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Come join us Sundays!

8:45 am Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 am Worship Service



The Messenger

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**Last
Month
at Our
Church**

January 5

Sunday School36
Worship.....94

January 12

Sunday School.....55
Worship.....111

January 19

Sunday School.....51
Worship.....111

January 26

Sunday School.....47
Worship.....105

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

- ♦ *Sunday School for all ages, 8:45am*
- ♦ *Sunday Worship, 10:00am*
- ♦ *MS/HS Sunday Night Youth Group, 6:00pm*
- ♦ *Wednesday Ladies Bible Study, 11:30am*
- ♦ *Wednesday Awana Clubs, 6:00pm*
- ♦ *Wednesday Adult Bible Study, 6:30pm*

February

Wednesday Evenings 6:00 - 7:30



AWANA Calendar

February 5—Missions Night
February 12—Love Your Leader Night
February 19—Normal Club Night
February 26—Around the World Night

*From the
Pastor's Pen*



Conflict. Our word “conflict” comes from the Latin and it means two things: to strike against, or to create a contest between. And that contest? No, that’s not a spelling bee. It refers to a gladiator battle to the death. When a conflict arises, there are several different kinds of responses. Some try to ignore it. Others hit it head on. Others look for ways to avoid it or placate it. Others run and hide. A professor of mine once said, “I’ve met very few people that liked conflict, and once I met them I wished I hadn’t.” Let’s face it. The majority of us don’t like it.

And part of the reason we don’t like conflict is that we see it as the opposite of being at peace. Where there is conflict, there is strife. Where there is conflict, someone is going to get hurt. Feeling content or even just feeling at ease is not an option when there is conflict. And this is why there are so many people who are upset, frustrated, angry, scared, and/or saddened with what is going on in our world. There is conflict everywhere. At every level of government, there is conflict. As I write this, there is one of the largest mainstream church denominations in the world in the midst of a conflict which will likely rip it apart. And no individual church that’s been around for more than a week is a stranger to conflict either. It’s everywhere. And some have come to the conclusion that it’s just getting worse and worse and worse. Where there is conflict, there is no possibility of peace.

.....or is there?

What if that isn’t true? What if peace can be “normal” even in the midst of conflict and turmoil? What if peace and joy have nothing to do with the circumstances that surround us?

Starting in February, we are going to dive into one of Paul’s letters that he wrote to the church in Philippi. And believe me, this church was filled with conflict. Their founder, Paul, was in prison. People all over the place were trash-talking him and making fun of any church he started. Rome is becoming less and less friendly towards Christians as the Jews are stirring the pot saying that Christians are a secret society build upon cannibalism (eating Jesus flesh and drinking his blood). Just so you know, both secret societies and cannibalism were against Roman Law. And to top off all of that, there were two women leaders in the church who were going at each other every chance they got, making even worship services uncomfortable. If there’s a church in the New Testament that understood what conflict was, this one would be it.

In this letter, Paul not only tells them to get their act together and get along, he also gives them some key spiritual strategies to live in peace even when there is conflict. He directs them along a path that avoids worry and leads to joy. He helps them focus upon what really matters and put aside the things that only look like they matter. And this is what we are going to dive deep into during the month of February in our worship services together.

Got conflict that’s getting under your skin? Unresolved things keep you awake at night? That’s not God’s plan for you. Let’s see together what God has to say and be transformational, not just to the person in the mirror, but to those around us caught up in the conflicts.

I’ve included below a tentative schedule of the sermons so that those of you who are overachievers can read ahead and come even better prepared.

In Christ,

Pastor Dave

Tentative Sermon Schedule:

2/1/2020 Philippians 1: To live is Christ

2/9/2020 Philippians 2: Let Christ lead the dance

2/16/2020 Philippians 3: Avoid the hurdles and focus on the finish line

2/23/2020 Philippians 4: Get your head in the game

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VALENTINE BANQUET & SERVICE AUCTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH @ 5:30PM IN THE FBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

TICKETS ARE \$12 EACH

THE MENU WILL INCLUDE A FRESH GARDEN SALAD,

CHICKEN FRIED STEAK,

BAKED POTATO, GREEN BEANS, & DINNER ROLL,

ENDING WITH A DELICIOUS DESSERT.

FREE NURSERY CARE AND SPAGHETTI DINNER PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN 0-6YRS.

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS A PROJECT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE YOUTH TO DO, WE WILL BE HOLDING A SERVICE AUCTION FOR THE YOUTH TO EARN HOURS FOR THEIR UPCOMING MISSION TRIP.

FREE TO YOU, HIGHEST BID OF HOURS WILL RECEIVE THEIR SERVICE WITH A MAX OF 5 HOURS.

Valentine's Day Word Scramble

EOLV _____

WRTSAEEHT _____

RBRYUFAE _____

CIDPU _____

YDANC _____

NKIP _____

OLETHCAOC _____

FLERWO _____

Happy Valentine's Day!



GETTING INVOLVED WITH FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Inspiring people beyond Sunday

Say hello to the streaming library of Bible study videos that inspires faith every day of the week.

RightNow Media offers an array of Bible studies and devotionals for small groups, men, women, youth and children. They also offer videos on leadership, parenting, marriage and a variety of studies for college students and singles. From Veggie Tales to the books of the Bible, you'll find something specially designed for you.

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God calls us to focus our lives on him rather than on ourselves. Whether in church, in the workplace, or at home, RightNow Media is there for you.



Rainbow Acres

**American Baptist
Women's Ministries**

Mission Trip March 16-21, 2020

Join the American Baptist Women on a mission trip to Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, AZ. Rainbow Acres is a Christian community that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose.

Cost for room and board is \$236
(plus travel expenses)

Go to RainbowAcres.com to learn more.



First Baptist Church along with the Lamar Ministerial Alliance has partnered with the AirMedCare Network to offer you, as a customer; the opportunity to join the network's membership program. Annual membership fees are \$65 per year, for the entire household.

If you or a family member experience a life-or limb threatening emergency, their alliance of air ambulances can provide medical transport—dramatically reducing travel time to an emergency treatment facility.

Out-of-pocket expenses for these services averages about \$18,000. But with this membership, you can have peace of mind knowing you'll have no out-of-pocket expenses when flown by an AMCN provider.

Joining is easy! Pick up an application at the church. All the information you need is on the application.

February Mission Emphasis Deacon Fund

Using February as our Deacon's Fund Mission Emphasis seems quite fitting. With love, compassion and caring, the deacons help to meet the spiritual and physical needs in our church.

They help provide assistance for those that may need help around their home, or monetary help with an unexpected bill. Many of us will eventually find ourselves in need of some spiritual guidance, or just someone to talk to. The deacons are available, whatever the need may be.

By giving to the Deacon's Fund you help support members of your church family in their time of need. The deacons, in prayer and confidentiality, will then use these funds to assist those in our church.

Thank you for supporting our February Mission Emphasis!

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 E I H G V V L L O V H E
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 A K L H S O H P T S M A
 E T F S T E D S R E B R
 G N I K A E P S A U L P
 L N N R S D O Y R G E U
 G Y T S E Y E U Y N D N
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 B L I F E O N K R T O T
 B R E C A E P I E S L Y
 E U S R U P S P I R I T

1Peter 3:8-14

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. “Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed...