

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 3 and 4 the week of **Sept 17-23**.

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.

"Illinois Needs You Now" Mission Illinois Offering given to date is **\$120.00**. Our church goal is **\$1,000.00**. Please pray 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 shoebox!

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

Church Picnic - Our annual church picnic potluck is **today** 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!

Ladies' Night Out - All ladies are invited to meet at Panera in Shiloh, **Thursday, September 20th** at **6pm**. Please sign-up on the hallway bulletin board.

Pastor Matt will be preaching **Sunday, September 23rd** while Pastor Duane is out of town at a conference.

Good news! The Oasis Community Meals will continue through **December!** See Debbie or Charlie Witty if you would like to help with this ministry.

Coming in January 2019....."Navigating Your Finances God's Way." Watch your future bulletin for more information about this Bible study.

Baptist Children's Home & Family Services have sent a thank you letter for our monthly support. This message is posted on the hallway clipboard.

Pianist, Huntley Brown, will perform at St. Paul UCC **Sunday, September 23rd** at **3:00pm**. See the "Community News" clipboard for more details.



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

Senior Pastor, Duane Smith
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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'S DECISIONS
The Decision To Praise the Lord, 1 Samuel 2:1-11
Outline for Sunday Morning, 09/16/18

Purpose for Message: To gain a better understanding of praise and why it is so important for a child of God!

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Praise Is A Wonderful Thing (Psalm 145:1-3; 146:1-2; 147:1)
- B. Hannah's Prayer (Doxology)

I. DIGESTING THE DOXOLOGY FOR OUR LEARNING

- A. Passage And Patterns

- B. Progression Of Praise

II. DIRECTING THE DOXOLOGY TO OUR APPLICATION

- A. Praise Is Not About Us – It Is About God

- B. Insights We Can Glean

CONCLUSION:

Family Discussion Questions:

- What is the difference between praise and thanksgiving?
- Why is it important to praise the Lord?
- What are some of the attributes of God that we can praise Him for? Make a list and find scripture that supports them.
- Can you see how these attributes affect your life – or how they could affect your life? Explain.
- Take the time to praise the Lord together.

Some Book Suggestions:

- *Our God is Awesome*, Tony Evans
- *Our Awesome God*, John MacArthur
- *The Attributes of God*, A. W. Pink
- For deep study, *The Existence and Attributes of God*, Stephen Charnock, 2 Vols.
- *The Names of God*, Nathan Stone

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45am Worship Service
- 3:00pm Annual Church Picnic at Scheve Park #12 South Pavilion

Wednesday

- 6:15pm AWANA "Christian T-shirt Night"

Thursday

- 6:15pm Ladies' Night Out @ Panera in Shiloh

MONEY COUNTERS

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

NURSERY

- Today** Andrea Sisson, Chris Pierce, & Kadi Grossman
- Next Sunday** Jamey Wiscombe & Michelle Connell

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Eunice Hicks & Melody White
- Next Sun** Carl Schaeffer & Jim Hicks

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:

- September 30
- December 23

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	84
AM Worship Service	123

AUGUST BUILDING FUND

Received	\$1,471.00
Balance	\$819,581.49

AUGUST TITHES & OFFERINGS

Undesignated Gifts	\$16,018.87
Expenses	\$21,660.19
Operating Loss	\$5,641.32

WHO ARE WE PRAYING FOR THIS WEEK?

Arthur J. Lager Monument Co.
 Assisted Living at Silver Creek
 Averett Heating & Cooling

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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