

# First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 9, 2022

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### Abide in Christ Series

Jesus calls us to be His followers with the invitation that I preached about a couple of weeks ago: "Come to me" (Mt. 11:28). After that comes a second invitation to all believers: "Abide in me" (Jn. 15:4).

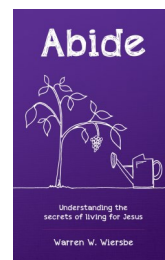
This past Sunday I began a series of messages on that second invitation. We saw from Exodus 33 that **we need God's presence to go with us**. For the next few weeks we will discover the secrets of living for Jesus revealed as we abide.

We are all reading a short chapter per week of the book *Abide* by Warren Wiersbe to prepare for the next sermon. We have five copies of this book still available at the church. One copy for each family. The book can also be ordered on Amazon or Christianbook.com.

It's a joy for me to walk together with you. ~ Les

Here is our reading/sermon schedule.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Read</u>
March 13	The Secret of Living is Fruitbearing	p.p. 1-19
March 20	The Secret of Fruitbearing is Abiding	p.p. 21-42
March 27	The Secret of Abiding is Obeying	p.p. 43-51
April 3	The Secret of Obeying is Loving	p.p. 53-60
April 10	The Secret of Loving is Knowing	p.p. 61-78
April 17	Resurrection Sunday	



## Thank You

Dear Church Family, Thank you for everything, including coming to the viewing and funeral, a lovely meal, and many cards. Thanks to Pastor Les for a really nice service.



### Pray For God's Healing Presence for:

Linda Isch - back surgery this week

Karyn Gilly - waiting on biopsy results

Marty Tschannen - knee surgery this week

Howard Jones - finishes up radiation this week. From Janis and Howard, "Many thanks to our wonderful church family for prayers and practical help during this time of diagnosis and treatment."



*"The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save.  
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with  
his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."  
Zephaniah 3:17*



### Spring Flowers - Last Sunday to Order

You have the opportunity to purchase spring flowers that will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday (April 17) in honor or in memory of someone. Then, you can take your flower home after the service. Order forms are available in the foyer, and the cost is \$9.00 per flower. Our deadline for orders is this Sunday - March 13.



### Teachers Sunday March 13, 2022

#### Kids' Time

Angie Bynum and  
Jessica Bynum

#### LOL

Traci Heller



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Remember to move your clocks forward  
one hour this Saturday night!

**ONE SUNDAY ONLY!**  
**OFFERING TO HELP UKRAINIANS**  
**SPECIAL ENVELOPES AVAILABLE IN PEWS**

This Sunday there will be special offering envelopes for Ukraine. You may give cash or checks made out to FBC. All contributions will be given to Ukrainians for basic provisions. We are only collecting for one Sunday because of the urgent need to get the money sent right away. Read on for more details.

In response to immediate needs resulting from the Russian invasion of Ukraine, American Baptist International Ministries sent an initial grant of \$15,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief to the European Baptist Federation to provide humanitarian aid for Ukrainian Baptists. This initial relief helped provide basic provisions - food, shelter, medicine, and hygiene items to at least 2,500 people fleeing their homes. Our support will be used to continue this assistance. Displaced people will be served by distribution centers set up by the Ukrainian Baptists to provide temporary shelter and relief.

In addition, there are refugees fleeing to neighboring countries. In those countries there will be ongoing needs which will also be helped by our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions. Jon and Amanda Good in Hungary have been involved in hosting refugees in their church and home.

While our financial support will provide for physical needs, the need for prayer is paramount. The International Ministries Area Director for Europe, Rev. Charles Jones shares, "We ask American Baptists to join in prayer for our Baptist sisters and brothers, and all the people of Ukraine for protection and provision for those who suffer, and for peace to be restored. And for our Baptist sisters and brothers and all peace-loving people in Russia, that God will give them courage to pursue peace."

Be encouraged that American Baptists already have networks in place to facilitate helping those in need. We have a chance to bless others!

**Stewardship**

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

**February 27, 2022**

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$1,285.00
Building Maintenance	\$115.00
Missions	\$125.00
Memorial	\$200.00
Flowers	\$18.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,743.00</b>

**March 6, 2022**

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$3353.00
Building Maintenance	\$385.00
Missions	\$425.00
Funeral Dinner	\$150.00
Flowers	\$92.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,405.00</b>

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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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