

## 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

**ConneXion Groups** will study **Colossians 4** the week of **Feb 19-25**.

**New Members** class will meet **tonight at 5:00 pm**.

**Vacation Bible School** will be a one day event from **9am - 3 pm** on **June 9th**. The volunteer signup sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board. For questions, please contact Eric Wahl.

**February Operation Christmas Child** theme is "Accessories." Ideas include hair clips, ribbons, elastic bands, belts, wristwatches, sunglasses, jewelry, tote bags, small purses, bandanas, and bead kits.

**Ladies' Spring Retreat** "Be Still...Easier Said Than Done" will be **Apr. 13-14th**. Registration fee is \$50.00 and is due by **Sunday, Feb 25th**. See Andrea Sisson for questions or registration forms.

**Prayer Revival** -Come join us in prayer for genuine revival **Sunday, February 25th at 4:00 pm** in the sanctuary.

**Men's Breakfast** will be **Saturday, February 24th at 8:00 am** at the Cracker Barrel in Shiloh. Please let Tim Seaney know if you plan to attend no later than **Thursday, February 22nd**.

**Fresh Grounded Faith** area-wide women's event at FBC O'Fallon informational flyer is on the Nursery bulletin board. "Early Bird" special rates are available through **February 19th**. More information is also available at [www.FreshGroundedFaith.com](http://www.FreshGroundedFaith.com).

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & Week of Prayer** begins **Sunday, March 4th**. All gifts (100%) given through this offering go directly to the field of North American Mission Board missionaries. Begin to pray now as to how you will choose to support the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ through our missionaries. Our church goal will be **\$2,000.00**.

**Men** - You are invited to the rebroadcast of "Unspoken" at Sterling Baptist Church on **Friday Feb 23rd** and **Saturday, February 24th**. See the Men's Ministry clipboard for more details.

**Reduce the Risk** training will be held **today at 3:30 p.m.** If you have any questions or you need an application, please see Andrea Sisson.

**Administrative Committee** will meet **Tuesday, February 27th at 6:30 pm**.



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.

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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 - Bonnie Bodiford  
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

**WE HAVE THE GOSPEL – DON'T LOSE HEART, 2 Corinthians 4:1-7**  
**Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 02/18/18**

**Purpose for Message:** To help us see the greatness of the gospel and encourage us to not lose heart in our service to Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Paul, the Church Planter
- B. The New Living Covenant
- C. Outline

**I. CHURCH, DON'T LOSE HEART, 2 Corinthians 4:1-5**

- A. Purpose of this Ministry in the Gospel

- B. Character of this Ministry in the Gospel

- C. Person of this Ministry in the Gospel

**II. CHURCH, SHINE FOR JESUS, 2 Corinthians 4:6-7**

- A. God Saved Us

- B. God will use Us

**CONCLUSION:**

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- What type of ministry did Paul have? How about you?
- What do you see today that might fall into the category of disgraceful, underhanded, cunning or tampering with God's word? Do we need to adjust our ways?
- What do you think Paul meant by "the open statement of the truth?"
- Read and discuss 1 John 4:4-5.
- What connection do you see between Jesus and your salvation? How does this affect your daily life?
- Can you see how God uses imperfect people to further His perfect plan? How? With You?

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today**

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 12:00 pm Business Meeting
- 3:30 pm Reduce the Risk Training
- 4:30 pm Mission Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm New Members Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape

**Wednesday**

- 6:15 pm AWANA - No theme
- 8:00 pm Church open for prayer

**Saturday**

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast @ Cracker Barrel in Shiloh

**MONEY COUNTERS**

- Today** Candy Wiscombe & Angie Haas
- Next Sun** Lesley Grady & Lea Jones

**NURSERY**

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

**WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM**

- Today** Eunice Hicks & Melody White
- Next Sun** Carl Schaeffer & Jim Hicks

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

ConneXion Groups	64
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**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?**

The Nail Gallery & Lori's Haircare  
 New Energy Fitness  
 Nite Deposit

*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.*