The Vision of Sulphur
"Connecting with others to Experience & Express the love of Jesus Christ!"

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I love Autumn. And though the temperatures don’t really change for us until November, October is the month that begins the season for me. Now, I don’t like pumpkin spice anything, so there’s no attraction for me there. I do like certain family foods that only come around during the fall, though: pumpkin-chocolate chip muffins, cinnamon chocolate pancakes, Thanksgiving. Many of us love the color changes in the leaves, at least the trees from New England we see in pictures. And one of the most exciting moments of the year for me is when Walmart puts out all the Fall/Christmas ingredients on the special shelves in the middle of grocery aisles. I love everything about the season from October 1 to January 1. I start listening to Christmas music after Labor Day. October absolutely begins my favorite three months out of the year.

It also begins an incredibly busy three months for the church. My head knows that we probably actually have more going on during the months of June through August, but it doesn’t seem like it when we get into it. Part of it, I think, is that we are scheduling around the same holidays for everyone. In the summer, people come and go on vacation, with no way for us to schedule activities around them. Beginning in October, the calendar is dictated by a few particular days. And I love it.

This year, October has particular significance for our church. The sermon series leading into October has been on evangelism, and the first Sunday in October will be Soul-Winning Commitment Sunday. We will all be making a personal commitment to pray for and witness to lost people. It has to be a commitment, because it won’t “just happen.” We have to be determined and deliberate.

We will also begin assessing our ministries in a very thorough fashion. We want to make sure that our vision is clear, our mission is in progress, and our activities are focused. Everything we do should have a God focus and a gospel result. If they do not, then our priorities are out of whack. We’ll have to be honest with ourselves about where we’ve been, where we are, and where we need to be as it pertains to our gospel effectiveness. This will mean hard questions, with complicated answers, resulting in difficult decisions. However, if the goal of our church is to reach the lost by any and all means necessary, it means our focus is not on the comfort, preferences, and entertainment of believers. Everything we do is examined through the lens of gospel effectiveness.

So, as the season changes, begin to ask God to change your heart. Where can you serve? What can you give? How do you need to change? A shift to a culture of evangelism, a culture that sees the ministry to the lost as paramount, will be slow and often difficult. But the shift must occur. Together, through prayer and perseverance, we can see the change that needs to happen. And it will be more beautiful than a Vermont forest in the fall, and more exciting than a Walmart grocery aisle filled with holiday goodies.

Michael
Church Family - I simply cannot thank you for your very generous support of our children. You are truly changing lives in Jesus name at Louisiana Baptist Children's Home - Dr. Perry Hancock

Church Family - Thank you so much for blessing me during my recent surgery & continued recovery. Thank you for your prayers, prayer grams, cards, meals, and visits. Special thanks to Donald who came and waited with us at the hospital. Your love and joy and prayer and calls were such a blessing. Also special thanks to Fay Robinson for your visit and gifts. A church family does not happen immediately. It is built by years of doing life in Christ together. Thank you for being the body of Christ to me - Laurrie Jo Thompson

FBCS - A heartfelt thank you and appreciation to mother's Sunday School class as well as her church family at First Baptist Church Sulphur for prayers lifted up to me during this difficult time. God Bless and keep you all! Thank you for continued prayer! - Peggy Dorsey

FBCS - Many, many thanks to Amy, Tom, Mile and Dawn Newels and Melissa Walker for the “beautiful” sandbags you delivered to my front door in a time of need. You’ll never know the “peace of mind” those sandbags brought to me. God has blessed you for what you did for me, and for others in need. - Neal Bailey

If you have a thank you note to share, please e-mail hcain@fbcsulphur.org or call 527-5231.

LifeShare will be at FBCS
Sunday, October 22
9am -12pm
Located in Game Room
Signup today @ Connection Center, Church Office or online @ www.fbcsulphur.org
**Preschool Fall Festival**

October 30th  
10am - 12pm

Volunteers to help with games are needed. Candy & Small toy donations are needed to use for prizes.

**Monday’s**  
3:00 pm

**Volunteers & Snacks NEEDED**

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**First Kids Missions**

**Tuneful Tuesday**

Tuesdays @ 3 pm  
Grades 1st-5th

Registration packets available at the Connection Center, church office or @fbcsulphur.org.

**Awana Clubs**

- **October 4 - Candy Corn Night**  
  Wear Orange, yellow or white. Bring orange, yellow or white food item for Food Pantry!

- **October 11 - Super Hero Night**  
  Clubbers can come dressed as their favorite super hero!

- **October 18 - Mustache Night**  
  Come with a crazy mustache tonight!!!

- **October 25 - Store Night**  
  Spend the Awana bucks you have earned on fun toys & prizes!

**Age Groups:**  
- Cubbies, ages 3 & 4
- Sparks, grades K, 1, 2
- T&T, grades 3-5

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**New Christians Class**

October 8 @ 9:15am

This is a class for children that have recently made a decision to accept Christ as their Savior or for kids that might have questions about making that decision. This class is a prerequisite for baptism. We will meet upstairs in the Children’s Department during Sunday School. Contact Amy Bruce for more information or to sign up.

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**Missions Sunday Nights**

6 PM  
Game Room

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*Check with your school to see what they have planned*

**Rally for students to pray over their schools**

**YEC Money Due:**
- Sunday, October 29th
- $75 and travel release due
- No sign-ups after this point.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**
- 5:30-7pm
- In Youth Room

Bible Study: Ephesians
Games, Worship, Bible Study

**Costume Party**
- Wednesday, October 25
- 5:30 - 7 PM
- In Youth Room

Games and refreshments
Prizes for best costumes

**Movie Night**
- Wednesday, October 4th
- 5:30 - 8 PM in the youth room
- popcorn, candy, sodas and a movie
- free
Church Closet Cleaning Day!
Saturday, October 7
9 am to 4 pm
Bring a sack lunch and come help clean out the bus barn, youth closet, Perkins garage, and other nooks and crannies!

If you can provide a trailer and a truck, please contact the church office.

Missions:
Time is quickly running out for those interested in serving on mission in Colombia, November 9-19. We have been invited to participate with a group led by Gil Broussard, pastor of FBC Hayes. Cost is $1500. If you are interested, start getting your passport ready and contact Tom Bruce at tbruce@fbcsulphur.org.

Additional info to add to Honduras Trip:
Informational meeting Sunday, October 8, 5pm in the Hospitality room (Room B100) for everyone interested or committed to serving in Honduras in April.

Love Out Loud:
Efforts continue with Hurricane Harvey relief work! Since Hurricane Harvey hit in late August, FBC Volunteers have provided over 1000 freshly made sack lunches, countless mops, brooms, wheelbarrows, gallons of bleach, buckets, shovels, etc. And we have housed & fed almost 30 disaster relief volunteers in our gym, and counting!

We will continue to partner with FBC Mauriceville, Tx as they struggle to stabilize so they can minister to the hurting people of their community. Over 90% of the homes in Mauriceville were flooded.

Stay Informed:
Members can stay informed of urgent response needs by sending a text to 81010 with the message: “@fbcsul” (w/o the quotes). Brief bulletins are dispersed through that system as the needs arise. Those who can assist can respond to the messages. Those who cannot physically assist can pray!

Detailed information provided on the FBCS Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistsulphur/
The Music Ministry is back poppin’ again! We have somewhere for you to use those abilities of keeping on tune whether it be singing or playing an instrument. All groups desire new recruits. Listed below are all the opportunities of service in our music ministry.

This music program is for our Children grade 1-5. They are picked up from area elementary schools and brought to church every Tuesday around 3:00 pm. Students attending Frasch Elementary across from FBC are walked across the street with adult supervision. They have an hour of snacks and recreation, and an hour of music. We have started on our music for Christmas, The Christmas Cross, to be presented on December 3 during the Morning Worship Service. We had a great beginning on September 5 with a beginning number of 28 in attendance. This is the greatest beginning number ever. Please Call Bro. Donald at 274-2226 for any other information.

Our Sr. Adult Choir the Agin’ Cajuns started back on August 21, at 10:00 a.m. Their Christmas was presented to them, “Come Let Us Adore”. This production will be on Sunday, December 3, at 6:00 p.m. The music is fairly simple. All those desiring to sing us join us as soon as you can. We really have a great time of singing and enjoy the fellowship.

We have finally got our Handbell Choir back in full ring. We ring on Monday’s from 11:30-2:00. Have snacks and ring. They are learning so much about music and how to share their gifts with others in ministry.

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SUNDAY
8:30 a.m. Prayer Time
9:15 a.m. Bible Study*
10:30 a.m. Blended Worship*
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECTION
5:45 p.m. Tower Youth Service
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study*
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir

*Childcare provided.

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COMING SOON...
Oct. 2017
7 Church Wide Closet Cleaning
8 New Member's Class
8 Missions Committee Meeting
8 Student Committee Meeting
9 Deacons’ Meeting
14 Men’s Meeting Prayer Breakfast
20 Father / Son Retreat
22 Business Meeting
22 Missions Fundraiser
29 Chili & Dessert Cook-off
30 Preschool Fall Festival

Nov. 2017
5 Harvest Meal
5 High Attendance Sunday
5 Baptism Day
6 Men's Ministry Training
8-19 Leticia, Colombia Mission Trip
13 Deacons’ Meeting
19-20 YEC
23-24 Office Closed / Thanksgiving

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING
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Budget Total Needed Monthly - $71,374.18

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