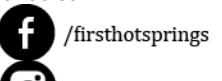
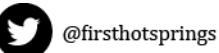


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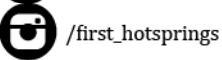
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Basic Weekly Schedule

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



November 2, 9 & 16

6:30 in Room 223

The holidays can be an especially hard time for those dealing with grief. Join us for three sessions of Pastor John's Grief Workshop. We want to help you find the healing that will last long after the tinsel is off the tree.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thur Nov 2	Mon Nov 6	Fri Nov 10
Lamentations 3:	Ezekiel 3-5:	Ezekiel 13-14:
Titus 1	Hebrews 1	Hebrews 5
Todd Lumsden	Stefan Daily	Stephanie Cates
Ann Curry	Lloyd Hoffman	Linda Green
Nicholas Griffin	Stuart Rogers	Anne Bailey
Walt Everton	Tracy Holcomb	Sheila Maranda
Shawny Green	Joe Stanager	
Vicki Atkinson	Mickey Akins	
Fri Nov 3	Tue Nov 7	Sat Nov 11
Lamentations 4:	Ezekiel 6-7:	Ezekiel 15-16:
Titus 2	Hebrews 2	Hebrews 6
Beth Cleveland	Alex Bridges	Caroline Lumsden
Zack Harris	Patricia Day	Debby Atchley
Elizabeth Brasher	Kaye Swint	Gina Moore
David Rose	Tracy Meeker	Kate Webb
Sat Nov 4	Wed Nov 8	Every Sunday main floor:
Lamentations 5:	Ezekiel 8-10:	Frankie Moore, Cole Morgan
Titus 3	Hebrews 3	10:30 a.m. Jason Williams, Glen McClain, Kelly Robbins
Mary Adams	Audra Jackson	Every Sunday balcony:
Kim Standage	Betsy Efird	Mike Davidson, Mike Ferguson, Donnie Sumpter, Duke Haight, Sam Capps
Chuck Morrison	Sun Nov 12	Every Sunday main floor:
Ella Zoll	Ezekiel 17-18:	Bill Richardson, Al Blount, Chris Brock
Will Hunt	Hebrews 7	Golf Cart Drivers
Savanah Godwin	Cissy Huggs	Cart 1: Richard Beckwith, every Sunday
Andrea Bridges	Mike Wolf	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
Jennifer Dunn	Madison Shinn	Odd Months: Leo & Vonni Ensz
Denise Little	Kendall Webb	2nd Floor Welc Ctr: Even Months: Vaughn & Stephanie Treadaway
Sun Nov 5	Sean Ross	Odd Months: Roman & Pat Terlecki, George & Mary Harris
Ezekiel 1-2:	Nancy Price	Deacon Hospital Visitation
Philemon	Mallorie Svercauski	Week of November 6-10
Clifford Wilkinson	Mercedes	Monday Greg Greeson
Dee Adcock	Svercauski	Tuesday N/A
Jill White	Sandy Gordon	Wednesday Al Blount
D'Atra Cole	Connie Jackson	Thursday Don White
		Friday Doug Ervin

SERVICE TEAMS

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Door Greeters - Nov 5

9:00 a.m. Marie Colmenero, James O'Neal, Lee Carson, Jerry Franks, Kathryn Carson, Gwen Fleece, Amy Jessen

10:30 a.m. Charles & Carol Hill, Julie Jarrell, Steve & Donna Harbour, Amy Jessen, Mary Meixner

Ushers - Nov 5

9:00 a.m. Milton 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

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

Week of November 6-10

Monday Greg Greeson

Tuesday N/A

Wednesday Al Blount

Thursday Don White

Friday Doug Ervin

ATTENDANCE

October 29, 2017

Homebound TV Class *80

9:00 Connect Group 360

10:30 Connect Group 445

Total Connect Groups 805

Worship Attendance 9:00 439

Worship Attendance 10:30 594

Total Worship 1,033

*Average

New Members:

Rhonda Hodge

Kenneth Tyler

Pastor's Message

Sometimes it's easy to expect ministers to get something of a free pass from hardship. Of course, that is not the case. We've been reminded of that recently with **Mike Pounders** needing treatments for prostate cancer. Thank you for your prayers for Mike and his family during these days. He finishes his treatments in Atlanta this week and will be back among us. Continue to pray for him that he might be able to get rest as he settles back into his work.

And pray for **Wallace Yamauchi**. Wallace's mother died on Sunday morning. She'd been sick for some time, so this is not altogether unexpected. But when death comes—even a death we are expecting—it comes suddenly. Pray for Wallace and Jane and their family as they grieve and tend to matters related to his mother's death.

It's November. That means that I'll be leading my annual **Grief Workshop**. We meet the first three Thursdays of November at 6:30 pm in room 223. Come in through the south doors. This is for church family and their friends who need a little grief education as we enter the holiday season. This could also be helpful for those who want to learn more about how to help those in grief. We'll meet November 2, 9, and 16.

This is the week I begin doing my **Wednesday Bible study at both 4:00 and 6:00**. Some who best not drive after dark don't want to miss. The 4:00 time slot is for you and for any others for whom it is convenient. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 and in room 133 by the elevators on the bottom floor at 6:00. (This week only, the 6:00 meeting will be in Fellowship Hall.)

We continue our studies in James on Sunday: ***This Is the Life***. This week we're thinking about the brevity of life and the need to trust God with life, plans, and death. See you there.

Your Pastor,
John



Education / Outreach Ministry

Door Greeter Training

For our current Greeters and anyone else interested in being a greeter!

Sunday, Nov. 12 at noon
in the Fellowship Hall

Appreciation lunch and training

This specialized training will work hand in hand with upgrading our new Assimilation Process of getting people from first time guest to a growing member!

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 FOR:

Staff, Preschool Staff, Safety Team, Door Greeters, Welcome Center Guides, Ushers and anyone else interested.

Sunday, January 14, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Coming Up Soon!

Nov. 19 – BIG Sunday
Dec. 24 – No Connect Groups,
2 Christmas Eve services: 10:30 am & 5:30 pm
Dec. 31 – No Connect Groups, 10:30 am service only

Love, Danny

Wednesday Night Supper Menu November

1st: Taco/Potato Bar, Cake
8th: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Pie, Corn Dog, Fries
15th: Thanksgiving Meal
22nd: No activities/meal
29th: Roast Beef, Potatoes, Purple Hull Peas, Chicken Strips, Cake

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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



UPWARD UPDATE

Coach training originally scheduled for Thursday, November 2 has been postponed.

Online registration has closed but we will continue to register players as long as we have vacancies! If you missed evaluations this past week or have not yet registered, we have make-up evaluations set for this Saturday, November 4, from 10:30-11:30 am in the FLC.

We are still recruiting volunteers. Volunteers can get more information and register online at www.fbcreation.com.

Upward Basketball divisions include:

Kindergarten Coed (Instructional division)
1st-2nd Grade Girls (Developmental division)
1st-2nd Grade Boys (Developmental division)

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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 5: S, T, U
Nov 12: V, W, X, Y, Z
Nov 19: A, B
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

Until we all fall down, Wallace



We are excited about the beginning of this new series on the book of James! We're offering something new that we hope will be a valuable resource for you. Each day, we'll post a devotional related to our study of James on a closed group that is linked to our main page. Search on Facebook for "FBCHS Day by Day" and then click "join".

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 TODAY, 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. It's going to be a great weekend!!!



Did you know that singing in a choir is a scientifically proven method of reducing stress? It's true! And it's not too late to be a part of our Christmas Choir! Join us for rehearsal Sunday, November 5th, at 2:00. We're getting a jump start on getting into the Christmas spirit, all while having fun and preparing for an amazing few Sundays performing together!



Go hog wild!
Donate blood and save a life on November 10. Donors receive a free t-shirt. Sign up in the welcome center or by visiting arkbi.org.



Join us for our annual Church-wide Thanksgiving meal and Lord's supper service on Wednesday, November 15. Dinner will be served from 4:45-5:45 and then we'll all gather in the sanctuary for a family worship service. We're excited to celebrate with you!

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (10-29-17)	\$42,070
Weekly Receipts	\$42,070
Online Giving	\$3,499
Total Given	\$45,569

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.

All In Fund

Weekly Receipts: (10-29-17) \$5,423
Balance of loan: (10-31-17) \$2,064,092

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.

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 Casey Bright and family in the death of his grandmother, Charlotte Marie Bright; Wallace Yamauchi and family in the death of his mother, Deonea Yamauchi; and with Larry Hattten and family in the death of his mother. May God bless and comfort you.



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!