

The Vision

Where there is no vision, the people perish. Proverbs 29:18



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First Baptist Church

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Church Schedule & Special Events

Sunday, May 4th

10:30am Morning Worship
6:30pm Christian Illusionist

Wednesday, May 7th

6:00pm Business Meeting
6:30pm Mid-Week Worship
7:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 11th

Mother's Day
10:30am Morning Worship
6:30pm NO SERVICE

Wednesday, May 14th

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship
7:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 18th

10:30am Morning Worship
6:30pm Gospel Messengers

Wednesday, May 21st

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship
7:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, May 25th

Memorial Day
10:30am Morning Worship
6:30pm NO SERVICE

Wednesday, May 28th

6:30pm Youth-Led Service
7:30pm Choir Practice



Vision Statement

Our vision is to be a family of believers led by the Holy Spirit in expressing sincere love to God and one another by worshiping and fellowshiping together consistently and in unity, personally sharing the message of Jesus, actively participating in ministry and missions, living holy lives, and striving to become mature Christians through prayer and the regular study of God's word.

A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Church,

Raising two boys, Pam and I have much experience in routinely being the referee in multiple brotherly quarrels and spats. We assume it happens in every family, or maybe it's just our house, but we're pretty sure we're not alone. In most wrestling matches one sees on TV, the victor is determined by which wrestler can pin his opponent to the canvas for a count of three. In the SSFWL (State Street Fogerson Wrestling League), the victor is decided by who gets the last "hit." Sometimes the "hit" is a real one and other times the "hit" can be a well placed wisecrack or smart aleck comment, usually pertaining to the mother of the opponent. What is intriguing about the "your momma" trash talk is that our star wrestlers share the same mom. Like most other wrestling, the fights do not last long and shortly after the match the warriors are once again friends.

As parent referees we have gotten pretty good at forecasting when a fight is brewing. This one is in a bad mood today and the other one seems determined to push the right buttons required to illicit the response he is looking for: Royal Rumble. When the situation reaches a certain point, Pam and I know that reason has left town and has been replaced by revenge. At that moment we know things are going to get ugly for a minute or two.

Revenge and vengeance gets ugly, especially between brothers (and sisters). The Apostle Paul wrote, "Vengeance is *mine*; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12.19). Never in any way, directly or indirectly, avenge yourselves.

"Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
has forgiven you."
Ephesians 4:32, NRSV



The most splendid vengeance we can ever have is to do good to those who do evil to us to speak well of those who speak ill of you. They will be ashamed to look at you; they will never hurt you again if they see that you cannot be provoked except it be to greater love and larger kindness.

If you are anything like me, I want to know "How long am I to do that?" I mean, I would not mind doing it three or four times... but really? Jesus said we are to do that, forgive, "unto seventy times seven." That is a very considerable number. You and I may count whether we have yet reached that amount, and if we do, we will now be glad to begin again, still forgiving, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us. Vengeance is for God and honestly, He can have it because it has no business in our hands.

Until The Whole World Hears,

Dr. Mike Fogerson

Ministry Workers

Tellers

- 4 Doris Walls/Joyce Buch
- 11 Gary Lowry/Lynn Brotherton
- 18 Jayne Howie/Karen Sheely
- 25 Dwayne Kessel/David Spindler

Ushers/Greeters

- 4 Richard & Sue Tanner
Gary & Lynn Brotherton
- 11 May Bowles & Wilma Whittenberg
Lake Fogerson & Cody Mileur
- 18 Andrew & Addie Miller
Adrienne & Justin Baker
- 25 David & Doris Walls
Chloe Wallace & Maddie Wofford

Breakfast Workers

- 4 Jamie & Amy
- 11 Ray & Betty
- 18 Dawn & Cody
- 25 Sharon & Donna

Watchmen

- 4 Cody Mileur
- 11 Mother's Day – No Watchmen
- 18 Kathy Lowry & Ginger Cowan
- 25 Suzann Spindler

Kingdom Kids

- 4 None
- 11 April Bowles
- 18 Adrienne Baker
- 25 Maddie & Jade



Nursery

- 4 Ashley Homan
- 11 Megan Ritz
- 18 Georgia Barber
- 25 Amy Eggemeyer

Birthdays

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|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 2 | Lisa LaRose | 21 | Kevin Florreich |
| 4 | Leah Hoffman | 29 | Virginia Nordmeyer |
| 5 | Linda Schafer | 30 | Paul Dean |
| 6 | Midge James | | |
| 7 | Mary Smith | | |
| 8 | Darrell Crum | | |
| 9 | Suzann Spindler | | |
| 11 | Tyson Alms | | |
| 15 | Trevor Dillman | | |
| 20 | Rita Johnson | | |



MOM Upside Down Spells WOW– By Don Berry

Mothers have to be one of the best ideas that God ever came up with. Many years ago I gave my Mom a little plate that had the following on it; "God couldn't be everywhere, that's why he created Mothers." Now, of course, God is everywhere but so is a Mother's concern for her children. Pick up your Bible and casually thumb through it and you will find many passages about parents, particularly Mothers. When God created Adam and Eve, He knew that they would multiply and produce children and that it would not be easy for them. I think we all know how Cain and Abel turned out. Modern Moms should realize that no matter how hard they try, kids don't always act the way that they expect them to act. This is a universal truth learned by every Mom.

The other morning I sat out on the front porch reading the paper, when suddenly I heard a loud commotion coming from the little Red Bud tree in the yard. I stood up and spotted a Mama squirrel in the small tree. Every spring we see families of baby squirrels grow up in our neighborhood. They are so funny to watch as they try to explore their new world. As you might expect their Mom keeps a close eye on them. Well, on this morning, the babies had her nearly exasperated. Her three kids had spread out and they were everywhere. One little guy was at the very top of the Red Bud tree, one was down digging close to the road and her real problem child was across the street in the neighbor's pecan tree. She was highly perturbed and was letting them know about it. She would bark and flip her tail and each one in turn would answer, except the guy across the road, he kind of took his time getting back to her. Finally, after quite a while, she got them all rounded up and they headed off together. I imagine she breathed a sigh of relief.

It made me wonder how many times our Moms have breathed sighs of relief. I would imagine that it would take a really powerful calculator to count them all. Moms know our deepest thoughts and secrets. We don't tell them these things, they just know them, they know when we are sad, troubled, hiding something, or when we have been doing

things that we shouldn't, Mother's instinct! Moms know! You can fool a lot of people but you can never fool your Mom, or at least you can't fool her for very long.

Moms worry about things other people don't. They labored bringing us into the world, they watched us grow, and no matter how old we become, we are still their babies. One word comes to my mind when I think about this and that word is "WOW" Moms are really something special.

Robin Williams used to have a comedy bit about how a Dad worked hard and every night when he came home, he played ball with his son. His son, in turn, became a very good ball player and eventually became a pro. One day he makes it to the World Series and as the camera pans on him in the dugout after he has hit a towering home run, he looks up, waves and says, "Hi Mom". Poor Dad! He just realized that the hand that rocks the cradle does rule the world. We always love both of our parents but Moms are usually there when we need them the most and they know just what to do and say.

In the animal world, a Mom will give her life to protect her babies. In our world, Moms will do just about that and more. Moms will scold us just like the Mama squirrel did, letting us know when we have gone too far. They will love us in a way that not even our spouses can. Moms will never forget what it took to get us to adulthood. They turn us over to spouses when we get married but they never turn us out of their hearts. Moms sit back and patiently wait for the day when someone calls them Grandma and they get the chance to improve on how they raised us.

If we could live our entire life the way our Moms hope for us; we would be healthy, wealthy, and wise. Moms want the best for their children. The greatest gift a child can give a Mom is to live a life that makes her proud. We don't have to hit a home run on T.V. or get elected President, Moms will be proud of us if we work hard, be good spouses, be wise to our children, be kind to others, and have a right relationship with the Lord, because that's the way she raised us. " Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." Proverbs 31:28

Happy Mother's Day to all the great WOWS reading this! Thank you for all you do!

Coming Events



**Food
Pantry
Needs**

Month of May

Week 1 - Canned Meat

Week 2 - Canned Fruit & Soup

Week 3 - Peanut Butter

Week 4 - Boxed Dinners or Mac & Cheese

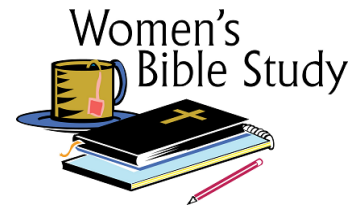
****All month please bring paper goods****



Mother's Day

May 11th

NO PM SERVICE



**Women's
Bible Study**

**Every Thursday @ 9am
In the Fellowship Hall**



Gospel Messengers

Gospel Family Trio

May 18th @ 6:30pm

Business Meeting

May 7th @ 6pm

**Memorial
DAY**

May 25th

NO PM SERVICE

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Our Church Family

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Dr. Mike Fogerson	Pastor
Kelsee Gibbs	Secretary
Everett Beck	Active Deacon
Don Berry	Active Deacon
Scott Wunderlich	Active Deacon

"Discover the Difference"
This Sunday

Weekly Service Times & Ministry

Sunday

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.	Surrender Student Ministry (7 th – 12 th grade)
5:00 p.m.	A-Team Kids (Kindergarten – 6 th grade)
6:30 p.m.	Evening Worship

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.	Surrender Youth Ministry
6:30 p.m.	Midweek Service
7:30 p.m.	Choir practice