

## 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 9:30am, we offer small group Bible studies, which we call ConneXion Groups. If you'd 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 into 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 **NOT MEET** the week of **March 26- April 1** due to our Easter morning breakfast and activities.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** given to date is **\$630.00**. All gifts (100%) given through this offering go directly to the field of North American Mission Board missionaries. Pray as to how you will choose to support the spread of the Good News of Jesus Christ through our missionaries. Our church goal is **\$2,000.00**.

**Celebrate Easter with us!** We will have a continental breakfast of pastries & fruit next **Sunday** at **9:30 am** and an Easter egg hunt for 2nd grade and younger during the breakfast. Sign-up sheet to bring fruit, orange juice, or milk is on the hallway clipboard. There is also an attendance sign-up sheet on the same bulletin board.

**Save the date!** "Game On" will be our theme for our one day VBS on **Saturday, June 9th** from **9:00am - 3:00 pm**.

**Evangelism** training class meets **tonight** at **5:00 pm**.

**Estep family's** monthly thank you letter is posted on the "Thank You" clipboard.

**Chonda Pierce** "Getting Back to Funny" tour will be **Sunday, May 6th** at First Baptist Church O'Fallon. See Women's Ministry Clipboard for more details.

**Lighthouse Preschool Open House**—Come out **April 5th** from **2:30-6:30 pm** and see what Lighthouse Preschool is all about. You are welcome to come look at the classroom and playground, talk to a teacher, and see a lesson plan. We will have enrollment forms available, a bouncy house, and snacks. Registration opens for **2018-2019** school year on **April 2nd**. For more information call (618) 566-2195 or visit [fbcmascoutah.org](http://fbcmascoutah.org)

**Men's Breakfast** will be this **Saturday, March 30th** at **8:00 am** at Cracker Barrel in Shiloh. Please contact Tim Seaney by **Thursday, March 29th** if you plan to attend.

**Thank you church!** IBSA **2017** records show that we were number **62** among almost **1,000** IBSA churches in Cooperative Program total giving and number **75** in Per Capita giving. See the letter from IBSA on the hallway clipboard.



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

*A Family Helping Families Connect With Christ*

Senior Pastor, Duane Smith  
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Fellowship Pillar Head, Shelby Wilson  
Discipleship Pillar Head, Kurt Grady  
Secretary, Bev Reeves  
Deacon, Kevin Hutchnison  
Deacon, Sam Graf  
Deacon, Tim Seaney  
Deacon, Randy Bodiford

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



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LIFE BEYOND THE CROSS – Living In Hope  
 1 Peter 1:3; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 1 Corinthians 3:11-15  
 Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 03/25/18

*Purpose for Message:* to help us realize the measure of hope we find in Christ as we live in this world and for His kingdom.

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Quick Recap
- B. No Hope
- C. The Good News of Hope in Christ

**I. EXPECTATION IN THE PRESENT, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

(Scriptures Sited: John 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14; Revelation 21:4; Romans 6:6, 8:1; Colossians 1:27; Hebrews 13:5; Romans 8:28, 15:4, 15:13)

- A. Bolstering our Expectation

B. Hope in the Present

C. Promises from God for the Day

**II. REWARD IN THE FUTURE, 1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

- A. Encouraging Words

B. Scriptures Speaking of Future Rewards

C. Purpose for Speaking of Rewards

**CONCLUSION:**

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- Read 1 Peter 1:1-7. How does this living hope help you in your day to day life?
- Read 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17. What stands out to you? Why?
- What promises in the Bible give you hope? Why?
- Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15. What type of material might you say your works are made of? Why?
- How might you change your life to make use of better materials?
- Read 2 Peter 1:2-4. How might you hope find from this passage?

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Today  
 Palm Sunday

9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study  
 10:45 am Worship Service  
 5:00 pm Evangelism Training  
 5:00 pm Youth Escape

Wednesday

No AWANA

Saturday

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

**MONEY COUNTERS**

Today Lesley Grady & Lea Jones  
 Next Sun Charlie Witty & Aaron Reed

**NURSERY**

Today Tim Sisson & Mona Brown  
 Next Sunday Andrea Sisson & Chris Pierce

**WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM**

Today Sunie Grossman & Jen Best  
 Next Sun Aaron Reed & Bob Walker

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

ConneXion Groups	100
AM Worship Service	115

**LORD'S SUPPER & BAPTISM SUNDAYS**

If you know Jesus as your Lord and want to be baptized, talk to one of the pastors about which date works best:

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

**FEBRUARY BUILDING FUND**

Received	\$865.00
Balance	\$808,153.30

**FEBRUARY TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Undesignated Gifts	\$17,075.06
Expenses	\$16,767.59
Operating Gain	\$307.47

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

Regions Bank  
 Reinneck Machining  
 Remax Signature Properties

*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.*

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