



Join us for in person services

- Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (nursery available birth - 3 years old)
- Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.
- Youth and Children's activities available on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Pre-K through 12th grade)

All services will be available through live stream on Facebook. Each service is available on YouTube immediately following the service.

Words cannot express the appreciation and heartfelt gratitude we feel from the outpouring of love and prayers for our family after the deaths of our father and mother. Thank you especially to those who provided the meals after our parents' services. Much Love, The Family of Wayne & Emma Jane Stephenson

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FBC Ministry Teams

Below is a list of Ministry Teams at FBC. If you would like more information or would be interested in serving on any of these teams, please call or email the church office.

Baptism: To assist the church and candidate in preparing for and in administering the ordinance of baptism.

Benevolence: To assist the church in planning and administering a benevolence ministry to the membership and to the community.

Bereavement: To assist the church in ministering to families by providing meals in times of sorrow because of death.

Decoration & Flowers: To assist the church in providing floral arrangements and decorations for church services and other church sponsored events.

Hostess & Fellowship: To assist the church in planning and supervising church wide socials and receptions.

Kitchen: To assist the church in the overall operation of the church kitchen including Wednesday Night Suppers.

Library: To assist the church in administering the library and media program of the church.

Revival/Men's & Women's Ministries: To assist the church in promoting revival services and Bible conferences.

Sound & Multi Media: To assist the church in providing sound & multi media production for church events.

Ushers: To assist the church in greeting and seating worshippers.

On Wednesday nights we are looking at prayers from all over the Bible. We have seen the prayers of Jesus, Paul, Moses, Solomon, Jonah, Elijah, and many others. We have learned many things from these prayers. We have learned what prayer is. We have learned how to pray. We have learned how to live. We have learned how God wants us to live. We have learned much about God.

Learning is important but learning is never the end we seek. Praying is the end we seek. The purpose of spending these many months studying prayer is to prompt us to pray. I do not know how prayer affects God. The scriptural evidence and our personal experience both confirm that God acts in response to our prayers. What I know better, though, is what happens to me when I pray. When I pray, I open myself to God. The same happens to you when you pray. Prayer invites God to come into our hearts and minds and rearrange the way we think. Prayer does not so much "change" God as it changes me.

That is the ultimate end we seek in prayer. We seek God (actually, He is seeking us). In a moment, bowing our heads before we eat (or travel or go to bed or any other matter), we are ushered straight into the presence of God where He gives us His full attention, and even more, gives us Himself! No wonder the disciples, after watching Jesus pray said, "teach us to pray..." (Luke 11:1)

As you can, join us on Wednesday nights as we continue to study prayers in the Bible. Even better, join with your brothers and sisters in a great movement toward spending time with God in prayer.

You are loved,

Brother Donnie

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

I have decided to move closer to my children (and grandchildren!) in the Houston area. Thank you for the love and support you have given me. I will always cherish my memories of you, my church family.

Love,
Carolyn Armitage

""The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26



A Note from Bro. Woody

And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

--Matthew 22:37-40--

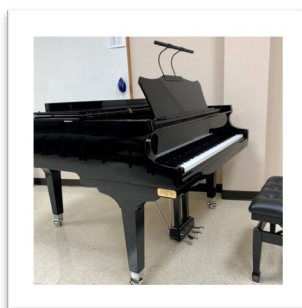
During the many months of modeling and molding it took to create her 9-foot, 800-pound Babe Ruth in bronze, artist Susan Luery met countless experts and fans. Details were carefully researched and debated. Did the Babe wear his belt buckle on the left or right? Was his hat cocked to the side or worn straight? No fact was too small to escape examination. That is, except one "minor" detail. The bronze Babe, unveiled at the northern Eutaw Street entrance of Oriole Park, is leaning on a bat and clutching on his hip a right-handed fielder's glove. The real Babe Ruth was left-handed!

Call it "missing the forest for the trees" or whatever, but one flaw that nearly every one of us will experience at some point in our walk with Christ is getting so bogged down in little details that we miss the main thing. Several years ago, a plane crashed into the Florida Everglades while the crew was trying to determine why a lightbulb wasn't working. They were so blinded by the details that they forgot what was really important.

If we are not careful, things like volunteering at church, serving on committees, and focusing on the business of the church, while good things, can often take our focus off the most important things—loving God and loving others above all. We must learn to ask God to show us where we might be getting bogged down in the details of the Christian life. Then, we can pray that He will renew our focus on loving Him and caring for other people.

You are loved,
Bro. Woody

Thanks to the generosity of the family of Jo Marie Jones, the Choir room has a beautiful new addition!



A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL



This is probably a silly question, but I'm going to ask anyway. Have you ever seen Aladdin? Think about Aladdin's first wish with the genie. He wanted to be a rich, powerful prince so that he could win Princess Jasmine's heart. As Aladdin approached the palace to introduce himself, the genie threw him a big parade with singers, dancers, entertainers, animals, and made a whole lot of noise. Everyone in the busy market knew that he was there and participated in celebrating his arrival.

As over the top as Aladdin's arrival was, it was not uncommon in a monarchy for heralds to announce and prepare the way for a King. This was the exact job that was given to John the Baptist as foretold in Isaiah 40:3. It reads, "A voice cries: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God." Mark 1:4-5 says "John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins."

John did not throw a parade for Jesus, complete with all the extras that Aladdin had. He prepared the way for Jesus by teaching repentance and pointing to the One who was to come. John's rite of baptism did not produce forgiveness of sin; it was only the outward confession and illustration of true repentance that results in forgiveness. John spent the time in his ministry preparing the people's hearts for repentance for the day when they would be introduced to King Jesus. That was 2,000 years ago. Believers have a similar role today as John the Baptist did back then. Jesus came, accomplished the Father's will, and now sits at His right on the throne. But the King is coming back, and we are to herald his return and let people know. Ask yourself how you can be a part of announcing the King in your daily routine. Pray for opportunities and be ready when God gives them. The King is coming, and we have an awesome privilege to announce it to others.

