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First Baptist Church Newsletter

May 17, 2023

Late for an Appointment

Have you ever been frazzled or anxious because you were running late? Most of us have. One of my persistent sins is pushing God off the throne of my life and trying to control some situation. Invariably, I get frustrated when things get out of hand and come unglued. I can relate to the following incident.

A man was desperately late for an appointment as he drove into the basement parking garage of the large office building. He jumped out of his four-door sedan, then opened the back door to grab his briefcase.

The attendant came up and explained to him that this was a self-parking garage and he would have to park himself. Since he was in such a hurry he quickly jumped back into the car, rolled down the window and said, "OK, OK, which way do I go?"

The attendant leaned in the window and said, "Up the ramp and to your right, sir, but first you have to get in the front seat." We smile because we can relate.

Most of us will encounter similar situations. To avoid a costly or embarrassing mistakes, we must get in the habit of making God a part of our decision-making efforts. Follow the sage advice of Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your understanding; In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

During difficult moments we might pray:

"God, I am under pressure right now; don't let my emotions cloud my judgment. Please calm my heart and lead me in the right direction to follow."

Together with you,

Les



ONE MORE WEEK TO SIGN UP

What: All-Church Meal

When: Sunday, June 4 right after the worship service

Provided: EVERYTHING! Barbara of Corner Depot Catering will bring in the food.

Menu:

Baked Steak
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Green Beans with Carrots
House Salad
Rolls
Assorted Pies

To Do: Sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. We need an accurate count of those attending because FBC will pay for each person on this list. The sign-up will be available through this Sunday.

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CELEBRATING LIFE!

Congratulations to Rodger and Joyce Evans; grandparents of a new baby girl. Amelia Lynnette, 6 lbs. 13 oz., was born on May 6 to Megan and Kyle Merrick.



"Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

John 6:35

Christian Care
Gloria Reeves - Room 214A

Home
Rose McCormick
Bonnie Riddle



Remember Our
Homebound

River Terrace
Karen West - Room 133
Carolyn McBride - Room 106

Auburn Village
Rick White

Wednesday Night Report

Our Wednesday night student programs finished for this school year. Here is a brief overview and some highlights of our year. Thank you for your support in prayer and the youth fund. Keep praying for these great kids!

Adventure Kids for students in grades K - 5. The teachers were Laura Bertsch and Evy Fate. They teach Old Testament Bible stories in the fall, then the Christmas story. In the spring, they teach New Testament Bible stories. The last story of the year was Paul and how he was blinded, then healed, and began to tell people about Jesus.

They have a group full of energy with lots of activities like snowball fights with big soft balls, and Christmas scavenger hunts. They also sing lots of songs like the B-I-B-L-E, I'm in the Lord's Army, and This Little Light of Mine.

They love all of the snacks, especially fruit, breadsticks, and pizza.

Youth Bible Study for students in grades 6 - 12. The teacher was Debbie Cantrell. They read a chapter of Acts each week and followed the journeys of the disciples. A special focus was how the disciples decided where to go. Paul had some visions, sometimes a group decided, and often the Holy Spirit opened or closed doors. The application was "How do we hear from God and know what to do?"

Our memory verse for the year was Acts 2:21, "But whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

A favorite game is hide n' seek, especially the version called "Sardines." One person hides and as the others find that person they quietly join them. The game is over when everyone is gathered in the same spot. A new addition to our games this year was dodgeball. Low bounce balls keep things safe, while still providing enough bounce for an energetic game of dodging balls!

Snacks are always an important part of the evening. Thanks to Loren & Judy Wanner for providing them for both groups. There are lots of favorites: smores, ice cream, chocolate chips cookies, watermelon, and breadsticks to name a few.

Stewardship - Giving on May 14, 2023



General Budget	\$1,990.00
Building Maintenance	\$100.00
Missions	\$230.00
Total	\$2,320.00

Teachers - Sunday, May 21

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans
Marcia Liddy

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Darcy Isch



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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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