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Come join us Sundays!

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Outdoor Worship
11:00a Indoor Worship



The Messenger

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AWANA Calendar

Cubbies Meet: October 7th
T & T Boys Meet: October 14th
T & T Girls Meet: October 21st
Sparks Meet: October 28th

Club starts at 6:15pm
and ends at 7:30pm

AWANA is open to children 3years old
thru the 6th grade.

If your child is interested in being part of
a virtual club contact Jenni Mortimeyer at
719-691-9387 for more information.

October is
Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor

Teacher

Counselor

Encourager

Comforter



Superheroes. We have long since had a deep fascination with the concept. The Greeks and the Romans had their gods: Zeus, Hera, Hercules, Athena, Mars, Poseidon or Neptune, Hades...you name it. And we have our superheroes: Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Spiderman, and on and on and on. Some of the greatest grossing film families ever are superhero movies from the Marvel universe and from the Justice League world. And for some of them,

they grossed more when the economy was down rather than in days where people had extra money to spend on such entertainment. Have you ever wondered why that is?

Now I'll admit right up front that I may be totally off track here, but this is what I think. I think somewhere deep inside of each person is the realization of a powerful and really unwanted truth. This cold hard truth is simply this: we are not as in control of our lives as we would like to believe. We aren't powerful enough on our own to even survive. So we use our imagination and conjure up images of someone who can fly or run so fast he can turn back time. We imagine a person who is stronger than entire armies and can almost singlehandedly win World Wars for us or who can control every element of the deep wild blue seas or the untamed elements of wind and sky. We create heroes that can hide with a thought or turn into whatever they need to be in that critical moment to save the world. And again why do we do that? Because we rather automatically know that we cannot.

We sit at our desks or kitchen tables and stare off in space as our coffee gets cold because we are so overwhelmed with everything that has to be done. And just as soon as we think we've got it all listed out, we recognize that there was something that had to be done yesterday still undone. And then there are those things that are clearly outside our control. Who is going to be the next President and what does that mean for our country, our community, our own checkbooks and wellbeing? We hear words like furloughed and government shut downs. One person says this whole pandemic will end "miraculously" on November 5th. Others say it could be even past next year. And there isn't a single person on the planet that is getting younger. We need a superhero.

I remember a mission trip I was on to the Pine Ridge Native American reservation. We were tasks with unburying a playground from broken glass and weeds taller than we were. One youth was painstakingly picking up tiny shards of glass thinking of all the barefoot children he had seen on our trip. While he was doing this in 100 degree weather, a young boy came right up to him and said, "My favorite superhero is Spiderman. Which one is your favorite?" The young man looked up and smiled and said, "Spiderman is sooo cool. Great choice. I have a favorite superhero. He is so powerful he saved everyone who ever wanted to be saved from the beginning of time to the end of time." "Superman?, Batman? Captain America? Who is he?" the little boy asked excitedly. "No, he lived long before any of those guys were made up. And my superhero is real!" "No way! How do you know he's real?" "I talked with him this morning." "YOU KNOW HIM!" "Yep, I talk to him all the time." "Can I have his phone number?" "You don't need a phone number. He's got super hearing. He hears not only everything you say but he sees what you are thinking and feeling too." I remember watching this and I thought the poor kid was going to faint about now. "WHO IS THIS GUY!" "His name is Jesus Christ. He helps me every day and he has prepared a place for me in Heaven so I can be with him forever and ever." The kid got up and bolted away. In about 10 minutes, the youth had to stop concentrating on glass extraction and tell more "stories" to a group of kids that wanted to hear the stories all over again.

I think of that interaction often these days. Seth, that youth, is easily 30 years younger than I am but he's been an inspiration to me ever since that encounter, not just because of his witness but because of his understanding of the universe. I need a superhero. And the reason why I need one is because I am not one. I cannot fix this universe, much less myself. I cannot accomplish everything I need to accomplish even in a single day. I cannot say what needs to be said in the eloquence and clarity that it needs to be said. I can not be everywhere I need to be. I cannot provide all what needs to be provided for. And even my best efforts fall short of my own expectations. I echo the cry of Paul when he says in Romans 7, "Woe is me! For that which I should do, I don't and that which I shouldn't do, I do." I hang my own head in shame with the truth of Isaiah 64:6, that "all my good works are nothing but filthy rags." I can sit for hours and beat myself up for not saying the right thing or not saying anything at all.

But like Seth, I have Someone who is there. I have a God—or rather God has me—who has it all worked out and promises that in the end, it will all be good. Hebrews 2:8 tells us that everything that has ever happened in the entire history of the universe has to have Jesus' approval before it can happen. Nothing gets by Him. He's never overwhelmed. He never misses a beat. He always has a plan and His plans always come together just like He planned it.

Now this is where the rubber meets the road, or at least it should for every believer out there. I don't HAVE to do anything to keep this world from falling apart. I don't HAVE to do anything to keep myself from falling apart. My question isn't, "Oh my goodness, how on earth am I going to get this all done?" My question is, "Lord, what do you want me to do today?" "What's on Your agenda for me this wonderful day You created?" Now God might say, "I want you to hold on because I'm going to let the whole world crash around you today." If He does, you get to respond with, "Wow! That could be interesting to watch! Can't wait to see how that turns out." And say that with full confidence in Him that rises above your circumstances.

I have long maintained that the most difficult command in the entire Bible is found in Psalm 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God." But I can testify with full confidence that when I've allowed the Holy Spirit to empower me to live that out, there is that peace that surpasses all comprehension. There is a spirit of love, and power and self control rather than a spirit of fear that overwhelms me rather than my circumstances (2 Timothy 1:7).

Spiderman is cool. But God is God and he has accepted me as his beloved child. I am the apple of His eye (Psalm 17:8). He will never leave me nor forsake me (Hebrews 13:8). He will go before me and fight the battles that must be won (Deuteronomy 31:8). He will lead me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake, even if that path leads through valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23). Nothing is impossible for Him (Luke 1:37).

Jesus looked at people like you and me and said these famous but truer than true words to people like you and me who needed desperately to hear it and know it,

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls., for My yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

"Avengers, beat that if you can!"

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Dave

BIRTHDAYS

October

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Emily Garcia	16	Terri Godden
2	Asher Gersick	21	Darren Stroh
2	Joyce Surprise	23	Warren Bauder
4	Linda Knobbe	29	Karen VonHemel
4	Cindy Hernandez	29	Wanda Bauder
5	Don Ater	30	Liam Flint
5	Gracie Stroh		
5	Bea Haggard		
9	Samuel Mortimeyer		
10	Abigail Tague		
16	Evan Larrick		

2	Dave & Heather Reid
6	Darren & Monique Stroh
27	Jeff & Cindy Hernandez

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church office at 719-336-4953 and let us know.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

This is our chance to show Pastor Darren how much we really appreciate all that he does in our church. A simple "thank you", a kind word, or a note of encouragement means a lot. Most importantly is prayer. Below is a calendar with scripture references for every day of the month.

Lets surround him and his family with prayer all month long.

Pray for your pastor 31 Days of Prayer

1. Walk with God. May he have a close walk with God and love the Lord with all his heart, soul, and mind. (Matt. 22:37, Prov 3:5-6)	2. Passion for Scripture. May he delight in Your Word and meditate on it day and night. (Ps 119:15-16)	3. Prayer Life. May he be a man of prayer, devoting himself to prayer and communion with You. (Col 4:2)	4. Character and Integrity. May he be a godly man, having integrity of heart and being a faithful doer of the Word. (Ps 78:72, James 1:22)	5. Humility. May he be kept from pride and self-interest, remain teachable and humble to your instruction. (Gal 6:14-15)	6. Obedience. May he obey your commands and faithfully follow Your leading in his life. (John 14:15, Rom 6:16)	7. Health. Give him good health and help him to care for his physical body, for it is your temple of the Spirit. (1 Cor 6:19-20, 3 John 1:2)
8. Thought Life. May he hold every thought captive for Christ and be continuously transformed by the renewing of his mind (2 Co 10:5, Rom 12:2)	9. Peace and Joy. Grant him peace, joy, hope, and a deep trust in You. Help him to not be anxious, but to be thankful and prayerful in all things. (Rom 15:13, Phil 4:6)	10. Temptation. May his heart be kept guarded and pure. Keep him from falling into temptation of body or mind. (Prov 4:23, Ps 119:9, Matt 26:41)	11. Rest and Refreshment. Help him find the rest he needs, and may he find refreshment in your presence. (Ex 33:14, Matt 11:28-30, Mark 6:31)	12. Protection. Protect him and his family. Bless the work of his hands, delivering him from the schemes of the enemy. (Job 1:10, Ps 34:7, Ps 91)	13. Marriage. Establish his marriage and protect it. May they put each other's needs above their own. (Eph 5:22-33, 1 Peter 3:7)	14. Wife. May she love and respect him. May she walk with You and find support and encouragement to thrive in her unique position. (Eph 5:22-33)
15. Children. Help him to keep the way of the Lord in his household and train up his children to love and follow you. (Prov 20:7, Gen 18:19, Prov 22:6)	16. Finances. Provide for his needs and keep him from a love of money. May he be generous and a good steward. (Prov 3:9-10, 1 Tim 6:10-11, Heb 13:5)	17. Priorities/Time. May he seek your kingdom above all else. Guide him in setting priorities and managing his time. (Matt 6:33, Eph 5:15-17, Ps 90:12)	18. Love for Others. May he love others with the love of Christ. Help him to humbly put his love into action. (John 13:34, Phil 2:3-4, James 2:14-17)	19. Shepherd's Heart. May he have a heart for those you have placed in his care and an appropriate sense of responsibility. (Acts 20:28-29)	20. Heart for the Lost. May he proclaim the gospel with compassion and truth. Help him to have Your heart for the lost. (Mark 16:15, Matt 28:19)	21. Conflicts. Help him to handle conflict biblically and with love. Give him discernment in difficult situations. (Matt 18:15-17, Prov 15:1, 1 Cor 13)
22. Elders/Leadership. May they be godly, unified in purpose, good examples to others, and serving You joyfully. (Heb 13:17, 1 Cor 1:10, 1 Peter 5:1-4)	23. Godward Focus. Help him to keep his eyes fixed on you in every effort and in the face of any challenge. (Prov 4:25-27)	24. Wise Counsel. May the scripture be his first counsel. Support him through godly counselors who strengthen and guide him with wisdom. (Prov 24:5-6, 19:20-21)	25. Encouragement. May his hope be found in You. Bring encouragers into his life to build up and support him. (1 Thes 5:11, Is 41:10, 1 Tim 5:17)	26. Discernment. May he listen to your voice as you direct his path. Grant him godly wisdom and understanding. (Isa 30:21, Prov 3:13-18)	27. Biblical Faithfulness. May he understand and hold firm to the truth, teaching it and rebuking those who contradict it. (Titus 1:9)	28. Sermon Preparation. Grant him the time and focus to prepare his message, and give him the ideas and words to present it clearly. (Col 4:5)
29. Teaching. May Jesus be exalted in every message. May he rightly divide the word of truth and may the hearts of your people be open to it. (2 Tim 2:15)	30. Vision. May he lead the congregation by the Spirit. Impart to him your vision for the church (Jer 3:15)	31. Blessing. May he be blessed by the Lord and by the congregation. May it be received humbly and for your glory. (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Thes 5:12-13, Num 6:24-26)	And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. ~ Jeremiah 3:15			



September 6

10:00a Service.....	30
Online.....	32

September 13

10:00a Service.....	42
11:00a Service.....	26
Online.....	34
Radio.....	11

September 20

10:00a Service.....	
11:00a Service.....	16
Online.....	36
Radio.....	26

September 27

10:00a.....	18
11:00a.....	22
Online.....	38
Radio.....	10



Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Resumes October 7th

11:30am



The week of October 12th

If you could help deliver meals one day a month please contact Anita Larrick at 719-940-1266

Rolling Hills Cowboy Camp

October 8-11th @ 6:30pm each night

Inspiring Songs, Inter-Denominational Worship with Cow Bell Preachin' on Friday Night.

"Restore us, O Lord God of hosts! Let thy face shine, that we may be saved!"
~Psalm 80:19

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



The Deaconess will be hosting a baby shower for Allen & Emily Garcia Sunday, October 25th at 2:00pm.

Online registers can be found at Walmart.com and Amazon.com.

OCTOBER MISSION EMPHASIS

Operation Christmas Child

This month's mission emphasis is Operation Christmas Child, a mission that provides shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These simple gifts are shipped outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservations in the United States. If you would like to take part in this mission, a monetary donation or gift items can be left at the church, or, a shoe box can be picked up, filled, and returned to the church during the National Collection week, November 16-23rd.



Silent Auction

First Baptist will be hosting a silent auction to help raise the \$9 suggested amount for shipping of our shoeboxes. Our goal is to raise enough money to meet the needs for shipping the boxes that the youth and Awana kids pack. This will allow the mission money collected to be used to purchase more supplies and pack more boxes. Items will be on display Oct. 11-25th.

CHURCH BUSINESS

- MEMBERSHIP- Lynzea Hetrick seeks membership through Christian experience
- ATTENTION BOARDS- Financial reports will be emailed to you in the next few days. We ask that your board take a look at it and begin working on your budget for 2021. The 2021 budget will be voted on in December.

It's also time to elect a Nominating Committee. Please let the office know who your board has chosen to represent you on this committee.

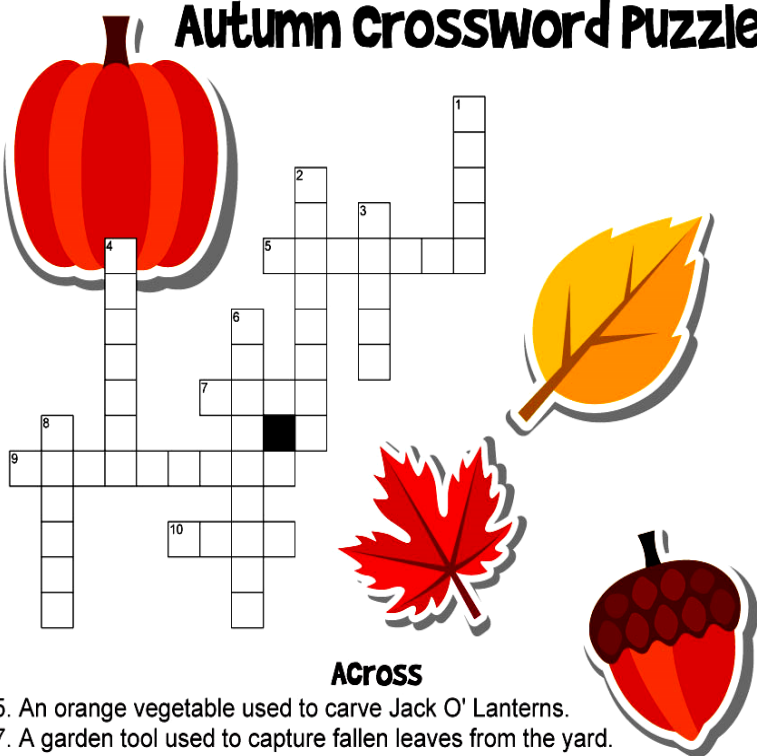
- CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ~ DRAFT

Article XIV

Emergency Actions

- In the case of a pandemic, a national security event, a natural disaster, or any type of event which prohibits or dramatically inhibits the church membership gathering together for a monthly business meeting to carry out the general business of the church, the Deacon Board and moderator will have the emergency authority to carry on that business. The Pastor will be an ex-officio member. The emergency authority will be in place until the event has subsided at which time the church membership will resume the responsibility and normal meetings.
- The general business of the church includes approving and paying the normal bills, taking into consideration and approving a new membership requests, and overseeing the general maintenance of all physical facilities.
- This emergency authority does not include incurring large capital expenditures or creating new debt. The emergency actions have no authority to change in any manner, either add to or subtract from, the constitution and by-laws of the First Baptist Church. The emergency authority does not include changing personnel.
- The Deacon Board, acting in their emergency capacity, can make decisions by a simple majority. They shall take counsel with the Advisory and Coordinating Council on a regular basis if at all possible and reasonably available. They will have the authority to call for financial reports, or a report from the chairs of all boards and committees. And they will to the best of their ability inform the membership of actions taken.
- Two Deacons, two Deaconesses, two Trustees, Moderator, and Pastor shall be an emergency back-up entity if the Deacon Board is not able or available.

Autumn Crossword Puzzle

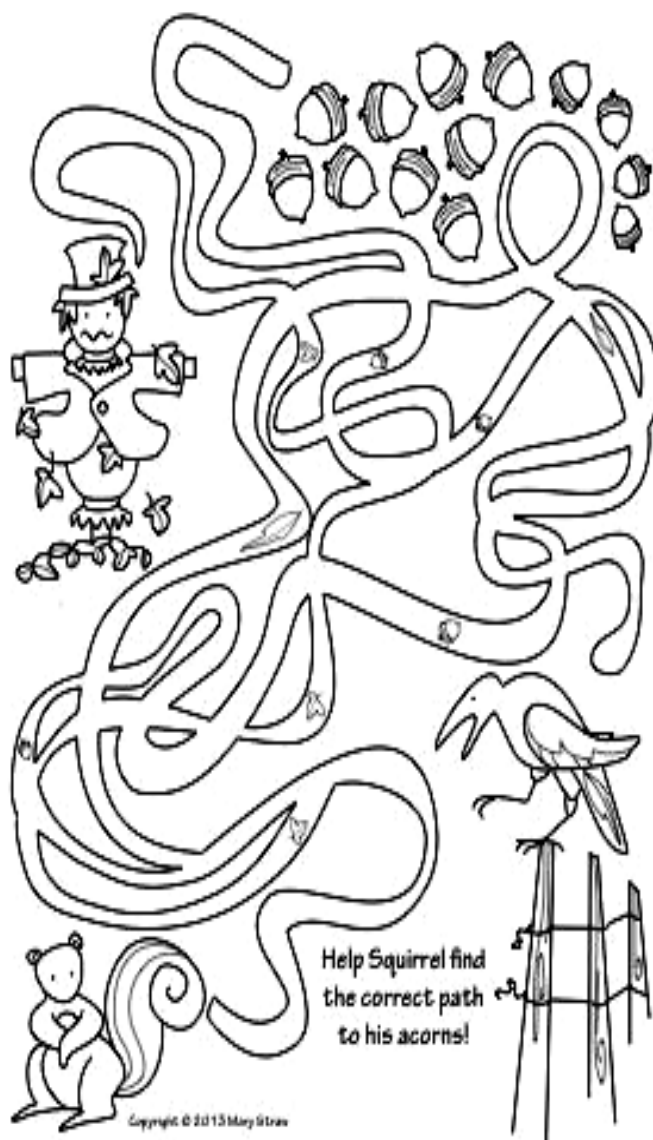


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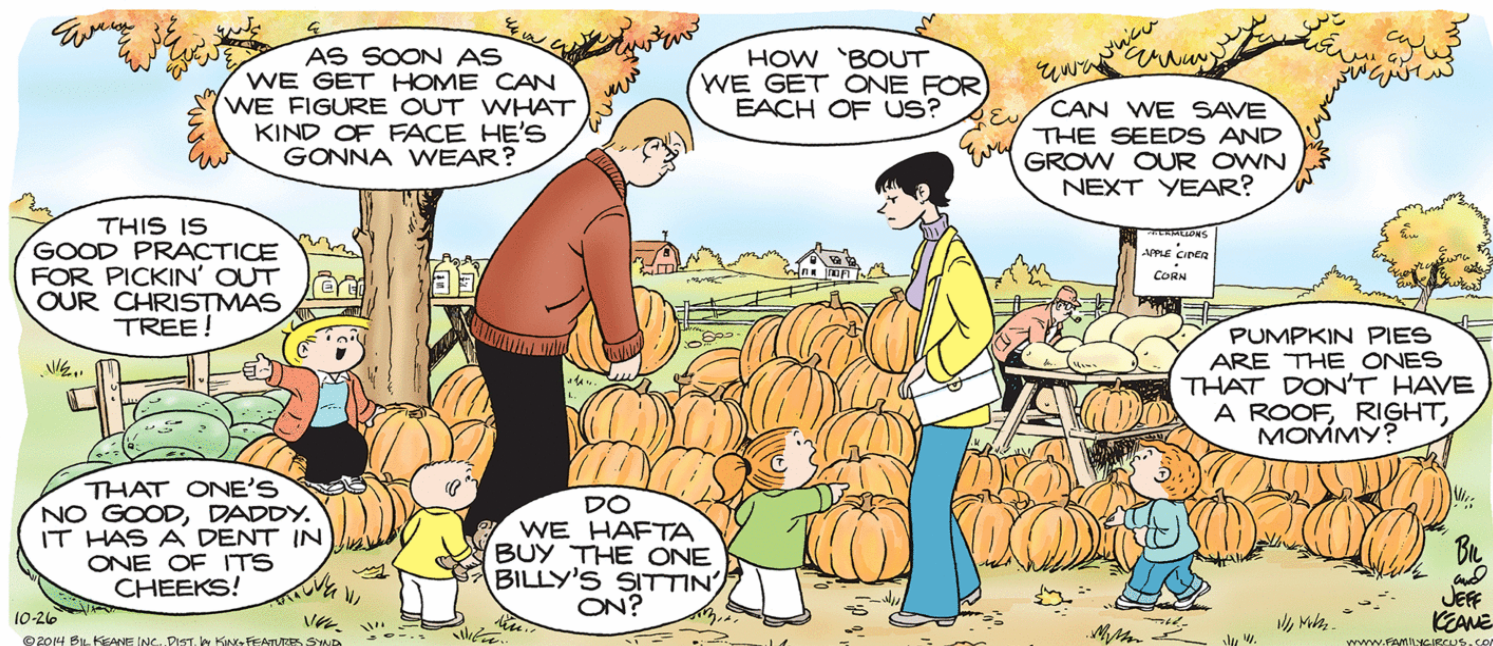
5. An orange vegetable used to carve Jack O' Lanterns.
7. A garden tool used to capture fallen leaves from the yard.
9. The ninth month of the year, when autumn begins.
10. A vegetable that grows inside a green husk with yellow kernels inside.

Down

1. The seed produced by oak trees.
2. A small, usually brown mammal with a long, fuzzy tail that lives in trees.
3. A type of fruit that can be red or green and is baked in pies.
4. The gathering of crops at the end of the growing season.
6. A dummy used to scare away birds and other animals from eating a farm's crops.
8. The flat, usually green parts of a plant that grow from a stem or branch.



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Hebrews 13:16-21

Do not **neglect** to do good and to **share** what you have, for such **sacrifices** are pleasing to God. **Obey** your **leaders** and submit to them, for they are keeping **watch** over your **souls** and will give an **account**. Let them do this with **joy** and not with sighing—for that would be **harmful** to you. **Pray** for us; we are sure that we have a clear **conscience**, desiring to act **honorably** in all things. I urge you all the more to do this, so that I may be **restored** to you very soon. Now may the God of **peace**, who brought back from the **dead** our Lord Jesus, the great **shepherd** of the **sheep**, by the blood of the eternal **covenant**, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is **pleasing** in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory **forever** and ever. Amen.