FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY - 2021

NEWS AND EVENTS

Welcome back to in-person worship!

We are so excited that we've been able to resume in-person worship! We look forward to seeing you at church in the coming weeks. At the same time, we know there is still a pandemic and we take our responsibility for your health; spiritual, physical, emotional and mental well-being very seriously. We will continue to practice social distancing and masks are highly encouraged. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church. Hope to see you this Sunday in person or virtually!



The youth group invites you to enjoy a free dinner this Valentine's Day! Meal includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, a roll, and dessert. All meals are adult size. Donations are appreciated, but not expected. We just want to be a blessing!

After you pick up your meal(s), please tune in to the church's Facebook page or visit <u>www.alexfbc.com</u> to watch the musical entertainment. DVDs can be provided if you would like one.

You can let us know how many meals you would like for your family by:

- Calling the church office at 765-724-2457
- Filling out the form on our website by clickingHERE
- · Visiting the sign-up table on Sunday morning
- Completing the form in Sunday's bulletin and dropping it in the offering box

Please remember February 7th is the last day to sign up for meals

From the all the youth at First Baptist Church, we love you!

A NOTE FROM MISS JILL

Hi FBC kids!

It is so great to see some of you at children's church and High Point! I hope to see the rest of you soon when your family believes it is safe to join us at church.

Since it is February and close to Valentine's Day, I challenge you to show God's love to everyone around you by doing **Acts of Kindness**. You could make a card and send it to someone who is sad or lonely, do something nice for a classmate at school, help your parents a little more than normal, or be extra kind to your siblings. Please take

a picture or just send me a note telling me what you did to share God's love. I love you and miss you all!

Here are some fun activities you can do this month:

- FREE Valentine's Day Code Breaking Activity
- Funny Valentine's Bible Verse Cards for Kids
- Love-Coloring-Page.pdf
- <u>10-Valentines-Games.pdf</u>
- <u>Valentine ABCs</u>
- <u>Valentines-Bible-Artwork.pdf</u>
- <u>Valentine's Bingo 5x5 Cards</u>

Try to read your Bible with someone every day this month and have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Click <u>HERE</u> to access the February kids Bible reading plan!

RESOURCES



2021 BIBLE READING

Reading Leviticus and Numbers!

I have so thoroughly enjoyed reading the Bible this year. While I am only just starting the book of Deuteronomy, it has been fun and exciting. WHAT?! Fun and exciting to read through Leviticus and Numbers? Yup! You heard me! I am almost 3 weeks ahead of my schedule. Not because I'm a pastor, but because I am challenging myself to find something new everyday when I read the Bible.

When we look at books like Leviticus and Numbers, we should read them with eyes towards the New Testament. The holy days and holidays were still being celebrated by Jesus and are still celebrated today. Even I celebrated many of them when I was growing up. The books are about God's holiness and His call for the people to grow in Him.

One of the key verses, maybe the key verse of Leviticus is found in Leviticus 20:26, when God says - - "You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine."

That stands true today as well. God sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Lord, to die for

us, who calls us to be holy, just as He is holy. It's been great reading through the Bible once again. I hope you will join in this adventure.

If you want to start, just start at Deuteronomy. I know you will have missed the first 4 books, but I don't want you to feel defeated or left behind. Read the Bible not to check off a box that you did it, but to learn about who God is who He is calling you to be!

Pastor Michael

Click HERE to access the 2021 Bible reading plan!

Giving Envelopes

You are welcome to stop by the church to pick up your 2021 giving envelopes. They are in the main hallway.





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)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

"The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but men."

A. W. Tozer

Andrew Murray (AD 1828-1917)

God's Son came to show what love is, and he lived a life of love here upon earth in fellowship with his disciples, in compassion over the poor and miserable, in love even to his enemies, and he died the death of love. And when he went to heaven, whom did he send down? The Spirit of love, to come and banish selfishness and envy and pride, and bring the love of God into the hearts of people. "The fruit of the Spirit is love" (Galatians 5:22).

And what was the preparation for the promise of the Holy Spirit?... "As I have loved you, so you must love one another" (John 13:34). To them his dying love was to be the only law of their conduct and communication with each other. What a message to those fishermen, to those men full of pride and selfishness! "Learn to love each other," said Christ, "as I have loved you." And by the grace of God they did it...



And now he calls us to dwell and to walk in love. He demands that though someone else hates you, still you love them. True love cannot be conquered by anything in heaven or upon the earth. The more hatred there is, the more love triumphs through it all and shows its true nature. This is the love that Christ commanded his disciples to exercise.

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