

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

Welcome our newest member, Jennifer Whitson! Jennifer was baptized last **Sunday, April 1st.**

ConneXion Groups will study Galatians 4 the week of **April 9-15.**

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering total giving was **\$1,355.00.** Our church goal was **\$2,000.00.**

Vacation Bible School sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway bulletin board. For questions, please see Eric Wahl.

Leadership III class begins **tonight at 5:00 pm.** This class will also meet on **April 15th** and **22nd.** The sign-up sheet is posted on the clipboard near the Nursery.

Lighthouse Preschool registration is now open for the **2018-2019** school year. Information & registration forms are available at fbcmascoutah.org.

Reduce the Risk training will be held **Sunday, April 22nd at 3:30 pm** for anyone who would like to work with our children and youth. In order to take this class, applications must be returned to Andrea Sisson by **Monday, April 16th.** If you need an application, please see Andrea Sisson.

Nominating Committee - We will meet **today** from **3:30-4:30 pm.**

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

April Operation Christmas Child idea is stuffed animals for ages 2-14. The stuffed animal must fit in the shoeboxes.

Ladies' Night Out at the church **Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign-up sheet is on the "Ladies' Night Out" clipboard.

Missions Spectacular - A one day, hands-on mission opportunity to serve at the Children's Activity Center or Whitelaw Avenue Baptist on **Saturday, June 2nd.** This is a great opportunity for families, youth groups, and adult groups! See the "IBSA" clipboard for more details.

Christian Activity Center "News & Notes" and "And Now a Word from Us KIDS!" messages are available to read on the Preschool hallway bulletin board.

April Prayer Calendars - We have extra prayer calendars in the rack outside of the Preschool hallway.



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

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

Senior Pastor, Duane Smith
Assoc. Pastor, Worship Pillar Head, Matt Burton
Evangelism Pillar Head, Daniel Laird
Ministry Pillar Head, Bonnie Bodiford
Fellowship Pillar Head, Shelby Wilson
Discipleship Pillar Head, Kurt Grady
Secretary, Bev Reeves
Deacon, Kevin Hutchison
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LIFE BEYOND THE CROSS – Living in Love
 John 14:21-23 & Galatians 5:13
 Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 04/08/18

Purpose for Message: to help us see how we can truly know if we love God and love others.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Quick recap of Series
- B. Our Subject for Today – Living in Love
- C. Insightful Passage: Mark 12:29-31

I. LOVING GOD IS SEEN IN OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIM, John 14:21-23

- A. Passage Context

- B. Jesus Speaks of Two Pairs

- C. Let Me Encourage You

II. LOVING OTHERS IS SEEN IN OUR SERVING THEM, Galatians 5:13

- A. Passage Context

- B. Greater Understanding

- C. Let Me Encourage You

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussion Questions:

- Do you understand why being obedient to God’s Word shows your love for Him?
- What does the Word say you should be doing or not doing that you are not obedient to? How are you going to become obedient?
- Do you understand why serving someone might show your love for them?
- Who could you be serving right now? Why aren’t you? How could you begin?

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 1:30 pm Mar Ka
- 3:30 pm Nominating Committee Meeting
- 5:00 pm Leadership III Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape

Tuesday

- 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm AWANA “Triple Bucks Night”
- 8:00 pm Church Open for Prayer

Thursday

- 6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

MONEY COUNTERS

- Today** Jamey Wiscombe & Sam Graf
- Next Sun** Candy Wiscombe & Angie Haas

NURSERY

- Today** Jamey Wiscombe, Michelle Connell, & Gracie Wood
- Next Sunday** Sharon Reed, Angie Haas, & Jena Laird

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Candy Wiscombe & Sharron Griswold
- Next Sun** Pam Hutchison & Genie White

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	No C.G.
AM Worship Service	130

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:

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?

Roemer Topf
 Ron’s Barber Shop
 Royal Carpet Cleaning

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.