

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Newsletter

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Hey everyone,

Happy September! WOW! It's September, where has the year gone? I think I'll say that on the first of every month until January 1. Then it will seem like there's a whole year ahead of us. Of course, before we know it, the year will be winding down as well.

As I think about the end of the year, I start thinking about next year. What is it God is calling me to do, what are the challenges before me, how can I grow to be more and more of the man God has called me to be?

It's a reminder of Paul's words from Ephesians 4:1 --- "I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called."

The call is to walk in a manner worthy of God's calling in my life. That's daunting and intimidating, yet, we have a God of grace; who calls us, challenges us, corrects us and best of all, redeems us.

Don't wait for Christmas to start thinking about next year. Start now! Why not start on September 1, be the person God has called you to be so that you would walk in a

manner worthy of your calling!

Blessings in Christ!!

Pastor Michael

Did You Ever Wonder?...

Did you ever wonder what the audition process was to join the Sanctuary choir? Let us answer that clearly: THERE IS NO AUDITION. Obviously, you must have a heart to sing the praises of God and it helps to be able to carry a tune! You do not have to read music or know the names of the notes. You have to read from left to right and it helps to know the difference between up and down. You also need a willingness to serve and a commitment to practice on Thursday nights. That's it.

What about the Bell choir? Same. No audition. Seriously. Usually each person is responsible for one or two bells. You need to follow the music and play the correct bell when it is time. And there are secret shortcuts that some have discovered to make it easier. Again, you need a willingness to serve and a commitment to practice on Thursday nights.

There are other opportunities to serve in the music program that do not require singing or being up on the stage. A key part of the Sunday morning service takes place in the balcony. We need volunteers to work the sound board, the cameras, and work with the ProPresenter program. All of this is vital to the Sunday morning service, both live and online.

Hopefully in this article you picked up on two key words: willingness and commitment. Bell choir is at 5:30pm, Praise Team at 6:15pm, and Sanctuary choir at 7:00pm. If you need more information, see Worship Leader George Killian or any member of the Board of Music. Hope to see you there!

Kevin and Beth Thompson

NEWS AND EVENTS

S.A.L.T. Society (Seasoned Adults Learning Together)

On **Tuesday, September 3rd at Noon**, we will have a pitch in lunch at the church. Bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share. We'd love to see you there!

Splash Party

This year's Splash Party was a great success! We had over 25 volunteers help and over 40 kids attend. Thank you so much to all of those who helped make this event happen for our young people!



THE THIRD TUESDAY TABLE

The Deaconesses of First Baptist Church are hosting community dinners!
These are held on the Third Tuesday of each month. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

This month's dinner will be **September 17th** from **5:00pm-6:00pm.**

Meal will be a Baked Potato Bar.

Dine in only - no carry outs.

Attention FBC Kids!

Sunday, September 15th - Lunch for kids in grades K-6th after worship

Friday, September 27th from 6:00-9:00pm - Family game night with Jill Thomas



Annie at the Commons Theatre

FBC is well-represented in an upcoming play at the Commons Theatre!
They would love to have you come to a show and support them.

Tommy Thomas - Director
Megan Prophet - Annie
Eric Prophet - Warbucks
Heather Prophet - Grace Farrell
Meredith Nichols - Lilly St. Regis
Jill Thomas - Mrs. Greer
Morgan Prophet - Connie Boyland/Star-To-Be/Ensemble
Addison Nichols - Ronnie Boyland/Ensemble
Sophie Jamerson - Pepper
Sophia Backous - Kate
Nora Backous - Orphan
Blake Thomas - Backstage Manager

Performance times:

September 12th - 7:30pm
September 13th - 7:30pm

September 14th - 3:30pm
September 20th - 7:30pm
September 21st - 7:30pm
September 22nd - 3:30pm

Ticket prices:

Adults - \$12.00
Students - \$9.00
Pre-K - \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.thecommonstheatre.org/tickets
or by calling 765-639-3282.

Impact had their retreat in Upland, Indiana this weekend! Everyone had a great time as we studied NEXT: Growing a faith that lasts. A special thank you to Heather Prophet, who prepared our meals, Elida Stillwell who helped chaperone (and basically helped with everything we did!), and Phil and Linda Prophet who transported all of our supplies to and from the retreat center.



BETTERMAN men's ministry is starting September 15th
at 6:00pm. If you haven't signed up already, please visit

All material is free and the hope is that we grow in our relationships as men and become a better-man.



FBC is having an all-church picnic on **Sunday, September 29th** after worship at Beulah Park. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Back to School Rally a successful outreach! Now is a good time to be watching for sales on items that could be included in Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. More information coming soon!

Books and More Books

I have laid out many books in the Family Life Center for people to take. I don't want them back. I want you to have them, keep them, sell them, give them as gifts (but not to me!).

Speaking of books, this is a partial reading list for the past two months. Some heavy stuff in there as well.

The Revolutionary Disciple by Jim Putman. This is one of the outstanding books on discipleship. Jim is one of the leaders in discipleship.

Supercommunicators: How to Unlock the Secret Language of Connection by Charles Duhigg. A fascinating book, as Duhigg is a former CIA interrogator who understood how to extract information from people who didn't want to give out information. It's not a biography, but a book about communication.

Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging by Sebastian Junger. Another really good book.

It chronicles the difference between American Indian culture and white American culture. I've gained some new knowledge from this book.

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari. A very different book which looks at the story of humanity from an evolution standpoint. Some interesting tidbits, but not necessarily my cup of tea.

Paradoxes of Dehumanization by David Smith. This was deep! But it opened my eyes to how we have dehumanized people over time. It's not fun reading, but it hits the heart at times as well.

I think there are a couple of others, but I'm going blank for now, so happy reading and share with me what you are reading as well.

Pastor Michael

SERVICES



Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday

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

S.A.L.T. Society meets on the first Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

6:30pm: Bible Study

6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)

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