FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



MARCH - 2021

TIME TRAVEL

Can you believe it is already March? It's almost a shock to my system to think that 2 months are already over. We have those days and weeks where everything seems to move in slow motion. Yet, without realizing it, time passes all too quickly.

Debbie and I have experienced that with the boys being gone. There are nights when it's 8 PM and it feels like it should be much later. Yet, we still don't get to sleep until later! UGH!

My point is that time is always moving, it's a gift and a blessing. But what are we doing with the time that God has given us? How are we using this precious commodity? I really do believe time is precious, but what are we doing with this gift?

I know we are living in strange times, and I know there may be a reluctance for some to go into the world and risk catching the virus, yet, I want to encourage you to seek God's wisdom in how to embrace life.

Can you call people and check on them? Can you write cards? Can you prepare meals? Can you simply and powerfully pray for others . . . and yourself? Can you serve within the church or at a mission? Do you have the finances to help support the church or a mission?

What you do really makes a difference. It makes a difference in the lives that you

touch and it makes a huge difference for you personally. God has a purpose and a plan for you. I have 100% belief in that! My prayer for you is that you would find fulfillment from the King of kings and Lord of lords because He created you to be a difference maker in the name of Jesus.

Blessings,

Pastor Michael

NEWS AND EVENTS



Don't forget to change your clocks on March 13!





Sunday 10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday 7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch

Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:30pm: High Point (Grades K-3) Crew 456 (Grades 4-6) Impact (Grades 7-12)

IMPACT - SENIOR PROFILE

Name: Cole Hasty

High School: Madison Grant

College Attending: Purdue University

Major: Farm Management with a concentration in Commodities Marketing

Post-graduation plans: I plan to assist my Dad and Grandfather on the family farm.

Who has been a spiritual influence on me: Over the course of my life, there have bene many people who have influenced my spiritual life. My parents, Eric Prophet, who is my youth pastor, Sam Yeagy, who is the Campus Life director at my school, as well as T.J. Herniak, who is my cross-country coach and FCA leader. They all have had a great impact on my spiritual life through their mentoring of me.



FROM MISS JILL



Please plan to attend our Easter Party on **Saturday**, **April 3rd at 10:00am** The details are still in the works. But it will be fun to be together again!

March fun activities:

Lego Minute to Win It Games Easter Find and Color Easter Color By Number 10 Minute Easter Devotions (Part 1) 10 Minute Easter Devotions (Part 2) Easter Code Breaking Activity Building Easter Coloring Page Easter ABCs Worksheet Easter Crossword Puzzle

Hey kids!

It has been great seeing some of you at church on Sundays and Wednesdays. Hopefully, all of you can come to church this month. Do you know what very special holiday is coming up? Some of you know the answer- it is Easter!! Can you tell me why is Easter so important to people who believe in Jesus? We celebrate Easter because Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins so that we can go to heaven one day.

What you can do during Lent:

Take time today to thank Jesus for his sacrifice of dying on the cross for us.
Ask your parents to help you read the story of Jesus's last days in one of the Gospels.

- Do something kind for someone to share God's love.

I love you and can't wait to see you soon!!

Love, Miss Jill

Hi Church family,

Will you help us with our children's Easter Party? Can you donate candy for our Easter egg hunt or take Easter eggs home and fill them with candy? The kids would appreciate that. Thanks!

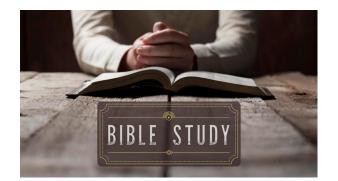
RESOURCES

CANVA

If you ever need to make fliers, posters, advertisements, greeting cards, anything really, Canva is the program for you! Here at the church, we use Canva to make many of the graphics you see on our website and in our newsletters. Canva is free, but a paid subscription will provide even more options for you!



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READING COUNTS

I think I've said it a number of times this year, it's been so much fun rereading the Bible. I'm not sure why this year is different, I'm not complaining, I'm thrilled. 60 days into the year and I'm on day 97 of the Bible reading plan. I love it. I'm not bragging . . . I'm really hoping to encourage you to pick up your Bible, or listen to it on a CD or a Bible app.

The Bible is so rich with history, the history of God creating, the history of humanity, the history of where we go wrong and how to right the ship. There's intrigue, there's blood, gore, backstabbing, romance and so much more. More than anything the Bible is God's Word, it is God's communication to us about who He is. We need to open our hearts, spirits and minds so we can better understand who God is and who He desires us to be. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact me and ask any questions. All questions are good questions.

SPEAKING OF READING

Along with reading the Bible, I have been enjoying reading a number of different books. I have found them all intriguing, educational and fun to read. If you need a book recommendation, please ask. Also, feel free to recommend a book to me as well. I prefer nonfiction books. I thought you might like to know the titles of the first 6 books of the year, as my goal is to read about 5 books every 2 months.

Atomic Habits by James Clear Leadership in Turbulent Times by Doris Kearns Goodwin The Fish That Ate the Whale: The life and Times of America's Banana King by Rich Cohen

Think like a Rocket Scientist by Ozan Varol

The Power of Prayer by E.M. Bounds

The Way of Baseball: Finding Stillness at 95 MPH by Shawn Green

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