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Help Needed:

If you would like to help coordinate collecting supplies for Christmas Shoebox Gifts, please contact the church office for more information.

**National Collection Week:
November 16-23**

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Laura McMillon	Sep 11
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Billie Ener	Sep 16
Grant Calicott	Sep 17
Ella Powell	Sep 17
Betty Anthony	Sep 19
Jeff Hicks	Sep 19
Ron Shamblin	Sep 19
Evelyn Walker	Sep 21
John Lewis	Sep 21
Trudie Fetterman	Sep 23
Sue Gee	Sep 25
Wanda Bennett	Sep 27

Financial Report

Offerings.....(08/01 - 08/31)	\$55,297.92
Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief....	\$ 1349.00

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- > A way for you and your church to participate in a Great Commission strategy for Texas
- > A way to start more churches and reach more people for Christ
- > A way to help change lives

Our Church Goal:
\$2500.00

Week of Prayer:
September 20 - 27

Dear Church Family,

Romans 5 has a wonderful sequence of words in verses 3-5. What starts with tribulation (suffering in NIV) ends in hope - it passed through patience in between. I remember that mom used to say, "be careful how you ask for patience because you know where it comes from."

By now many of us should have become patient people. Covid has been our big patience maker. Laura just added a layer to the mix. On top of these, many of you have had your own share of personal heartache. I would never make light of anyone's pain but I would ask you to think about what God is doing in us as He works to construct hope in our lives.

Who would have guessed that God would take our hardship, work the wonders of His love on it, carve off the impatient parts of our character, and leave us vibrant and hope filled people. How about that - tribulation leaves us winsome. Amazing!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as can come at our worship gathering Sunday. Oh, and don't forget to bring your spurs (you'll have to be there to know what that means).

You are loved. . .

Brother Donnie

*To First Baptist Church,
I want to thank each and every one of you for the prayers during my husband's time of sickness I also want to thank you so much for the food. My husband Jerry L. Vincent loved each and every one of you and I know he is going to be waiting at the door of Heaven to see you one sweet day. I love you all and my thanks once again,
Mrs. Jerry N. Vincent*



A Note from

Bro. Woody

Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise, making the most of your time, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
--Ephesians 5:15-17--

A pastor friend of mine once had a very eccentric man in his congregation who was trying to be a fervent Christian. Unfortunately, the man sometimes did the wrong thing. A barber in town, the man was lathering up a customer for a shave one day. He came at the man with the razor in his hand and said, "Sir, are you prepared to meet your God?" The customer, scared out of his senses, jumped up and fled the barbershop with lather on his face!

It's sometimes easy to allow our enthusiasm to get in the way of our common sense. Maybe we encounter a situation when emotions are high with people - like after the death of a loved one or during an illness. Our first inclination might be, "I need to say something about Jesus." But perhaps the best way to minister in that situation is simply to be there and love the person who is experiencing loss. We need to be zealous for the Lord, but do it with wisdom. We must love others in a way that's guided by the Holy Spirit and truly communicates God's love for them. We should put our passion to work in making sure everyone around us knows how much Jesus loves them! Would you join me in asking God to give you wisdom in your dealings with others? Let's pray for discernment in sharing Christ at the right time.

You are loved,
Bro. Woody



Join us on Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm as we make plans to present this year's Christmas musical! We will rehearse in the sanctuary so we can practice social distancing.

A PAGE FROM JIM'S JOURNAL



This has been a year that we won't soon forget. I think 2020 started out with the Australian brush fires that were devastating the wildlife. Right before Covid-19 ramped up we got news that Kobe Bryant and his daughter died in a helicopter crash. Anytime a well known public figure dies it gets people thinking about death and the meaning of their own lives. Then in March massive shutdowns took place to prevent the spread of coronavirus. In the midst of that the country has grappled with discussions on social justice, political turmoil, and the march towards a presidential election that will leave half the population reeling regardless of who wins. As things began to feel normal again for us in Southeast Texas we got hit by Hurricane Laura.

2020 is a year that most people would feel eager to leave behind, and I certainly don't blame them. I usually like the structure of the school year, and the stability that it brings. I didn't realize how comfortable I was in a routine until it was stripped away. I had a really tough time adapting in the first few months of all this mess and couldn't wait to get back to "normal". Now that we are 6 months into this very unusual time I feel differently. I'm thankful. I look back and I see how God has been molding me through this process. It hasn't been pleasant, or enjoyable, but it's been necessary for me to grow in some very specific areas.

James 1:2-3 says, "Count it all joy my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." Hardships, difficulties, and trials are tools that God uses to mold us more into the image of His Son. For me personally, my hardships helped me to be more aware of the hardships of others. In Matthew 25:31-46, Jesus gives a picture of the final judgment. He divides the people to his right and left as a shepherd would do to sheep and goats. He commends the sheep on his right for taking care of his physical needs, but shames the goats on his left for their lack of care. Both groups were surprised and wondered when they ever saw Jesus in need. He told the sheep in 25:40, "Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." I am ashamed to say I could have very easily been the goat at times. There were needs I could meet but selfishness prevailed.

Jesus has used the last 6 months to shine a light in that area of my life and expose the selfishness. It wasn't pleasant. It was downright painful at times. But I am thankful that we serve an awesome God who doesn't leave us in the muddy mess of sin that He finds us in. He is faithful to continue the work that He started in us and will complete it. How has God used this unusual year to shine a light in your life? Are you able to look back and see how He is chipping away at anything that does not represent His perfect Son? Our God is so good! His mercy is new every morning. Look for ways in the weeks to come to share Him with others.



We are excited to add music class with Bro. Woody to our afternoon specials and the Gaga Ball pit was in full action this Friday!

