



The Current

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Pastor's Notes

Hello Church, this is your pastor...writing,

Wow! Fall is upon us and 2018 is in its final phase—hard to believe, but God is good and faithful, and He is working things out for His glory! He has blessed our Sunday school, by getting several new families involved. We averaged around 108 in Sunday school and we peaked at 171 in our worship service—again, the Lord is good, and He is blessing!

I want to encourage you to continue reaching out and inviting your family, friends and co-workers. God is blessing your efforts. I am praying about some future goals for our church to strive for in the upcoming year, which God-willing I will be sharing soon. This is an EXCITING time to be a part of First Baptist Church!

October will be a slower month than normal, but there are still plenty of things to be involved in. Our First Focus Bible Studies are ongoing—there are studies for every age. Don't forget on Oct. 11 - 12, we will be fixing the drive way near the Board of Education building. Tom Malott will be going to North or South Carolina for disaster relief work, helping those devastated by Hurricane Florence. Our church is hosting the annual WMU event on Oct. 13.

Though this is not in October, I still want to mention the Veterans Celebration Service on Thursday, Nov. 1. It will kick off at 11:00 am and Mr. Bill Federer will be our speaker. He is a nationally acclaimed speaker and author and speaks on the founding of America. Mr. Reggie LaFaye, a nationally known and award-winning saxophonist will also be with us. You will not want to miss either of these men.

In closing, fall is my favorite time of the year. The temps are beginning to lower and the colors of the trees begin to turn. For me, something inside begins to happen as I am an avid deer hunter. Though with my growing physical limitations, it may be harder to hunt, but nevertheless the excitement is just as real. It also reminds me of the circle of life and makes me all the more thankful for our Lord and Creator, our Sustainer and Savior!

I am so thankful to be your pastor and Rhonda and I look forward to the years ahead of us, how ever many it may be!

Bro Monty

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands.
Psalms 19:1

Happiness keeps you sweet,
Trials keep you strong, Sorrows keep you human,
Failures keep you humble, Success keeps you growing,
But only God keeps you going.



**GOD HAS NOT CALLED
YOU TO BE
SUCCESSFUL,
GOD HAS CALLED YOU
TO BE FAITHFUL.**

Hello Parents of ages 4 years old to 6th grade!

Bring your child to our Wed evening JAM'D ministry from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. We have tons of fun, get snacks, are taught new songs, learn about missions and most importantly, we learn more about Jesus! We have great teachers and helpers to make JAM'D an action packed and exciting time. JAM'D stands for Jesus Abounding Mightily in Doniphan. That's what we're all about.



Youth Pastor's Pen

Greetings church family!

We've hit the ground running to start this fall and it's been a blast! Last month we had 2 special and blessed events take place in the life of our student ministry. The first was the annual See You At The Pole (S.Y.A.T.P.) event that takes place each year on the last Wednesday in September. Each year this one day is set aside as a day that all God's students unite together around their school's flag pole before school and pray. They pray for each other, their school, their nation, and whatever else God lays on their heart. It's always a great experience to join with our students in prayer, especially in a public setting where non-believing students are all around witnessing it. I invite you to go ahead and mark your calendars and make plans to join our students next year, if you haven't already. The second event was with our dear friends, Timmy Starnes and Zach McAnulty, who invited us to join them for a youth worship night in Poplar Bluff. We were already excited because we know how passionate, anointed, and God led these young men (and their band mates) are so we knew it was an opportunity we couldn't pass up. To say that night was a huge blessing would be a major understatement because it was so much more than that. There was well over 100 students there from several different denominations with youth groups from 3 different counties and we were all united together, as one, under the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I had goosebumps the whole night as we worshipped our King through song, prayer, and Scripture reading because it represented what Heaven is going to be like. The Bible is clear that in Heaven there will be people from all races, nations, denominations, cultures, ethnicities, etc. uniting together, around His throne, and casting our crowns before His feet while singing HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY! I can't wait for that day and I get SO excited just thinking about it and after witnessing a very small glimpse of that, with our students a few weeks ago, it just gets me that much more excited and readier for Heaven! I've attached a couple pictures from that night for you to enjoy as well as to give you a mental image of what the night was like and what our students got to experience. And that's not all the good news from that night. To top it all off, Brittany and I got to step outside for a few minutes to talk with one of our students who has been going through a lot and that we've been praying for a lot. She admitted that night to us that she had never truly been saved, but she knew she needed Jesus and she wanted to accept Him as her Savior and Lord. So, while everyone else is inside experiencing a little Heaven on earth, Brittany and I had the honor and privilege of leading one of our young students to the Lord. It was truly the definition of an AWESOME night and the Holy Spirit of God was definitely present and He was felt by every single person in the room. So, what we already knew was going to be a fun and blessed night God took it WAY above and beyond because He is an AMAZINGLY good God and that's just what He does! I hope this story blesses you and encourages you as it has all of us. I'll close this out as I always do, thanking each and every one of you for your love, prayers, and support! I love and appreciate each of my brothers and sisters at FBC and I trust that you will continue to love, pray for, and support our student ministry as we start closing out 2018!

God Bless!

Drew Simmons



Women on Mission

Church on Mission

Ladies, we will be hosting the training conference for the Association on October 13th. This will be an opportunity for fellowship, learning and hearing some wonderful speakers. There will be a \$10 charge which will include lunch. Mark your calendars now, so you can help us make this the best hosting church in our Association. Need to know quickly for lunch planning; signup sheet is in the office foyer.

2018 SOUTHEAST REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE: "UNSHAKEABLE PURSUIT"

Theme Speaker, Valerie Howe/Missouri WMU Adult Special Worker

Missionary Speaker: Linda Morgan/Samaritan's Purse Coordinator

Sharing about her trip to Africa with the Christmas Shoeboxes

This year we will be doing hands of mission projects, such as making sewing kits for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. If you would like to bring items to assist with this project, we need: empty prescription pill bottles, small spools of thread, thimbles, measuring tapes, needles, pins, safety pins

***Bring your sewing kit because we will be making pincushions**

Please join us on Saturday, October 13, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 308 Walnut Street, Doniphan, MO

Registration opens at 9:45 a.m. Registration \$10.00 (covers lunch fees)

– Registration accepted at the door. Make checks out to: CCSBA

Reminder: All Shoeboxes need to be returned by November 1st. Place the \$9.00 shipping charge in the envelop and mark your box with the boy or girl label and the age group. There are still some items needed for the boxes that the children will put together on their mission night. List in foyer on bulletin board.

Let's look forward with expectation, seek every opportunity to serve, and share the gospel by "By All Means" as we go.

Many hands and feet make Kingdom work, a work of joy. Thank you, for serving with us in the missions of our church.

Carol Wilhelmy, Missions Director

Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

October

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available in the office lobby. Filled boxes need to be turned into the church NLT Nov. 1.

13th – 2018 Southeast Regional Training Conference in the FLC.

16th – Red Cross Blood Drive in the FLC. This is the last one here this year.

20th – Bread Shed

22nd – Women On Mission (WOM) meets at 10:00 AM.

26th – On Mission: Hit The Road trip takes off to Baptist Hill Camp in Mt. Vernon, MO. For girls 1st – 6th grades. Be sure to sign-up.



Thursday, November 1st

5th Annual Veteran's Celebration Service with dinner. Mr. Bill Federer, founder and host of American Minute radio program and nationally known speaker and author will be our guest speaker and Reggie LaFaye, an award winning and nationally acclaimed saxophonist will be with us.