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Library News

**Freedom's Light* was given in memory of Jimmy Oliver by the Celebration Choir.
 *The Mary Martha Sunday School class gave *River to Redemption* in memory of Jimmy Oliver.



For anyone having difficulty managing personal finances and/or debt reduction, there are several resources on display in the library. Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace* in particular comes highly recommended. Check it out.



The Bridge

February 2019

From Pastor Gregg

When I was thinking and praying about this year back in December, I asked the Lord what should be the emphasis for this coming year. In just a moment the thought came into my heart, Prayer! As I thought about the subject of prayer I was overwhelmed with a spirit of affirmation. I thought that if our church would step up its prayer effort anything would be possible. That's when the theme, "2019 - The Year of Possibilities," came into my mind.

I truly believe that this could be the year when we experience a spiritual visitation that ignites the fires of our lives to see God do so much more. As we look at our new building, I see the challenge of faith. I believe that God wants this new Youth Wing to be more than just a building, but also an opportunity for us to see God work mightily. To see the provision of the Lord and to experience the joy of a church family working together, praying together and giving together.

It's not just a building, it's a special means to a greater end. There is something special that happens when a church family has a common goal with a common purpose. This past week we had a number of people who came out and did a prayer walk through our church building. I sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit guiding our prayers and blessing our desires as we prayed.

Do not discount the power of a praying church. I truly expect God to show up and to show Himself strong and mighty on behalf of those who look to Him and call upon His name. Truly 2019 will be the Year of Possibilities!

One of the joys of pastoring First Baptist is the wonderful people who make up this amazing family. I have gotten to know some of the most loving and generous people. As pastor, I wanted you to know what is going through my mind when I think about our church. Marilyn and I truly feel blessed!

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From Sharon

God has blessed the Sunday morning Bible studies here at First Baptist beyond measure. I was given a book about Sunday School last year that was titled, *One Hundred*, by David Francis and Michael Kelley. The book said that most Southern Baptist churches have an average of 75 people in their Sunday School program, and those who have an average of 200 or more are considered large churches with a successful Bible study program. Last year, our average was 235 in Sunday morning Bible study. Seeing that information in black and white amazed me and I thanked God for giving our church family, of all ages, a hunger to study the Bible in small groups. For those of you who would like to join a Sunday morning Bible study, I want to spotlight our Adult Classes in the upcoming *Bridge* newsletters, starting with this February edition. A total list of classes can be found on the cabinet by the front door.

Joe and Diane Allen's class is for men and women of all ages. Charla and Stephen Wagers are the assistant teachers. The class is currently working through the book of "Mark" and they are known for their card ministry to the sick and bereaved. They also help with the monthly dinner at the Homeless Shelter. They love to send financial help to projects in third world countries, and several of them enjoy going on short term mission trips. This Sunday School class meets right across from the kitchen in the fellowship hall. Just ask the kitchen guys to point you to Joe and Diane's class and you will be only a few steps away.

Sunday morning Bible study in small groups is a foundation of our church because, as the Bible says, "All Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man (and woman) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." I hope everyone will enjoy the amazing joy of getting to know God by finding Him in scripture stories during a Sunday morning Bible study.



Alaska Mission Trip

June 22-29
 Deadline to sign up is March 10.
 See Caleb asap.

Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball League



FBC Rec Center
 First Monday of each month
 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 For more information, contact Linda Bales 859.396.2115



From Glenn

Many of you know that our daughter Rebecca, and her family have been living with Linda and me since August. Zack was blessed with a great job opportunity and we are truly grateful to have them back home! They're just a matter of days from moving into their house, and I'm sure they will be in it by the time you read this.

I would not be truthful if I told you it's all been "perfect" and everything's been like a TV show from the early sixties. You know, the "perfect" woman of the house with "perfect" hair, dress, heels and pearls, as she cleans house, runs errands, picks up kids from school, then greets her "perfect" husband at the door with newspaper, slippers and pipe in hand, and a smile, as she sweetly announces that dinner will be ready in 5 minutes. Then the "perfect" children enter the room, each one excited about taking their turn and telling their "perfect" Dad about their "perfect" day at school. Then the "perfect" children go to bed right after dinner, leaving the "perfect" parents to talk about their "perfect" day, quietly, with no interruption. Only in TV Land...

The past few months together at our house have been like a TV show alright - did you ever watch *Survivor* or *Fear Factor*?! You know, wading through dangerous piles of dirty laundry (Linda?! Are these my socks or Zack's?); eating "food" you've never seen before (Linda?! I know Rebecca can cook, but what is THIS?!); running through a gauntlet of screaming kids (Linda?! Who are these people?!); and that was just the first week! Some exaggeration added... but not much.

I have to say, I've learned many things during our incarceration, I mean, our time together. I've learned more patience (Linda?! When are Emmie Grace and Eden gonna be out of OUR bathroom so I can take a shower?!); I've learned to watch more diverse TV programs (Linda?! How many "Home Alone" movies are there?! And what's a Ninjago anyway?!); I've learned more about personal grooming (Linda?! Why are Caleb and Noah spending so much time on their hair?! And why would Zack want to borrow my toothbrush?!) Week 2.

I hope you've had a good laugh at the expense of my family. Here's another good laugh - YOUR family is probably a lot like mine! The best

thing I've learned is how much I love Rebecca, Zack, Caleb, Noah, Emmie Grace, Eden, and Luke. Yeah, we've bumped heads here and there, had some disagreements, but you know what? We STILL love each other! In 1 Peter 4:8, we read, "Above all, maintain constant love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins." Know what stands out most to me? The phrase "maintain constant love" is powerful! For any of us to do that, we need help. We can't do it on our own. God has helped me to understand that even though it's been trying, it's been a blessing to have our family with us. And that we have a house big enough to handle all 15 of 'em... or however many there are!

Maybe you've had situations with your family at home. Or maybe with some of our FBC family. Maybe, God through His Holy Spirit is telling you to "maintain constant love" for both families. It really does change your view of things when we see them through the lense of love. In the last couple of days, I've been trying to look at each one of them, thank God for them, and look for all the good in all seven of them... it's taking a little longer with Zack... not sure why... Linda?! Where's my toothbrush?! LINDA?!!!



Valentine's Luncheon
 Sunday, Feb. 10

Make plans to join us for a spaghetti lunch immediately following morning worship. All donations will go to our Youth Building Project.

