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First Baptist Church Newsletter

Too Blessed to Be Stressed

When life gets overwhelming, we tend to forget the blessings in our lives. These three short devotions I found will help us focus on what really matters and give us ideas on how we can be more thankful.

~ Les

AN IMPORTANT PERSON

"Let your love, God, shape my life." Psalm 119:41

Is there a special someone in your life like a sibling, spouse, or close friend? Have you taken the time to tell them how valuable they are to you? Perhaps today should be that day. We go about our lives and sometimes get lost in all the craziness around us. We forget to tell the closest person to us how important they are. We overlook stuff they do like making our lunch. Appreciation is always appreciated. Today thank them verbally and maybe with some small gift. Thank God too for putting them in your life.

QUIET TIME WITH GOD

"My response is to get down on my knees before the Father." Ephesians 3:14

We can cultivate a deep relationship with the Lord. That entails prayer. It means both speaking and listening. We can pray anytime, anywhere. Prayer knows no rules so just talk to God. Pure, unplugged, heart-tuned-in communication with your best friend is all you need.

JOYFUL LAUGHTER

"God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." Genesis 21:6

Laughter is a blessing from the Lord. It's the best stress-reliever there is. Through laughter, we can get through some of the darkest moments in life with a small smile. We can become closer with the people around us, celebrate moments of joy, and be thankful for the friends we have. Laughter and smiles are the best universal communication available. Everyone understands the happiness that comes from laughter and its necessity in our daily lives. Today, don't be afraid to laugh a little harder. Smile a little bigger. Appreciate the things that make you feel good.



UPDATED: FBC's Covid-10 Responses

This past Sunday, the Deacons met and made the following decisions:

- 1) At the present time First Baptist Church will not meet for Sunday school, worship, or events at our building through Sunday, May 3. Our tentative plan is to have our worship service at the FBC building beginning on May 10, 2020.
- 2) If Governor Holcomb extends his stay at home order beyond May 1, we will hold our worship service again the Sunday following the end date of that order. For example, if he extends the stay at home order until May 15, then FBC will hold worship again on Sunday, May 17. If he extends the order until May 31, then FBC will plan to hold worship again on Sunday, June 7.
- 3) The church office will reopen on the Monday following the end date of the stay at home order from our governor. Les and Debbie will work primarily from home. Please feel free to call them on Les' phone, 273-9073. We are still here to serve you.

Thank You!

Clyde Shady would like to thank everyone for the cards, great comments, and beautiful afghan that he received. He would also like you to know that Phyllis's phone, 260-565-3054, is now in his room.

*In me you
may have
peace.*

~ Jesus



2020 Graduates

We haven't forgotten our 2020 graduates! The Christian Education Board plans to honor our graduates whenever that is possible. Please let us know of high school or college or other post high school graduates in our church. You can call the church office and leave a message or send an email to firstbaptist@adamswells.com.



5th Kobi Isch
19th Linda Isch
21st Trent Tonner
22nd Jackson Collins
Logan Zoll

23rd Lance Bertsch
24th Betty Bynum
26th Judy Wanner
27th Ciera Hiester



Interesting Tidbit

Joe Elliot was the Pastor of FBC from 1969-1972. His grandson, Dr. Elliott Tenpenny, is the director of the international response department with Samaritan's Purse and has been all over the world. He is currently working in Central Park with Samaritan's Purse. His mother is Karen Tenpenny, the daughter of Reverend Joe Elliot. Although we don't really know him, we thought that some might be interested in learning about his service and may keep him in their prayers.

As most of us have been recently homebound, it helps us to understand the importance of contacting and praying for these who have it as a lifestyle.

Christian Care

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

River Terrace

Eulis West—Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly—Room 210





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