

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COURIER

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Live a Life that Matters

Sunday services: 8:20 and 11 am; Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 am

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE

Ready or not, it's Fall!

I was looking for something to write that would remind us of everything starting up for this Fall. We've got Kid's Club on the horizon, small groups of all descriptions. Our small groups to coincide with the Morning worship. Small groups for parenting led by Pastor Phil. A marriage small group led by The Hovis'. Of course, back to some normal Sunday School classes. And the biggest Ministry on the horizon is "Invite-a-Friend Sunday". Hopefully you've already been praying about who to invite. Sometimes we can get timid in evangelism, which is not from God (1 Timothy 1:7).

I thought about that committed boldness that it takes to step 'out of the boat' like Peter and share the Gospel and that's when I came across this thought:

Fellowship of the Unashamed

"I'm part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of Jesus. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need preeminence, prosperity, position, promotion, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded, or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is steady, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded, or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me...my banner will be clear!"

Pastor Rod



PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE

A better champion!

Jesus promised persecution and trials. We grimace at the promise: *"Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved."* (Matthew 24:9-13) Daily you can find stories of Christians losing their lives for Christ. Below are examples of the promises in the Bible of hardship instead of comfort or prosperity in this life.

- Followers of Jesus should not be surprised or caught off guard by suffering (1 Peter 4:12).
- They need to endure suffering without compromising their integrity (2 Timothy. 4:5 ; 1 Peter 2:19).
- They must love their persecutors and pray for their welfare (Matthew. 5:43-47).
- They are to renounce any intention to take revenge (Romans. 12:14-21).
- They are to trust God in the midst of their suffering and respond by doing good (1 Peter 4:19).
- They are to use their experiences of suffering as a basis for comforting others who suffer (2 Corinthians. 1:3-7).
- They are to fix their eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews. 12:1-3).
- And they are commanded to rejoice. "Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings" (1 Peter 4:13).

We now see strategies to attack and persecute Christians in our culture. We see that the world can come together more easily if there is a common enemy to fight against. There are even many mainline church groups today contributing to the persecution and joining the evil which our culture is celebrating. *Isaiah 5:20 -Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!* Things seem to be going from bad to worse but that is exactly what the Bible says will happen. So what do we do? How do we live?

The temptation is to overcome evil with evil, to fight fire with fire. We want justice and often times we look for our own ability to take matters into our own hands. The Bible uses the word **Nikeo (νικάω)** to be translated as overcome, prevail, and conquer. It is used 28 times in the New Testament and means to win or champion over something. John is the main author who uses this word over 20 times in the Bible. So how do you overcome? Here are some examples below of what an overcomer looks like:

- Do not be conquered by evil, but overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).
- Hold on to God's faithfulness even when all men lie (Romans 3:4).
- You overcome when you believe and have faith that Jesus is the Son of God (1 John 5:4-5).
- God's Spirit who is in you is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).
- In the World you will have tribulation but Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33).
- We overcome by repenting and turning to Christ from sin (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21).
- Jesus conquered at the cross, he is worthy and can open up the seals of history (Revelation 5:5).

Jesus is the one who overcomes. He overcame sin and death at the cross. Jesus calls us to follow in His power and mission and to overcome as well. The overwhelming use of **Nikeo** is found in Revelation, it occurs 18 times. The call to the church is to conquer through Jesus. When things get bad, we are called to trust God by following the one who conquered at the Cross! *Revelation 12:11 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.* We join Jesus in the conquering when we trust, love, and obey Him more than the world. Our testimonies speak volumes to the value and worth of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that you will be found in Him as a conqueror!

Deacons Devotional

Taming the Tongue



This summer we did a Sunday School series on the taming of the tongue, and I feel it is important enough to share. The Bible states that life and death are found in the tongue (Proverbs 18:21), and that the tongue cannot be tamed by man. (James 3:8). Also the tongue is a small part of the but, but controls so much of our lives (James 3:1-3)

We must remember that our words have meaning, and what comes out of our mouth shows what is in our hearts. (Matthew 12:34). Our tongues can be used to destroy people with lies, gossip, slander, etc., it can be used to build ourselves up with boasting and belittling others, or it can be used to encourage others and help guide others to Christ.

The choice is made by each of us just what our tongue will do. Some people, knowing that we cannot tame our tongues, decide not to say anything at all so their tongue cannot be used for evil. But as Christians, we are to tell people of the good news of Jesus and the Gospel and how can we really help people without talking to them.

So what is the answer, how does one control the tongue when the Bible states no man can tame it? We are to turn to the Holy Spirit to help us with our tongues. We need to pray daily to be filled with the Holy Spirit and read the Word so we know what the tongue is capable of doing and what we should be doing with our words. Remember to pick your words carefully, be mindful of what you say and when you should say it, and to rely on the Holy Spirit to help control that little muscle, the tongue, that can do so much harm.



Sunday School/Youth 3:16/Kids Club

Fall Sunday School classes begin Sunday September 1st. Here is a list of classes, teachers and locations.

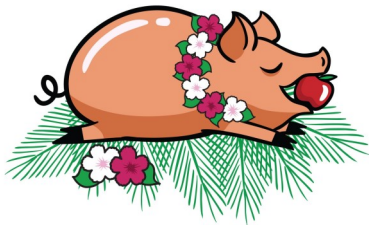
<u>Class</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Location</u>
3 yr. olds—Kindergarten	Angie Mumford & Dani Schmidt	Emmanuel Room downstairs
1st—3rd grades	Fawn Pabon & Cindy Billingsley	Adonai Room downstairs
4th—6th grades	Jen Shaffer & Karen Burchill	Jehovah Room downstairs
7th— 12th grades	Justin and Kristin Held	Elohim Room downstairs
Adults	Pastor Phil	Sanctuary

Below you will find some guidelines to follow to ensure child safety and provide a good learning environment.

1. Sunday school starts at 9:45!
2. Parents only “not older siblings” pick up children 6th grade and under.
3. Kids are NOT to bring tea, coffee, drinks or food down to the class room.

Youth 3:16 will be starting back up on Sunday evenings at 6 pm on September 8th. See flyers and notices on Facebook and the church website for details.

Kid’s Club, under the direction of Stacie Klemm and Kristin Held, will begin on Wednesday September 11th and run through October 16th for the fall session.



Thank you so much to the Fellowship Committee for hosting our Annual Picnic. Everything was delicious and a wonderful time of fun games and fellowship was enjoyed by all that attended.



Check out the First Baptist Church Facebook page for pictures of the event. Thank you Madison Klemm for capturing these memories for us.

Fellowship Committee: Linda Roth, Chris Zirkle, Joyce Cory, Kristin Held, Linda Shearer, Andi Risjan, Sue Stoudt, Val Newell

Health Ministry

Vaping Rises Among Teens

A new survey found an alarming rise in the number of American teens who tried vaping last year. The study suggests that vaping may be driving an increase in nicotine use for teens.

In vaping, a battery powered device called an e-cigarette heats a liquid into a vapor that can be inhaled. The vapor may contain nicotine (the addictive drug in tobacco), flavoring, and other chemicals. E-cigarettes can also be used with marijuana, hash oil, or other substances.

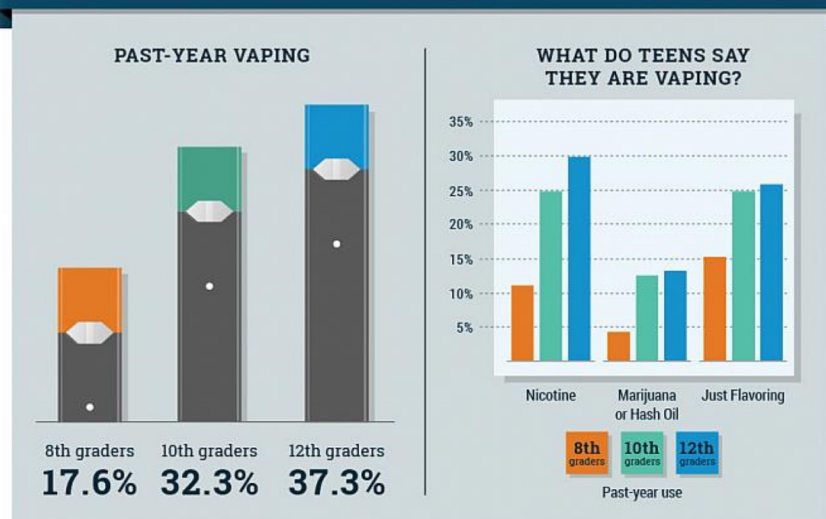
Vaping may pose serious and avoidable health risks. Exposure to nicotine during youth can lead to addiction and cause long-term harm to brain development. The vapor can also contain toxins (including ones that cause cancer) and tiny particles that are harmful when breathed in.

More than 44,000 students took part in the 2018 annual survey of drug, alcohol, and cigarette use in 8th, 10th, and 12th graders. About 37% of 12th graders reported vaping in 2018, compared with 28% in 2017. Vaping of each substance that was asked about increased. This includes nicotine, flavored liquids, marijuana, and hash oil.

“Vaping is reversing hard-fought declines in the number of adolescents who use nicotine,” says Dr. Richard Miech, who led the study at the University of Michigan. “These results suggest that vaping is leading youth into nicotine use and nicotine addiction, not away from it.”

“Teens are clearly attracted to the marketable technology and flavorings seen in vaping devices,” explains Dr. Nora D. Volkow, director of NIH’s National Institute on Drug Abuse. “However, it is urgent that teens understand the possible effects of vaping on overall health, the development of the teen brain, and the potential for addiction.”

TEENS USING VAPING DEVICES IN RECORD NUMBERS



NEARLY 2 IN 5 STUDENTS IN 12TH GRADE REPORT PAST-YEAR VAPING, RAISING CONCERNS ABOUT THE IMPACT ON BRAIN HEALTH AND POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY'S AND ANNIVERSIES



- 25th: Laurel Steudler
- Wendy Wise
- 27th: Katie Doubet
- 28th: Linda Roth
- 29th: Debbie Dine
- 30th: Emily O'Malley

- 1st: Olivia Jardina
- Darrell Kania
- 4th: Cathy Williams
- 6th: Betty Held
- 8th: Emily Williams
- 11th: Brenda VanMatre
- Tenae Gage
- Calen Smith
- 13th: Robyn Kovschak
- 14th: Vince Byrne
- 17th: Melisa Zimmerman
- 18th: Barb Beardsley
- Katelyn Hovis
- 22nd: Reed Gage
- 23rd: Kalle Kula



- 4th: Eugene and Fawn Pabon
- 5th: Chris and Ashley Dine
- 6th: Tom and Kay Gage
- 15th: Christian and Brenda Beers
- 19th: Brandon and Samantha LaVa
- 20th: Ken and Jen Shaffer
- 21st: Brad and Karen Burchill
- 22nd: Shannon and Heidi Novosel
- 24th: Justin and Jenn Howell
- 25th: John and Marilyn Dine

Nursery

1st Service:

- 1st: Debbie Acker and Debbie Dine
- 8th: LuAnn Wheeler and Brenda VanMatre
- 15th: Karen Burchill and Missy Zimmerman
- 22nd: Gina Brace and Tenae Terrill
- 29th: Carol Thumm and Teresa Findlay

Sunday School:

- 1st: Josh and Emily Mumau
- 8th: Debbie and Jenna Shearer
- 15th: Chris Zirkle and Debbie Dine
- 22nd: Ken Dine and Paul Sellers
- 29th: Wendy Gardner and Madison Klemm

2nd Service:

- 1st: Robyn Kovschak and Jenn Howell
- 8th: Kristin Held and Barb Beardsley
- 15th: Darlene Gorske and Emily Cadle
- 22nd: Andi Lundin and Brenda Morrow
- 29th: Stacie and Aubrey Klemm

Garden Room Schedule

Please be sure to call your partner prior to working to confirm. If you are unable to work, please call to switch with someone and notify your partner. If you cannot work or find anyone to switch please call Laura at 398-2507



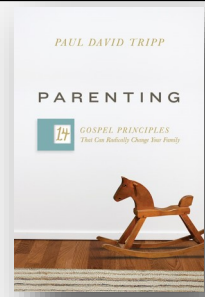
September

- 7th: Laura Stone and Kris Bancroft
- 14th: Nancy Gage and Bonnie Boylan
- 21st: Toni Merritt and Karon Runyan
- 28th: Sandy and Heidi Mumau

Special Events and Announcements



Tuesday
September 3rd
Prayer Meeting
7 pm



Parenting Small Group
Friday
September 13th 7 pm
@ Lowther's



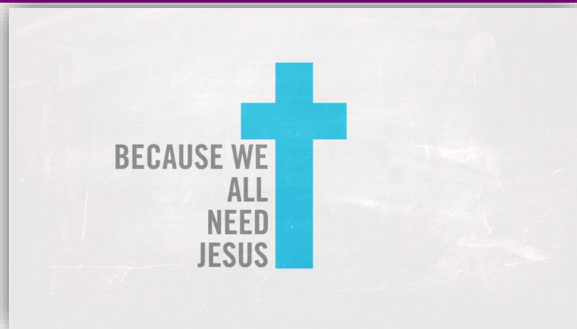
L.O.V.E. Marriage Small group will meet every 3rd Friday at the Hovis'. The next meeting is Friday Sept. 20th at 6 pm.

L.O.V.E. stands for Living Our Vows Everyday.



Men:
Come to the church on **Saturday September 28th at 8 am** for a morning of refueling!

Begin with a filling homemade breakfast followed by filling up your spiritual fuel tank with God's Word and fellowship.



Are you **praying for the person/people** you are going to **invite to church on Sunday September 15th**? Pray for the Lord to have them be receptive to your invitation. This may be the day that they too will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Our annual Invite-A-Friend Sunday is Sunday September 15th. There will be postcards for you to use as a personal invitation to church.

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"Only 2 percent of church members invite an unchurched person to church. 98% of church-goers never extend an invitation in a given year." - Dr. Thom Rainer. The Unchurched Next Door.



Youth 3:16 Kick off Party Sunday September 8th 6-8 pm. All students in 7th through 12th grades are invited to come and enjoy fellowship and games. Feel free to bring a friend! Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

The Grieving: The LaVan Family, **Colvin and Yenny Families**

Cancer: Karen Held, Kelsey McClellan, Karon Runyan, Jason Runyan, **Chris Peterman**

Health Issues: Kim Marzke, Julie Brink, **Ron and Marcia Wrye**, Reed Gage, Becky Timco, **Pete Teed, Loren White**

Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, **Michelle Wilmoth**

Nursing Home: Paul Kirk, Jean Port, Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge

Military: Dillon Lang, **Keith Bentley (newly promoted to Corporal!)**, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Gregg Merritt, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer, **Tyler Hauf** (John and Joan Belfiore's grandson)

Guidance: Brian & Lynette Smith, **Eugene and Fawn Pabon, Craig Billingsley**

Our Crawford County Fair Winners!



Congratulations to all of ribbon winners* at the Crawford County fair this year.

Nicole Oakes, Lillian Oakes, Jan Cory, Joyce Cory, Harmony Mateja, Brenda VanMatre, Emily Mumau

Nicole received special honors for the Best Item made by youth under 19 years of age.

Joyce Cory received Grand Champion for her lemon meringue pie candy

*if I missed anyone I apologize. I got this information from the Tribune and I may have missed a name.

Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Tim Wheeler, Brad Burchill and Bob Burchill for being inducted into the Cambridge Springs Hall of Fame for their contributions to the 1997 Baseball Team.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 COMMUNION	2 Office Closed Labor Day NO SCHOOL Pray for Pastor Phil	3 7 pm Trustees 7 pm Prayer Mtg.	4 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study	5 9 am Ministerium @ FBC 6:30 pm Prison Ministry 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise Team	6 Office Open 8:30-5	7 Pray for Pastor Rod
8 Grandparents Day 6 pm Youth 3:16 Kick off Party	9 Office Open 8-5 6 pm C.E. Board Pray for Pastor Phil	10	11 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Kid's Club begins	12 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise Group	13 Office Open 8:30-5 7 pm Parenting Ministry	14 Pray for Pastor Rod
15 Invite-A-Friend 6 pm Youth 3:16	16 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Deacons Pray for Pastor Phil	17	18 Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Kid's Club	19 6:45 pm Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise Group	20 Office Open 8:30-5 Sanctuary in Use 6 pm Marriage Ministry	21 Sanctuary in use for Jon and Jenna Wedding Pray for Pastor Rod
22 6 pm Youth 3:16	23 Office Open 8-5 6:30 pm Board Chairmen 7 pm Advisory Board Pray for Pastor Phil	24 7 pm History Night "Hotels of Our Past"	25 See You At The Pole Office Open 8-5 10 am Women's Bible Study 3 pm Kid's Club	26 6:45 am Ladies Bible Study 7 pm Praise Group	27 Office Open 8:30-5	28 8 am Men's Fellow- ship Breakfast Pray for Pastor Rod
29 12:30-5 All Pur- pose Room In Use 6 pm Youth 3:16	30 Office Open 8-5 Pray for Pastor Phil					
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This and That!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL REVEALED!

We are talking about Jr High/Sr. High Sunday school and by “revealed” we mean that we studied the book of Revelation. I might add that this was at the students request. That was the first thing that impressed us, but not the only thing. We were impressed with their attendance, attentiveness, responsiveness, respectfulness, Biblical knowledge and love for the LORD. What a great group of young people! They were genuinely interested in learning about end times and what it means for their lives. They are deep thinkers overall and not only asked thoughtful questions but added information they already knew or had discussed with others. Our prayer is that they will have Hope because of our Sovereign Lord, Knowledge so that they will not be lead astray, and Courage to face the future with the Lord at their side.

So, thank you parents, Sunday school teachers and Pastors for investing yourselves in these wonderful kids.

Thank you Jr. High/Sr. High for making our summer teaching time so interesting and rewarding. We had fun and learned a lot, also!

If you want to be blessed, as we were, make yourself available to the CE Board to teach. They even let old people do it!

Blessed Beyond Measure,

Lee and Mary Beth Manross

Unplanned: What she saw changed everything You can pre-order the movie “Unplanned”. If you didn’t get a chance to see it in the theater now is your chance to get it. Go to Abby Johnson’s And Then There Were None pro-life outreach store (<https://abortionworker.com/shop>). You can follow her on Facebook @ Abby Johnson: ProWoman, ProChild, ProLife.

Gosnell: If you would like to borrow a copy of this movie, the Pregnancy Center has 2 copies to loan. This is the true story of the investigation and trial of abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell and how the political and media tried to cover it up.

Coming in October!!!!

- October 1st: Prayer Meeting
- October 5th: Shadow of the Statue Concert at CBCA to benefit Pregnancy Center
- October 7th: Trustee Meeting
- October 14th: C.E. Board Meeting
- October 16th: Kid’s Club Fall Finale
- October 21st: Deacons Meeting
- October 28th: Board Chairmen and Advisory Board Meetings
- October 31st: Tract ‘n Treat