



First Baptist Church

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Newsletter for Members & Friends of First Baptist Church

February 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor Bob Weiss

Sunday School 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am

Church Office:

Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am – 1:00 pm
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Volunteers for the Month of February

Flower Committee:

Pat Ivey &
Jane Willows

Van Drivers:

Lloyd Gingery, Leo Heinz
&
Karlene Fine

Ushers:

Bruce Rauser &
Dan Baillie

2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

“We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. ⁹ Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.”

Have you ever been in a situation where you felt that this was it; you have come to the end of the line? Have you ever been pressed so hard by a situation or situations that you think you just can't continue and you want to give up?

I am coming to realize that it is not wrong to feel this way. In fact, I think it is God's will for us to feel this way. God wants to reveal how much he loves us and how big He really is. The best way to do this is to remind us how small we are and how inadequate we really are – especially when we refuse to depend on Him!

Somehow Paul learned that he was inadequate in himself and that he needed to totally and whole- heartedly depend on God. In chapter twelve Paul makes a profound and powerful statement:

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NIV)

“But He (the Lord) said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

Father, I long to hear You say these words to me! I long to hear You say You are with me in these situations of despair! Please give me the grace (“desire and ability” Philippians 2:13) to come to You and to listen. Help me to know and experience that You will cause all things to work for my good and that nothing can separate me from Your love (Romans 8:28-39). I also pray for my brothers and sisters who are going through “those” situations. Empower them through Your Holy Spirit to draw near to You, to depend on You, to listen to You so You can reveal Your love, power, glory, and grace. In Jesus' name, amen!



2nd Selena Gleliah
 6th Pastor Bob Weis
 17th Erika Helms
 22nd Ila Klimpel
 23rd Joyce Allmendinger
 26th Christopher Rowinski
 26th Eric McMalister
 26th Cornina McCalister
 28th Debra Burck

If your Birthday is missing and you would like it added, please contact Shirley in the church office 223-8614 or firstbaptistbis@q.com.

"How to be Grateful"

G-Give of yourself

You will be a grateful person if you simply give to others. Giving of yourself is selfless.

When you give of yourself, you are putting others first. Acts 20:35 says *"it is more blesses to give than to receive."* Not only will giving of yourself help you to be more grateful, it will also help you to be BLESSED! We all need that.

Service Opportunities



Volunteers are amazing! Your generous help and talents are a blessing from Heaven.

If you have not filled out an "Opportunity for Service" form yet, they are located in the church entry foyer. Please place in the church basket or turn into the church office. Thank you



Movie Day Sunday February 17th at 3pm. We will be showing "I Can Only Imagine." There will be a children's movie also and snacks will be served. Contact Kathy Martin if you have any questions.

FBC will be hosting 2019 Family Camp July 12-14. Kathy Martin is looking for people to help her plan camp. If you are interested in helping, please let Kathy know asap so we can get the planning process started.

Children's Church started a new lesson set based on the Parables. Ask your kids about what they have been learning.



The Bis-Man Mentor Squad (formally "Big Brother/Big Sister Program") is currently seeking 25 people to provide strong and enduring one-on-one relationships with children in our area, that are in need of mentoring. If you are ready to make a difference in a young person's life, please contact them at 701-222-0797 or bismanmentorsquad@gmail.com



Wednesday's

6:30-8:00 pm

February 6th
"Regular Night"

February 13th
"Love your Neighbor Night"

February 20th
"Regular Night"

February 27th
No AWANA's

**SPECIAL
THANKS**

A special thanks to the faithful that showed up to help take down the Christmas decorations on January 12. I am pleased to report that no trees were broken (although it was a bit iffy for a few moments) or body parts broken as we climbed up and down ladders and walked on pews. With your hard work we were still able to get everything put away before noon. Your willingness to give up your Saturday morning to do this task is very much appreciated!!!

The White Cross Day was held Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. Thank you to the nine ladies that helped roll bandages. The bandages will go to the Congo. We always have fun talking and catching up.

On Sunday, February 24, 2019 we will have our Pie Social at 6:00 p.m. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer and if you plan to attend please sign it. Bring the family and enjoy the fun playing games and the fellowship and of course, a variety of pie and ice cream.

There will be a freewill offering.

The Lois Circle will be meeting Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. Hostess will be Margaret Malmgren.

The Ruth Circle will be meeting Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Hostess will be Shirley Quick.

Happening this month

February 3th	10:00 am Worship & Communion Fellowship with Pizza
February 5 th	7:00pm Church Leadership Team Meeting
February 6, 13, 20	6:30- 8:00 pm: AWANA
February 6, 13, 20	6:30- 8:00 pm: Youth
February 6, 13, 20, 27 th	7:00 pm Bible Study
February 7th	1:00 pm Stonecroft Meeting
February 7th	6:30 pm Worship Team Practice
February 12 th	7:00 Ruth Circle Meeting
February 13 th	1:00 pm: Lois Circle
February 17 th	3:00 pm Movie Day Sunday
February 18 th	Presidents Day-Church Office Closed
February 20 th	First Baptist Church serving AWANA family meal
February 21 st	1:00-3:00pm CWC Planning Meeting
February 21 st	6:30 pm Worship Team Practice
February 22 nd	Newsletter Deadline
February 23th	12:00 noon - The Banquet is served by FBC
February 23 rd	8:00 am Men's Breakfast
February 28 th	6:30 pm Worship Team Practice



Long Term Prayer Needs:

Ann Schoepp
Charlotte Martin
Dale & Annette Eckstrom's
granddaughter
Edwynna McRaney
Mary Ann Rauser
Norma Eberl
Sue Reuther
The Congo

Please be in prayer for....

Bruce Rauser
Caryl Kaseman
Deanna Hedegaard
Harvey Weiss
Kari Kolstoe (Beth Weiss Friend)
Lee Weiss
Mickie (Deb Burck Friend)
Tammy (Deb Burk friend)

Military Service

Adam Vettel
(Norma Eberly's grandson)

Remember our Home Bound

Ann Schoepp
Charlotte Martin
Curtis Funches
Edwynna McRaney
Mary Ann Rauser
Norma Eberly
Shirley Zacher

If you have an on-going
need for prayer,
please contact the
church office,
so we can include
it in the newsletter.



Top 5 Books of 2018 per FBCMC

1. Just Do Something, by Kevin DeYoung. How do we find out what God wants from our lives? This is one of the best questions anyone should be asking, and it is especially applicable for young adults who are trying to figure out their lives. Kevin DeYoung gives the Biblical, logical, liberating answer here. BTW- it's all in the title!
2. Escape from Camp 14, by Blaine Harden. The true and inspiring story of the only person ever known to escape from a North Korean prison camp. We, in our comfortable western lives, need a dose of reality. There is evil out there (and in ourselves).
3. A Field Guide to Lies: Critical Thinking in the Information Age, by Daniel J. Levitin. This book details how information, statistic and data, and all be construed to lie. While not a 'Christian' book, I believe this is an issue we as Christians need to be aware of in order to enter the public conversation about the world we live in. Learning to think critically is a skill all of us should and should develop further.
4. Born to Run, by Christopher McDougall. While weaving an amazing story of a hidden tribe in Mexico, the author shares the amazing ways our bodies are designed to run. The author and the book has to go obnoxious links because they come from an evolutionary perspective. I get to simply marvel at the amazing way God has designed us as humans to be the greatest runners on the planet.
5. Everybody Always, by Bob Goff. Just an inspiring book on how we should love everybody, always. Like Jesus did. People are always the most important thing. Bob Goff weaves incredible stories that had me freely flowing from tears to laughter, all while feeling inspired to love others better.



First Baptist Church has launched a new website page. Please check us out regularly, as it is a new work-in-progress.

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Sermons and weekly bulletins are available to our homebound members. If you would like one mailed to you, or know of someone that would enjoy receiving either, please contact the church office.



If you are able, please visit or call our homebound.

“The homebound need to have fellowship brought to them. They miss their friends and the fellowship of other church members.”

Annual Business Meeting

Although the weather wasn't great we joined together on January 27 for our annual business meeting. Nearly 50 individuals stayed for the potluck meal where we enjoyed good food and great fellowship. Thank you to everyone who brought something to share and for those that helped with setup and clean-up. Special thanks to the youth that supervised the younger children during the business meeting.

The potluck was followed by the Annual Business meeting where numerous reports were received including an update on the elevator situation. The good news was that we do not need to replace the elevator; some repairs were made and the elevator has been inspected and is good to go. It was recommended that the Church Leadership Team make arrangements for a regular inspection of the elevator now that we know who locally does that work.

The Church took action on the proposed constitutional changes and also adopted the proposed 2019 budget. Copies of the amended constitution will be available in the Church Office after February 1

If you were unable to attend the meeting but would like a copy of the Annual Report and the 2019 budget, copies are available in the Church office. There are a number of reports—activities that took place in 2018 and financial information.

Election of 2019 Church Officers

At the 2019 Annual Business meeting the following officers were elected:

Moderator-Lori Lundblad (Will also serve as Chair of the Church Leadership Team)
Vice Moderator-Dale Ekstrom
Financial Secretary-Donella Engstrom
Assistant Financial Secretary- Linda Gingery
Treasurer-Larry Martin
Treasurer Assistant-Shirley Quick
Church Clerk-Linda Gingery
Pastoral Relations Committee at Large Member-Tom Feser

Church Leadership Team (CLT)

Gary Allmendinger	2 year term
Ralph Layton	2 year term
Karlene Fine	2 year term

Continuing on the CLT for one-year terms

Renee Herman
Kathy Martin
Preston VanLoon

Thank you to each of these individuals for stepping forward to serve in these various capacities. Please support them with your prayers and when asked to work with them, please prayerfully consider that request.

Thank you to those that are stepping down at this time from an officer position –
Tara Buck Elk and Lloyd Gingery. Your work on the CLT has been very valuable.