

First Baptist Church

grace for all

The Messenger

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- Wednesday, January 1st
Office Closed
- Sunday, January 5th
Annual Reports Due
- Saturday, January 11th & 25th
CCW Class
9:00 - 11 a.m.
- Saturday, January 18th
Men's Breakfast
- Thursday, January 16th
Ladies Craft Night
- Sunday, January 26th
Annual Meeting
Messenger & Calendar Deadline



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**MESSENGER****PASTOR'S ARTICLES****JANUARY 2020****"From Your Pastor's Heart to Yours"**

A New Year is upon us! It is, traditionally, a time for making commitments regarding things we want to do differently than we have before – we call them "resolutions." Our resolutions are meant to help us be better people, but, we tend to make them about things like diets, exercise, savings, and the like; and, usually they are forgotten within a few days to a few weeks.

I have a couple of recommendations for us all to consider regarding our resolutions for 2020. I hope that they will help us to make resolutions that are more meaningful and more effective. First, let's consider making some resolutions that concern our relationship with Christ, particularly our discipleship – our following Jesus Christ. How can I be a better disciple in 2020 than I have been before? How can I make my participation in the church-family more meaningful and fulfilling? What changes in me would honor Jesus and draw me closer to Him in 2020? What is something that I know should be a part of my Christian life that I have simply been putting off? What obedience is Jesus calling me to? Second, let's all realize that we will need to rely upon God-Almighty to help us if we ever intend to make the changes we know we want to make. I simply cannot "pull it off" on my own. I need the power, perspective and presence of God in me to keep me "on task" and to give me the ultimate victory over my old ways and my old nature. Without God's help my commitment is just "wishful thinking." And yet, without my commitment, God's help finds no recipient.

For 2020 let's make a genuine and heart-felt commitment to call upon God to help us be the kind of "Good News" people that He has always intended. Let us set aside our own goals for His. Let's ask Him to show us what He wants to do in and through us. Let's ask Him to do His will in our lives in such a way that we are both blessed as well as a blessing to others. I hope and pray that 2020 will be a particularly blessed year of transformation in me, in us, as individuals and as a church family! I pray that Christ will be honored in all that we do and say and are. I pray that we will experience new depths of commitment and meaning and joy in our walk with Him! I pray that we will truly see God at work in us!

May God bless us all as we seek – on a daily basis – to pursue His will for our lives and for our church family!

Blessings! - Pastor Ron

Pastor's Texts for January

During the month of January we will welcome the New Year, we will begin an exciting new series, "Kingdom Character"! So that you can consider the texts ahead of each message and do some study on your own, I want to share the texts and titles for the month with you. My prayer is that this will prove helpful to you in your worship experience and in your personal walk with Christ.

01/05 Matthew 5:1-10 "Poor in Spirit"

01/12 Matthew 5:1-10 "Those Who Mourn"

01/19 Matthew 5:1-10 "The Meek "

01-26 Matthew 5:1-10 "Those Who Hunger..."

Youth Group

-Youth Group 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

-No Youth Group January 1st

Are you hungry?

Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, '*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*' "

An interesting question, I know, but I ask it in all seriousness. I ask it, even in challenge for each of use to identify spiritually where we are at. Jesus, in facing the great temptation, responded to Satan's attempts to get Him to disobey, with instead God's Word. Specifically, Jesus states a reality that we survive, and in fact we even thrive off the Word of God, more so than any earthly sustenance. It's hard to comprehend, I know, because if you go even a day without food, you're probably going to be hungry. Chances are your stomach is going to growl, you are going to be crabby with everyone around you, and all food will be looking good. Now imagine a week of no food. Everything I just described would be amplified, and you may find your body getting weak. It lacks strength because it lacks the sustenance it needs. However, even in Jesus' physical weakness from starving, He identified that His Spiritual well being was more.

important. What does your spiritual appetite look like? Are you hungering for more of God's Word, is your belly full? Does your spiritual stomach growl for more? Is your spiritual appetite well fed and your body of great strength, or have you neglected it, and need to replenish with more of God's Word? My point is really this, we need to remember how important it is to feed our spiritual side, because without being properly fed, we will be weak. This means we need to be taking of the break of life, daily my friends, not just on Sunday.

-In His Grip- Pastor Jerry

SONShine Kids

Director of Children's Ministry Messenger Article -

January 2020

The SONShine Kids are winding up 2019 with a Lock-In to celebrate the coming of not only a new year, but also a new decade. We have plenty of volunteers that are crazy enough to help out. Thank you Chelsea & Ashlyn Gluesing and Lanie Schmitz! Wish us luck! The focus of our 2020 Wednesday meetings will be all about the children; their goodness, Godness, their gifts, purpose and more. We will also look at all the things to celebrate in this new decade by observing some of the less recognized holidays. Those holidays on Wednesdays in January include: First Foot Day, National JoyGerm Day, Hat Day, National Answer Your Cat's Question Day and National Cornchip Day. My personal goals for 2020 is officially accepting the Director of Children's Ministry position and working with our new CE Board. My trial period showed me that when the Lord calls you, He will also provide and protect you. May this new year bring each and every one of you all the joy of childhood because growing up is optional.

-Connie Schmitz



A Word of Thanks from the Lotts

"Lynnette and I want to write to express our thanks to all of you for your many cards, gifts and words of encouragement during the Christmas season! Thanks, too, for your generous and thoughtful "love gift" to our family! You always show us the grace and love of God! You help to make our life and ministry with you a continual blessing.

God bless you all and, once again, thanks to you all!

Our Love In Christ, *Pastor Ron & Lynnette*

MEN'S BREAKFAST
JANUARY 18TH 8:30 AM

COME AND ENJOY A GREAT BREAKFAST & SOME AWESOME MEN'S FELLOWSHIP!!

(BRING A CANNED GOOD IF YOU CAN FOR THE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY!)



Missed **CHURCH** last week don't forget you can listen to the sermon on **PODCAST!!**

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Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

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| 1- Hailey Williams | 11- Noah Danzinger | 25- Taylor DeWitt |
| 3- Danielle Brashaw | 12- Thomas Green
Roger Kirk | 25- Eric McArthur |
| 5- Kathy Ottens | 14- Nevaeh Danzinger | 28- Will Heister |
| 7- Linda Jorgensen
Barry Kustes
Dale Stewart | 17- Ashlyn Gluesing | 31- Jordan Cowger |
| 10- Kylie Edwards
Noah Heister | 20- Bernita Savage | |
| | 21- Ron Watt | |
| | 22- Mark Mohr | |

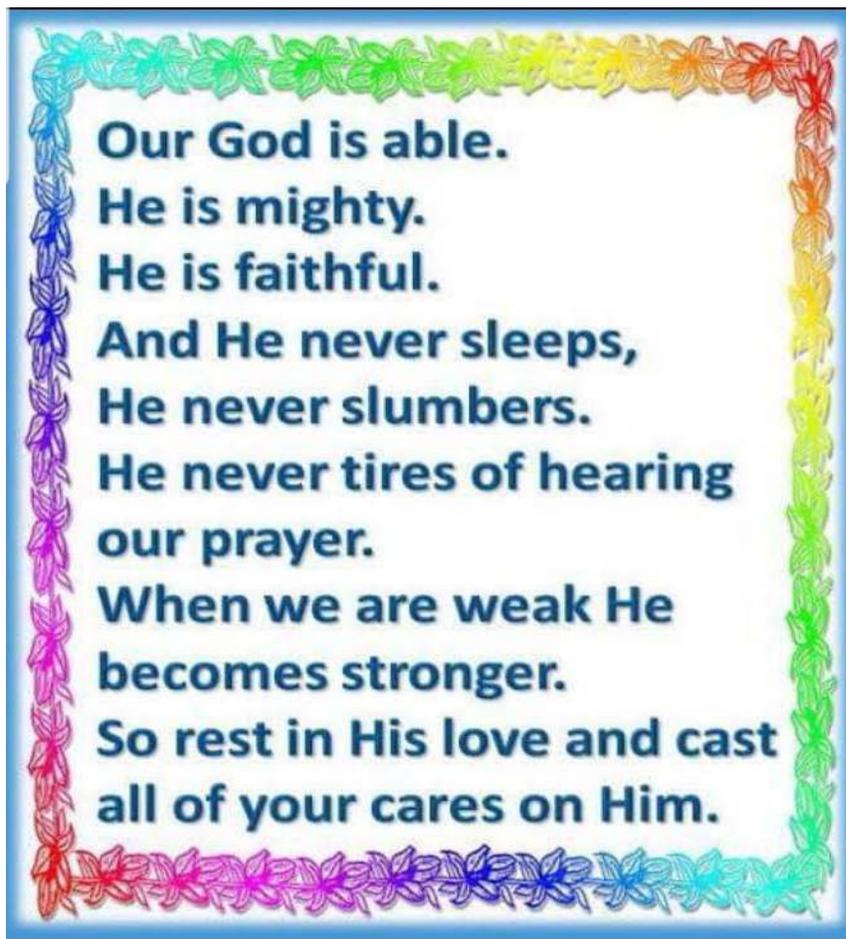
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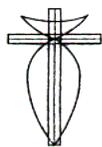
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Join Us For Worship!

Sunday Mornings...

9:15 a.m.

Praise Team Practice

10:00 a.m.

Staffed Nursery Available

10:15 a.m.

Worship Service & Children's
Church for K-3rd Grades

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changing, please let us know.**

Call (563) 242-0811 or email
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so that we can keep our records up-to-date.

Thank you.