

## WELCOME!

If you are visiting with us, we would like to give you a special welcome this morning and make you aware of a few things:

- Please stop by the welcome table across the hall to select a tote bag of your choice as our gift to you.
- If you would like to leave your children in our nursery, you will find it along the main hallway toward the North end of the building.
- You are welcome to join us for coffee and snacks in our fellowship hall.
- At 9:30, we offer small group Bible study, which we call ConneXion Groups. If you would like help finding one, just ask a pastor.
- We would love it if you would take a moment to fill out the visitor card inserted in this bulletin so we have a record of you being here.

## F.A.Q.

**How can I know peace with God?** You may be surprised to find that the Bible is very clear on this. You must:

**Believe** in Jesus as Lord and Savior (Acts 16:31)

**Repent**, turn from sin, and turn to God (Acts 3:19)

**Confess** Jesus as the Lord of your life (Romans 10:9)

**What should I do after I have been saved?**

You should follow the Lord's command to be baptized as a believer. Because He was baptized by immersion as an adult, we practice believer's baptism by immersion at First Baptist. Just step forward during the invitation time and tell our Pastor you'd like to be baptized.

**How do I become a member of First Baptist Church?**

- By profession of faith and baptism by immersion.
- By promise of a letter of recommendation from another Southern Baptist Church, or another Baptist Church of like faith and order, or
- By statement of prior conversion experience and baptism by immersion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We welcome** our newest member, Shelly Johnson. Shelly joined our church last **Sunday, October 29th**.

**Denise and I** want to thank each of you for your encouragement and support this past year. Thank you for your outpouring of love through words, cards and gifts this month. I pray this coming year we can show our appreciation to each of you and that you will know that you are loved by us. Thank you for allowing us to serve alongside of you and may our God do great things through His church in the future. Again, thank you! Pastor Duane and Denise

**Lucy and I** would like to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and service projects we received during Pastor Appreciation month. We love our church family, and it is a joy to serve alongside you. Pastor Matt and Lucy.

**ConneXion Groups** study schedule for the week of **Nov.6-12** is Genesis 45.

**A Special Offering** will be collected **today** for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox to help offset mailing costs.

**Church Leadership II** classes are meeting at **5:00pm** on **Sunday** evenings through **Nov. 12th**. **New Members** have a schedule change and will start at **5:00pm today** and have **no** class on **Nov. 12th**.

**Boy Scout Food Drive** will be on **Saturday, November 18th**. Concerned Christians Food Pantry depends heavily on these donations to fill the shelves of the pantry. Have your food out by your mailbox no later than **8:30am** that day. \*

**Thanksgiving Service** with meal to follow will be **Sunday, November 19th**. Meat, vegetables, and drinks will be provided. We need you to sign up to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. There is also a sign-up sheet for the number of people in your family that will be attending this delicious meal. *There will be NO ConneXion Groups meeting that day.*

**We are hosting** the annual Mascoutah Community Thanksgiving Service on **Sunday, November 19th** at **6:00 pm**. The pastors and churches of Mascoutah are invited to participate in this service. Make plans now to attend this special service!

\* Please see bulletin board near Nursery for further information.



Everyone is welcome to connect to our wireless guest network, FBCM-Guest. The password is **BeOurGuest**. Please note: All users of our network consent to monitoring.

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MASCOUTAH

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Small Group Bible Study 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship 10:45 am  
Sunday Church Development 5:00pm  
Awana Wednesday 6:15pm



Senior Pastor, Duane Smith  
Assoc. Pastor, Worship Pillar Head, Matt Burton  
Evangelism Pillar Head - Not filled  
Ministry Pillar Head - Not filled  
Fellowship Pillar Head, Shelby Wilson  
Discipleship Pillar Head, Kurt Grady  
Secretary, Bev Reeves  
Deacon, Kevin Hutchison  
Deacon, Sam Graf  
Deacon, Tim Seaney  
Deacon, Randy Bodiford

**WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US:**

**He Has Given Us The Ability To Love One Another, 1 John 4:7-11, 19-21**  
**Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 11/05/17**

*Purpose for Message: To help us understand that God has given us the ability to love one another and to encourage us to do so through Him*

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Oh, How I Love Jesus
- B. Beautiful Words
- C. Scripture and Outline

**I. GOD IS LOVE, 1 John 4:7-8**

- A. Beloved...Love
- B. Stated Thesis: Positively & Negatively

**II. GOD SO LOVED, 1 John 4:9-11**

- A. Action Demonstrated
- B. Three Considerations

**III. GOD FIRST LOVED, 1 John 4:19-21**

- A. God is Our Motivation for Love
- B. Love vs Hate
- C. Necessity to Love

**CONCLUSION:**

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- We defined love (agapao) as a strong, non-sexual, affection and love for a person and their good as understood by God's moral character, especially characterized by a willing forfeiture of rights or privileges in another person's behalf. How does our love for one another look when compared to this definition? Or how not?
- Why should God's love for us motivate us to love one another? What might this look like in the home; in the church; in our community?
- What attitude adjustments must you make to see this become a reality in your life?
- What does the knowledge of the fact that God commands us to love, say about the necessity to do so?
- Remember love is more of a verb than a noun – do it!

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today**

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm New Members & Leadership II Classes
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape
- 6:00 pm Choir Practice

**Tuesday**

- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

**Wednesday**

- 6:15pm AWANA "Thankful Harvest Night"

**Thursday**

- 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

**MONEY COUNTERS**

- Today** Lea Jones & Charlie Witty
- Next Sun** Charlie Witty & Aaron Reed

**NURSERY**

- Today**
- 10:45 am Heidi Pierce & Michelle Connell
- Next Sunday**
- 10:45 am Eric Wahl, Irina Hodges, & Kadi Grossman

**WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM**

- Today** Flo McMaster & Candy Wiscombe
- Next Sun** Mona Brown & Jen Best

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

ConneXion Groups	99
A.M. Worship Service	95

**LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM SUNDAY**

December 24, 2017

**CONNEXION GROUPS**

At FBCM we believe real Christ-like growth happens in our small groups, which we call "ConneXion Groups." We have several that meet on Sunday mornings (here at church) and Monday evenings in Mascoutah and New Baden. If you would like more information about which group might be best for you, talk to Kurt Grady or one of our pastors.

**WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK?**

- Lanter Repair
- Laugh & Learn
- Law Office of Misty L. Wuebbels, LLC

*See bulletin board near the Nursery for more details about how to contact these businesses to let them know that we are praying for them.*

*If you did not use your visitor card/prayer request card, would you help us control costs and return yours to one of the ushers on your way out this morning? Thank you for your help.*