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First Baptist Church Newsletter

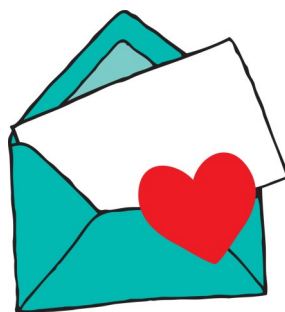
Sept. 20, 2023



Opportunity to Help Our Friend

Our church family has had the pleasure and joy of getting to know Jeckier Julmisse. Since we are not too good at pronouncing his name, many call him J.J., and he has graciously been fine with that. J.J. is a refugee from Haiti and we rejoice that his wife and son have recently safely made it to the United States. In a month or so, J.J. will bring them to Bluffton from Florida.

This Sunday only (September 24) we will collect a love offering above our regular giving, to help J.J. and his family with expenses. Make checks out to First Baptist Church. Place your check or cash in an envelope and write J.J. on the outside of the envelope along with your name. Put these envelopes in the offering plates on the foyer table this Sunday.



Jon, Amanda, and Andrew Good *Missionaries in Hungary*

Sunday, October 1 (Schedule)

9:00 – 10:00 A.M. – The Good's will lead in an hour of interaction, discussion, with time for questions and answers. This session will be held in the down-stairs classroom.

10:15 – 11:15ish A.M. – The Good's will speak in our worship service with explanations, stories, and a presentation about their ministry in Hungary. There may also be some special music.

11:30 – 1:00ish A.M. – Goods will join us for a soup lunch. Deacons will make crocks of soup and the rest of us are asked to bring large dishes of vegetables, fruit, salads, or desserts to share.

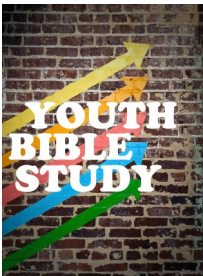
World Mission Offering (WMO)

Throughout the month of October, we will collect our WMO. We will designate our offering to go to the Goods for their vital and growing work in Hungary. Special envelopes will be in the pews.

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

John 4:35

STUDENTS - Don't Forget! We start on Wednesday, September 27.
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



Youth Bible Study - grades 6 - 12, will meet upstairs in the CE wing. Our first Wednesday we will have pizza and play some putt putt golf.



Adventure Kids - grades K - 5, will meet downstairs in the CE wing. Our first Wednesday we will have pizza and pop and lots of fun!

PRAYER ITEMS

Paul Waddles - Pray for his continued strengthening.

Denise Downs - is recovering from surgery. Continue to pray for her recovery.

Bev Clouser - hip replacement surgery went well. Pray for recovery and rehabilitation.

Carolyn McBride - Pray God's presence after the passing of her brother-in-law, Warren.

Dana Gaston's sister to be healed of cancer.

Safety and fun for all during the Street Fair.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join our Bible Study on Thursdays at 8 a.m. We gather in the meeting room downstairs for about an hour. For your convenience, the elevator will be on. We are studying the book of Jonah. Please read Jonah chapter 2 for this Thursday, Sept. 21. Please park in a rented space or on the street this week.

Note to Board Members

Each board will need to determine their recommended budget for 2024 at your October meeting. There will be a budget sheet in your mailboxes which shows the 2023 budget and a place for your 2024 recommendation. Please turn your completed budgets into the church office so that we can get them copied and given to the Administrative Board. Thank you!

Teachers for Sunday

September 24

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein
Logan and Hunter Zoll

LOL

Loren Wanner



Stewardship

September 10, 2023

General Budget	\$1,325.00
Building Maintenance	\$65.00
Missions	\$75.00
Memorials	\$370.00
Youth Fund Parking	\$70.00
Total	\$1,905.00

Sept. 17, 2023

General Budget	\$1,525.00
Building Maintenance	\$80.00
Missions	\$85.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$52.00
Total	\$1,742.00

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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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