

## 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 Exodus 1 the week of **Sept 3-9**.

**AWANA 2018-2019** resumes **Wednesday, Sept. 5th**.

**Have you checked your e-mail?** Did you get your Exodus ConneXion Group study schedule? Did you get your monthly prayer calendar? If not, please leave your e-mail address in the church office.

**Wanted!** Our Mission Committee sponsors "Operation Christmas Child" ministry. We are looking for someone to lead this project next year. Please pray about serving. See Genie White for further information.

**Church Development** classes resume **Sunday, September 9th at 5:00pm** with New Believers & Evangelism Training classes being offered. Sign-up on the hallway bulletin board if you plan to take one of these classes.

**Baptist Children's Home & Family Services** 19th Annual Fall Festival takes place **Saturday, September 15th**. See hallway bulletin board or visit [www.BCHFS.com](http://www.BCHFS.com) for more information.

**"Illinois Needs You Now"** Mission Illinois Offering and Week of Prayer will be **September 9-16**. Our church goal is **\$1,000.00**. Please begin praying as to how you can support this need in our state.

**September Operation Christmas Child** idea is puzzles and games for indoor or outdoor use. Reminder...all puzzles and games must fit inside the shoe-box!

**Extra ConneXion Group** study schedules for our study on Exodus are available in the Preschool hallway rack.

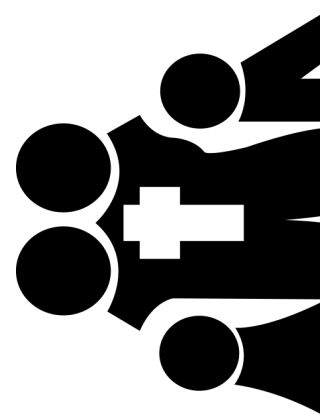
**Church Picnic** - Our annual church picnic potluck will be **Sunday, September 16th** from **3:00-5:00pm** in Scheve Park. Bring enough to feed your family and extra to share. We will have "hymn sing" time following the meal. Bring your favorite outdoor games also!

**We wish to extend** a sincere **THANK YOU** to all who helped make the "Oasis Community Meals" at Scheve Park not just an idea but a reality! In whatever capacity you served, your willingness to **SERVE** was greatly appreciated. Without your help it couldn't have been done. The meal will be moved back to the church during September, October, and November should anyone wish to **SERVE**. In **HIS** Service: Debbie and Charlie Witty

**Choir Christmas Preview** - Everyone (6th grade to 99 years old) is invited to preview Christmas music **Sunday, September 9th at 4:00pm**. See Pam Hutchison with any questions.



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 MASCOUTA

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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 Hutchison  
Deacon, Sam Graf  
Deacon, Tim Seaney  
Deacon, Randy Bodiford



**LIFE'S DECISIONS**  
**1 Samuel Introduction, Judges 21:25**  
**Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 09/02/18**

*Purpose of Message: to encourage us to make our life decisions based on the word of God and not the ideas of the world.*

**INTRODUCTION:**

- A. Decisions, Decisions, Decisions
- B. What About The Decisions We Make?
- C. Our Trek Through First Samuel

**I. THE HISTORICAL SETTING**

- A. A Main Principle Of Biblical Interpretation And Exposition

- B. Time Period

- C. So What?

**II. THE PHRASE TO CONSIDER, Judges 21:25**

- A. The Phrase

- B. Before We Judge To Harshly

- C. The Word

**CONCLUSION:**

**Family Discussion Questions:**

- Make a list of some of the more important decisions you have made in the past week. How many of them have recognizable future impact?
- Can you see how future decisions might further the impact of the previous ones?
- On what principles did you base your decisions on: personal, financial, biblical, etc.?
- Think back on some bad decisions you have made: Were they based on biblical principles or would biblical principles have help you out if you had considered them?
- Can you honestly say you try to base decisions on biblical principles consistently?
- Read Ephesians 4:17-24 and discuss the principles found in the passage.

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**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Today**

- 9:30 am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45 am Worship Service
- 5:00pm Youth Escape
- Family Fellowship Night

**Tuesday**

- 6:30pm Church Council

**Wednesday**

- 6:15pm AWANA "First Night"

**Thursday**

- 6:30pm Pastors, Deacons, & Wives Meeting
- 7:00pm MEBA Executive Board Meeting

**Saturday**

- 1:00pm Willing Witness Class Meeting in Fellowship Hall

**MONEY COUNTERS**

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

**NURSERY**

- Today** Ruby Walker & Molly Wahl
- Next Sunday** Tim Sisson, Sunie Grossman, & Gracie Wood

**WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM**

- Today** Tim Sisson & Jim Hicks
- Next Sun** Shelby Wilson & Debbie Witty

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES**

ConneXion Groups	105
AM Worship Service	123

**JULY BUILDING FUND**

Received	\$1,159.00
Balance	\$821,889.14

**JULY TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Undesignated Gifts	\$17,288.19
Expenses	\$15,972.78
Operating Gain	\$1,315.41

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

All Mart  
 American Legion Post 292  
 Andres Construction

*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.*