

# the LINK

First Baptist Church Newsletter

## COURAGE CONNECTION

On Sunday we saw in Psalm 27 that courage comes from God alone (v.v. 1-3). But how and where can we connect with the LORD in order to tap into His power to live a confident life? First, we can link with God at church through worship (v.v. 4-6). We make attendance at church, at least on Sundays, a major priority. This is our community where we speak words that uplift and embolden other people to live fearlessly. We participate when we are in worship, rather than just being a passive spectator.

*This Sunday:*

**LOVE**

ongoing conversation of talking and listening to the Creator never seems to end. Honesty accurately describes our prayers. And we exercise faith-filled expectancy in prayer, which provides boldness to face any challenge or take advantage of any opportunity. Third, we discover a positive confidence when we consistently meet with God in Scripture (v.v. 11-14). Soldiers find boldness, especially on the battlefield, by knowing and following their field manual. Likewise the Bible is a powerful source of stability in turbulent times. We are often preserved and protected by following the wisdom of God's word. This motivates us to read it day and night, study it more deeply as our schedule allows, and claim God's promises as an expression of our trust, reliance, and love for the LORD.

Walking the Road Together,  
Les

Second, we connect with God in prayer by actively seeking Him (v.v. 7-10). Are we on speaking terms with God? Our



Sermon Series verse:

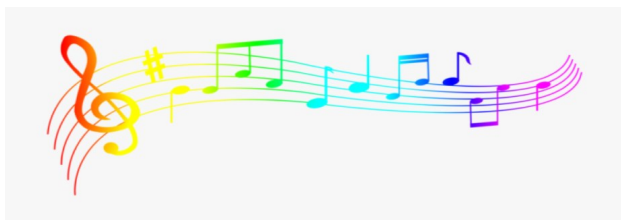
**“For God  
has not given us  
a spirit of fear,  
but of power  
and of love  
and  
of a sound mind.”  
2 Timothy 1:7**





## Spring Flowers

You have the opportunity to purchase spring flowers that will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday in honor or in memory of someone. Then, you can take your flower home after the service. Notice on the order form that you have a choice. The potted flowers, like we usually purchase are \$8. This year we would also like to purchase eight fern hanging baskets which are \$13. Please submit your payment along with the order form—either in the offering plate or to the church office. There are order forms on the table in the foyer.



## Participate

If you feel God is leading you to play your instrument or sing in church, please talk to Loren or Les. We will schedule a time for you to participate in a service. ~ The Deacons

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday, March 11**

5:15 p.m.—Movin' Up

**Sunday, March 15**

11:15 a.m.—Youth Pastor position  
informational meeting

**Monday, March 16**

1:00 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

6:00 p.m.—Women's Bible Study

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## TEACHER SCHEDULE

**March 15, 2020**

### Nursery

Mary Bishop / Brooke Tonner

### Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

### LOL

Michelle Tonner

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## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Giving on March 8, 2020**

Current Expenses	\$3,419.00
Missions	\$135.00
Building/ Maint Fund	\$165.00
Flowers	\$16.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,735.00</b>

# THIS SUNDAY!

The Board of Christian Education met with parents last Thursday evening about the recommended youth pastor position. Those who attended reviewed the job description. The meeting produced good conversation and resulted in one parent, Michelle Tonner, volunteering to join the search committee. The Board would now like to meet with any parent who was unable to come along with any other interested members of the congregation. A meeting for this purpose is this Sunday, March 15 immediately after the worship service. We will meet in The Gathering Place.

## Special Student Events

### Spring Break Games

Wednesday, March 25 we will gather in the game room from 3 to 5 p.m. and play carpet ball, air hockey, ping pong and any board games you would like to bring. A few snacks will be provided.

### Bowling Party

We will meet at the Bowling Alley on March 18 at 5:15 p.m. No money is needed. Hot dogs, chips, and drink will be provided. Pick up is at the Bowling Alley at 6:30 p.m.

## Remember our Homebound Friends

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss—Room 219B  
Barb Smekens—Room 217B  
Clyde Shady—Room 228B  
Phyllis Shady—Room 254

### Home

Ed Goetz  
Rose McCormick

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly—Room 210

### River Terrace

Eulis West—Room 114  
Doris Wolf—Room 102

Exciting  
Update!

This week, Chas and Linda Isch are heading back home. Chas has completed his treatments in Houston and will finish his recovery at home. Please continue to pray for them.



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This Sunday

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School

9:50 a.m.—Refreshments

10:05—Kids' Time

**10:15 a.m.—Worship Service**