

First Baptist Church Weekly Newsletter

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Birthdays this Week

21st Shirley Quick

Preston's Perspective

This is a new column for our weekly newsletter. In it, I would like to share weekly thoughts from my perspective as a Pastor.

I want to begin by building on my message this past Sunday on "Joy in the Midst of Pain." Everyone of us has experienced suffering and difficulty in life. This past year we have known this first hand with the coronavirus pandemic. We are still not out of the woods yet as the Delta variant is emerging. Something we have realized during this time is how much we have missed being with each other and how much we enjoy being together for fellowship, Bible Study, and worship. This underscores how, as a church, we are connected to each other as the family of God and need one another. As we move forward, it is good to keep in mind that life is more about "we" than it is about "me." The decisions each of us make affect other people in our life too. We need to pray for one another, encourage each other, care for one another, and be committed to meeting together. Getting vaccinated is also another way we can express our concern and love for each other.

Please know that as your Pastor, I care about you and your well-being. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Be safe. Be well. Know that you are not alone and that God is with you! See you on Sunday!

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7)

Heavenly Father, Please protect us while we travel. The streets are busy and the trip is long. Keep us safe from the dangers of the road. Give us courtesy and patience with other drivers. And help us reach our destination swiftly and easily, always knowing that You are with us. Amen.

ABW Sisters in Prayer

Thursday, August 12, 2021

9:00 PM Central Time

Soon the children will be going back to school and we want to be praying for the new school year. Please join us for our next Sisters in Prayer as we pray for the children, administrators, teachers, parents, and school personnel.

[Click here to register.](#)

FBC Family Picture Board

If you and your family have not had your photo taken for the FBC Family Picture Board, MaryAnn VanLoon will be contacting you soon to get your picture taken.

HELP NEEDED

Can you give a few minutes of your time? As we move into the Fall activities at church this September, we need your help!

Volunteers are needed to serve as Greeters, Communion Preparers, Fellowship and Coffee (for after worship), and in Children's Church.

Please sign up this Sunday on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church. Thank you

Sunday's Sermon

"Persistent in Prayer"

Scripture is Luke 18:1-8

A Deeper Kind of Optimism

Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness.

Hoping is knowing that there is love, it is trust in tomorrow; it is falling asleep and waking again when the sun rises.

In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land.

In the yes of another it is to see that he understands you.

...As long as there is still hope there will also be prayer.

...And God will be holding you in his hands.

Adult Sunday School Classes

The 9:00 am Adult Sunday School class will temporarily stop meeting until further notice due to the increase of Covid in our area.

The last class will be Sunday, August 15.

Tipi Wakan Church

Tipi Wakan Church in Cannonball is restarting their children's ministry.

Our church will send a team on the first Sunday of the month to provide a meal and a Sunday school lesson for elementary age children.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Pat Gingery or Lori Lundblad.

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