



Jan. 29, 2020

### Four Priorities

We are all leaders within our sphere of influence. Here are four priorities every church leader must embrace. Pray for me as I pray for you. Les

**1. Be biblical and set a firm foundation.**

The most important priority we can cultivate as church leaders is to make Scripture a part of daily lives. As we soak up truth in the Bible, God goes to work on us. Having a biblical mentality is the secret to battling the urgent and surviving the aimlessness or stress of our days.

**2. Be authentic and live vulnerably before others.**

Authentic leaders are free to question, admit failure, confess wrong, and declare truth. Authentic people enjoy life more by not taking themselves so seriously. They actually laugh, cry, and think more clearly because they have nothing to prove, no image to protect, and no role to play.

**3. Be gracious and have a compassionate attitude.**

Early church leaders got it right. "So we cared for you because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well" (1 Thess. 2:8). Seek to be tolerant, approachable, and kind.

**4. Understand the times and people around you.**

Jesus was an expert at relating to people right where they were. The LORD stopped and made a special effort to recognize Zacchaeus. After a meal together, Zacchaeus became a genuine follower of Jesus.

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### Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Jan. 29  
5:15 p.m. – Movin’ Up

Sunday, Feb. 2  
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
10:05 a.m. – Kids’ Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

### Teacher Schedule

Feb. 2, 2020

**Nursery**

Evalyn Fate / Sydney Collins

**Kids’ Time**

Ruth Ann Monroe /  
Chris McFarren

**LOL**

Remain in Service

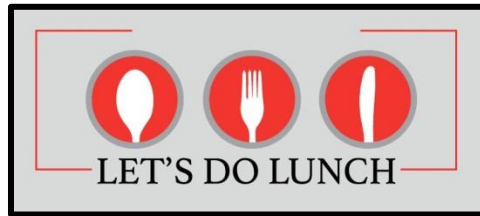
### Stewardship Report

Jan. 27, 2020

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	1752.00
Missions	85.00
Building/Maint Fund	40.00
Memorials	25.00
Funeral Dinners	100.00

**Total** **\$2,002.00**



On Sunday, February 9 right after the worship service, we will gather together in the basement for lunch. The church is providing pulled pork and sloppy joes along with table service and drinks. We ask that you bring something to share. It can be chips, something from the deli, or whatever is stress-free for you to contribute. We just want to get together as friends. If you didn't already RSVP, please do so this Sunday on your Welcome Card.

## Becomers Class

Here is the scripture schedule for the Becomers Sunday School Class. You are encouraged to read the passage during the week before and take a few notes.

Feb. 2 Luke 12:49-59

March 1 Luke 14:16-35

Feb. 9 Luke 13:1-21

March 8 Luke 15:1-32

Feb. 16 Luke 13:22-35

March 15 Luke 16:1-18

Feb. 23 Luke 14:1-15

March 22 Luke 16:19-31

March 29 Luke 17:1-10



## Condolences

Please pray for Earl Brickley and family. His sister, Phyllis Fiechter, passed away. The service was held on Tuesday.

## Link Mailing



Do you regularly use email? If so, please consider switching this paper newsletter to one that comes to your email box. Just email the church at [firstbaptist@adamswells.com](mailto:firstbaptist@adamswells.com) and request the newsletter be sent to your email. Another nice way to access this newsletter is on our website at [fbcbluffton.com](http://fbcbluffton.com). It is usually posted there on Tuesday.



## Christmas Devotionals

If you no longer have a use for the "God With Us" devotional that we used for advent, you may bring it back to the church. There will be a box on the ledge in The Gathering Place for the next couple of weeks. We will give them to some others interested in using them. Thanks!

## Our Study on Light

We are currently engaged in a series of sermons on LIGHT. These messages probe the nature of God, and what it means for humans to be the image of God in this world.

Light in the beginning. Two weeks ago we jumped into Genesis 1. We saw the literal manifestation of God's glory as light over absolutely nothing at the outset of creation. We came face-to-face with the LORD's power as we watched divine glory revealed. The all-powerful Creator is the source of life and all that is good.

Light is born. This past Sunday we flipped over to John 1 to see light revealed in a new way. God's glory was displayed uniquely when God was born a human. Numerous eyewitnesses saw God's light shining in and through Jesus. Why should we care? What does God's glory have to do with our everyday lives? First, humans are hardwired for glory. Second, there are many signs in the material universe pointing to God's glory. Last, only God's glory can satisfy our hunger for glory.

Sunday, February 2 – We are the light. This Sunday we will wrestle the fact that believers are called to be the light in a dark world. Why is that calling so difficult for us to accomplish? There is a damaging tendency in every human heart that hinders this noble assignment. Fortunately, God offers a solution to heal our bent places.

Sunday, February 9 – Living in the light. I will conclude this sermon series by focusing on discipleship. Being a disciple of Jesus reminds us that light is not an end unto itself, but serves to make visible what is true and real. Believers no longer have to hide in the shadows. In response to God's grace and our relationship with Christ, we can now choose to live in an honorable and upright way.

Sunday, February 16 – Tony Garton will speak. Les will be gone pursuing continuing education.

For Further Study

Tripp, Paul David (2015). [Awe: Why It Matters for Everything We Think, Say, and Do](#). Wheaton, IL: Crossway.



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### This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

**10:15 a.m. – Worship Service**