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CHILDREN'S CHURCH: OCTOBER 21

Misti & Austin Crawford

SECURITY TEAM: WEEK OF 10/21

Lance Gordon, Jonathan Cribbs,
Terry Isaacs, Mike Baker

GREETERS

10/21

Paul & Marlene Burgess
Barbara Stallings

10/28

Hugh & Sharon Boon
Pam Bedell

OFFERTORY PRAYER

10/21 Chuck Thompson
10/28 Doug Griffin

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

10/21 Ashley Wilson

10/24 Judy Leigh

10/28 Mandy Loftin

10/31 Beth McCord



THE MESSENGER

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This Week at FBC

Sunday, October 21

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Morning Worship—

Lord's Supper

12:00 Student Ministry Training

5:00 Hand Bells Rehearsal

6:00 Evening Worship

6:00 Student Ministry Christmas
program practice, Youth Rm

Monday, October 22

6:30 Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 24

12:00 Sanctuary open for prayer

5:00 Meal (by reservation)

6:00 Business Meeting

6:00 Mid-week Service

6:00 Children/Youth

7:00 Choir Practice

Sunday, October 28

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Morning Worship

5:00 Hand Bells Rehearsal

6:00 Evening Worship

6:00 Student Ministry

Christmas practice

Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
8:00—12; 1:00—4:00
Friday
8:00—12:00



Fall Festival is only two weeks away!

Please put your donations of individually-wrapped candies in your SS classroom.

THE LORD'S SUPPER



**Sunday, October 21st
Morning Worship Service**

Student Ministry Training

Sunday, October 21st

12:00

**Business Meeting
Wednesday, October 24th
6:00**

The Pastors' Corner

Do this in remembrance of me. 1 Corinthians 11:23

The advancement of technology with smart phones, contact apps and electronic calendars has wreaked havoc on my ability to remember things. I used to be able to remember phone numbers; now I don't have to. I once was able to remember birthdays; now they're in my calendar (and I still miss them). Technology makes it easier to store these facts, but my capacity to remember has grown lethargic from non-use. I'm thankful for to-do lists and Post-It notes.

As Jesus gathered with his followers the evening before his arrest, trial and crucifixion, he gave new meaning to the traditional Passover meal by calling attention to his body (the bread) which would be broken for all and his blood (the cup) which would be poured out for the forgiveness of sin. According to 1 Corinthians 11, Jesus followed up his explanation with this admonition, "Do this in remembrance of me."

How could they ever forget what they were about to experience, what Jesus was about to experience? Why would they need a reminder? Why would we need a reminder? After all, we've studied Christ's sacrificial death and life-giving resurrection. We've celebrated it every Easter. Why do we need a reminder? Let me share three reasons we need this reminder.

1. Tradition tends to take over and the meaning of the Lord's Supper is lost. Jesus gave this directive to His followers as a way to celebrate the Good News of His substitutionary death on our behalf. Like the ancient Passover Meal for the Twelve, the Lord's Supper can become a ritual, a planned activity every three months, which has more to do with calendaring than with celebrating grace. Do this in remembrance of Jesus.

2. Busy-ness tends to take over and the main thing is pushed to the back burner. After the resurrection and coming of the Holy Spirit, Jesus' followers got busy. Persecution drove them to re-locate away from Jerusalem, lives were up-rooted, jobs changed, life got hectic. It would have been easy to be so consumed with the immediate crises that celebrating and remembering Jesus' death would have been pushed further down the list of priorities.

3. The drive for bigger and fancier tends to take over and we lose focus on what's important. We need the reminder of the Lord's Supper to keep us on track, to keep us grounded. Regardless of what's going on in your schedule, the Lord's Supper provides an opportunity to stop, to focus on Christ's death for you and the forgiveness you have because of that death, and to return to the basics of the faith that saves. Like the football coach who pulled his team together, held up the ball and said, "Gentlemen, this is a football," the Lord's Supper pulls the family together and says, "Believer, this is love— God commended His love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." That's the main thing. That's what's important.

Let us remember and celebrate with the family this Sunday.

Bro. Andy



Church Family— I don't think I can thank you enough for your love, prayers, support, encouragement, hugs, kindness, visits, texts, calls, cards, and all the food. I think I can speak for my family, especially my grandkids— the food was plentiful and delicious.

Ralph loved you so much. I will miss him deeply.

I am blessed, thankful, and grateful for you, church family. I love you.

His Celebration of Life was so beautiful. My prayer was answered for peace and no more pain. Saying 'Thank you' to Andy and Jeff is not enough. We are SO blessed to serve with these men, and their awesome wives.

Melanie

Attention, MAGIC members!

The trip to Van Buren scheduled for October 11th will now take place on **Thursday, November 1st**. We will be visiting the Southeast Missouri Baptist Assembly campgrounds and the river overlook, and having lunch at **The Float Stream**. If you are interested in going, please sign the list on the bulletin board!

Welcome, New Member!



Jo Ann Poole

Every Wednesday, the Sanctuary will be open from 12 to 1, for any who wish to come and pray with the Deacons for the Pastor Search Committee

The Pastor Search Committee:

Jim Barnes, Chair

George Parker, Mike Parker, Terry Isaacs, Steve Crawford, Susan James, Cindy Griffin, Pam Bedell & Kevin McCord

Dear Church Family: We want to thank you for each expression of sympathy shown to our family following the death of my mother, Kathleen Sloan. Thank you for the food brought, cards and texts sent, and especially for your prayers during this difficult time. You are a loving and caring church family and we are so proud to be a part of First Baptist Church.



Thank You

In Christ,
Becky & Harold Beard
& family



Rehearsals will be every Sunday **EXCEPT NOVEMBER 18** in the Sanctuary. **This Sunday and next (October 21 & 28) rehearsals will be at 6:00 in the Youth Room.** The

remaining practices will be at 4:30. Songs will also be practiced on Wednesday nights at 6:00.

The presentation will be Sunday, December 9 at 6:00. Contact Misti Crawford for more information.

Wednesday Meal

Wednesday, October 24, 2018:
Chef's Surprise & Dessert

Men's Ministry, Immanuel, & Youth will bring desserts, help serve, and clean up

So that there is enough food for everyone,

**PLEASE TURN IN A
RESERVATION SLIP OR
NOTIFY THE OFFICE**

by 4:00 on Monday

This Week's Attendance

Morning Worship	168
Sunday School	136
External Classes	12
Total Bible Study	148