



The First Family

"To be found faithful as God's People."

OCTOBER 2020

FROM YOUR PASTOR

Imitators Needed

The apostle Paul makes a startling statement in I Corinthians 11:1 when he writes, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." Paul was inviting the believers in Corinth to use his life as a pattern to follow that would in turn lead them to be imitators of Christ. Paul's statement should not be taken as a sign of arrogance but a challenge to have this same pursuit of intimacy with Jesus Christ. There is an urgent need of exemplary, Christ-honoring lives that can be examined by new believers and drifting believers that will lead them down the proper path of imitating Christ for themselves. Our latest series entitled "Imitating Jesus" will seek to lead us to the same pursuit that Paul was practicing. We will examine the life and character traits of Jesus each Sunday morning and seek to align our lives with His perfect life.

This month we will re-start our Sunday School ministry on October 18 with classes meeting from 10:15 – 10:45am. Most of the classes will meet in their regular room except for a few changes. A list is available to guide you to the proper class and location. We will also begin offering nursery care on October 18th during Sunday School and for the 11:00am worship service.

The Operation Christmas Child packing party will be held from October 12- 24. We will be doing the packing in the Family Life Center. You and/or your family can come up from 8:00am – 1:00pm, Monday – Friday or from 4:00 – 8:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday. We may also plan one Saturday to pack boxes. Please continue to donate crayons, soap, and any type of small toys.

Please be in prayer for our Personnel and Finance Committees as they are working on the budget for 2021. Many of the ministry opportunities cancelled in 2020 will be conducted in the year ahead. I want to commend you for your steady and faithful giving to our church ministry during these unusual times that we have gone through this year. We will also be electing new deacons to serve on the active deacon fellowship, and this will take place on Sunday, October 25.

Hope to see you often this month during our worship gatherings on Sunday morning and evening and especially Wednesday evening. Let us strive to imitate Jesus so that others desire to yield to Him and become followers of the one who is the only hope.

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

VIRTUAL WEDDING SHOWER

MACIE OSBORNE
AND
DAVID GRAY

NOVEMBER 8

PLEASE BRING GIFTS TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE

Registered at Amazon, Target,
Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Cull
Pharmacy.

FALL OUTING
FORSEE'S FARM
OCTOBER 17
EVERYONE INVITED!



WEDDING SHOWER FOR

ALEXIA KEETON
AND
ANDREW BANKS

OCTOBER 25
2:00 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Registered at Amazon, Cull Family Pharmacy,
and Dots on Main

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

BRAD BANKS-PASTOR

WESLEY HADDEN-FAMILY MINISTER

CHUCK HARRIS-MUSIC AND MEDIA PASTOR

DEACON ELECTION
OCTOBER 25



FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you all for the wedding shower and the gifts. Ever since the Lord brought me here, you all have loved on me and my future bride so much. I am truly blessed by you all, and I'm grateful for each and every one of you.

Have you ever considered why a young child cries when you take whatever he has in his hands? Whatever a child has in his hand is the most treasured thing in the world until he sees something else he wants, then the new object becomes the most treasured item he possesses but to take it from him is to take away his world. At least that is how he reacts for a minute or two. We really never give thought at what we treasure the most; we subconsciously give it the highest priority. What if I were to ask you; What is the most treasured possession you have in your life? It may take you a moment to answer that, but if the Lord took it away instantly, more than likely you would be sad.

I love the book of Samuel; I've read it so many times, but, yet, I haven't begun to scratch the surface. In the first chapter we see what Hannah treasures the most but doesn't have, which was a child. She is barren and provoked by her husband's other wife who had children. After much hurt and brokenness, Hannah went to the Temple to pray. Her prayer reveals what she treasured to have, a son to give to the Lord. Imagine the thing we most treasure. Would we be willing to give it wholly to the Lord?

I love verse 21-22 "The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." What Hannah most treasured was the something she was most willing to give to the Lord, because she knew it came from him! Her husband went to go offer sacrifices, but Hannah went to offer the Lord her most valuable treasure. I pray we are like Hannah when it comes to giving to the Lord, that we don't offer just anything to him, but offer what we most treasure. Ultimately all things are his, but we have a daily chance to give our best that he gives us in a worshipful way to the Lord and I pray we do exactly this. I'm not talking about money, because Hannah's treasure wasn't money. May we be like Hannah and offer our earthly treasures to the Lord for his use, no matter what they are.

Wesley

MUSIC AND MEDIA

It's fall, ya'll! I am so excited to finally be in *the* best season out of all of them! I don't know what I enjoy more about this time of year — cooler weather, trees changing color, pumpkin pie, or the fact that we are starting to get back to normalcy....hmmm...it's probably a tie between that and the pumpkin pie!

As we officially enter into pumpkin pie season, I want to encourage you to be a part of one of the many Sunday School classes that will start back this month. There are classes for all ages available, and each class will take the necessary precautions as far as COVID-19 is concerned. I hope you, your spouse, and your children all plug into one of those classes when we start back on October 18.

Our Praise & Worship Song for the month of October is "Your Will Be Done," by the group CityAlight. We have done a couple of their songs in the past — "Grace" and "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me." "Your Will Be Done" was written during this pandemic. The writers wrote on their website about this song:

"We write to you from the midst of the COVID-19 outbreak. We are at a loss in so many ways, unsure of what to do, unsure of what to say, and unsure of what the future holds. But there is a prayer, however, which can be prayed when our own voices fail us. It is a prayer that our Lord Jesus prayed as his own world seemed to be falling apart — an innocent man praying alone in the garden, abandoned by his friends, betrayed by those he trusted, and awaiting his death. Even at his lowest point, Jesus was able to pray, 'Father not my will, but yours be done', because he knew that, in the chaos, his Father loved him and that his Father's will was always good. If there was any plan that Jesus trusted in that dreadful hour, it was his Father's. We offer this simple song, simply played, in the midst of this present trial, so that you might be able to pray these words along with our Saviour. There is a God who is still ruling on the throne, and He is our good and loving Father. If there is anything in which you can put your trust at this uncertain time, let it be the will of your loving Father. Church, in the chaos — in bedrooms, living rooms, hospital rooms, and virtual rooms — let us lift our voices in prayer and sing, 'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'"

What a wonderful thing to say, "Thy will be done." I pray that as we sing this song we take a moment and lift that God; that we throw out all our stress, burdens, wants and needs, and just lift those words up to our God, "Father, not my will but Yours be done."

Let's let our focus be on Christ and daily take up our cross and follow Him.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bro. Chuck

MEMORIALS

Jackie Allnutt— John and Peggy Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTING OCTOBER 18 10:15-10:45 A.M.

NURSERY RESTART
OCTOBER 18
DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL AND
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
PACKING PARTY
OCTOBER 12-24
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Dear FBC Family,

My heart overflows with love, gratitude, and humility as I slowly come to the end of the most physically challenging and emotionally draining time of my life.

Your cards, notes of encouragement, phone calls, gifts, and prayers have helped give me the strength, patience, and desire to literally "get back on my feet." Thank you for imitating JESUS.

I hope to be home by mid October, but I still have several months of physical therapy to complete.

I love my church family! Thank you for caring!

Phyllis Malcomb



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 9:00 and 11:00 MORNING SERVICE 6:30 p.m. Even- ing Service 7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live 5:30 p.m. Trus- tees Meeting 6:45 p.m. Busi- ness Meeting 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth	8	9	10
11 9:00 and 11:00 MORNING SERVICE 6:30 p.m. Even- ing Service 7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	12	13	14 6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live 6:45 p.m. Mid- week service 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth	15	16	17 Church-wide Forsee Farm Outing
		← OCC PACKING PARTY—FLC →				
18 9:00 and 11:00 Morning Service Sunday School 10:15-10:45 Nursery Care for SS and 11:00 ser- vice 6:30 p.m. Even- ing Service 7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	19	20	21 6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live 6:45 p.m. Midweek Service 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth	22	23	24 HAPPY WEDDING DAY KAYLAH AND WESLEY
		← OCC PACKING PARTY—FLC →				
25 9:00 and 11:00 MORNING SERVICE Wedding Shower for Andrew and Alexia 6:30 p.m. Evening Service 7:30 p.m. Main Street Youth	26	27 Meeting the Needs 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	28 6:00 p.m. Word for the Children Facebook Live 6:45 p.m. Midweek Service 6:45 p.m. Main Street Youth	29	30	31 Drive through Trick or Treat information coming.

PRAYER CONCERNS



GLEENDA ALLNUTT	BILLY LATHREM	<u>10/1.</u> Bethany Mills	<u>10/10</u> Daniel Banks	<u>10/20</u> Teena Gamble
JERILYN ANDERSON	PHYLLIS MALCOMB	Bernie Poe	Kalem Juett	Katie Hollingsworth
KYLE BAKER	MARY MARLOW	<u>10/2</u> Kelsey Gognat	<u>10/12</u> Greg Brown	<u>10/21</u> Jeffrey Allnutt
MACHELE BESS	LINDA MCDANELL	Heidi Williams	<u>10/13</u> Linda Allnutt	Paul Huetten
KAY BUSH	GRAN MEFFORD	<u>10/3</u> Ryan Ellington	Betty Whitehead	<u>10/23</u> Andi Fitzgerald
NANCY CASTLE	HAROLD MILLER	Quinn Ford	<u>10/15</u> Janice Riddle	<u>10/24</u> Dalton Mears
MANDY CERMAK	ROBERT MULLINS	<u>10/4</u> Shirley Walker	<u>10/16</u> Josh Mears	Sawyer Stewart
PEGGY DAVIS	BABS NEWCOMB FAMILY	<u>10/5</u> Don Allnutt	Blake Traylor	<u>10/25</u> Jensen Wainscott
BILL DIETRICH	DENISE PERKINS	Adam Greene	<u>10/17</u> Terry Patterson	<u>10/28</u> Jacob Osborne
ADELIE EATON	BERNIE POE	<u>10/6</u> Richard Greene	<u>10/18</u> Alli Gill	<u>10/30</u> Lesa Marston
JERRY ELDER	DON PRICE	Josh Juett	Hannah Hanson	Bill Turner
LOIS ESTERLE	JERRY SENIOURS	Donna McDonald	<u>10/19</u> Morgan O'Brien	<u>10/31</u> Joey Cox
RONNDA FANNIN	BILLY SILVERMAN	<u>10/8</u> Susan Stowe	Aaron Sutherland	Ross Ford
JOHNNY GENTRY FAMILY	VENEDA SMITH	<u>10/9</u> Stuart Bowling		
EDNA GIBSON	LEVI STAMPER			
IVADENE HATFIELD	STELLA STEWART			
SHIRLEY HOWARD	DORIS ANN TACKETT			
BARBARA HUMPHRIES	JOYCE UTTERBACK			
RUTH KINGKADE	JOE WYLES			
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