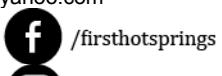


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THE MESSENGER

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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

September 24, 2017

Homebound TV Class	*80
9:00 Connect Group	400
10:30 Connect Group	407
Total Connect Groups	807
Worship Attendance 9:00.....	462
Worship Attendance 10:30.....	617
Total Worship	1,079
*Average	

New Members:

Andie Lynn Johnson
Corol Morris

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

Register online at www.fbcrecreation.com or pick up a registration form located around the church.

Upward Basketball divisions include:

Kindergarten Coed Division
1st-2nd Grade Girls Division
1st-2nd Grade Boys Division

General Season Calendar

We are now recruiting & training leadership and need your help! We have volunteer vacancies in administrative and basketball related positions. See Wallace today to get on board!

Player Evaluations:

Option 1: Thursday, October 26
Option 2: Saturday, October 28

First Practice:

1st-2nd Grades: week of January 8, 2018
Kindergarten: Saturday, January 13, 2018

First Game Day:

Saturday, January 27

Final Game Day:

Saturday, March 3

Awards Celebration:

Saturday, March 10

Pastor's Message

I am calling a special business meeting for Wednesday night, October 11. Our Deacons are recommending that we:

1. License Clay Arnold to the Gospel Ministry
2. Ordain Kyle Stevens to the Gospel Ministry

Clay was called to ministry in 2007. He got away from that call but came roaring back in the last couple of years. God has given him speaking assignments in various venues. It is important that those who invite Clay to speak know that he has a church behind him. This license will provide that backing. Clay and Ashley have been members here for two years. They have two children, Brady and Charlie. Clay believes God is calling him to an itinerant evangelism ministry.

Kyle serves as our Missionary Pastor. As he leads our church planting effort the Deacons believe it is important that we ordain him to this ministry.

There's been a good response to the James series, *This Is Your Life*, and we are just getting started. James speaks to where we live. He invades our space and deals with practical matters of the Christian life. Not much abstraction in James. He's concrete in his call to live the Christian life. This week we will explore James 1:19-27. The gist of this text is to do God's word rather than simply listen to God's word. He calls us to obey what we know of God's word. In reflecting on the Scripture, Eugene Peterson comments in his book, *Eat This Book*, that the most important question when we are reading the Bible isn't "What does this mean," but "What can I obey?" Let's talk about that on Sunday. See you then.

Your Pastor
John

Education / Outreach Ministry

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!

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 haven't Connected yet with a Group, please stop by!

Hand Written Notes

We now have a team of people who write notes to first time attenders and again after one month. We hope this personal touch will go a long way in bringing people from new comer to become a church member and fully devoted follower of Christ.

Love, Danny



Women's Ministry of
FIRST BAPTIST HOT SPRINGS
cordially invites you to our

First Welcome Luncheon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

from 11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center

This is an opportunity to gather and meet the leaders of the Women's Ministry areas of our church. You will also hear about the avenues of ministry that are available through WM. If you have not yet attended a First Welcome event, please join us, even if you have been a member of the church for awhile, learn more about the Women's Ministry and help welcome our newest ladies.

RSVP: Barbara Vick 281-725-4828
or email barbwick@gmail.com



Congratulations!



Elizabeth Barnett recently received the Ruth Nininger Award, an annual presentation recognizing a woman who has made outstanding contributions to music in Southern Baptist churches in Arkansas. The award is named for Ruth Nininger, the first Church Music Secretary for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Fitness & Recreation Ministry

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

Congratulations to our FBC softball teams!

Some members are not pictured. Go to www.fbcrecreation.com for a complete list of players.



Coed Team: 4th place in league; 1st place in tournament



Men's Team: 1st place tie in league; 2nd place in tournament

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 1: C, D, E
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

Until we all fall down, Wallace



Goal:
\$30,000
Given to Date:
\$18,472

BUDGET REPORT

Ministry Fund (9-24-17)
Weekly Receipts \$37,234
Online Giving \$3,354
Total Given \$40,588

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: (9-24-17) \$5,807
Balance of loan: (8-31-17) \$2,163,629

GROUPS & CLASSES

Women on Mission

Jo Ann Carter with Change Point Pregnancy Care and Parenting Resource Center will be our guest speaker at our meeting on September 28 at 10:00 am in room 219. Come and hear how Change Point saves babies and ministers to parents and families. You will also learn more about Women on Mission.

Loving Threads

If you like to knit, crochet, quilt or sew, the Loving Threads Ministry may be the place for you. The purpose of our group is to use our needlework talents to share the love and comfort of Jesus Christ with others by making prayer comfort shawls and baby blankets. We meet in RM 131 on the 1st floor, at 1:00 p.m. on the FOURTH Thursday of each month. If you cannot attend the meetings, but would like to participate, call Wanda Thorp, 623-5608.

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 Rhonda's home. Leader is Rhonda Frederick. Please contact Rhonda, 501-538-3911, for more info.

UGANDA Mission trip



September 21-October 6, 2017

for Bill Newton as he teaches and trains
Pastors at a Seminary in
Entebbe, Uganda for 2 weeks.

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Connect Groups that are committed to provide meals for ESL Int'l students, children, teachers and staff:
Sept 7: Margaret Coulter & Mike James Connect Groups
Sept 14: Darin Beckwith Connect Group
Sept 21: Mark McCauley Connect Group
Sept 28: Joe McCutcheon Connect Group



SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bo Fillman; Jason Dugger and family in the death of his mother; and to Hazel Nuessle in the death of her son-in-law. May God bless and comfort you.

Wednesday Night Supper Menu September
27th: BBQ Ribs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Hamburger, Fries