

# 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

What a year, Huh?

Honestly, September? Really? Back-to-school, end of vacations, begin to put summer away, what-happened-to-Baseball, Fall leaves, maybe no Football, snow... well don't hurry things too fast! One season at a time please. Even the seasons that we're missing! Speaking of seasons, what season are you in?

*There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—Ecclesiastes 3:1 Aren't you thankful that God has everything under control? He didn't forget the year 2020. In fact His promise to Noah is still true: "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, And cold and heat, And summer and winter, And day and night Shall not cease." Genesis 8:22 That's the covenant that God made with His people. It's true no matter if we are dealing with Covid, an election, and an out-of-control world. He is still God and we can be assured that As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever. Psalm 125:2*

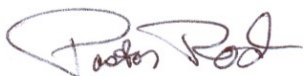
There are those that do not acknowledge God's seasons of life. ***They do not say** in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain in its season, Both the autumn rain and the spring rain, Who keeps for us The appointed weeks of the harvest." Jeremiah 5:24 But their distrust and unbelieving arrogance in not giving God the honor He deserves (Romans 1:21), doesn't negate God's promise. In fact, every season is His testimony of His love and care for mankind's centrality in the universe. ...and yet He **did not leave Himself without witness**, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness." Acts 14:17 we either see it and acknowledge it or we ignore God.*

*He has made everything appropriate in its time. He has also set eternity in their heart,... Get this even stumbling and falling. For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity. Proverbs 24:16 For both Christians and non-Christians there are times of stumbling and we get to see who we really are. Do we get up and press on toward the high calling that we have in Christ Jesus, or do we just quit? Interesting that God during certain seasons sends special moments for people. Like when He'd stir the waters of healing. (...for an **angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons** into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted. John 5:4) You'd want to be there in that season of time! Perhaps you're missing those seasons in your life?*

What season are you in right now? Consider the proper seasons of Psalm 1. *And he will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.* Does that sound like you?

Have you considered what season your church is in right now? We're looking for Sunday School teachers, technicians, and servants of the Lord. It's your season to say, "here am I send me." Ezekiel promises a *showers of blessing* season (34:26) when we love the Lord.

Trusting God in this season of life,



There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity under heaven:  
a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,  
a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,  
a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,  
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,  
a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,  
a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,  
a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

## DEACONS CORNER

### Fear or Faith

In unsettling times emotions sometimes surprise us or even overwhelm us.

Emotional fear is not something a believer in Christ should have. Oh, we should have practical concern and we should use Godly caution in all we do and say. But God in Jesus died for us once and for all! When we ask for that forgiveness and turn to Him it is settled and He will never leave us! So we must fight the good fight and not surrender to fear! If He is for us, who or what can be against us!

This virus is not unprecedented either globally or in the U.S. .... using the estimation of the CDC, in the global influenza epidemic of 1918 ... 50 million people around the world died and over 500 thousand died in the U.S. ... people felt symptoms in the morning and were dead by nightfall ... a man was shot for not wearing a mask... schools were closed... ministers spoke of Armageddon.

Allow God to comfort you and fill you with His peace! Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,"

Add to your faith! 1Peter 1:5-8 " ... casting all your anxieties on Him because He cares for you. ... " and Romans 5: peace with God through faith.

Romans 14:8- Whether we live or die we belong to the Lord.

If our natural experiences vanish in the risen life, they will vanish not as a candle flame that is put out but as a candle flame which becomes invisible because someone has pulled up the blind, thrown open the shutters, and let in the blaze of the risen sun!

Blessed is the man (or person) who trusts in the Lord! Jeremiah 17:7-8

So do we have a solid rock we can stand on? **YES!**

1Thes 5:9-11 (awake or asleep - dead or alive)

Romans 8:16-17, 12: 6-13 Children of God! Status & benefits.

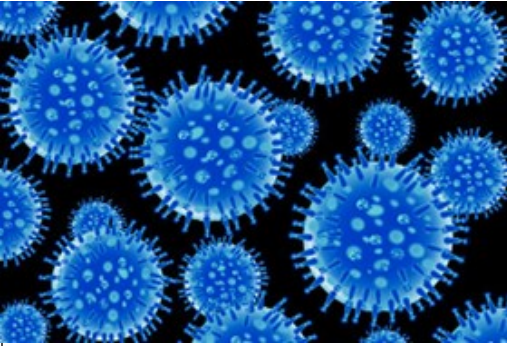
2Thessalonians 2:16-17, Psalm 146:8-9 Fear Not! John 1:12-13

May God bless and keep you!

Deacons Message



## HEALTH MINISTRY



### Be a Germ Buster!

All year long, we need to be vigilant germ busters! Here are a few tips to help you keep germs at bay:

**Lather Up!** Washing your hands is top of the list for being a germ buster. That's something we can all do. But we must do it right. So, before eating, after playing with a pet and after going to the bathroom, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soapy

water, paying attention to wash palms and finger tips, between fingers and the back of your hand. If soap and water are not available, use a dime-sized amount of hand sanitizer and rub it in all over your hands. Jewelry and fingernails trap a lot of germs, so remember to wash them too!

**Don't Touch!** The T-zone, that is! That means ears, eyes, nose and mouth because these are the places where germs can enter the body. Please keep your hands away from your face.

**Be a Super Hero!** When you have to sneeze or cough, use your invisible cape... meaning your elbow, not you hand. By doing so, you will not spread germs.

**Clean Up!** Wipe up germs with anti-bacterial wipes on places where there are lots of them: cell phones, doorknobs, light switches, TV remotes, computer keyboards, keys and counters.

**Leave It at the Door!** Your shoes, that is. They carry germs from wherever you have been... germs are everywhere! Wear separate indoor shoes for around the house. And, when you come home wash your hands too!

And of course, getting a good night's sleep, eating well and managing stress are also important ways to help your immune system be at its best which helps you become more germ resistant. So, be a germ buster!

### **Germ Facts:**

- Typically there are between 10,000 and 10 million bacteria on each hand.
- Damp hands spread 1,000 times more germs than dry hands.
- The number of germs on your fingertips doubles after you use the toilet.
- An uncovered sneeze can travel up to 100 miles per hour and can send about 100,000 germs in the air. So, please use your invisible cape.
- Your toothbrush holder carries more germs than the kitchen sink and kitchen cloth.
- Studies show only about 70% of people wash their hands after using a public toilet.



## Christian Education Board

Greetings from the Christian Education Board!

We are preparing to get back to Sunday school at First Baptist (date TBA) and want everyone to be informed of some changes we've made in order to keep everyone safe.

1. Masks are REQUIRED for all levels of children's Sunday school. Our rooms are far too small to social distance properly and the air flow provides inadequate ventilation. We will have some masks on hand in case a child forgets theirs.
2. No snacks will be served, please do not send your child with any food or drink.
3. We will remove tables and provide lap desks so the children are able to space themselves out as much as possible.
4. We will provide individual supplies for each child to use week to week.
5. Proper disinfection will be done following Sunday school each week.

We are also adding a **Children's Moment** to both services! It is a work in progress that Debbie Baer has graciously agreed to be in charge of. We are searching for enthusiastic adults that would like to **teach a scripted 2 or 3 minute lesson** to the kids during the service. We will need volunteers for each service, please prayerfully consider serving the Lord by serving our children.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Many Blessings,

Stacie Klemm  
CE Board Chair



## Trustee Board

Trustee's update 8/28/2020

Jordan Joslin  
Trustee's update  
Cambridge Springs First Baptist Church

Dear Congregation,

Matthew 24:46 instructs us; "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes." Although there are many applications to this verse the simplest teaches us to seek opportunities to serve the Lord. The Trustees have the honor of serving the Lord by serving our Church.

Presently we are working through numerous initiatives (described below). Our Board has a great set of talented folks and we presently have a vacancy. As you read through the abridged summary of our current initiatives consider if your unique aptitudes are well suited to these projects.

**Garden Room Stair Well:** The sky is falling! O.K., not really, but the roof is rotting away and quickly becoming a safety concern.

**Gutter Gardens:** Our goal of creating urban gardens in the Church gutters turned out to be a colossal failure. As it stands we only have a few trees growing in the gutters and have decided to abandon the idea and simply clean all the gutters. All joking aside we are entertaining bids.

**Online Outreach:** In May we launched the live stream of our Sunday Service. This is an exciting new outreach for First Baptist and is a fast growing outreach in many churches. Our next training for this fascinating ministry opportunity is almost full. I (Jordan) would like to encourage youth to participate; I was only 12 the first time I ran a service by myself.

**Online Giving and Financial Management:** The financial team and the Trustees have reviewed several new tools to help us better steward that which the Lord has blessed us with. Soon we will have the ability to accept online donations!

My time as a Trustee and Chairman has been incredibly fulfilling. I invite you to share in the reward that comes with being found "so doing".

Jordan Joslin  
Chairman of Trustees



## New Committees

### The Pastoral Search Committee:

Headed by Tony Jardina will be looking for a new assistant Pastor due to Pastor Phil's resignation.

### The Constitution revamp Committee:

Headed by Paul Sellers will be looking into the changes needed to our church constitution since we have left ABCUSA.

### The Denominational Search Committee:

Headed by Tom Gage will be looking into other Baptist Denominations to align with since we have left ABCUSA.

Please be in prayer for these committees as they will be looking into the important changes that we are facing here at First Baptist Church.

The church calendar on page 10 has specific days to pray for each of these committees.

Thank you for keeping them in prayer for seeking God's will for our church.



✧ 1 Corinthians 10:12 ✧

I read my bible every day.  
I pray every chance I get.  
I don't ever miss a meeting.  
Heck I wouldn't fall even if  
someone were to trip me.





## For Your Information



Tuesday  
**September 1st**  
Prayer Meeting  
7 pm

## BEFORE AFTER



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Calvary Baptist Christian Academy is now called **Crawford Christian Academy** or CCA for short. Their 1st day of school is **September 1st**.

**Penncrest** schools 1st day of school is **September 2nd**.

Both schools will be closed **September 7th** for Labor Day.



**OCTOBER  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES ARE  
DUE TO THE  
OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 23RD**

# MARRIAGE NIGHT

Marriage Night Simulcast  
Saturday September 12, 2020  
7 pm  
In Sanctuary

In these days of uncertainty why not encourage someone with a promise from God? What better way to show the light of God to the world than through a simple card, call, text, email etc.? Here are just a few thoughts of who you can encourage in their walk.



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ENCOURAGE A NEIGHBOR

ENCOURAGE A TEACHER

ENCOURAGE A CHILD, TWEEN OR TEEN

ENCOURAGE A WORKING MOM OR

COWORKER

ENCOURAGE A LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER OR EMPLOYEE

ENCOURAGE SOMEONE IN MINISTRY

ENCOURAGE A FOOD SERVICE WORKER

ENCOURAGE A DOCTOR OR NURSE

ENCOURAGE A SENIOR CITIZEN

ENCOURAGE A FAMILY MEMBER

ENCOURAGE A FIRST RESPONDER

ENCOURAGE A FRIEND



## PRAYERS

**The Grieving:** The Held Family, Leona (Red) Smith, Lorraine Acklin

**Cancer:** Chris Peterman

**Health Issues:** Rose Cummings, Randy Gorske, Lee Manross, Judy Santey, Reed Gage, Matthew Tenney, Sandy Mumau, Red Smith

**Rehabilitating:** Janet Wise, Marilyn Dine, Patty Yenny, Cathy Williams, Kim Marzke, Linda Roth



**Nursing Home:** Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge

**Military:** Dillon Lang, Keith Bentley, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer, Tyler Hauf, Bryce Kirk, Wyatt Doubet, Alex Baer

**Newborns:** Jonathan Held, Lydia Baer, Syrus Baer

**Expectant Mothers:** Brean (Walczak) Longnecker (Oct.)

**Guidance:** Brian and Lynette Smith, Jen (Mitchell),

**College Students:** Madison Klemm, Mark VanMatre, Stephen VanMatre, Katie Duda, Jordan Anderson, Neely Colvin, Clayton Dingle, Zachary Dingle, Austin Jones, Jillian Risjan, Cori Schmidt, Ryan Shaffer, Alex Wheeler, Brenna Rindfuss

Over 200 years ago, a Scotsman named Alexander Tytler offered this prescient declaration:

**“A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the public treasury with the result that a democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy, always followed by a dictatorship.**

**“The average age of the world's greatest civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through this sequence: From bondage to spiritual faith; From spiritual faith to great courage; From courage to liberty; From liberty to abundance; From abundance to selfishness; From selfishness to apathy; From apathy to dependence; From dependence back into bondage.”**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 1st day of School CCA 7 pm Prayer Mtg.  Prayer for Congregation	<b>2</b> 1st day of School Penncrest  Prayer for Search Committee	<b>3</b> 7 pm Praise Group  Prayer for Constitution Re- vamp Committee	<b>4</b>  Pray for schools	<b>5</b>  Pray for Pastor Rod
<b>6</b> COMMUNION Masks optional	<b>7</b> No School  Prayer for Denomi- national Search	<b>8</b>  Prayer for Congregation	<b>9</b> 10 am Women's Bible Study  Prayer for Search Committee	<b>10</b> 7 pm Praise Group  Prayer for Constitution Re- vamp Committee	<b>11</b> Patriot Day  Pray for schools	<b>12</b> Nat'l day of En- couragement 7 pm Marriage En- counter Simulcast  Pray for Pastor Rod
<b>13</b> Grandparents Day Masks required 	<b>14</b> 1:30 pm Ministerium 6 pm C.E. Board 7 pm Trustees  Prayer for Denomi- national Search	<b>15</b>  Prayer for Congregation	<b>16</b>  Prayer for Search Committee	<b>17</b> Noon Barnabas 7 pm Praise Group  Prayer for Constitution Re- vamp Committee	<b>18</b>  Pray for schools	<b>19</b>  Pray for Pastor Rod
<b>20</b> Invite A Friend Sunday Masks optional	<b>21</b> 6:30 pm Deacons  Prayer for Denomi- national Search	<b>22</b> 1st Day of Fall  Pray for Congregation	<b>23</b> See You At The Pole 10 am Women's Bible Study  Pray for Search Committee	<b>24</b> 7 pm Praise Group  Prayer for Constitution Re- vamp Committee	<b>25</b>  Pray for schools	<b>26</b>  Prayer for Pastor Rod
<b>27</b> Masks required	<b>28</b> 6:30 pm Board Chairmen Mtg. 7 pm Advisory Board  Pray for Denomina- tional Search	<b>29</b> 7 pm History Night (Tentative)  Pray for Congregation	<b>30</b>  Pray for Search Committee			
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## September Birthdays and Anniversaries



27th: Katie Doubet  
 28th: Linda Roth  
 29th: Debbie Dine  
 30th: Emily O'Malley

1st: Olivia Jardina  
 Darrell Kania  
 4th: Cathy Williams  
 6th: Betty Held  
 Debbie Baer  
 8th: Emily Williams  
 11th: Brenda VanMatre  
 Tenae Gage  
 Calen Smith  
 13th: Robyn Kovschak  
 14th: Vince Byrne  
 17th: Melissa Zimmerman  
 18th: Barb Beardsley  
 Katelyn Hovis  
 22nd: Reed Gage  
 23rd: Kalle Kula  
 25th: Laurel Steudler  
 Wendy Wise



4th: Eugene and Fawn Pabon  
 5th: Chris and Ashley Dine  
 6th: Tom and Kay Gage  
 15th: Christian and Brenda Beers  
 20th: Ken and Jen Shaffer  
 21st: Brad and Karen Burchill  
 Jon and Jenna Dudenhoefer  
 24th: Justin and Kristin Held  
 25th: John and Marilyn Dine

# Nursery

**No Nursery until  
 COVID 19  
 restrictions lifted.**

### 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

**Not open until  
 COVID 19  
 restrictions lifted.**