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AUGUST - 2023

Pastor Michael's Quick Thoughts . . .

As I've been reading through the chronological Bible this year, I have noticed a constant theme in the Bible. I've always known it, but this year it has jumped out at me more than ever. It's also called me to task a bit as well. What is that theme? Obedience!!

It's just that simple. Everything we do is predicated on our obedience to God. It was God's call to the Israelites to be obedient to Him and they would be blessed in some way. They were not, even though they had multiple chances to repent. Sadly, bad things happened because of their hard heartedness.

Obedience in found in the very fabric of who Jesus is. He was obedient to the plan for Him to give His life up for us, suffering an excruciating death, so we could have life. The obedience of Jesus was born out of love, love for the Father and Spirit and love for you and me.

So, the thought for the month, if you will is this . . . How can you become obedient or even more obedient to God and experience His joy in the process?

Have a great week!!

Pastor Michael

NEWS AND EVENTS



Youth and Children's Wednesday night programs will resume on August 9th! There will be food and water games for kids in grades K-12. Plan on wearing clothes that can get wet and bring a towel!

Attention All Children!

August 6 - Promotion Sunday! Those moving out of the children's ministry and into the youth ministry will be recognized during the morning worship service and given a gift.

August 20 - Kids will have lunch and games after worship.

August 25 - Family Movie Night: 6:00-9:30pm. Come out and enjoy food, games, and a movie!

S.A.L.T. Society

On Tuesday, August 15th at 9:30am, S.A.L.T. Society will leave on a road trip to the Madison County Historical Society.



October 15, 2023

First Baptist Church will hold a Fall Festival featuring fun activities for all ages! There will also be live music. If you would like to perform, please contact George Killian. More info coming soon!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our 4H Fair booth! We had a great time visiting with people, painting faces, and giving away books and information about the church.











Back to School Rally 2023

This year's Back to School Rally was another smashing success! We were able to give away...

> 402 bags of school supplies 400 meals Hundreds of backpacks

Thank you to everyone who came and volunteered their time to make this event happen!









SERVICES



Sunday 10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch S.A.L.T. Society meets on the third Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

6:30pm: Prayer Meeting (first Wed. of month), Bible Study (remaining Wednesdays) 6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)

PASTOR MICHAEL'S BOOKS

These are the books I've read over the past couple of months and a quick thought about each one - - -

Adult Children of Emotionally Immature Parents: How to Heal from Distant, Rejecting, or Self-Involved Parents by Lindsay Gibson. Jun 1, 2015

• An interesting book devoted to help those who had parents who weren't quite there or mature or had to be parented themselves.

David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits and the Art of Rattling Giantsby Malcom Gladwell. 2015

• I was surprised by this book. It was good. It's a simple premise that we can use throughout life. Gladwell surprised me with his use of the Bible.

The 5 Second Rule: Transform your life, work and confidence with everyday courageby Mel Robbins. 2017

• This book encourages you to look at a problem or a situation and in 5 seconds make up your mind that you're going to tackle it. It was OK, nothing to write home about in my opinion.

The Hank Show by McKenzie Funk. 2023

• This was a fun and bizarre book to read. It's a true story about a man named Hank Asher who moved from house painter to a CIA asset and a drug running pilot.

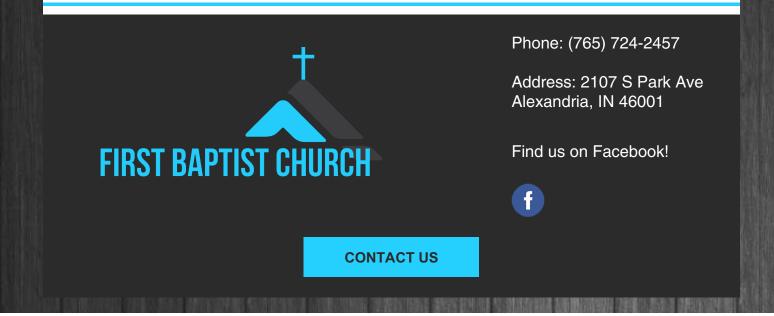
Nobility in Small Things: A Surgeons Pathby Craig Smith, M.D. 2023

• A fascinating true story about a surgeon and his daily life and struggles.

10X is Easier Than 2X by Dan Sullivan. 2023

• This is a counter-intuitive book. The premise is that achieving 10X growth is exponentially easier than striving for 2X growth.

DO YOU HAVE ANY BOOKS YOU WOULD RECOMMEND TO ME?



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