

THE SPIRE

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FROM OUR PASTOR

This past Monday morning, there was a broken branch on the pecan tree in our front yard where the girls have their swing. Really what happened was the tree split at the trunk. I'm not sure if we had high winds during the night or if it was a weak spot in the tree or if it just happened. We were walking the dogs early that morning when I saw what happened, and I spent the better part of a couple of hours cutting up that tree and making a pile by the road for public works to come and pick up. The saddest part of it for me was that this limb was the best limb we had in the yard for the girl's swing, and I'm still not sure if we will find another place to re-hang it.

As I thought about that, a scripture also came to mind. In John chapter 15 Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." That branch won't be bearing any "fruit" anymore, but Jesus wasn't talking about pecan trees was he? He was talking about people. As followers of Jesus, we are called to remain in Christ through prayer and study and learning and serving and sharing the good news with others. In our faithfulness to be good disciples, we will bear much fruit. What are the ways that you need to deepen your connection to God in your faith journey? What will it look like for you in these days to make some intentional commitments to grow more closely connected with Christ? I hope you will reflect on this as we continue to be faithful to one another and to God at First Baptist Church.

Grace and peace,



FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY MINISTRY SMALL GROUPS SURVEY

Make sure you take the survey sent out to parents regarding small groups for family ministry in the fall. Check your email and the Facebook group to find the link.

SNACKS AND ACTIVITIES

Join us on the concrete ball court at FBC for fun snacks & activities on:

• WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26TH 6PM

CONTINUE TO SIGN UP FOR SOCIALLY DISTANT PICS WITH MS. KRISTEN!



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

EXTENDED FAMILY: Renaissance Marquis – Sandra Burk

OUR MINISTRIES: Free Clinic

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME:

right: Braden Hood,
below: Noah Hood



GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed
Support Received

\$1,532,138.01
\$1,478,104.88

2019-2020 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,188,449.48

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

JOIN HUGH PEACOCK ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9 A.M. ON WLAQ 1410 AS HE LEADS THE SCRAP IRON BROADCAST.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

If you are looking for a Virtual Bible Study Class, select the class you wish to attend. Please sign in with your name so that the host can welcome you to the group.

Most classes gather at 9:45, teaching begins at 10.

A contact person is also listed for each class.

Use the links provided, and choose to "sign in with video"

NOTE: YAC & JOURNEY CLASSES HAVE COMBINED FOR THE SUMMER & ARE UTILIZING BELOW LINK.

YAC—JASON SANKER

JOURNEY CLASS—ROBERT HORTMAN

<https://zoom.us/j/462711678>

BUILDERS CLASS—STEPHANIE LEWIS*

<https://zoom.us/j/979434301>

CHAPEL CLASS—JANIE SMITH*

<https://zoom.us/j/154349692>

CONUNDRUM CLASS—MIRIAM PETERSON*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82006583282>

DEAN'S LIST—GARY BARTON*

<https://zoom.us/j/967363720>

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jason and Courtney Powers on the birth of a daughter, Allison Jordan Powers, who was born on July 28. Grandparents are Peter and Karen Jordan.

SYMPATHY TO

Sheila McCoy and family in the death of her mother, Gretchen McCoy, who passed away on July 31.

ACCESSING WORSHIP SERVICES

There are now three ways to access our worship service on Sundays at 11 a.m. through the church website at <https://fbcrome.com/live-worship/>, local Comcast Channel 44 or through Facebook Live (to use this "like" the church Facebook page.) Additionally, if you are not able to watch the service live, you can watch the service (and other previously recorded services) on the church website.

WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 16

SCRIPTURE: [Genesis 45:1-15](#)

SPECIAL TIME OF PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: [The Jordan Knight Family](#)

MINISTRY STAFF

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHARE NEEDS AND PRAYER CONCERNS WITH THE MINISTERS.

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SUNDAY FLOWERS

Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 16, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ruland and Mr. and Mrs. Al Wilson by Hal and Debbie Ruland and Dan and Judy Roebuck.

Flowers in the Sanctuary on Sunday, August 23, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Jana Weidemann on the occasion of their 20th wedding anniversary by Bill Weidemann.

Flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 23, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Gerry Mitchell by Claire and Gene Adams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The church office is open Monday-Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Please call the office to schedule an appointment with staff *before* coming to the church.

On Wednesday August 19, at 6 p.m., we will have a church conference via Zoom. The main reasons are to discuss the proposed budget and vote on Committee on Committee's report. Zoom link will be sent next week via email.

WORSHIP FOR AUGUST 23

SCRIPTURE: [Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)

TOGETHER WE CONNECT: [The Ryals Stone Family](#)

SPECIAL MUSIC: [Maggie Inman](#)

ACCESS THE ORDER OF WORSHIP EACH WEEK AT: <https://fbcrome.com/orders-of-worship/>