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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Oct. 11, 2023

God Hears Hearts

Prior to singing *The Bond of Love* this past Sunday, on the fly I attempted to illustrate our bond of love with each other using chemistry. But I could not remember the word "molecules," which are held together by chemical bonds. I knew I should have listened better in high school chemistry. I remembered an incident that reminded me that God can guide us even if we cannot spell things out properly.

A teenage tourist approached a business man in a busy section of Denver, Colorado. He asked the man if he could help him find a certain location. He continued, "I think it starts with an 'S.'"

The business man thought for a moment and asked, "The Civic Center?"

The teenager exclaimed, "That's it."

Sometimes when we pray, we cannot convey what we really mean, cannot think of the right word, or our situation is just completely beyond words. Here is the good news! God knows what we are trying to communicate.

Scripture declares, "In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words..." (Rom. 8:26). God hears hearts.

Together with you,

Les



PRAYER ITEMS



- ◆ Chas Isch - is in Lutheran Hospital.
- ◆ Bob Hiester - is in rehabilitation at the Bluffton Hospital.
- ◆ Denise Downs - as she continues to recover at home.
- ◆ Bev Clouser - for recovery and rehabilitation from hip surgery.
- ◆ Pray for Israel and peace in the troubled region. Intense fighting is raging in Israel and Gaza after Hamas militants launched thousands of rockets into Israel and gunmen infiltrated Southern Israel. The fight may be the worst since 2021, but it's part of a complex, bitter conflict that reaches back to the first world war. Sadly, innocent civilians often suffer most, especially since Hamas terrorists use them as shields.

*"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 4:2*

Teachers for Sunday October 15

Kids' Time
Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

LOL
Debbie Cantrell



World Mission Offering (WMO)

Throughout the month of October, we will collect our WMO. We will designate our offering to go to the Goods for their vital and growing work in Hungary. Special envelopes are in the pews.

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offering

Stewardship

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General Budget	\$2,193.00
Building Maintenance	\$210.00
Missions	\$305.00
World Mission Offering	\$1,005.00
Total	\$3,713.00

Vouchers

Near the bottom of our vouchers, you will notice these three lines.

Approved By: _____

Date Approved: _____

Budget Account Number: _____

Please help our church treasurer by writing down the church leader who approved the expense and also the budget account number. The budget account number is the line item number from our budget. There is a current budget in a bottom mailbox in the mail room. If you don't know what line item your expense is from, please ask Pastor Les or the church office for help. Thank you!



October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There will be a basket in the foyer for any cards and notes to Pastor Les and Debbie. Your gifts of loving words of encouragement are welcomed and valued.

~Board of Deacons

This Week

Wednesday: Youth Bible Study (grades 6th to 12th) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.
Adventure Kids (grades K to 5th) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Thursday: Men's Bible Study - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Christian Education Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Condolences

Rick White passed away last week. Even though Rick had not been able to attend worship services for several years, he was an important member of our church family. We pray comfort for his friends and family.



Home
Rose McCormick

*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

River Terrace
Karen West
Carolyn McBride
Ted Shady

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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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