

# The Vision

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

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## First Baptist Church

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*Senior Pastor*



### 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.

## Church Schedule & Special Events

### Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

8:00am Concealed Carry

### Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

### Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

6:00pm Business Meeting

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship

7:30pm Choir Practice

### Friday & Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Concealed Carry

### Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship

### Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship

7:30pm Choir Practice

### Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Men's Breakfast

### Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Purim

### Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship

7:30pm Choir Practice

### Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

10:30am Morning Worship

3:00pm Pizza with the Pastor

6:30pm Evening Worship

### Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Mid-Week Worship

7:30pm Choir Practice

### Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

10:30am Morning Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship



*Spring Ahead*  
*March 9th*

## A Letter from the Pastor

Dear Church,

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians, “The things which are not seen . . .” (2 Cor. 4.18, KJV.)

In our journey as Christians, it is typically a good thing to be looking forward. The reason being because forward lies the crown, and onward is our goal. The heaven we long for, the hope we have, the joy we seek, the Love we long for are all the grand objects of our eyes of faith. Looking ahead we see that glorious day when sin and death are destroyed once and for all. Peering beyond the veil of this world we see our soul made perfect and our inheritance is just in sight.

If we squint just right we see a river ahead that we will soon cross over. But just beyond that river is a celestial city that has been prepared by the nail scarred hands of a Jewish carpenter. He has spared no expense. The gates are made of pearl and the streets are solid gold. Along the glorious roads we see the faces of those who have already gained what the eyes of their faith had seen so long ago. But now it is our time to be hailed as more than a conqueror, crowned by the hand of Messiah, embraced in the arms of Jesus, glorified with Him, and made to sit together with Him on His throne, even as He has overcome and has sat down with the Father on His throne.

Looking ahead to the bright future that is assured for all Believers, relieves much the darkness of the past and the gloom of the present. The joys of our heavenly home will surely make the pain of our present worth it all. This world is but a narrow creek that we will soon pass through.



Death is but a shallow stream that I will most assuredly soon ford. This life is short and eternity is so long. Death, how brief — immortality, how endless. The road of life is not traveled for long, and much of its distance is filled with travail. However, I will encourage you my fellow traveler with good news, our exit is just ahead and home is closer than it ever has been.

Until The Whole World Hears,

Pastor Mike

## Ministry Workers

### Tellers

- 2 Doris Walls/Joyce Buch
- 9 Gary Lowry/Lynn Brotherton
- 16 Jayne Howie/Karen Sheely
- 23 Dwayne Kessel/David Spindler
- 30 Ken Dillman/Jason Estel

### Ushers/Greeters

- 2 Richard & Sue Tanner  
Gary & Lynn Brotherton
- 9 Andrew & Addie Miller  
Justin & Adrienne Baker
- 16 April Bowles & Wilma Whittenberg  
Lake Fogerson & Cody Mileur
- 23 Andrew & Addie Miller  
Michaela Gibbs & Montana Rose
- 30 David & Doris Walls  
Chloe Wallace & Maddie Wofford



### Nursery

- 2 Ashley Homan
- 9 Megan Ritz
- 16 Georgia Barber
- 23 Amy Eggemeyer
- 30 Sara Dillman

### Birthdays

- 4 Ray Knop
- 8 Amy Wunderlich
- 9 Sheri marks
- 11 Sue Tanner
- 12 Chris Dillman
- 14 Patricia Dean

### Breakfast Workers

- 2 Donna & Sharon
- 9 Lisa & Kristie
- 16 Jamie & Amy
- 23 Ken & Sara
- 30 Dawn & Cody

### Watchmen

- 2 Jade South
- 9 Deb Cowan
- 16 Larry & Monica Smith
- 23 Everett & Joyce Beck
- 30 Donna Estel

### Kingdom Kids

- 2 None
- 9 April Bowles
- 16 Adrienne Baker
- 23 Maddie & Jade
- 30 None



## What About Him? – By Don Berry

Sometimes when I read something, in God's Word I have a difficult time understanding it. You may have that problem too. When I get stumped or confused I will turn to one of several commentaries I have or look in other translations for Words which may be easier for me to understand. It is amazing how when I finally hit that point of understanding I am overwhelmed once again by the power of my Living Lord and His Living Word. Recently, I read a passage and then I re-read it. It popped out at me with a fresh understanding and I have been looking at things with fresh eyes ever since.

We have just finished a six month study of the Gospel According to John in Sunday School. I was blessed with being the last of the Mountainside teachers for the conclusion of the study. I was preparing for this final week by reading a passage I know I have read many times before. While rereading it I browsed through a commentary and then another. I discovered a fresh approach that I never realized and it has hit me like a barrel of bricks.

The Disciples had seen the Resurrection of Jesus. Thomas had to actually touch His wounds before he could believe what he saw. Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit and empowered them to preach the Gospel and forgive others of their sin by His name. Wouldn't you think after experiencing all of this, the Disciples would blast off into their lost and lonely world and begin to share the Good News? This would have been my first thought, but not these guys, they went fishing. John starts chapter 21 with the words; "After this" which when translated from the Greek means several days had passed. We find seven of the eleven are back in a fishing boat doing what they had done before Jesus called them to follow Him. I couldn't help but put this into 21<sup>st</sup> century perspective.

How many times do we hear great sermons, attend great church services, see and feel the Holy Spirit move and then on Monday morning we are back doing what we did before?

The Disciples fished all night and had not caught a fish. Jesus shows up on the shore and tells them to throw their nets to the other side and the catch is so great they can hardly lift the nets. This is what gets me, John, the Disciple Jesus loved, knew instantly it was Jesus and then Peter, the old man of the sea, jumps out of the boat and heads for Jesus on the shore. The rest of the account is Jesus restores Peter and gives him a huge assignment. He tells him to get busy and take care of the flock. He tells him that it's not going to be easy and it was going to get harder. After hearing all of this Peter looks over at young John and asks Jesus; "What about him?"

Jesus replies; "What is that to you?" "As for you, follow me." These words probably stung a little in Peter's ears, they sound like a pretty good rebuke to me. Jesus laid out a plan for Peter to give up everything and obey and follow Him. Remember, Peter was probably older, he had a wife, a mother-in-law, and was probably a successful fisherman with a lucrative business. He was also impulsive, after all, he jumped out of his boat more than once to get to Jesus. He was just what Jesus needed and we know from other accounts Peter obeyed and paid the ultimate price for the cause of Christ. On the other hand, John was young and lived to be an old man, probably somewhere between 100 and 125 years. He was given a glimpse of the future and the end of times. Both of these Disciples did what Jesus asked them to do. Each was given a similar but different task. This is what really made me think. We have all been given a task by our Lord. Are we obedient? If we are obedient, do we look around and ask God how come I am the only one doing this? Do we tend to get so wrapped up in what we are called to do that we think our work is greater than anyone else's? Do we want to ask God; "What about him or her?" The answer is right in front of us at the end of John's gospel. Follow Jesus, listen and obey, and worry about the task given to you and not what others are doing. Satisfy God by fulfilling His command for your life and allow Him to use you in ways He may not use others.



## Coming Events



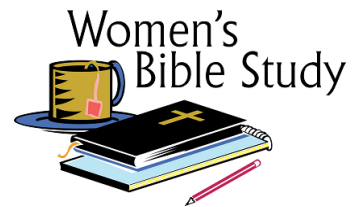
### Pizza With The Pastor

**March 23rd @ 3:00pm**  
In the Fellowship Hall



### Food Pantry Needs

Canned Fruit & Tuna



### Women's Bible Study

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



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
Faith & Fellowship  
**March 15th @ 8am**

### Business Meeting

**Mar. 5th @ 6pm**



## PURIM

**MARCH 16th @ 6:30PM**

**Wear Your Costume! Fellowship afterwards!**



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### Our Church Family

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Congregation	Minister at Large
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 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade)
5:00 p.m.	A-Team Kids (Kindergarten – 6 <sup>th</sup> 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