
The Baptist Bell



“Church isn’t where you meet. Church isn’t a building. Church is what you do. Church is who you are. Church is the human outworking of the person of Jesus Christ. Let’s not go to Church, let’s be the Church.”

Sunday, October 18

Plans are being made for our 2nd “**Faith in Action**” Sunday. In these hard times there are many ways that we will be able to work with local individuals and organizations in need. This year we will partner with the Jacksonville Assembly of God Church and Pastor Tim Kruzan. This will create closeness and unity as our church members work side-by-side. When many people gather to serve, it makes a powerful impact in the community; but when churches gather to serve it can change a community.



This is such an exciting time. We will build relationships between churches and community organizations. We will put our focus on “others” instead of ourselves and there is no greater joy that serving others. We will come to realize that every person can make a difference.

There will be a project for **everyone** and for **all ages**.

Volunteers are needed. Do you have any special skills that you could apply to service projects? If so please let us know. Plans for projects will be announced.

For questions or additional information, contact the First Baptist Church at (217) 245-6119 or Barb Baker (217) 370-6234.

Just the Facts:

- **Faith in Action T-Shirts** can be ordered for \$7 each. Adult sizes S, M, L, SL and XXL are available.
- **A Faith in Action Bible Study** group will begin on Wednesday, September 30 at 7pm. This study will run for 4 weeks on Wednesday nights.
- **Faith in Action Sunday** is October 18. There will not be morning services that day. Instead, we will be working on these projects: indoor and outdoor cleaning, painting, etc. for senior citizens and local non-profit agencies, a food drive, a hat making project, landscaping & brush clearing, collecting games for the Salvation Army after school program, two nursing home worship services, light construction/furniture assembly, delivering treat to service workers and sending military care packages.. We will also need some additional help in the nursery to care for the little ones while Moms & Dads are out working. There will be work tailored to every ability and age level.
- **An evening service** will be held at 6:00 pm.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We follow Jesus because God used someone to share the Good News. We have continued and grown as followers of Jesus because God has used others to celebrate with us in victory, encourage us in defeat and call us forward in faith.

You can help to make the same things happen in the lives of people half a world away! That's why we are writing to ask you to pray for and to give to the 2009 World Mission Offering.

Our congregation uses the World Mission Offering to support more than 2500 short- and long-term missionaries annually, bringing U.S. and Puerto Rico churches together with partners in over 70 countries in cutting-edge ministries that tell the good news of Jesus Christ while meeting human needs.

Our giving to the World Mission Offering helps people

- Come to Christ
- Grow in Christ
- Change their world with Christ.

This year International Ministries invites us to look at global mission in these terms:

WORLD MISSION OFFERING

Empowering your gifts to transform the world.



Be Surprised by Walking in Different Shoes.

"In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus... he gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant." Philippians

2:5,7 New Century Version.

We believe God is able and wants to use us to provide more support to global missions this year than last year. Our 2009 goal is \$1500. Please join us in embracing this challenge. We will be receiving the World Mission Offering on October 11.

We have received from the Lord. Let us also give and let Him empower our gifts to transform the world.

Yours because of the always-surprising love of Jesus,

The Mission & Service Commission

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WEEKLY SERVICES:

SUNDAY 9:00 AM AND 11:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:15 AM

FOR INFORMATION ON

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS, CHOIR, BELL
CHOIR, AMERICAN BAPTIST YOUTH
OR OTHER MINISTRIES, PLEASE
CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

OUR WEBSITE

WWW.FBCJAXIL.ORG

GREAT RIVERS REGION WEBSITE:

WWW.ABCGRR.ORG

AMERICAN BAPTIST WEBSITE:

WWW.ABC-USA.ORG

LSBC Camp Cleanup

It's time to conclude a wonderful summer (560 campers!) and begin a busy rental season. We are having a fall work day here at the camp on October 10, 2009 beginning at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided. Please come and help us get ready for winter. Here are our needs for that day: deep cleaning of Carter Hall, the Lodge, and Lightbody Conference Center, rake leaves, cut downed trees into firewood (please bring correct tools), run electricity to the picnic shelter, address plumbing and leaking roof issues, tune 2 pianos.

If you or anyone you know has these skills, please help! If not, please come help with the cleaning and yard work. Please RSVP to LSBC if you are coming (so we have the correct number for lunch). Thank you for your willingness to serve! ~

Doug & Jennifer Brady, bradyfamily33@yahoo.com or 217-529-1921

Note: Pastor Jim is arranging a group to help with the cleanup. If you are willing and able to help us, please meet at the FBC parking lot at 8:30 am on Saturday, October 10. We will carpool/caravan over to the camp.



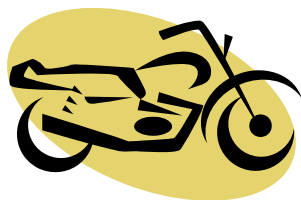
Shop N Share

Shop N Share is a new, on-going ministry of the Mission and Service Commission.

When you shop, buy an extra can of soup or other non-perishable item. Then bring it to church to share with those less fortunate.

All donations will be taken to the Jacksonville Food Center.

On September 9, the Free Spirits class delivered 8 bags of food and a donation of \$21 to the Food Center. Included was some fresh garden produce grown by one of our church members. We encourage our church family to continue to give generously by placing items into the shopping cart in the Narthex. Donation of money are also welcome; a donation jar is located in the cart for your convenience.



Men's Prayer Breakfast October 3

FBC will hold a Men's Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 am on Saturday, October 3. Our speaker will be Jim Davis, who serves as the director for a Christian motorcycle ministry. We plan for this to be the first of many breakfasts and other events to reach and involve the male constituency at First Baptist Church. Join us if you are able!



The Giving Tree Suggested Donations

- APRIL: Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste
- MAY: Towels and washcloths
- JUNE: Soap and body lotion
- JULY: Paper products—paper towels, bathroom tissue, facial tissue, etc
- AUGUST: Kitchen dish cloths, towels, hot pads, oven mitts, etc.
- SEPTEMBER: Gift cards—gas stations, Wal-Mart, grocery stores, etc.
- OCTOBER: Gift cards and canned food.
- NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER: Nonperishable food items AND pick a name from the Giving Tree.

Thank you!

I just want to say "thank you" to Pastor and Lucy and the rest of my church family for your prayers, cards, well wishes and food during my recovery from surgery. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Russell Barringer

Health Notes

Sis Goben, RN, Parish Nurse



Office Hours: Mon 10am-3pm

Blood pressure clinics:
2nd & 4th Sunday each month

Home, nursing home and hospital visits: upon request

Contact: First Baptist 245-6119 or
Sis Goben, RN 245-6204

I am reading a book about forgiveness.

To begin the journey to forgiveness we need to give up hope that we can ever make life the way it was "before" we were hurt. We have to give up hope of ever having a better past. What we gain in return is the hope of having a better future.

You can start by understanding what forgiveness means:

1. It means letting go of the hurt people have done you.
2. It means loosening yourself of the hold the story of the hurt has on you.
3. It means getting rid of the weight of anger you no longer have to carry.
4. It does not mean forgetting what was done to you.
5. It does not mean that you don't learn from what happened to you.

Then you can ask yourself these questions:

1. What do you gain by not forgiving?
2. What do you imagine life would be like if you let go? How possible does it

seem?

3. What is the alternative if you don't forgive?

4. What do you imagine your life will be like in ten years time?

5. If you had children, would you want to pass this feeling on to them?

Now take the first step: Close your eyes. Just for once let all the good reasons for not forgiving drop away from you. Imagine a box as big as you like. Put them all in there; don't leave a single reason behind. Now feel, really feel, what it's like to have the weight of those reasons for not forgiving hanging round your neck, weighing you down.

The forgiveness formula will help you to fill the box and let all the hurt and anger go. You'll be surprised how good it feels—and how it will transform your future.

There is no guarantee you won't be hurt again, but I hope the above process will help you again deal with future hurts.

The 10 Golden Rules of Forgiveness

1. Forgive and whole landscape will change.
2. You are the only one who can change—those who have done you wrong have nothing to do with your forgiveness process.
3. You can only forgive when you are ready—it won't work until you are.
4. When you forgive and let go, you change and then the whole world is different.
5. There will always be someone else to forgive, so the better you get at it, the easier life will be.
6. When you forgive the big stuff, you will always have a scar on your heart. That way you won't forget.
7. Sitting on top of the mountain of being in the right is a very lonely place.
8. Think of people you know who can forgive. Now think of those who bear a grudge—which camp would you rather be in?
9. If you can learn to forgive yourself, you are more than halfway there.
10. It is never too late to forgive.

The Forgiveness Formula

1. It means completely letting go of the hurt this person has done you.
2. It means letting go of the hold this narrative has had on your life.
3. It means getting rid of a piece of baggage that you will no longer have to carry around with you.
4. It does not mean that you do not learn lessons from what happened to you.

Stewardship & Attendance Report

	General Fund Offering	Missions Fund Offering	Special Offerings	9:00 AM Attendance	11:15 AM Attendance	Sunday School Attendance
2-Aug	\$ 4,015.30	\$ 287.50	Communion \$130	111	40	62
9-Aug	\$ 4,048.20	\$ 485.50		88	45	48
16-Aug	\$ 2,437.15	\$ 247.50		107	35	68
23-Aug	\$ 3,681.25	\$ 168.50		132	54	50
30-Aug	\$ 2,842.61	\$ 297.50		123	45	64
6-Sep	\$ 2,923.00	\$ 159.50	Communion \$90.50	96	44	56
13-Sep	\$ 3,211.00	\$ 321.50		85	31	64
YTD Rcpts	\$ 122,497.62	\$ 12,269.00				
YTD Need	\$ 126,244.00	\$ 14,245.00				
Difference	\$ (3,746.38)	\$ (1,976.00)				

Lay Leaders Schedule

	Worship Leader	Children's Church	Ushers			
4-Oct	Melanie Floyd	Jennifer Gaus	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
11-Oct	Barb Baker	Melissa Walker	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geof Griffin
18-Oct	Bob Nicolet	Faith in Action	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
25-Oct	Mike Hubbs	Janice Hubbs	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker
1-Nov	Melanie Floyd	Jennifer Gaus	Kay Kafer	Nita Raye Gondek	Carroll Houston	Jeff Campbell
8-Nov	Barb Baker	Melissa Walker	Roger McKinney	Bob Neff	Joe Goben	Geof Griffin
15-Nov	Bob Nicolet	Janice Hubbs	Chris Valentine	Greg Huckabay	Jeremy Walker	Bill Sims
22-Nov	Mike Hubbs	Jennifer Gaus	Jim Hayes	Bud Birdsell	Tom Holliday	Brad Walker
29-Nov	Melanie Floyd	Melissa Walker	Bill Nichols	Jeff Jacobs	Jim Hayes	Tim Runkle

OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Men's Bkfst</i> 7:30a
4 <i>ABY Jr Hi 3p</i> <i>AWANA 5:30p</i> <i>ABY Sr. Hi 7p</i>	5 <i>Ladies' Bible</i> <i>Study 6:30 p</i>	6 <i>Bell Practice</i> 5:30p	7 <i>Keenagers 1p</i>	8 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30p	9	10 <i>LSBC CleanUp</i> 8:30a
11 <i>AWANA 5:30p</i> <i>ABY Sr. High 7p</i>	12 <i>Ladies' Bible</i> <i>Study 6:30 p</i>	13 <i>Bell Practice</i> 5:30p	14	15 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30p	16	17
18 <i>ABY Jr. Hi 3p</i> <i>Faith in Action</i>	19 <i>Ladies' Bible</i> <i>Study 6:30 p</i>	20 <i>Bell Practice</i> 5:30p	21	22 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30p	23	24
25 <i>AWANA 5:30p</i> <i>ABY Sr. High 7p</i>	26 <i>Ladies' Bible</i> <i>Study 6:30 p</i>	27 <i>Bell Practice</i> 5:30p	28	29 <i>Choir Practice</i> 6:30p	30	31

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Communion Offering Needs Continue

The Mission and Service Commission's fund to help the needy in our community is running very low. We currently have only enough funds to assist one need. Please remember to give generously to the Communion Offering on the first Sunday of each month. These funds are doled out to folks who need: groceries, gasoline, a place to stay (motel), or help with water and power bills. *Matthew 25: On Judgment Day, the Master will say, "Whenever you helped someone overlooked or ignored, you did it to me."*

Keenagers Event

October 7

Wednesday, October 7 at 1:00 pm, Mike Schneider, Administrator of Barton W. Stone Home, will present a very interesting program on "What do I need to Know about Long Term Care: What services are there, what options are there and who pays for it." It should be of great interest to Keenagers and friends.

Get Your Flu Shots!

Flu shots for regular flu are now available. Please talk with your doctor or the Morgan County Health Department about getting yours.

The swine flu/H1N1 flu vaccine will not be available until mid-November.

Until then: Wash your hands frequently for 30 seconds under warm water with lots of soap or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer; cover your cough with a tissue or cough into your sleeve; get plenty of rest and fluids; keep your hands away from your face.

These measures will lessen the spread of most flu symptoms. H1N1 flu symptoms are: sudden high fever, cough, body aches, fatigue (too sick to get out of bed). These symptoms last 305 days. Please stay home if you have these symptoms; help keep the flu from spreading.