair Jordan Bob Hill Rachel Mills Hailey Hawkins Grant Mason Jacob Happy	<u>Mon Dec 4</u> <u>Daniel 10-12:</u> <u>1 John 3</u> Grace Anne Fortner Bill Perry Marsa Green Chelsea Ledbetter Michael Stockburger Nathan Lynch Laura Barnes Jorge Mosley	<u>Thur Dec 7</u> <u>Hosea 7-8:</u> <u>2 John</u> Jim Wilkins Dennis Mauk Paula Massanelli Kayla C. Smith Kat Allen
<u>Sat Dec 2</u> <u>Daniel 7-8:</u> <u>1 John 1</u> Helen Lynch Bobbie Morrison Sierra Collier Esmeralda Martinez Jason Lynch Chance Spriggs Colby Wells Charles Roberts	<u>Tue Dec 5</u> <u>Hosea 1-3:</u> <u>1 John 4</u> Ashlee Neal Amy Swearingen John Bailey Marty Black Kristin Dunn Mary Books LeAnne Nugent	<u>Fri Dec 8</u> <u>Hosea 9-10:</u> <u>3 John</u> Bill Kee Patty James Kathryn Russell Carla Horner Jason Armitage Kristy Doub Trey Jenkins Kelly Thomason Landon Parchman

Sat Dec 9
Hosea 11-12:
Jude
Maggie Huett
Debbie Clevenger

SERVICE TEAMS

Door Greeters - Dec 3
9:00 a.m. Leah Avery, James O'Neal, Lee & Kathryn Carson, Jerry Franks, Gwen Fleece, Amy Jessen
10:30 a.m. Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner
Ushers - Dec 3
9:00 a.m. Milt Raabe, Jack Smith, Carl Hawthorn
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
 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 Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
 South: Jon Vitro, 282-2975
 5th Sunday North: Bob Roling, 545-5818
 South: Mitchell McDill, 318-8333

SERVICE TEAMS

Safety Teams - Sunday Dec 3
8:30 a.m. Brad Phillips, Robert Davis, Doug Conine, Frankie Moore, Mitchell Mote, Larry Ingram, Dwayne Gordon
10:15 a.m. Mike Rottinghaus, Todd Willis, Mike Griffith, Ian Thomas, Bert Clevenger, Tyler Avery, David Cleveland
4:00-6:00 p.m. Bill Walker
Wednesday - Dec 6
4:00-6:00 p.m. Herb Mansbridge, Pat Moseley, Billy Skipper
6:00-8:00 p.m. Richard Braley, Milton Raabe, 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 Enszt
2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months: Vaughn & Stephanie Treadway
Odd Months: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris
Deacon Hospital Visitation
Dec 4-8
 Monday Jim Bledsoe
 Tuesday James Bennett
 Wednesday Bill Richardson
 Thursday Corbett Sanders
 Friday Jerry Thompson

ATTENDANCE

November 26, 2017
Homebound TV Class *80
 9:00 Connect Group390
 10:30 Connect Group444
Total Connect Groups834
 Worship Attendance 9:00.....453
 Worship Attendance 10:30.....635
Total Worship1088
 *Average

Pastor's Message

Advent is here! Please use the invite cards we've provided to invite everybody you can to attend the next three Sundays as we unfold the story of Jesus as the light of the world. Invite them to worship, try to get them to Connect Groups, and God will do some great things among us. Scatter the seed broadly. Some will fall on fertile soil and produce big-time crop. Lee and his team have worked very hard on this. All ages are involved. Both services will be the same content. Come on!

It's Lottie Moon season. Please pray about making a sacrificial gift to this important offering for international missions. Half of the International Mission Board's budget comes through this offering. Our goal is \$110,000. As I mentioned Sunday in the sermon:

We give sacrificially. We give because God wills it. We give because it is a privilege to be part of something larger than ourselves and something that lasts forever. We give for the glory of God and to make the nations glad. We give so that missionaries can be sent and resourced. We give because precious souls are at stake and heaven and hell are in the balance. We give the Lottie Moon offering at Christmas because Jesus is the birthday boy, and there's no better gift to give him, no gift he'd like more than to have more people at his forever party.

We still have some copies of my Christmas book available through the church office. *How the Lord Sent Christmas* is a Dr. Seussical telling of the Christmas story. Some are finding this to be a new Christmas tradition in their families. It's also a book to give to friends who don't know Christ. They will hear the Bible story without reading the Bible, and they will hear it in a lyrical way that may help them hear its meaning. If you'd like to purchase a copy, call the office or stop by. (This may sound like shameless self-promotion, so please know that I take no money for any books sold through the church.)

We'll be thinking this Sunday about a world with no light. See you Sunday.

Your Pastor,
 John

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 on Sunday after both worships. 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!

This Sunday, Dec. 3 at noon in the Family Life Center 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 acronym 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.)



By the time you read this we will have completed the player drafts and will be in the process of notifying the coaches and parents. We're extremely grateful for the 36 volunteers who stepped up to coach the players!

We're continuing to recruit volunteers to serve in game day positions. Job descriptions and registration are available at www.fbc recreation.com or contact Wallace, Blake or Ashley Buttrum, or Julie Smith to volunteer.

Prayer Partners: unlimited
Greeters: unlimited
Referees: 10 required / 5 vacancies
Concessions: 10 required / 5 vacancies
Clock monitors: 4 required / 3 vacancies

Current player numbers and vacancies:

Kindergarten Coed: 21 registrations / 7 vacancies
1st-2nd grade girls: 23 registrations / 5 vacancies
1st-2nd grade boys: 50 registrations / 6 vacancies
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Men's & Women's Basketball

Tuesday nights
January 16-April 10, 2018
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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:

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
Jan 21: C, D, E
Until we all fall down, Wallace



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, 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!

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

Wednesday Night Supper November

29th: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Chicken Strips,

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (11-26-17)	
Weekly Receipts	\$30,158
Online Giving	\$ 5,662
Total Given	\$35,819

All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (11-26-17) \$ 4,476
Balance of loan: (10-31-17) \$2,064,092

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.

GROUPS & CLASSES

Comfort in Christ

Provides support to all women who have suffered the loss of a loved one. This woman-to-woman group offers support during the journey from grief to healing, prayer and encouragement, and a safe and understanding place to share one's thoughts, feelings and experiences. Books, handouts, devotionals, and other resources with a spiritual emphasis are provided to help each person regarding the grief process. This group meets the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm in the home of the leader, Rhonda Frederick. Please contact her at 501-538-3911, for more info.

SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alvenia Cheatham and family in the death of her brother & brother-in-law, Louis Hollingsworth and family in the death of his son, and to the family of Sarah Hortman. May God bless and comfort you.



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.

November 19
to December 16



2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

CHURCH GOAL:

\$110,000