

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 6 and 7 the week of **Oct 1-7**.

Wanted! Our Mission Committee sponsors the "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: **\$547.00**. Our church goal is **\$1,000.00**. Please pray as to how you can support this need in our state.

October's Operation Christmas Child idea is Bible story books for all ages, Christmas cards, letters, and personal photos.

Coming in January 2019....."Navigating Your Finances God's Way." Sign-up sheet is posted on the hallway clipboard.

Mascoutah Fall Festival & Chili Cook-off will be on **Saturday, October 20th** from **10:00am - 4:00pm**. We will have a booth at the festival. Contact Shelby Wilson by texting her at 618-520-2783 with any questions. The sign-up sheet is on the clipboard near the Nursery. This is a great outreach opportunity!

Choir practice this afternoon at **4:00pm**. Everyone 6th grade and older is welcome to join us.

"Engaging Our Mission Field" is the theme for the annual MEBA meeting on **Sunday, October 7th**. The meeting will be held at Calvary Church, 1509 Melmar Dr., Sparta, IL. See hallway clipboard for more details.

Let's help feed our community! Each month the Mascoutah Food Pantry has a list of needed items. This month they need hot chocolate, brown sugar, vegetable oil, mayonnaise, barbeque sauce, sauerkraut, canned pineapple, and canned peaches. The donation box is in the main hallway. See Bonnie Bodiford with any questions.

Christian Activity Center will have their Fall Open House on **Sunday, October 14th**. Please see the "Community News" clipboard for more details.

Free Shoeboxes available **Sunday, October 7th!** See the "Operation Christmas Child" clipboard for information about these shoeboxes.

The 31st Annual Life Chain event will take place **Sunday, October 7th** from **2:00-3:00pm**. This is an opportunity to take a public stand and silently pray to end abortion. Participants will meet at the intersection of Rt. 4 & Rt. 177 to hold a life-affirming message (signs provided) while standing quietly and praying. If you need a chair, please bring your own.



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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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

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



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THE DECISION NOT TO DISCIPLINE, 1 Samuel 2:12-36
Message Outline for Sunday Morning, 09/30/18

Purpose for Message: To help us see the necessity of disciplining our children and encourage us to consider God before our children.

INTRODUCTION:

- A. A Tragic Story
- B. Outline

I. FOCUSING ON THE STORY, 1 Samuel 2:12-36

- A. A Biblical Statement of Fact, 1 Samuel 2:12

- B. A Question Posed by Eli, 1 Samuel 2:23

- C. A Statement by God, 1 Samuel 2:29

II. FOCUSING ON APPLICATION

- A. Did Not Know the Lord

- B. Why Do You Do Such Things?

- C. Why Do You Honor Your Sons Before Me?

CONCLUSION:

Family discussion Questions:

- What do you think would have been the right discipline for the boys for their actions in 1 Samuel 2:27-29?
- Why do you think Eli did not discipline them? Was his lack of discipline in their best interest? Why or why not?
- Why do we not discipline ourselves and our children when it comes to spiritual things? Is it in their best interest when we don't? Why or why not?
- Are there ways we honor (prefer) our children over God? What do you think we should do about it if we do?

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Today

- 9:30am ConneXion Group Bible Study
- 10:45am Worship Service
- 4:00pm Choir Practice
- 5:00pm New Believers & Evangelism Training Classes
- 5:00pm Youth Escape

Wednesday

- 6:15pm AWANA "VIP Night"

Thursday

- 6:30pm Pastors, Deacons, & Wives Meeting

MONEY COUNTERS

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

NURSERY

- Today** Sharon Reed & Angie Haas
- Next Sunday** Heidi Pierce, Ruby Walker, and Jena Laird

WORSHIP PRAYER TEAM

- Today** Debbie Witty & Michelle Connell
- Next Sunday** Aaron Reed & Kevin Hutchison

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE FIGURES

ConneXion Groups	79
AM Worship Service	96

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, 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?

Bee Hollow Market
Bee's Handy Man Service
Best Western Hotel

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.