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First Baptist Church Newsletter
January 29, 2025

Leverage Trials

My sermon on Sunday from 1 Peter 5:6-11 revealed that trials can help followers of Jesus grow in faith, develop Christlike character, and become more dependent on God.

Trials help us learn to trust the Lord and see that our Savior's love is greater than anything else. We must daily choose to leverage all challenges to advance God's kingdom and become stronger spiritual warriors.

Additional positive benefits of difficulties:

- **Strengthen faith:** Trials can help Christians prove that our faith is real.
- **See God's love:** Trials can help Believers recognize that God's love is greater than anything else.
- **Increase spiritual maturity:** Troubles can help increase our spiritual maturity and develop hearts that long for holiness.
- **Learn to trust God:** Trials can help Christ-followers learn to trust the Lord and depend on Him more.
- **Shape perspective:** Hardships can help Christians sharpen our perspectives on what matters most in life.
- **Humble us:** Trials can help Believers humble ourselves and look to God more consistently.

Together with you,

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THIS SUNDAY! LUNCH



Join us right after the worship service this Sunday, February 2, for a taco bar lunch. The church will provide the meat, soft tortillas, and crunchy shells. Please remember to bring what you signed up for.

Our Pastor Search Committee is sponsoring this meal. They will have our regional minister, Rusty Strickler, give a brief presentation on the Pastor search process and answer any questions you may have.

Also, please continue to pray for the Search Committee to have wisdom and God's guidance as they begin the process.

SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY

Due to the Sunday Lunch set-up in the basement, the Adult Sunday School will meet in The Gathering Place this Sunday, February 2. We will continue our study of worship. Come join us at 9:00 a.m.

*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
Psalm 29:2*

Men's **Bible Study**



Thursday Mornings

The Men's Bible Study meets at 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews. All men are welcome! We meet in the basement and the study lasts about one hour.

Kids' Time Teacher
Sunday Feb. 2, 2025

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren



**Adventure Kids and
Youth Bible Study**

Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



- 4th Eric Gaston
- 7th Olivia Nicholson
- 11th Mary Bishop
- 20th Helen Steffen
- 23rd Les Cantrell
- 27th Wharrens Julmisse
- 28th Angie Bynum

February 2025

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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