

# THE *Messenger*

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## CHURCH-WIDE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Sponsored by our  
Men's Ministry  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Kick-off the Sweet Dream Drive. Enjoy a time of fellowship as more information is shared about the ministry project, particularly about the

**Bunk Bed Building Project on October 9 at The Mission.**

## From Your Pastor

Two people can have very different opinions about the same experience. A businessman sees a pile of manure as something to avoid at all costs. A farmer sees organic fertilizers. A child holds a puppy and sees a cute companion. A parent sees a puppy that grows into responsibility in vet bills, food costs, vaccinations, daily care, and what to do when the family travels where puppies and dogs cannot travel. I've often heard the idiom, "the devil is in the details," which alludes to the fact that usually something will take more time, cost more money, or require more effort than one might think at first assessment. But I recently learned the original statement was, "God is in the details."

The original statement teaches the truth that whatever one does deserves our best efforts. Details are important. Matthew 25 has two parables and an account of the judgment of those who are alive at the millennial reign of Christ. But the entirety of Matthew 25 teaches us  
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that God IS paying attention to details and timing with the advantage of knowing what is in our hearts. Even Believers should learn from Matthew 25. It IS important to have oil in your lamp; be ready for eternity. It IS important to be a faithful steward with all that God invests in you. Don't bury your spiritual usefulness in the ground. And Jesus takes it personally how we treat each other. He knows when we are the hands and feet of Jesus in how we deal with other people in their time of need -- hungry, thirsty, sick, troubled strangers. Those small acts of kindness or tasks of service are done "unto the Lord." We are about to be presented with two very practical ways to serve through the "details."

In October, we will have an opportunity to meet the needs of feeding the hungry around the world. The Global Hunger Fund through the SBC is dedicated to providing food both in the U.S. and worldwide. Many organizations are committed to feeding the poor. However, for most humanitarian organizations, a part of the money goes for overhead expenses and salaries. The Offering for the Global Hunger through SBC all goes for food. All the overhead and costs are paid for by our weekly tithes and offerings through the Cooperative Program. 100% of the Global Hunger Offering goes to buying food ... period! It is THE best way you can feed the poor around the world.

We also have a church-wide continental breakfast this Sunday at 8:00 A.M. to learn about the "Dream Center" ministry. It is an organization that is given entry into homes to provide bunk beds for children in need. We will receive an offering at the end of the worship service. Then, we will meet at The Mission on October 9 to help prepare and build some beds. The Children's ministry is helping with providing some of the needed items. I hope we can see these opportunities as another way to be on the right side of Matthew 25 in the details of practical ministry.

Your Pastor and friend, Bro. Dale

## Ginger's Notes

*"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have my  
being." Psalm 104:33*



What a special time of worship Sunday, as we were able to focus on the Psalms. Bro. Dale's message was all about who and why we worship! Then our Praise Team and instrumentalists led us in songs from the Psalms which inspired us to worship! What a wonderful experience to worship our Lord assembled together with other believers. We all need this time of corporate worship each week to encourage, inspire and equip us to do the work of the ministry.

Choir rehearsals have resumed on Wednesday nights at 6:00 in the sanctuary. We will be singing "The Lord is My Salvation" this Sunday. We have also begun working on Christmas music. It is a fantastic time to join choir or return to choir if you've been out for a while!

The Youth Girls' Ensemble rehearses at 5:00 in the choir room each Wednesday. The Youth Praise Band meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 in the Youth Room.

MUSIC on MONDAYS will meet September 27 from 3:30-5:00! This will be our last meeting until November as we are not meeting in October. **Our children will lead in morning worship Sunday, October 3.**

He keeps me singing!



Hello all!  
We are so thankful for everyone who has been coming to Music on Monday; Mrs. Ginger tells me it has been wonderful! Next Monday will be the

last meeting for the month of September. The children meet from 3:30-5:00 pm; all children 1st through 6th grade are encouraged to join.

Josh & Lacey Funderburg will be teaching and leading Children's Worship this coming Sunday.

Wednesday evening activities for tonight will continue. Supper will begin at 5pm. Our Mid-week Meetup will begin at 5:40pm in the children's worship room and the children will go from there to their respective GA and RA classrooms around 6:00pm. The preschool meets upstairs at 6:00pm in the 5 year old Sunday school classroom. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Again, I want to continue reminding you that our Sweet Dream Drive buckets are placed around our church campus; please consider donating. **We are collecting these NEW items: twin sheet sets, stuffed animals, bedtime storybooks, and \$3 for a pillow.** We are gathering these items in partnership with the Dream Center & The Mission. Our goal is to gather supplies for 40 beds!! The deadline is September 29th. Thank you to those who have already given.

Joyfully His, Morgan

*CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to Kay Bagwell and family in the death of her husband, James, September 18.*

**MARGARET LACKEY STATE MISSIONS OFFERING  
THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!**

# First Students

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since He who promised is faithful.  
Hebrews 10:24

## YOUTH GIRLS' ENSEMBLE

will meet TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Choir Room

## YOUTH PRAISE BAND

This Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.



## FIRST BAPTIST WILL HOST THE AREA 4 FALL MEETING

Monday, October 4 - 1:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Sandy Wisdom-Martin  
National Executive Director/Treasurer WMU  
Men are welcome to join us.



## Ladies' & Girls' Fellowship

Sunday, October 10

Please bring a finger food and stay after morning worship with all of our girls/ladies for a special time of food, praise, worship, testimonies, fellowship, and encouragement in Jesus!

Yes, darkness so covers this earth right now and total darkness over the peoples like it was prophesied in Isaiah 60:1-2 BUT PRAISE GOD, HE is still on His throne and His will will be done and we have a hope ... He will shine over us and His glory will appear over us! Don't let the enemy keep you from gathering with your church family! Let's be intentional with being united as Jesus prayed for us to be! May we rise and shine and give God glory together in His house!

## STUDENT WORSHIP TONIGHT - 6:00

Speaker: Nick Smith  
A student at the W

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

### SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

|                 |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| Undesignated    | 8,697.00  |
| Reimbursement   | 114.50    |
| Child Care      | 6,035.62  |
| Total Operating | 14,847.12 |
| Designated      | 808.00    |
| Total Deposit   | 15,655.12 |

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE

The Mission is beginning weekly chapel services at the Men's Center. They are in need of groups/individuals that would be willing to prepare a light lunch for around 20 people to serve after chapel. They will be meeting on Wednesdays. October and November are taken care of. If you or your class would be willing to help prepare a meal in December or another month, please contact: Julie @ 662-275-4004

## SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### ATTENDANCE

160

#### WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

228



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

### TONIGHT'S MENU:

#### SEPTEMBER 22

Chicken Spaghetti

#### SEPTEMBER 29

Sloppy Joes  
French Fries  
Strawberry Trifle

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH  
OFFICE OR EMAIL MELISSA TO  
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS.

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Girls' Ensemble and Meal - 5:00 p.m.

Midweek Meetup (Gr. 1-6) - 5:40 p.m.

Student Worship, Children's Missions, Worship Choir,  
and Prayer Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Church-wide Continental Breakfast - 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Children's Bible Drill - 4:00 p.m.

Student Praise Team Rehearsal - 4:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Music on Mondays - 3:30-5:00 p.m.

He saved us, not because of  
the righteous things we had done, but

# BECAUSE OF HIS MERCY

He washed away our sins,  
giving us a new birth and new life  
through the Holy Spirit

TITUS 3:5

## First Baptist Church

Rev. Dale Funderburg, Pastor  
Ginger Fowler, Minister of Music  
Morgan Spotts, Children's Ministry Interim  
Laura Langford, Early Childhood Ministry Director  
Madison Johnson, Music Ministry Intern  
Emma Hicks, Student Ministry Intern  
Jimbo Harrell, Children's Ministry Intern