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First Baptist Church Newsletter



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Why does FBC even have a Board of Christian Education? Our times are characterized by fake news and half-baked opinions. We live in a sound-bite world that is quick to make uninformed and even foolish judgments.

Critical examination is almost a lost virtue. Believers must resist this trend by carefully and systematically training our students to be rigorous, biblical thinkers. We pass out **Bibles** to our students going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Then in class or at home we ask tough questions like: "What do we learn from the story of Jonah about dealing with anger?"

There is a great deal of confusion in the body of Christ. We must demonstrate how biblical truth is like a lens (or pair of glasses) for seeing and interpreting all of life. No subject is outside its authoritative domain.

But Christian education is not just about being smart. Many devout students head off to a university and graduate four years later as rationally clever pagans. So, FBC gives **yearly scholarships** to show love and maintain a better connection with our FBC related students.

FBC also passes out **prayer magnets** annually because prayer is absolutely essential. Christian education must be built upon a humble dependence on the Lord, relentlessly calling upon God in prayer to bring about faith and maturity in our children and students.

A solid suggested prayer: *"Lord Jesus, raise up a generation of intellectually wise Christian thinkers and humble servant leaders. We need them desperately. In Your name, Amen."*

Together with you,

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## Refreshments for Kids

Teachers will now provide drinks for the children in the Education Wing on Sunday mornings. Please do not allow the children to bring refreshments from The Gathering Place to class. Thank you!



My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding— indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.



Proverbs 2:1-5

## Men's Bible Study

All men are invited to join the FBC Men's Bible Study, which meets from 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. every Thursday in the Fellowship Hall. It includes prayer, scripture reading, a video, and discussion.

## Kids' Time Teacher for Sunday

August 4 - Ruth Ann Monroe  
& Chris McFarren



## Stewardship

**July 21, 2024**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| General Budget       | \$3,560.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$65.00    |
| Missions             | \$155.00   |

**Total \$3,780.00**

**July 28, 2024**

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|----------------------|----------|
| General Budget       | \$903.00 |
| Building Maintenance | \$40.00  |
| Deacons              | \$26.00  |
| McFarren Scholarship | \$26.00  |

**Total \$995.00**



# AUGUST Birthdays

3<sup>rd</sup> Carline Julmisse  
 13<sup>th</sup> Richard Crispen  
 14<sup>th</sup> Judy Ziegler  
 15<sup>th</sup> Beverly Betz

16<sup>th</sup> Grace Nicholson  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Barbara Charles  
 28<sup>th</sup> Sandy Langel

# August 2024

| Sun                             | Mon                                | Tue | Wed                               | Thu                                  | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|
|                                 |                                    |     |                                   | 1<br>Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 a.m.  | 2   | 3   |
| 4<br>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY | 5                                  | 6   | 7                                 | 8<br>Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 a.m.  | 9   | 10  |
| 11                              | 12                                 | 13  | 14                                | 15<br>Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 a.m. | 16  | 17  |
| 18                              | 19<br>Trustee Meeting<br>5:00 p.m. | 20  | 21<br>Deacon Meeting<br>6:30 p.m. | 22<br>Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 a.m. | 23  | 24  |
| 25                              | 26                                 | 27  | 28                                | 29<br>Men's Bible Study<br>8:00 a.m. | 30  | 31  |

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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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