

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 study Galatians 6 the week of **April 23-29**.

National Day of Prayer - The theme this year is "Pray for America—Unity." Our sanctuary will be open on **Thursday, May 3rd** from **6:00am-9:00am** and **3:00pm-7:00pm**. The community is invited! Entrance will be through Door "A" on Main Street.

Lighthouse Preschool registration is now open for the **2018-2019** school year. Informational flyers are available in the Preschool hallway rack. Registration packets are available at fbcmascoutah.org and in the church office.

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

Children's Pancake Breakfast - Families of children in 4th grade and under are invited to wear their pajamas to church and enjoy a pancake breakfast **Saturday, May 12th** from **8:30am - 10:30am**. Door prizes will be awarded to the children. Point of contact is Bonnie Bodiford.

Annie Armstrong Offering given to date is **\$1,455.00**. Our church goal is **\$2,000.00**.

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

Men's Breakfast - Open to men of all ages! We will meet at Cracker Barrel in Shiloh **Saturday, April 28th** at **8:00am**. Tim Seaney would like to know if you will be attending no later than **Thursday, April 26th**.

We have received the latest "Chad Chat" newsletter from Art & Denice Aviles. There are extra copies in the Missionary News rack.

Christian Activity Center has sent a thank you message for our monthly support. You can read this message on the "Thank You" clipboard.

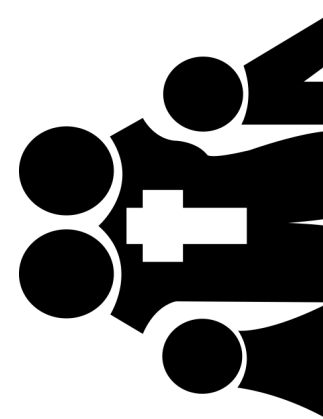
A Home Built Through Faith, Sacrifice, & Vision is the theme for the Baptist Children's Home 2018 Mother's Day Offering. Our church goal will be **\$500.00**. You can also TEXT-2-GIVE at 618-243-7744, give online at BCHFS.com, or give through our special offering on Mother's Day.

We need you! We will have a VBS Block Party **Friday, June 8th** from **6:00pm-8:00pm**. Sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway clipboard.

Extra copies of the **May-August** ConneXion Group study schedules are in the Preschool hallway 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.



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Sunday Worship 10:45am
Small Group Bible Study 9:30am
Sunday Church Development 5:00pm
Wednesday AWANA 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 Hutchnison
Deacon, Sam Graf
Deacon, Tim Seaney
Deacon, Randy Bodiford

OUR WALK – Walking Under Authority, Romans 13:1-7
Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 04/22/18

Purpose for Message: To help us understand our responsibilities to the governing authorities under God’s direction.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Authority
- B. Scripture Passage

I. AN EXHORTATION, Romans 13:1-2

- A. Every Person Subject to the Exhortation
- B. God is Sovereign over Nations and Rulers

- C. Resistance against God

II. AN EXPLANATION, Romans 13:3-5

- A. Purpose of Government – Order
- B. To Encourage Good and Deter Evil

- C. Blind Obedience?

III. AN EXPECTATION, Romans 3:6-7

- A. Financial & Social Expectations

- B. We Should Expect

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussions Questions:

- Who should submit to the governing authorities? Why?
- What particular aspect of governmental responsibility is talked about here? Why is this important?
- What can be expected if we do not submit?
- What does the explanation in verses 3-5 boil down too?
- Should we obey everything the government tells us to do? What would be the exception?
- What four expectations are mentioned in verses 6-7? Are you fulfilling God’s desire in these areas? If not, what do you need to do about it?

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today
Sunday

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 3:30 pm Reduce the Risk Training
- 5:00 pm Leadership III Class
- 5:00 pm Youth Escape

Wednesday

- 6:15 pm AWANA “VBS Theme”

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** Heidi Pierce & Aaron Reed
- Next Sunday** Eric Wahl, Ruby Walker, & Kadi Grossman

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Bonnie Bodiford & Mona Brown
- Next Sun** Sharon Reed & Ruby Walker

LAST WEEK’S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	99
AM Worship Service	104

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**

MARCH BUILDING FUND

Received	\$1,332.00
Balance	\$810,412.85

MARCH TITHES & OFFERINGS

Undesignated Gifts	\$14,813.23
Expenses	\$19,506.46
Operating Loss	\$4,693.23

WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK?

Rut’s Warehousing
 S & S Realty & Maintenance
 Salon Nouveau

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.