



# First Baptist Church

November 2019/Monthly Newsletter

*"To Know Him and Make Him Known"*

## **Pastor's Paragraph**

### **Genealogies**

Theologically, we know that "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." (2 Timothy 3:16) However, in practice, we still tend to skim past those long lists of names in the genealogies! I know they can be boring, and I admit that they are difficult (perhaps impossible!) to pronounce. But, God has included them in His Word because they are important. In our study of Genesis, we will encounter the very first genealogy, the list of the descendants of Adam and Eve. Our first parents started out with two boys, (possibly even twins!) Cain & Abel. You might think that the first two babies ever born might grow up to be similar. However, they are very different. The first-born Cain farmed the ground to produce fruit. His brother, Abel kept the flocks. Cain disobeyed God and offered an unacceptable offering. Abel obeyed God and God accepted his offering. Cain was angry and unrepentant leading to the first fratricide (you may have to look that one up!). So, interestingly, the wicked Cain becomes the head of the first genealogy in the Bible! Cain was the first murderer in the Bible. Do you know who the second murderer was? It was Cain's great-great-great grandson, Lamech. Lamech is the most notable descendant of Cain. He was the first polygamist, taking two wives. And, not only did he kill a man, but he bragged about it to his wives! (Genesis 4:23-24) Cain was the first one to build a city, and Lamech's children were prolific in advancing civilization. Lamech's son, Jabal, was "the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock." (Genesis 4:20) Lamech's son, Jubal was "the father of those who play the harp and flute." (Genesis 4:21) Lamech's son Tubal-Cain was "an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron." (Genesis 4:22)

So, God had provided two men who could potentially have two lines of descendants. Unfortunately, one was wicked, and the wicked one promptly ended the line of Abel by murdering Abel before he had any descendants! Fortunately, that is not the end of the story. God had promised Eve that there would be a "seed of the woman" that would conquer that old serpent. The "seed of the woman" wasn't performing very well yet! But, God had a plan. He would provide a new genealogy. Adam and Eve would have another son, Seth. It was when Seth had a son, Enosh, that "men began to call on the name of the LORD." (Genesis 4:26) The interesting thing is that the genealogy of Seth is very similar to the genealogy of Cain. In fact, some names are identical. Cain has a son named Enoch, and Seth has a descendant named Enoch. Both lines have a Lamech too. And, other names are not identical, but are very similar. Seth's line has Mahalalel, and Cain's line has Mahujael. In Seth's line, Lamech's father is Methusaleh. In Cain's line, Lamech's father is Methushael. It's almost like these two lines are compared and contrasted. In some ways, they are very similar, but they are going in opposite directions. Cain's line is continuing Cain's rebellion against God. And, Seth's line is calling upon the name of the LORD. God would fulfill His promise. He would provide salvation. Through Seth's line, Noah was born to save mankind from the flood. And, through Seth's line, Jesus would be born to save the mankind from sin! ~Pastor

## Sundays

S.S. 9:15 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Bible/Prayer 6 PM  
Youth Group 6 PM  
(unless otherwise noted)

# NOVEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Reminder: Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 2nd!</p> <p>3 Communion</p>  <p>10</p> <p>17</p>  <p>24 Youth Group Service Day</p>	<p>4 Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>11</p>  <p>Pastor's Day Off</p> <p>18</p> <p>25 Decorate Church for Christmas</p>	<p>5 Election Day</p>  <p>Deacons 7PM</p> <p>12</p> <p>19</p> <p>26</p>	<p>6 AWANA Popcorn Night! Prestige 10AM</p>  <p>13 AWANA 6:30-8PM</p> <p>20 AWANA 6:30-8PM Prestige 10AM</p> <p>27 No AWANA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>14</p> <p>21</p> <p>28</p> 	<p>1 [HSSH 4:30-7PM] Ambassador 2-3PM</p> <p>8 [HSSH 4:30-7PM] Ambassador 2-3PM</p> <p>15 [HSSH 4:30-7PM] Ambassador 2-3PM</p> <p>22 [HSSH 4:30-7PM] Ambassador 2-3PM</p> <p>29</p>	<p>2 Trustees 8AM</p> <p>9 Fall Fixin's 5:30 p.m. Temple Baptist Lincoln</p>  <p>16</p> <p>23</p> <p>30</p>

## September Finances

### Balance Forward 9/1/2019

Deacon's Fund	\$1,109.04
Designated Fund	\$5,296.93
Hispanic Ministry	\$0.00
General Fund	\$27,372.00
Checking Account	\$33,777.97
September Income	\$18,603.97
September Expenses	\$11,474.79
Net Increase	\$7,129.18
Year-to-date Income	\$141,891.92
Year-to-date Expense	\$126,385.11
Net Increase	\$15,506.81
<b>Balance 9/30/2019</b>	
Deacon's Fund	\$709.04
Designated Fund	\$5,211.64
General Fund	\$34,986.47
Hispanic Ministry	\$0.00
Checking Account	\$40,907.15



WCBC Fall Fixin's: Temple Baptist in Lincoln will be hosting the Camp banquet this year, beginning at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, November 9th.

Youth Group Service Day: Our Youth will be doing odd jobs for anyone who needs some extra help. Check with Sarah or Jason for more info.

Christmas Décor: We will be decorating the church on Monday, November 25th, for the Christmas season! If you like to decorate, please join us!

December Christmas Events: Please watch the bulletin for a complete schedule of events in December. [The cantata & dinner will be on the 15th.]