

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

Christian sympathy is extended to Kevin & Pam Hutchison and family on the passing of Kevin's mother, Marilyn Hutchison. Marilyn passed into glory **Friday, December 29th**.

Lottie Moon Offering - Our church goal was **\$2,150.00**. We received **\$3,405.00**. Praise the Lord!

ConneXion Groups will study **Philippians 2** the week of **January 8-14**.

2018 World Changers! We are set to return to Bonne Terre, **July 9-14!** Sign-up sheets are up outside Pastor Matt's office. Cost will be **\$300.00**, with your non-refundable deposit of **\$50.00** due **today**.

New Believers & Leadership I classes begin **tonight at 5:00 pm**. Please sign-up on the sheet posted near the Nursery. These classes will meet every **Sunday night in January**.

2018 Offering Envelopes are available in the hallway. Please pick up yours today. If your name was missed, please contact the office.

Attention Men! The annual "Iron Sharpens Iron" Conference at FBC O'Fallon will be **Saturday, February 17th**. This one-day conference is for men age 13 and older. See bulletin board for costs, seminar options, and registration details or go to www.rpmfm.org.

Mosaic Pregnancy & Health Centers Annual Baby Bottle campaign - Please pick up a baby bottle in the back of the church **today**. Fill your bottle with checks, bills, and coins. Bottles will be collected from the congregation **Sunday, February 11th**. For more information about Mosaic PHC, visit www.supportmosaic.com.

Ladies' Night Out -All ladies are invited to meet here at the church, **Thursday, January 18th at 6:00 pm**. Bring your favorite soup or dessert. Please sign-up on the hallway bulletin board.

Operation Christmas Child gift ideas for **January** are hats, gloves, & scarves.

The latest **"Es Una Aventura"** newsletter from missionary, Shelly Reeves, is available to read in the Missionary News rack.



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.

01-07-18

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

WILL YOU RETURN? Malachi 3:7
Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 01/07/18

Purpose for Message: To encourage us to return to the Lord and be refreshed in His presence.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Set Our Minds on Revival
- B. Background for Message

I. AN INVITATION FROM GOD, Malachi 3:7

- A. Turning Aside from God's Word
- B. The Patience and Longsuffering of God
- C. How Shall We Return

II. RESPONDING TO GOD'S INVITATION, Malachi 1-3

- A. In Strict Context
- God's Tithe
- B. In a Broader Context
 - 1. God's Love
 - 2. Worship of God
 - 3. Marital Relationships
 - 4. Holy/Non-Hypocritical Living
 - 5. Service to God
- C. Finding Hope

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussion Questions:

- In which area do you need the most work? Why do you say that?
- Make a plan to improve in the area you chose.
- How could you help each other to do better in the areas you chose?
- Discuss the statement "Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts." What can we learn from it?

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 4:00 pm Prayer Council
- 5:00 pm New Believers & Leadership I Classes
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm AWANA - No Theme
- 8:00 pm Church Open For Prayer Time

Thursday

- 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

MONEY COUNTERS

- Today** Charlie Witty & Aaron Reed
- Next Sun** Jamey Wiscombe & Sam Graf

NURSERY

- Today** Andrea Sisson & Chris Pierce
- Next Sunday** Jamey Wiscombe & Sunie Grossman

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Ruby Walker & Debbie Witty
- Next Sun** Sharron Griswold & Genie White

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	39
A.M. Worship Service	69

LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM SUNDAYS

February 25, April 1, July 22, September 30,
December 23, 2018

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?

Mascoutah Heritage Museum
Mascoutah Manor
Mascoutah Moose Lodge

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.