



OCTOBER - 2020

### Greetings!

Welcome to the October newsletter! Please feel free to let us know if there is anything you would like to see included in future monthly newsletters. We will continue to do our best to include relevant, up-to-date information and news concerning First Baptist Church. Thank you for reading!

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

### Disc Golf Event Update

The disc golf event scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd will now be held at the **Sanders Memorial Disc Golf Course in Anderson** at noon. Discs will be provided and the event is free, so come out and join in on the fun! A special thank you goes out to Trent McPhearson for showing us the ropes on how to play! Click [HERE](#) for a map and directions.



## PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

October 11, 2020



This will be a special day for all of us to show our appreciation for Pastor Michael, Eric, Jill, and George. The deacons will deliver the message and there will be boxes in the main hallway where you can place cards and gifts for our leaders.



During these uncertain times, it is always nice when there is a fun, safe event you can attend with your family. First Baptist Church is thrilled to announce details for our annual Fall Festival! There will be a trunk-or-treat with pre-wrapped candy, handed out by church members who have taken sanitizing precautions. There will be games with prizes as well as a campfire, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and more!

Sunday, October 18, 2020 from 4:00-7:00pm



We would love to have you in our new church directory!There is no cost to get your picture taken or for your copy of the directory. The company taking the photos will encourage you to buy prints from them. Your purchase helps them afford to offer churches their directories for free, so please consider using this opportunity to get some family photos! Here are the optional times to get your photo taken:

Thursday, October 29: 2:00-8:30pm  
Friday, October 30: 2:00-8:30pm  
Saturday, October 31: 10:30am-4:00pm

\*Appointment required. See scheduling instructions [HERE](#).

## WEEKLY EVENTS



### Sunday

10:30am: Morning Worship

### Wednesday

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

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

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each year, First Baptist Church collects shoeboxes to send to Operation Christmas Child. We will collect shoeboxes until the second week of November. Please feel free to donate money if you would like someone from the church to do your shopping for you. You may also include money for postage if you wish. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Operation Christmas Child.

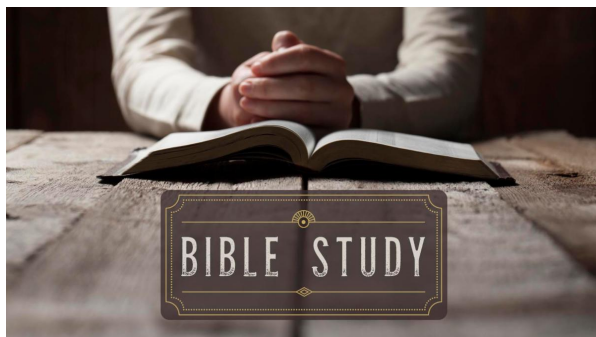


You are welcome to make your own shoeboxes and bring them to the church, but if you would like to donate items to put in shoeboxes the church is already making, please consider the following:

Hats  
Bar soap  
Brushes  
Chalk  
Chapstick  
Combs  
Small containers  
Flip Flops  
Girls' hair accessories

Jump Rope  
Play-Dough  
Scotch Tape  
Small toys  
Socks  
Stickers  
Sunglasses  
Wash cloths  
Watercolor set

## RESOURCES



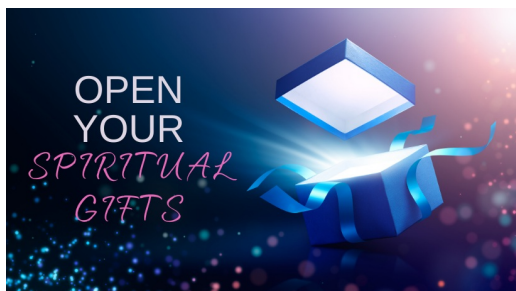
### Bible Reading Plan

Pastor Michael has created a Bible reading plan that will allow you to read the entire New Testament in 90 days. Please click [HERE](#) to access October's readings, or find them at the bottom of this newsletter.

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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

## Kids Fall Party - October 7th - 5:30-7:30pm



High Point, Crew 456, and Impact will be having a Fall Party at the home of Phil and Linda Prophet on Wednesday, October 7th from 5:30-7:30pm. Their address is 10190 N 300 W Alexandria. There will be a campfire, food, and games for everyone to enjoy. Please bring your own lawn chair if you have one!



### Missions

At First Baptist Church, we recognize the importance of giving back. We believe we are called to serve our local community as well as those less fortunate in our state, our country and around the world. Our mission is to spread the love of Christ to everyone we can, and one way to accomplish that is through the support of various people and organizations. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the missions we support!

### Don't forget!

Daylight Savings Time ends on November 1st, so remember to set your clocks back an hour the evening before!

## HOLY BUSTED WATER PIPE, BATMAN!



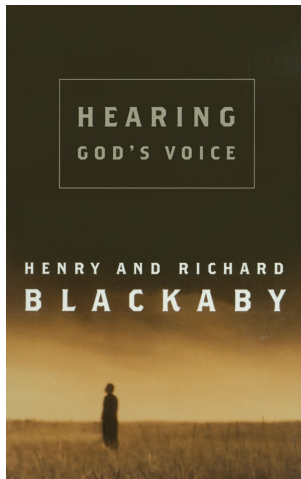
Late last month, Pastor Michael was welcomed to the church by a series of flooded hallways and rooms. A pipe in the men's restroom had burst and sent water gushing beginning sometime overnight. What a mess! ServiceMaster was able to come right away and help get things cleaned up and back as they should be. Our thanks goes out especially to Denny and Elaine Bronner, Phil and Linda Prophet, and Kelli Kissick for helping get everything moved out of the affected rooms and to dry areas.

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“God is God. He knows what He is doing. When you can't trace His hand, trust His heart.”

- Max Lucado

### God's Word and Land Mines



From *Hearing God's Voice* by Henry and Richard Blackaby

“Many countries today are dangerous places because of antipersonnel land mines that were planted during wartime. Some places harbor so many buried explosives that no one knows where it is safe to walk anymore. Suppose you had to pass through a region littered with land mines. You would enter the territory with dread. One false step and you could be maimed or killed. However, if a military commander gave you an accurate map pinpointing every trap, you would be greatly liberated. With map in hand, you would be free to travel everywhere the map said it was safe to do so. You could walk or run or roll across the safe fields, knowing your life was not in peril. You could wisely avoid the danger zones and escape harm.

However, the general would not force you to take the map. You would be perfectly free to live on the edge and feel your way across the land. You could decide you don't like being told where to walk. If you wanted to, you could exercise your freedom to travel where you pleased. You would be within your rights. You would be a fool, quite possibly a dead one. But you would be within your rights.

God's Word is a map to help us avoid the land mines of sin. Sin has the potential of tearing us apart, but we have the map that accurately leads us along the safe path. We can choose to reject God's Word and live free from the “constraints” of the map. We can ignore God's guidance and make our own way through life as best we can. But why would we want to do that?”

October 4 - Matthew 1-3  
October 5 - Matthew 4-6  
October 6 - Matthew 7-9  
October 7 - Matthew 10-12  
October 8 - Matthew 13-15  
October 9 - Matthew 16-18  
October 10 - Matthew 19-21  
October 11 - Matthew 22-24  
October 12 - Matthew 25-28  
October 13 - Mark 1-3  
October 14 - Mark 4-6  
October 15 - Mark 7-9  
October 16 - Mark 10-12  
October 17 - Mark 13-14

October 19 - Luke 1-3  
October 20 - Luke 4-6  
October 21 - Luke 7-9  
October 22 - Luke 10-12  
October 23 - Luke 13-15  
October 24 - Luke 16-18  
October 25 - Luke 19-21  
October 26 - Luke 22-24  
October 27 - John 1-3  
October 28 - John 4-6  
October 29 - John 7-9  
October 30 - John 10-12  
October 31 - John 13-15

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