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First Baptist Church Newsletter

February 12, 2025

Truth Not Luck

Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32). God and God's word form the basis for how Christians are to live in this world. Following the truth gives us a stable life, whereas seeking luck is flimsy and constantly shifting. A joke illustrates this contrast well.

A man decided to make a living by gambling in the lottery, and indeed, he was lucky. He won millions. When asked how he did it, he replied, "I was smart and I was lucky. I like the number 7. I figured two 7s would be luckier than one, so I multiplied 7 times 7 and put my money down on the number 48 and I won!" The friend replied, "But 7 times 7 is 49, not 48!" The man replied, "I know, that's the lucky part."

"Let your roots grow down into Christ, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness" (Colossians 2:7).

Together with you,

Les



ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report for 2024 is complete and there will be copies on the table in the foyer this Sunday.

Heritage Pointe, Warren
Barbara Charles

Ossian Healthcare
Ted Shady
Rose McCormick



Pray for our
Homebound

Christian Care
Bob Hiester

River Terrace
Karen West
Carolyn McBride



Spring Flowers



You have the opportunity to purchase spring flowers that will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday (April 20) in honor or in memory of someone. Then, you can take your flower home after the service. Order forms will be in the bulletin this Sunday, and the cost will be \$9.00 per flower. You may also mail your order and payment to the church office. Our deadline for orders is Sunday, March 9.



Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study meets at 8:00 a.m. on Thursdays. We are currently studying the book of Hebrews. All men are welcome! We meet in the basement and the study lasts about one hour.

Kids' Time Teacher
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025

Joyce Evans



**Adventure Kids and
Youth Bible Study**

Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



Operation Christmas Child

Laura and Helen recently drove to Chicago to serve with the ministry of Operation Christmas Child. These FBC ambassadors arrived at a large distribution center to help pack donated items into shoeboxes. These boxes will be combined with many others and sent out to children around the world.

In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in Eastern Europe. Franklin agreed, but figured Christmas was months away.

Franklin forgot the promise until he received a call back around Thanksgiving asking about the gifts. He urgently reached out to his pastor and with shoebox gifts coming from Canada, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoeboxes to children in the Balkans that first year.

Fast forward to 2024. Operation Christmas Child achieved their goal last year to ship more 12 million shoeboxes for Christmas 2024. This ministry is now the number one shipper of shoeboxes each year in the world.

Our church is grateful for the time and effort Laura and Helen invested in this vital and valuable ministry. Stay tuned. Later this year, we will once again invite our church family to fill shoeboxes for distribution to children.

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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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