



First Baptist Church Newsletter

November 30, 2022

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Big Things from Small Beginnings

Are you doing something to honor God that feels small and insignificant? That's how Israel felt trying to rebuild their decimated temple and beloved Jerusalem. The prophet Zechariah encouraged them with these words. "Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin..." (4:10). The timeless principle is that big things often start small.

A well-publicized story of Niccolo Fontana Tartaglia discloses he faced incredible odds. Born into horrible poverty, his father died when he was a child. When he was twelve, his hometown was attacked by foreign troops. A soldier slashed his face with a sword, leaving him deformed. Throughout his life he stuttered. Cruel people called him "the stammerer."

Despite these and many other painful obstacles, Tartaglia became one of the most important mathematicians in history. He mastered highly complex concepts and acquired insights into problems no one else could grasp.

Why do we love pain to prominence (a.k.a. rags to riches) biographies? Because they reveal the human condition so well. At one time or another most of us have felt weak, overlooked, and insignificant. But then a small act, passing gesture, or slight occurrence shifts the entire narrative; a seemingly trivial moment slowly moves the story in a new direction.

I see two takeaways. First, stay alert because the LORD can make minor moments into defining moments in our story. Second, you and I can give a smile or lend a hand to someone else. It seems so insignificant. Big things come from small beginnings.

Together with you,

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JOIN US!

Right after the worship service on Sunday, December 11 we will have a baked potato bar. The church will provide potatoes, butter, table service, and drinks. *Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer, and choose something from the list to bring.*



Christmas Cards Available

Extra cards are located in The Gathering Place on the high table. You may use these to fill out and place in the goody bags for our homebound members. If you know someone else at a local care home, you may also write them a note in one of these cards and leave it on the table. These will be delivered to them at the care home where they live.

GOODY BAGS

Each holiday season, we take goody bags to our homebound members. This year we have four bags in The Gathering Place, one of them is cards only. The deadline for contributing is Sunday, December 18.



Thanks to all who helped put up the Christmas decorations! We had some new faces and other faithful workers that have done it for many years. The lovely decorations add to our season of celebration.

Teachers - Sunday, Dec. 4

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
and Chris McFarren

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Remain in service



General Budget	\$2,565.00
Building Maintenance	\$85.00
Missions	\$340.00
Memorials	\$120.00
Flowers	\$26.00
Thanksgiving/holiday	\$25.00
Deacons	\$50.00
Total	\$3,211.00

Stewardship November 27, 2022





3rd Kyla Isch
 4th Rodger Evans
 Frank Davis
 6th Monroe Heller
 14th Evalyn Fate
 17th Melanie Shady
 19th Ed Jambora
 25th Jim Hiester

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	2	3
4	5	6	7 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	8 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	9	10
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18	19 Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	20	21 Ad. Kids & Youth Study 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	23	24  Service 7:00 p.m.
25 Christmas Service 10:15 a.m.	26	27	28	29 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	30	31

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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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