

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

Christian sympathy is extended to Bertha Pfeiffer and family on the recent passing of her brother "Bud."

I want to thank Pastor Matt for his organization and leadership in the Bonne Terre World Changers trip. Thank you John Link for going along as a crew chief; Sunie Grossman, Connie Ebert and Pastor Matt as encouragers. And thank you Tannin, Kadi, Noah, Josef, Ben, Jena, Ella, Gracie, Josh, Joey and Jacob for the giving of your time to minister to others. You expressed the love of our Savior to those you had never met – may God receive all the glory!

- Pastor Duane

EXCITING EVENT COMING! On **Sunday, August 5th**, we will be having a joint worship service with the other two Baptist Churches in town (The Purposed Church and Mercy's Door). It will be held at the Park on the main depot stage at **9:00am**. We will have **no service here** that day and those who want to meet with their ConneXion groups may do so following the service. Bring your chairs and blankets and come on out to enjoy a wonderful time of worship!

Church shirts - We are preparing an order for new church t-shirts. The shirts are lighter weight, light blue. Prices range from **\$12-14**. We will take orders through **July 29th**. Money is due when you order. Please place your money in an envelope and give to Stacey Seaney.

AWANA 2018-2019 planning is underway! Please sign-up on the bulletin board so we can get an idea of who we have and who we need to recruit.

ConneXion Groups will study Psalm 73 the week of **July 23 - July 29**.

Our next Oasis Community meal will be **this Thursday**. The meal will be served from **5:00pm-6:30pm**. Please be praying for this event. We are looking to reach the hungry, the hurting, and the lonely. See Debbie Witty with questions or if you'd like to help with this ministry.

Reduce the Risk training will be held **Sunday, August 19th** at **3:30pm** 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, August 13th**. If you need an application, please see Andrea Sisson.

Two great opportunities to serve our community! We have the privilege to participate in the Mascoutah Homecoming parade on **Saturday, August 4th**. We will be handing out Ice-Pops along the parade route. We will also have our Diaper Changing/Baby Feeding Station in the park **Saturday & Sunday, August 4th & 5th**. See the bulletin board for sign-up sheets. Slots for the Diaper/Baby station are for **one hour** and we need at least two people per time slot.



Everyone is welcome to connect to our wireless guest network, FBCM-Guest. The password is **godisLove**. 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
Wednesday AWANA 6:15pm



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Secretary, Bev Reeves
Deacon, Kevin Hutcheson
Deacon, Sam Graf
Deacon, Tim Seaney
Deacon, Randy Bodiford

Persevering Through Discouragement, Haggai 2:1-9
 Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 7/22/18
 Kurt Grady

- I. Introduction
- II. God understands the discouragement we face in serving Him. (2:1-3)
 - A. The loss of initial excitement
 - B. Delays
 - C. Outside opposition and criticism
 - D. Inside pessimism, comparisons, and faulty expectations
 - E. A wrong view of success
- III. God's word to us when we are discouraged in serving Him is to persevere (2:4a)
 - A. Perseverance requires the right attitude: Be strong!
 - B. Perseverance requires the right action: Work!
- IV. God assures us when we are discouraged in serving Him by (2:4b-9):
 - A. His presence (2:4b)
 - B. His promise (2:5)
 - C. His prophecies (2:6-9)
- V. Conclusion

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today
 Sunday

9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
 10:45 am Worship Service & Lord's Supper

Thursday

5:00pm Oasis Community Meal

MONEY COUNTERS

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

NURSERY

Today Ruby Walker, Molly Wahl, & Jena Laird
 Next Sunday Tim Sisson & Sunie Grossman

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

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

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

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Sunday AM ConneXion Groups 80
 AM Worship Service 115

MAY & JUNE BUILDING FUND

Received - May \$1,091.00
 Balance \$814,918.12

Received - June \$1,131.00
 Balance \$817,088.20

MAY & JUNE TITHES & OFFERINGS

Undesignated Gifts - May \$14,468.69
 Expenses \$23,307.91
 Operating Loss \$8,839.22

Undesignated Gifts - June \$15,163.65
 Expenses \$24,583.25
 Operation Loss \$9,419.60

WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK?

Under Pressure
 Valia Solutions
 VFW

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.