



First Baptist Church

May 2019

"To Know Him and Make Him Known"



Pastor's Paragraph

"One Another"

It is time to begin a new sermon series. I know that you are breathing a sigh of relief that we made it all the way through the book of Job! This Summer, the emphasis will be on Church Life Together. The Holy Bible uses several different pictures of the church. The church is a body with diverse members working together under the leadership of the Head (1 Corinthians 12:12). The church is a building, with each "living stone" serving its function built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 2:5). The church is an army, with each "good soldier" marching for the commander in chief (2 Timothy 2:3-4). The church is a family. We are "brothers" and "sisters" in Christ, living in unity as the "household of God" (Ephesians 2:19). The church is a field, where the soil receives the seed of God's Word and produces fruit for the Master (1 Corinthians 3:9). There are several other descriptions of the church, but you get the idea. No Christian is an island. God did not save you so that you could live in isolation. The Christian life is designed by God to be lived in unity with other believers in the local church. The New Testament is full of words and phrases like "together" and "one another." So, over the next few months, we will be closely examining the "one another" passages of the New Testament.

I know it sounds pretty basic. Everyone knows that Christians should be in church, right? And, every Christian knows that we are expected to "love one another" (1 John 3:11) and "forgive one another" (Ephesians 4:32). This is Christianity 101. However, sometimes we need to be reminded of the basics. And, sometimes, we need to dig a little deeper than the surface. It could be that we are pretty good at doing church on the surface level. We are there. We smile and shake hands. We exchange pleasantries. All those things are good and necessary, and part of church life. But, perhaps there is more. Perhaps these shallow efforts can open the door to more substantial relationships. Do we really understand what it means to "submit to one another" (Ephesians 5:21) or to "admonish one another" (Colossians 3:16) or to "exhort one another" (Hebrews 10:24-25)? Do we really make a conscious effort to obey these "one another" commands? I know that there is room for improvement in my life in these areas, and I would guess that you could benefit from this study too. Church life is not just an optional exercise to enhance your Christian growth. It is an essential command of God that must be intentionally nourished. We will spend all eternity together. So, we should probably start practicing life together now! ~Pastor



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AWANA Awards 6:30 PM 	2 National Day Of Prayer	3	4 Trustees' Mtg 8:00 AM
5 AM Communion Graduation Potluck Lunch	6 Prayer 7 PM	7 Deacons' Mtg 7:00 PM	8 AWANA Workers' Appreciation Meal 6:30 PM	9	10 	11 Open Houses Abigail Heather Tarver Feickert Elsa Michel
12  NCHS Graduation	13 Prayer 7 PM	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Prayer 7 PM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 	28	29 VBS Workers' Meeting 6:30 PM	30	31	



Congratulations to our AWANA Clubbers! The AWARDS Night Ceremony is Wednesday, May 1st, beginning at 6:30 p.m. You are all invited to attend and celebrate with us! A cookie fellowship will immediately follow!



VBS

June 3rd-7th

Monday-Friday

9AM– Noon

Ages 4 yrs– 6th Grade

Closing Program on Friday

11:30 AM w/ Light Lunch

**Congratulations to our
High School Graduates!!**

Abigail Heather
Tarver Feickert
Elsa Michel



Whispering Cedars Baptist Camp
Pantry needs restocking for the
summer camping season! Be
watching for envelopes with desig-
nated amounts to be placed on the
back table!

March Finances

Balance Forward 3/1/2019

Deacon's Fund	\$851.04
Designated Fund	\$1,314.14
Hispanic Ministry	\$188.00
General Fund	\$33,865.69
Checking Account	\$36,218.87

March Income	\$14,005.42
March Expenses	\$14,990.16
Net Decrease	(\$984.74)

Balance 3/31/2019

Deacon's Fund	\$801.04
Designated Fund	\$1,657.66
General Fund	\$32,431.43
Hispanic Ministry	\$188.00
Checking Account	\$35,078.13