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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Dec 6, 2023

The War Zone

Why do people purchase homes or take extended vacations to exotic places? Paradise beckons because most humans want peace. But along comes a hurricane, a fire, or a health issue and we quickly discover our treasured spot is not the Garden of Eden.

Our Savior did just the opposite to bring peace. He left paradise to enter the war zone of our mean and fallen planet. Ponder deeply this quote as it relates to the arrival of Jesus. "Washington is full of peace monuments built after every war."

Several years ago, I purchased a new cell phone. The crazy thing made me very anxious. I could not figure out all the new programs and strange buttons. An instruction leaflet was written in four languages. The English version was too small to read and too complicated to understand. So, I decided to call my son.

Fortunately, the Creator did not send us a "peace-booklet" detailing a bunch of complicated instructions. God sent us His Son. We will take a closer look at Jesus this Sunday.

Together with you,

Les





THIS SUNDAY!



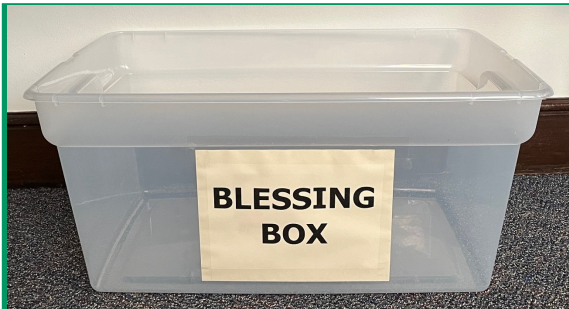
Join us this Sunday for lunch! We will have a Taco Bar downstairs right after the worship service. You can make your own taco, taco salad, or tortilla wrap. The church will provide the meat, shells, tortillas, drinks, and table service. If you didn't already sign up, please call the church office and let us know how many are attending and what you can bring.

Prayer Items

Please continue to pray for healing for the following individuals:

Don Reeves
Denise Downs
Chas Isch
Holly Zoll

We also want to continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the conflict in Israel and surrounding region.



Blessing Box Donations

We have two tubs under the tables in the foyer labeled "BLESSING BOX." You may place your donations for our outside Blessing Box in these tubs and others will take care of them. As always, you may also place your items directly into the box outside.

GOODY BAGS

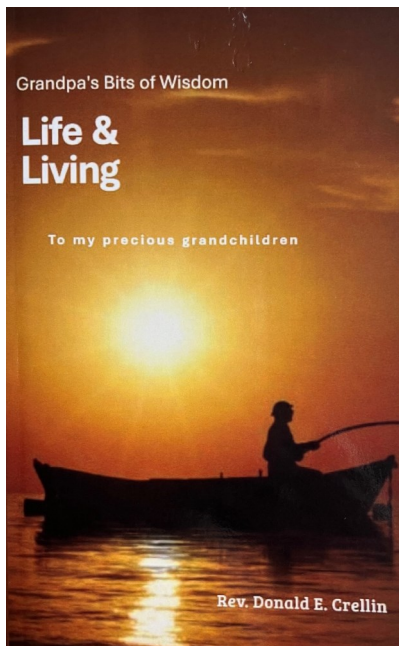
The four goody bags we will take to our homebound members are in The Gathering Place. Our last Sunday for adding items is December 17, so that the deacons can distribute the bags by Christmas. Thank you!



Teachers for Sunday December 10, 2023

Kids' Time
Angie Bynum
Jessica Bynum

LOL
Traci Heller



New in the Library

We received this book from Don Crellin and placed it in our library for your enjoyment. Many of you remember Don and Middy as long-time Pastor and wife here at FBC. Don wrote these words of wisdom several years ago for their grandchildren. This year their family had it published. The book is also available for purchase at [Barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com).

Don and Middy recently moved to a Retirement Home.
Don and Middy Crellin
12105 Ambassador Drive. Apt. 454
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921
Email: mecadeca1095@gmail.com

River Terrace
Karen West
Carolyn McBride



*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

Christian Care
Bob Hiester

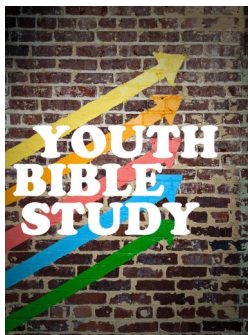
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WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDENT SCHEDULES



Adventure Kids, grades K-5

This Wednesday, Dec. 6 we will have fun celebrating Christmas. It will be our last meeting for 2023. We will start again on January 10, 2024.



Youth Bible Study, grades 6-12

We will meet Dec. 6 and Dec. 13, then we will take a Christmas break and start again on January 10, 2024.

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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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