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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Oct. 18, 2023

Wrong Machine

In my message this past Sunday I discussed the sixth commandment not to kill (murder). Jesus pointed out that kingdom righteousness must deal with the anger that causes murderous feelings and actions. Part of our problem as Christians and as human beings is making false assumptions.

We find ourselves operating on assumptions from time to time that prove to be all wrong from square one. Like the new salesman carrying an important-looking document and walked over to an office employee who was standing by the paper shredder. He asked, "Can you show me how to operate this machine?" The other man said, "Sure, just flick this switch to turn it on, then put your paper in that slot. That's all there is to it." The salesman said, "Thanks." He followed the instructions, then turned and asked, "Now, how do you set it to make three copies?" Ouch!

Scripture addresses the danger of assumptions. "Fools have no interest in understanding; they only want to air their own opinions (Prov. 18:2). Actor Henry Winkler was spot on: "Assumptions are the termites of relationships." We can save ourselves a great deal of frustration and anger by having the courage to ask a lot more questions.

Together with you,

Les



Condolences

Ted Shady's brother, Norman, passed away last week. We pray comfort for Ted and Melanie and the rest of the family.



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. Make out checks to FBC and place them in the special envelopes which are in the pews or on the foyer table.



Teachers for Sunday October 22

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein
Logan and Hunter Zoll

LOL

Debbie Cantrell



Pastor Les will be on vacation starting Tuesday, October 24 and will return to the office Tuesday, October 31. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact a deacon. We will be honored to have Dr. Gene Bell bring the message on Sunday, October 29. The church office will be open regular hours, except it will be closed on Thursday, October 26.



Blessing Box Donations

You are welcome to bring Blessing Box donations any time and leave them at the church for us to replenish the box. You are also encouraged to put donations directly into the box, if it has some empty space.



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.
Deacon Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday: Men's Bible Study - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.



Very Valuable Hour

Over the past year as many as a dozen guys have really looked forward to Thursday mornings at 8:00. Our men's Bible study began last November and has been going strong ever since, even after a two-month summer break. There is not a designated leader. We just take turns reading a chapter of the Bible and then all feel free to offers thoughts, opinions, or ask questions. Having finished the Old Testament book of Jonah, we have begun Philippians. We will discuss Philippians chapter 2 this Thursday. All guys are welcome to join us down in the conference room at church.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Trustee Board will meet on Monday, October 23 at 5:00 p.m.

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The Annual Business Meeting will be on Sunday, November 5 right after the worship service. We will approve officers and board members and also approve the budget for 2024.



ANNUAL MEETING

PASTOR
Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There is 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

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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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