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First Baptist Church Newsletter

*Nov. 8, 2023*

## Happy About FBC Leaders

Another annual meeting has come and gone. I'm thankful for the slate of leaders our church approved for 2024. We have a solid group of men and women. I count myself fortunate to serve alongside these friends. Regarding leaders, consider an incident and a funny response.

Australian golfer Greg Norman was playing in the Australian Open. He sliced a ball into the woods out of play. He did the same thing on the next shot. He brought it out and dropped it again. This time he hit it into the rough, finally got to the green, and with three putts scored an 8 on a par 5. Paul Harvey commented, "I always wanted to play like Greg Norman, and now I can."

Don't expect leaders to be perfect. There are times we also feel grumpy or make mistakes. I have been preaching along and then, complete silence. My next word or phrase has vanished into thin air. I stand awkwardly in the proverbial kitchen, wondering why I came in there. But friendly nods and accepting smiles help me get back on track.

A leader in the early church wrote, "And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Go after Jesus. He is the only perfect leader.

Together with you,

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## CONDOLENCES

- We pray for Shawn and Teresa Nicholson and family. Shawn's mother passed away last week.
- We pray for Jill Miller and her family in the passing of Jill's brother.



## Kids on Wednesday Nights

**Youth Bible Study** (grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.  
**Adventure Kids** (grades K to 5<sup>th</sup>) - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

This month we will meet each Wednesday evening, except we will not meet on Nov. 22 due to Thanksgiving.



All men are invited to our Men's Bible Study which meets each Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the church. The elevator is on for your convenience. We will begin a study of the book of Job starting this Thursday, November 9.

## Teachers for Sunday November 12, 2023

**Kids' Time**  
Angie Bynum  
Jessica Bynum

**LOL**  
Traci Heller



River Terrace  
Karen West  
Carolyn McBride  
Ted Shady



Christian Care  
Bob Hiester

*Remember Our  
Homebound Friends*



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Please remember to return your boxes this Sunday.  
Thank you for your participation!



You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary and you may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service. The cost is \$6.50 and the deadline is November 26. There will be order forms available this Sunday. You may turn in your completed form, along with payment, to the church office or place it in the offering plate. Make checks payable to First Baptist.

*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, God loves a cheerful giver.*  
*1 Corinthians 9:7*

## GIVING REPORT



Thank you to everyone who gave to the World Mission Offering, which will be designated for the Good family's ministry in Hungary. We collected a total of \$2,760.00.

### Stewardship

**Oct. 29, 2023**

General Budget	\$8,635.00
Building Maintenance	\$315.00
Missions	\$325.00
World Mission Offering	\$200.00

**Total \$9,475.00**

**Nov. 5, 2023**

General Budget	\$2,480.00
Building Maintenance	\$350.00
Missions	\$360.00

**Total \$3,190.00**

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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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