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Invite Everyone,
Invest In People,
Impact Eternity

Pastor's
Message

At just sixteen years old, Jessica Watson set sail from Sydney, Australia, determined to do what many believed was impossible—sail around the world alone, nonstop, and without assistance. For 210 days she lived on her small boat, battling towering waves, fierce storms, and long stretches of isolation. Some nights the sea was so calm her boat hardly moved, and other nights the waves crashed with such force it felt as if the ocean itself wanted to swallow her whole.

Yet on May 15, 2010, after traveling more than 23,000 nautical miles, Jessica sailed back into Sydney Harbor. Thousands cheered as she returned home, having proven the doubters wrong and having completed a journey that tested every ounce of her determination and courage.

Few will ever make that trek around the world, but all of us are invited to a journey that is far greater. It doesn't just stretch over tens of thousands of miles—it spans a lifetime and reaches into eternity. And it requires the same kind of resolve: to keep moving forward when the seas are calm and when the storms are fierce. That journey is the journey of discipleship.

This Sunday we'll close our series *The Journey* by listening to Jesus' words in John 14:12: *"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father."* The call of discipleship is not only to believe in Him or to walk beside Him—it's to do as He does.

And at the end of each service, we've been challenging you to make a commitment. We've been focusing on three essential steps: first-time faith in Jesus, baptism, and church membership. Some of us have been dragging our feet on these decisions, but these are the basics every traveler must settle before setting out.

Another defining feature of a disciple is sharing the good news of Jesus with others. That's why I want to highlight an incredible opportunity coming up on October 8—**Fields of Faith**. This event is designed to let students hear testimonies from their peers, but it also provides adults a unique and simple way to practice sharing the gospel. Many Christians have never shared their faith, often out of fear of rejection or not knowing what to say. Fields of Faith takes away that barrier: adult volunteers are given a simple card with clear instructions, and then students—eager to hear the truth about Jesus—come to you. You can register as a volunteer by going to www.scafca.org.

Updates You Need to Know

- Local Outreach Director** We're continuing to prayerfully search for the right person to lead our Upward and Upper Level ministries and strengthen our partnership with the Hot Springs School District. If you'd like to learn more, contact Missions Pastor **Jamie Staley**. Resumes can be sent to info@firsthotsprings.com or jamie@firsthotsprings.com.
- Financial Administrator** Interest in this position has been growing, but we're still accepting resumes. This role will play a key part in stewarding the resources God has entrusted to us. To learn more, contact Executive Pastor **Dave Johnston**, or send a resume to info@firsthotsprings.com.
- Dixie Jackson Offering** Thank you for giving so faithfully! We've already received **\$24,000** toward our goal of **\$45,000**. Every gift is helping advance the gospel across Arkansas through church planting, disaster relief, and missions efforts. Let's keep pressing toward the finish line together.

These updates remind us that the journey we're on is bigger than any one of us—it's God's work in and through His church, leading us to impact lives now and for eternity.

I can't wait to see where this journey leads us!



Thur Sept 25
Isaiah 48-50:
Galatians 1
Kristy Shirey
Kennedy Brock
Colton Housley
Olivia Godwin
Gwen Adcock
Bob Wilson
Mary Davis
Wyatt Harrington
Caleb Evans
Brian Jackson
Fri Sept 26
Isaiah 21-53:
Galatians 2
John McCallum
Bill Bullington
Evelyn Bullington
Tom Pullig
Kristen McCauley
Crystal Vincent
Sat Sept 27
Isaiah 54-57:
Galatians 3
Brian Bland
Hallie Glisson
Myra Burks
Karen Covey
Charlee Teale
Katie Jones
Sun Sept 28
Isaiah 58-60:
Galatians 4
Amanda Morgan
Adam Meek

Mon Sept 29
Isaiah 61-63:
Galatians 5
J.D. Stewart
Bryan Smith
Natalasha Brock
Don Wood
Janet Mauk
Camille Burroughs
Julia Harris
Tues Sept 30
Isaiah 64-66:
Galatians 6
Diane Carter
Tommy Otwell
Wed Oct 1
Jeremiah 1:
Ephesians 1
Jerry Longinotti
Anna Claire Butler
Bob Bledsoe
Michael Eastwood
Cailee Stone
Jaylin Stone
Dalton Rinearson
Melody McDaniel
Thur Oct 2
Jeremiah 2:
Ephesians 2
Ed Gnau
Michael Davis
Trent Jones
Kathy Ward
Brad Bird
Diane Splann
Melaunie Larreau
Carla Arthur
Steven Steuart
Fri Oct 3
Jeremiah 3-4:
Ephesians 3
Susan Marshall
Kelly Beckwith
Kristen Harris
Charlotte Gill
Terri Crain
Lucy Harris

Fri Oct 3 cont.
Chase Hartsell
Nollia Miller
Max Jackson
Levi Lewis
Sat Oct 4
Jeremiah 5-6:
Ephesians 4
James Woods
Dillon Moore
Lacey Brock
Mindy Washington
Destiny Brown
Kate Hamner
Joann Dalrymple
Pace Smith
Sun Oct 5
Jeremiah 7-8:
Ephesians 5
Brian Westfall
Mary Vitro
Chad Lockwood
Bailey Capps
Valerie Fletcher
Adalyn Moore
Kennedy Moore
Charlie Watson
Roman Terlecki
Linda George
Mark Hall
Mon Oct 6
Jeremiah 9-10:
Ephesians 6
Beverly Criss
Brady Arnold
Jeannie Lewis
Rachel Ibuado
Tue Oct 7
Jeremiah 11-12:
Philippians 1
Eda Bottoms
Susan Hernandez
Cynthia Hall
Campbell Wood

Safety Team Position	1st	2nd	3rd	4th & 5th	
7:30-8:30 N Ofc Door	Phil McAdams	Brad Phillips	Phil McAdams	Brad Phillips	
7:30-8:30 S Canopy	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett	Buddy Barnett	
8:30-10:15 N Ofc Door	Chuck Parsons	Andy Russell	Phillip McAdams	Richard Carr	
Fellowship Hall Door	Wes Shafto	John Dews	Dennis Green	Larry Ingram	
SW Ps Door	R.L. Smith	Denise Olson	Matt Teale	Chuck Jordan/Matt Teale	
S Steps Door	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Charlie Hill	
S Canopy Door	Kelly Robbins	John Smalling	Stan Fouts	Robert Covey	
North/West Lots	Vernon Brooks	Terry Hunter	Mark Dickerson	Greg Perkins	
South/West Lots	Bryan Garrett	K. Schwarznau	Paul McKinney	Kris Dunn	
10:15-12:00 N Ofc Door	Trip Robinson	Jay Winters	A.J. Johnson	Geoffrey Hedrick	
Fellowship Hall Door	Shelby Williams	David Epperhart	Wayne Heer	Nick Windle	
SW Ps Door	Craig Viscardis	Steve Hibbard	Ronnie Riggie	Tanner Borland	
S Steps Door	Josh Sutton	OPEN	OPEN	Kirk Harris/Blake Buttrum	
S Canopy Door	Henry Brunson	David Ferrell	Blake Buttrum	Ed Argueta	
North/West Lots	Graham Rucker	Cody Lancaster	Dustan Gammill	Jason Armitage	
South/West Lots	Austin Haight	Jeff Olson	Travis Spalding	Bill James	
Golf Cart 1 N Side	Kevin King	Casey Dobbs	OPEN	OPEN	
Golf Cart 2 S Side	E. Pennington	Brett Miller	Beau Prados	H. Pennington	
Wed 5:45 pm					
N Ofc Door	David Dickinson	Mike Prados	Tony Menotti	OPEN	
FH Door	Donny Moore	Norm Mason	Louis Tamez	John Smalling	
S Canopy Door	Jason Smith	Mike James	Mike Eastwood	OPEN	
5:30-7:45 Golf Cart	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt	David Hasstedt	
FLC Door 4:15-5:45	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland	Ron Cleveland	
Sunday Door Greeters					
8:30-9:15 am	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
N Ofc Door	James O'Neal	Bob Biles	Betty James	Anita Gordon	Anita Gordon
FH Door	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp	Wanda Thorp
S Foyer	David Breitenberg	Jane Yamauchi	Nell Phillips	Kristi Huddleston	Kristi Huddleston
SW Canopy	Marty Black	Lynne Perrine	Janet Horton	Marcia D-Smith	Tami Patterson
PS Door	N & J McLean	Natalie Russell	Tami Patterson	Cyndi Jordan	Tara Clearman
N Foyer	John Robbins	Jim Bledsoe	Julie Capps	Kelly Robbins	Julie Capps
Info Desk	Tammy Catlett	Jane Bledsoe	Charlie Capps	Vicki Robbins	Charlie Capps
10-10:45 am					
N Of Dr	Judy Garrett	Mary Goodman	Norman Wolf	Janet Porter	Janet Porter
S Canopy	Cody Lancaster	Suzanne Ferrell	Steven Murray	Melissa Stovall	Sara Terlecki
SW PS Door	Becky Morris			Pam Warren	Terri Knapick
N Foyer	Scott Dews	Dana Vance	Mark Lewis	Kecia Sandusky	Vonni Ensz
S Foyer	Vonni Ensz	Carla Buttrum	Adrianne Brooks	Sara Olaru	Carla Buttrum
Info Desk	Phyllis Brooks	Mary Harris	Emelinda Eason	S & S Barnes	S & S Barnes

DO WHAT JESUS DID!

This is the final week for our Discipleship series, but hopefully it is just the beginning of us embarking on the journey of a disciple! We have discussed what it means to be a disciple, that a disciple spends time with their teacher (Practicing the Presence of God), and that we are to become like Jesus, (Transformation). This final week we will look at Doing What He Did.

So exactly what did Jesus do? Well, Jesus showed compassion to people, and He shared with them how to have eternal life. The interesting thing is, He often did this around food. Jesus showed hospitality! This Sunday we will look at the importance of showing hospitality to the poor, the unreached, to our neighbors all for the sake of sharing the Gospel.

Wednesday Night Meal - October / Served 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.
If you are not on our permanent list, please reserve your meal by Monday @ 4 pm to get on the list for that Wednesday night. Please respond by texting “fbcdinner” to 94000 or call the office @ 624-3345 with these things: Your name / Which meals / How many
Youth & Adults, \$8/Children 4-12, \$4/Children 3 yrs & under, Free/ Family Max - \$25
Available each week: Salad bar, dessert bar and tea, lemonade & water (For the kiddos) fruit or pudding cup, juice box

- 10/1 #1-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes , gravy, peas, honey glazed carrots, roll #2-chicken tacos, Tex-Mex rice, cheese dip, salsa, chips
- 10/8 #1-Homemade meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, fried yellow squash, roll or biscuit #2-Breaded chicken sandwich, mac & cheese, pudding or fruit cup
- 10/15 #1-Chicken & dumplings, fried okra, turnip greens, buttered corn, roll or cornbread #2-Pizza, chicken wings, fruit or pudding cup
- 10/22 #1-Chicken fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, grilled yellow squash & onions, seasoned field peas, biscuit or roll #2-Corn dog, fries, fruit or pudding cup
- 10/29 #1-Soup Night-Broccoli & cheese soup, creamy chicken soup, pork & cabbage, fried okra, green beans, cornbread or roll #2-chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, green beans, fruit or pudding cup

REMINDER: Please ask for the option you signed up for. We prepare food according to the options that are chosen when you sign up. Thank you!

Missions Moment

God is at work among us! I love seeing how He’s moving in the hearts and lives of people! Here are a few things for you to be aware of in missions-wise.

Our Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions emphasis is underway. Our goal is \$45,000, and we’re well on our way to reaching and exceeding it! You’ve already given \$23,813.41! Would you do 2 things for me? First, pray over what God’s doing in our state through Arkansas Baptist mission efforts. Second, if you haven’t already given, prayerful consider what the Lord would have you to give.

Sunday, October 12 is the launch date for our digital missions display. I’ll be there before the 9:00 service as well as between services and following the 10:30 service to answer questions and share with you how to use it. I’d love for you to stop by one of those times to check it out or come by one day when the office is open and I’ll share with you one-on-one. I’m excited to get this up and running!



I received an email from a friend overseas this week asking for people to commit to pray for the unreached of East Asia. Their team has issued a challenge to Southern Baptists to pray 24 hours a day for the month of November. The ask is for each person to sign up for a 15-minute time slot each day to pray. When you sign up, you’ll begin receiving a daily email for the month of November with specific prayer prompts for that day. Let’s help them fill those time slots! I’ve signed up and encourage you to be a part of what I believe will be a powerful prayer movement that will lead to many people coming to faith in Christ. Use the QR code below for more information and to sign up.

Theme Night Success!
We had a blast at Thrift Store Prom! Record attendance at 125! Plus, we wrapped up our first sermon series of the semester!



Lock-in Success!
We had 140 students attend our lock-in last Friday night! We had lots of fun and spent lots of quality time with friends! The gospel was shared, and students were encouraged to take bold steps away from sin and closer to Christ!



FBC HEALTH MINISTRY
Faithfully supporting health, families, and community

New Ministry launching October 5th!
Led by Jeana Roan | More details to come

Wednesday Wellness
Health + Faith = Whole Care. Don’t miss the Health Ministry launch on October 5!
We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Health Ministry — a new way to care for the whole person: body, mind, and spirit. Rooted in the love of Christ, this ministry will provide health education, caregiver support, care coordination, and connections to community resources. Future plans include expanding services for families with children with special needs.

Launch Sunday – October 5
Join us after service at our Health Ministry table in the foyer to learn more and discover how you can be part of this exciting outreach!

- How You Can Be Involved:**
- Pray for God’s blessing over this ministry.
 - Visit our table on October 5.
 - Serve with your medical expertise or caring heart.
 - Help with transportation, meals, respite, or visitation.
- Share this ministry with friends, neighbors, and our community.

Together, let’s build a healthier, stronger church family for God’s glory!
Serving together, Amy



Annual FBC Church Picnic

Come and enjoy a beautiful day outdoors with games, giveaways, inflatables, face painting, dinner, friends, and plenty of fun at our family picnic!

Sunday, October 12

4pm - 6pm

Food and drinks provided. Just bring a chair or blanket!

BUDGET REPORT 9/21			If you prefer to give your tithes and offerings on-line, go to our website, firsthotsprings.com/give , and follow the giving prompts. Please make sure the office has your current email address.
Ministry Fund			
Weekly Receipts	\$30,124		
Online Giving	\$30,346		
Total Given	\$60,471		
GCF (Great Commission Fund)			
Weekly Receipts	\$140		

The 1st, 2nd & 3rd Thursday of each month, 9 AM til Noon in Room 129. Come join us in making Quilts of Honor and enjoy great fellowship.

Loving Threads
Every 4th Thursday of the month.
1-3 pm in Rm 131.
All are welcome.

Women on Missions is looking forward to hearing more about the recent trip to the Czech Republic. Ann Thrash, who led the team on this trip, is eager to share with us her insights and how we can best pray for these people. Please join us on September 25th @10am in room #129.

THANK YOU
A thank you note has been received from **Amanda Morgan**. You may view thank you notes on the Thank You bulletin board across from the 2nd floor elevator.

Praise the Lord for this past Sunday! Not only did we gather for worship of our Savior, but we were led by all generations in our church – kids, students, and adults.

Psalm 145:4-7: “One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds, they celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.”

- Why Multi-Generational Worship?**
- The Bible commands it.
 - It cultivates an “on Earth as it is in Heaven” environment.
 - It brings unity within the body of Christ.
 - It teaches the individual church member.
 - It edifies the body of Christ.
 - It trains up leaders and not performers.
 - It affects eternity.
 - It displays what God is doing through different generations.
 - It brings families together to worship.
 - It gives faith-building experiences to each generation.

I am thankful for everyone who led in our Worship services this past Sunday.

Join with me in praying for our worship this Sunday.

Blessings,
Andre