



JULY - 2021

Greetings!

Happy Anniversary to Me!

That's kind of a strange title! We just celebrated our 14th anniversary in Alexandria. It's hard to believe that we've been here since 2007. We've all changed! Our boys have grown up and we're practically empty nesters.

The Deutsch family has been blessed in Alexandria, and most especially at First Baptist Church. It was a little nerve wracking to follow a much loved pastor who had been at FBC for over 30 years. Just as you embraced Pastor Cliff, you embraced Pastor Michael. I and my family are so blessed that you were able to accept us, just as you accepted him and his family. You don't know how comforting and powerful of a statement that you made!

There have been lots of changes within the world, and the church has changed as well. I'm always amazed when people comment, "there are so many new people in the church." That's a great sign! That means we are doing something right! We need to keep doing what's honoring and glorifying to God.

Very simply and humbly, on behalf of the Deutsch family . . . thank you for your love, your grace, your acceptance of who I / We are. As we have sought to make a difference in your lives, know that you have made a difference in our lives! For that, we will always be grateful and give thanks to God for you!!

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

V.B.S. was a great success. We thank the many people who came out and volunteered and all the kids who participated. We had 50 different children participate and over 25 volunteers. The theme focused on praising God for His greatness and nature. Through the VBS, the children brought in over \$325 in donations and over 400 toiletry items which will all be donated to Beauty for Ashes and Pete's Pantry.

There were great Bible lessons, lots of singing and dancing, cool crafts, amazing games, and super snacks! Again, thanks to all who helped make this a great experience for all!!

This is a picture from the final night, when the children performed for parents, grandparents and friends. Overall, it was a great week. It's always tiring, but well worth it. Thanks to Jill Thomas, Krystal Hill and Debbie Deutsch for their leadership during the week.



# Pool Party



**WHERE: ALEX CITY POOL**

**WHEN: JULY 6, 7:00-9:00PM**

**WHO: FBC FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

**COST: FREE!**

## Men's Night

Calling all MEN!! On Sunday night, July 25, the men will gather for food, fun and a chance to get to know one another a little better. There is no cost for this event, it's just a night for the men to come together and enjoy. No long talks! No offerings! Food and a chance to hang out and start to plan future men's events. More details will be made available in the coming weeks!



# Camp Tippy 100th Anniversary Celebration

## September 11, 2021



A variety of activities will take place from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

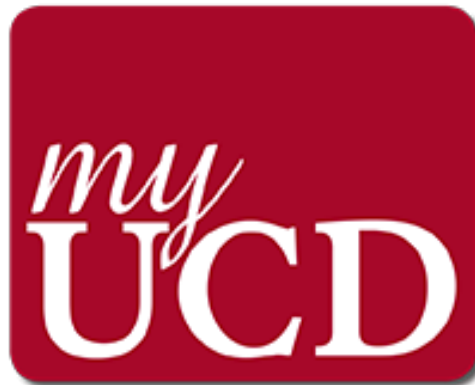
Dan's Fish Fry: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Cabins for Kids \$100 Challenge - It's more than a cabin... It's building for the future! Please consider giving a gift of \$100 for the construction of new cabins!

Camp Tippy is located at:  
6 EMS Lane T52A North Webster, IN 46555  
574-834-4184  
Rebecca Scott, Camp Director

Registration for camp is now open! To register your child/children, go to [www.camptippy.org](http://www.camptippy.org) and click on "Registration and what to bring"

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY



We are excited to announce that the church now has it's own app and online directory! Here, we'll explain how to download the app, what features it has, and how to view the church directory in the app or online.

Step-by-Step instructions to download and access the app:

1. With your smart phone touch the App Store icon for your type of phone (Apple Store or Google Play) then search for: '**Universal Church Directory**'
2. The App is called *myUCD*. Click on the "Get" or "Install" button
3. When the app has finished installing, click "Open"
4. Enter the following Unique Identifier: **fpeCwEXNH** (this is case sensitive)
5. Click on the gray "Download My Church Directory" button (there may be a delay)
6. Begin using the church app features such as:

- Watch Services
- Email the church
- Call the church

- View Announcements and Events
- View the church calendar
- Give Online
- Access YouVersion Bible
- View the church directory
- Visit the church website
- Visit the church's Facebook page

To access the directory on a desktop computer:

1. Go to [directory.ucdir.com](http://directory.ucdir.com)
2. Enter the following Unique Identifier: **fpeCwEXNH** (this is case sensitive)
3. Hit "Go"
4. Prompts will appear to create your own Username and Password
5. Click on "Create Account"

If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We hope you enjoy using the new app!

## HELP WANTED!

### **THE NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL ARE OPEN!**

*Please sign up to help take care of our little ones on Sunday mornings!*



If you would like to help in the nursery or pre-school rooms on Sunday mornings please let Krystal Hill or Pastor Michael know. We greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you!!

### Pete's Pantry

Pete's Pantry is a ministry in Alexandria which provides food (groceries) to those in our community. They have a real need for volunteers almost every day of the

week. If you are interested in serving at Pete's, please see Pastor Michael or Debbie Deutsch.

## OPPORTUNITIES

If you are wanting to serve in the church, now is a great time to say a hearty "YES" to the call of Jesus. Maybe it's learning and helping with the audio-visual / technology aspects of worship, maybe it's serving in the nursery or pre-school room, or helping Jill in Children's Church, maybe it's being an usher and helping people feel welcomed as they come into the church and helping in other ways. There are opportunities available beyond these as well. But you need to ask. We don't know what your skills, gifts and passions are, so please see Pastor Michael and we will help find a way to get you connected.



### Sunday

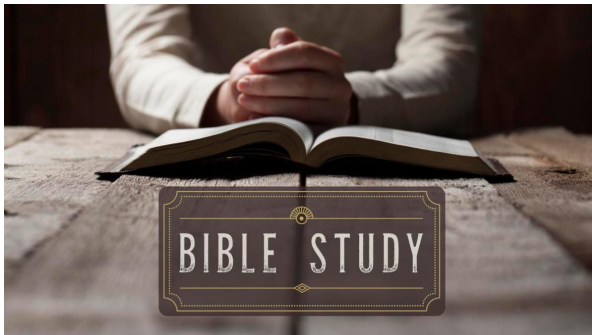
10:30am: Worship Celebration

12:00pm: Impact (Grades 7-12)

### Tuesday

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

## RESOURCES



Click [HERE](#) to access the 2021 Bible reading plan!

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### GOD IS SAYING SOMETHING

"Some years ago I sat near the front in a worship service and watched the guest preacher pace back and forth across the stage. He was a popular speaker in our area, and crowds had come to hear what he had to say. My first clue that something wasn't right was when he started by saying, "I forgot my Bible tonight."

But that didn't deter him. He explained that for days he had prayed about what God wanted him to say to us. He told stories about how he had taken walks in his neighborhood, sat at coffee shops, and reclined in his study. He was funny, witty,

and engaging, and he kept the crowd entertained.

When he came to his conclusion, these were his exact words: "I tried to do everything I could to figure out what God wanted to say to us, but nothing ever came to my mind. So maybe that means God simply doesn't have anything to say to us tonight." With that, he prayed and walked off the stage.

I sat there with my Bible in my hands, dumbfounded. *God doesn't have anything to say to us tonight?* There I was, holding a library of sixty-six books that are decidedly and definitely the Word of God, and this guy had just said that God doesn't have a word for us? In my mind I said to this guy, "Just open this book anywhere - to Leviticus, for all I care - and read it, and you've got a word from God. Save yourself the walk around the neighborhood and the cost of your mocha. Just read the book, and God is saying something to us."

I am thankful for that experience, for it burned a permanent brand into my heart and mind. In our lives and in the church, we are never without revelation from God. At all times you and I have his message to us in all its power, authority, clarity, and might. We don't have to work to come up with a word from God; we simply have to trust the Word he has already given us. When we do, the Word of God will accomplish the work of God among the people of God."

From *Radical Together*, by David Platt

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