

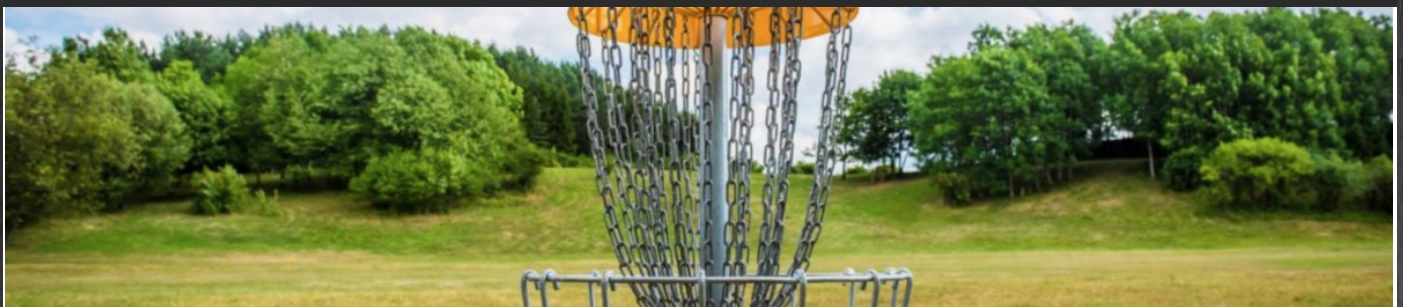


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### Greetings!

First Baptist Church is thrilled to introduce the return of our newsletter! Starting in October, we will send a monthly newsletter like this one to your e-mail inbox. There will always be fresh and unique content in each one. We will also be e-mailing periodic updates on special events and church happenings. Please be sure to submit your current contact information to the main office to ensure the safe delivery of your newsletter and updates!

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE



## DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 3, 2020

Check-In: 11:30 Start: 12:00pm

All youth in grades 7th through 12th are invited to participate in this fun event! All skill levels are welcome. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, everyone is sure to have a great time. There will be lots of food, fun, friends, and a grand prize for whoever ends up with the lowest score. Come on out and bring a friend!

**REGISTER  
NOW**

## WEEKLY EVENTS



### **Sunday**

10:30am: Morning Worship

### **Wednesday**

9:00am - 3:00pm: Ladies Sewing

6:30pm - 7:30pm: K-12 Groups

## NEW WEBSITE

As the seasons change and time marches on, we find that most things need the occasional update. Such is the case with our church website. Over the past few months, Pastor Michael and Pastor Eric researched several companies whose specialty is offering website templates from which users can choose to develop their site. We decided to go with a company called Ministry Designs. With more than 20 years in the website design business, great looking templates, and a very easy-to-use interface, they have been a great choice. If you're looking for the most current information and church happenings, the new website is the place to go! Be sure to visit. We would love to have your feedback on how it looks and if there is anything more you would like to see on it.

**VISIT THE SITE**



## RESOURCES

Rightnow Media is an online Christian video library. You are invited to have a FREE account! You will have instant unlimited access to

thousands of great videos for kids, students, young adults, parents, married couples, singles, teenagers, and more. The staff at First Baptist Church have utilized many of the videos in their teaching over the years and we highly recommend this resource to you. Click [HERE](#) to sign up today!



It is so important for followers of Christ to know their spiritual gifts. Please feel free to carefully complete this assessment and turn in the answer sheet to Pastor Michael. He will be happy to go over it with you! Click [HERE](#) to access the assessment.

## IN OTHER NEWS



### Pastor Michael's Blog

Pastor Michael does a video blog Monday through Friday in which he takes a passage of scripture and talks about it. The video blogs are relevant and only last 3-5 minutes on average.

To watch Pastor Michael's Blog, click [HERE](#).



### Back to School Rally

Our annual Back to School Rally was a great success! We were able to hand out almost 200 bags of school supplies to families from the Alexandria community. Even though it looked a little different this year, it was still awesome to be a blessing to our city.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible!

## A LETTER FROM MISS JILL TO PARENTS

Greetings!

How is school going for your kiddos now that they have been going for about a month? I think almost all of your kids are going to school in person. Hopefully that will continue throughout this whole school year.



I miss your kids! It has been 5 1/2 months since we have met for children's church. Wow! Have you been able to talk about living like Jesus during these months away from kids' church? I hope you can have your own church or your devotions with your child.

Pastor Michael has given us permission to resume Children's Church!!! Would you be comfortable with your child coming to children's church if we still wore our masks, sat at benches at a distance, and ate individually packaged snacks?

If you would prefer to keep your child with you during the service, I can provide your child with some quiet activities to do. I understand it has to be difficult to sit still through a service and a sermon that they don't understand.

High Point is our children's group for Kindergartners through 3rd graders that meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30. Crew 4-5-6 is our group for older kids (4th, 5th, and 6th graders) that meets at the same time. We play outside until it is time to begin our lessons in different rooms. Children and adults may wear masks, but are not required to. We do our best to social distance during games, activities, and lessons. I am trying to improve children's ministry on Wednesday evenings - is there something that you wish we did differently to make it more convenient to bring your child to High Point and Crew 4-5-6?

Here are some children's ministry resources I would like to share with you:

- [www.childrens-ministry-deals.com](http://www.childrens-ministry-deals.com)

Free children's activities

- [www.ministry-to-children.com](http://www.ministry-to-children.com)

Children's lessons (I use this sight often)

- [www.childrensministry.com](http://www.childrensministry.com)

Practical ideas and tips for families to minister to their families

- [open.life.church](http://open.life.church)

Free videos and other children's lessons

- [www.lifeway.com/en/articles](http://www.lifeway.com/en/articles)

We have often bought their products for children's ministry

Please let me know if I can help you and your family. I look forward to seeing your child on Sunday mornings for children's church and Wednesday evenings for High Point or CREW 4-5-6! Let me know if you have suggestions or comments to improve our children's ministry.

With love and blessings,

Jill Thomas

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Wisdom is the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many men know a great deal, and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.”

- Charles Spurgeon

## Memo from God

*Good morning. I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If the devil happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the \*Something for Jesus to do\* box. It will be addressed in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed in the box, do not hold on to it or remove it. Holding on or removal will delay resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away. I love you.*



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