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Baby Boomers Fellowship

**SOUPER
BOWL
SUNDAY**

and

Game Night

FEBRUARY 2 AT 5PM

Watch the game - Play the games
In the Game Room!

Bring a favorite soup, sandwiches, snacks,
board games, cards or dominoes!
Invite your friends!



Just Older
Youth
Having Fun...Loving Life

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, February 4 at 10:00 AM
Fireside Room



**It's not too late!
Sponsor a
Window**

in the Education
Building

\$350 each

Goal: \$46,550

Year to Date: \$31,442

Installation has begun!



I hope the current sermon series on “Taking a Look at our Favorite Scriptures” has made you think about some of your favorite Bible verses. Some of the verses that we learn as children in Sunday school become etched in our hearts and minds for the remainder of our lives. Even verses that our parents and teachers forced us to memorize can become the most meaningful words to us, even decades later. In Deuteronomy, after God has given his people His instruction, God commands that the people teach the words to their children, write them on doorposts and gates, and live with the holy words in their heart. (Deuteronomy 6:1-9) Words of

Scripture are important. Through the Holy Spirit, they can guide us, shape us, and even transform us. This is why God insists that the people learn His words. This is why Jesus studied and learned the Scriptures. This is why the church carries on the tradition of sharing the good news declared in the Bible.

There are a lot of verses in the Bible. 31,102 in total! That is far too many for me to memorize. I hope in this time of reflection on our favorite Scriptures, God is able to teach you something of significance.

In the upcoming weeks, we are going to be studying:

Goals for the New Year:

- * Put God first
- * Read the Bible more
- * Pray more
- * BE MORE INVOLVED
- * Trust God always

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)



Jan Lampkin
Children's Minister

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.”
Proverbs 2:6

We are already a few weeks into the new year! The children’s department is busy preparing for a year filled with fellowship, learning, and fun. We are setting the dates for activities for the spring and summer. It comes quickly and we need to be ready.

We started a new emphasis beginning January: “Reading and Learning Our Way Through the Bible!” Our goal is to put a Bible in the hands of every child that attends Sunday School and church at TBC. Our effort is to help them use their Bibles on a daily basis. Each child will receive 10 Bible verses to find and read on a monthly basis. We will challenge the children to use their Bibles at home and become familiar with

books, chapter, and verses. We plan to share our successes with the congregation as we go. Remember the Bible drills? Bible drills and Sunday School is the exact way I learned my way through the Bible. Pray for us as we embark on these goals.

A reminder that March is “Support A Child” month. You will be hearing more about this in the weeks to come. Support A Child is the main financial resource for the children’s ministry. Pray how you will be led to help support our children through prayer and offerings.

It’s cold outside but our hearts are warmed to see our children grow in their walk with Jesus Christ!



Worship MINISTRY

DAVID ROBERSON

We have plowed head first into a new year and a new decade. I haven't written a Courier article since the new year started so I hope 2020 is a good year for you, for your family and for our church. As we begin the new decade I have to say a big thank you to the musicians in our church for their faithfulness. They are here almost every week sharing their talents with us and enhancing our worship services. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the Sanctuary Choir, the Handbell Choir and Shirley and Stacey, our talented accompanists. We are blessed to have each one of you!

Speaking of being faithful, I read an article online this week and here are a few tidbits I found interesting about being faithful to the church. "Scriptures make it clear that Jesus

created and loved the church. In Ephesians the 5th chapter Paul suggests the relationship between Jesus and the church is like a husband and a wife, so much does Jesus love the Church. The same text calls Jesus "the head of the church." In Hebrews the 10th chapter Paul cautions against, "neglecting to meet together" in worship. In 1 Corinthians the 12th chapter it says that "God arranged all the members in the body (church) just as he saw fit." Being a Christian is more than just saying a few words and asking for forgiveness, it is actively following the way of Jesus. How can we actively follow the way of Jesus and ignore all that he says about church worship? Will you be faithful to the church with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?" - Rev. Steve Woody



Joe Bob Pierce
Formations

I want to give a shout-out to the Baby Boomer's Fellowship (BBF) and all the fun they've been having. A good group of folks participated in the New Year's Eve celebration last month to welcome in the new year with games, food, and fellowship. The BBF is also planning a Soup-R-Bowl party for Super Bowl Sunday, which is February 2. I'm fairly certain that the plan is to bring soup and/or finger food and snacks to enjoy while watching the game. Also some of us may bring other activities such as board game to play. Be watching for more information on this event!

It seems like Christmas was just yesterday, even though it was four weeks ago! One reminder that the new year has started was our business meeting Sunday night, as well as all of the committees that got together Sunday before business meeting. These committees cover practically everything that happens at Third Baptist, and our volunteer committee members help in so many ways. Thanks to all of you for getting the new year started on the right foot!

The Steering Committee has been working hard on the improvements to our facility. As reported at the Business Meeting, they are on track for an April completion.

The Fireside Room ceiling has been repainted and the room looks better and brighter already. It took 40 gallons of paint to cover the ceiling! Many thanks to Jim & Storm Wilhoyte for their hard work!

Installation of the new windows has begun! This part of the project is scheduled for completion by the end of the month!



The first of many!



Sun Windows' is doing an excellent job on the installation. What a difference a window can make!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:25 AM Coffee & Connection
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 2:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

9:00 AM Lifeline Screening, Gym
Walking Track & Exercise Room Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00 PM Children/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Music and Missions
 5:45 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

1:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:25 AM Coffee & Connection
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM BBF Soup-R-Bowl Fellowship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

6:00 PM Ladies Prayer Group

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship, FSR

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:00 PM Children/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Music and Missions
 5:45 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

4:30 PM Community Meal
 6:00 PM Leadership Ministry Team

MEMORIALS

in memory of Jewell Young
 by Frank & Martha Beller,
 Laura Bronn, Jean Lampkin,
 Lou Emma Adkisson

in memory of Jack Braden
 By Robert & Jane Cravens,
 Jean Lampkin

**PRESCHOOL/
CHILDREN****January 26**

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

February 2

Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

ATRIUM SOCIAL**January 26**

Esther Class

February 2

Open Bible Class

DEACON INFORMATION**January 26**

Charlie Evans, Vickie Wells

Hope and Harvest Team
 Larry Catron, Bill Genet

February 2

Bill Genet, Elaine Williams

Hope and Harvest Team
 Pat Settle, Curtis Hannah

HOSPITAL VISITATION**Friday, January 31**

Gary Kirtley

Friday, February 7

Pat Settle

**Ten Benefits of Tithing** By gblguy (blogger at Rocket Finance)

- God is pleased by your obedience.** Malachi 3:10 Regular giving is a sign of obedience to Christ. We prove our love for Christ by obeying his commands.
- God is honored by your faithfulness.** Proverbs 3:9 He deserves our faithfulness.
- Tithing helps to keep your priorities straight.** Matthew 6:21 I believe that giving to the Lord is the number one priority for a believer.
- You are eligible for a blessing.** Malachi 3:10 But remember, the blessing is not always monetary – God has not promised “health and wealth” to the Christian. The believer is to be content in whatever state he is placed and God has promised to shield us from trials that we are not strong enough to face.
- Guards Christians from selfishness.** Acts 20:35 Tithing reminds us that ultimately our money does not belong to us.
- God loves a cheerful giver.** II Corinthians 9:6-12 Are you excited about the opportunity to serve God with your finances?
- Tithing supports the Great Commission.** Matthew 28:19,20 Your tithe should go to your local church and God has chosen to work through the church during this age.
- Tithing ensures that your needs will be met.** Matthew 6:33 God has promised that our needs will be met. Needs – not necessarily “wants”.
- Tithing helps to meet the needs of God’s people.** I Corinthians 16:1,2 Hopefully your church seeks to use at least a portion of its budget to help those less fortunate. (*we do!*)
- Tithing reminds us that God is the true owner and giver of all that we have.** I Timothy 6:17,18 All we have belongs to God and the tithe helps to remind us of this fact.



THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 6 @ 6 PM