

First Baptist Church
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Return service requested

To:

Church Family Bible Reading Plan — March 2024

March 1: Ecclesiastes 1-3	March 2: Ecclesiastes 4-6	March 3: Ecclesiastes 7-9	March 4: Ecclesiastes 10-12
March 5: Song of Solomon 1-4	March 6: Song of Solomon 5-8	March 7: Isaiah 1-2	March 8: Isaiah 3-4
March 9: Isaiah 5-6	March 10: Isaiah 7-8	March 11: Isaiah 9-10	March 12: Isaiah 11-12
March 13: Isaiah 13-14	March 14: Isaiah 15-16	March 15: Isaiah 17-18	March 16: Isaiah 19-20
March 17: Isaiah 21-22	March 18: Isaiah 23-24	March 19: Isaiah 25-26	March 20: Isaiah 27-28
March 21: Isaiah 29-30	March 22: Isaiah 31-32	March 23: Isaiah 33-34	March 24: Isaiah 35-36
March 25: Isaiah 37-38	March 26: Isaiah 39-40	March 27: Isaiah 41-42	March 28: Isaiah 43-44
March 29: Isaiah 45-46	March 30: Isaiah 47-48	March 31: Isaiah 49-50	

Sunday and Weekday Schedule of Activities

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
5:30 pm Youth Meeting

Wednesday

6:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Membership Meeting 3rd Wednesday
5:00 pm Adult Choir (TBA)
5:30 pm Youth Ministry (Ignite!)

Our Mission: Encounter . Grow . Serve . Share

March 2024

Our Vision: *Becoming fully committed followers of Jesus Christ ...
Making a Kingdom impact on Calvert City*

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Our Team

Pastor Dr. Jim Ewing
Music Stacey Cayton (Interim)
Children’s Ministry Director Crystal Smith
Youth Leaders Lance & Trena Gregory
Ministry Assistant Edna Pierce
Audio/Visual Technician Aaron Smith
Building Supervisor Ray Tucker
Church Organist/Pianist Vicki Madison
Custodians Marshall (Eddie) & Gail Agent

Thoughts for the Weeks Ahead

In this month’s edition of *The Challenge*, I’m making a pitch for Sunday School. It’s been a foundational ministry of most Baptist churches for generations! And I believe it is one of the most important ministries of the church.

The Sunday School movement actually began in Britain in the 1780s during the Industrial Revolution. Well into the 19th century, large numbers of adults and children were spending Monday through Saturday working in factories. The first modest legislative restrictions came in 1802 that limited the number of hours a child could work per day to 12! Christian philanthropists wanted to free these children from a life of illiteracy, but Sunday was the only available time for these children to gain some basic education so “Sunday School” was born. By the mid-19th century, Sunday School attendance was a near universal aspect of childhood. Even parents who did not regularly attend church themselves generally insisted that their children go to Sunday School. Working-class families were grateful for their children to have this opportunity to receive an education. And one of the main teaching texts was the Christian Bible.

Since those days, Sunday School has become a primary vehicle for Christian education. Unfortunately, in recent years, Sunday School has gained a reputation as a “*high risk*” venture. Many folks avoid it assuming they’ll be put on the spot to read obscure Bible passages or confronted with complex theological questions that they’re not prepared to answer. As a result, many otherwise faithful Christians are missing an opportunity to grow in an understanding of God’s Word ... and an opportunity to build strong and supportive relationships with other Christians.

In my 23-plus years in vocational ministry, I’ve become convinced that Sunday School is the “*glue*” that holds a church family together. David Francis, former Director of Sunday School and Discipleship at Lifeway Christian Resources said, “*Among those who attend only worship, fewer than 20% were still active five years later. Among those who attended both worship and Sunday School, more than 80% were still active five years later.*” Thus the idea of “*glue.*”

The purpose of Sunday School here at FBC can be distilled down to four basic tasks: 1) To help people find a relationship with Jesus Christ, 2) To help people grow in biblical knowledge and wisdom, 3) To help people build spiritually supportive relationships with other Christians, and 4) To help the local church more effectively pursue the Great Commission task of making disciples.

If you’ve not yet made Sunday School a part of your Sunday morning church experience, I’m asking you to take a step of faith and give it a try. I can say with confidence that you won’t be put on the spot to do something you’re not ready for. And I can also say with confidence that if you’ll invest yourself in a Sunday School class, your experience of church will begin to expand and you’ll begin to experience God investing Himself in your life. You’ll find a list of our current classes on our website or in the Sunday morning worship bulletin ... or you can ask me!

In the last message in the *Experiencing God* sermon series my focus text was Acts 2:42-47 ... which gives us a moving description of the church as God intended it to operate. As I close this article, I want us to consider vss 46-47: “***Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.***”

My prayer is that those two verses will increasingly describe FBC Calvert City. See you in Sunday School!

Together in Him, Pastor Jim
“For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.”
Matthew 18:20 (NASU)

THE CHALLENGE

Announcements, Missions and Outreach

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
1 Corinthians 11:26 (NASU)

The LORD's Supper

Sunday, March 3, 2024
Fellowship Luncheon to Follow

Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings Begins

March 10, 2024

The biggest story ever told

Easter Sermon Series begins Sunday, March 10, 2024

March 10th thru April 28th 2024

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

EASTER OFFERING

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

FBC Goal \$3,000

Upcoming Events

CALLLED TO GREATNESS
First Baptist Church Calvert City

Outing on Friday

March 15, 2024
Meet at Church at 10:45 a.m.
Land Between the Lakes
Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory

Program will be **Totality**: A show about the upcoming total eclipse on April 8th and how it works. Sign up outside the church office by Sunday, March 10th or call church office (270-395-4600).

Put on your calendar....

THE GREAT JUNGLE JOURNEY

AnswersVBS

First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School
June 17 thru 21, 2024 5:30 to 8:00 pm
Contact Crystal Smith for more information

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Birthday: Denise Stakey
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship 5:30 pm–Youth	Anniversary: Danny and Sandra Sewell	6:00 pm—Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study (Room 222)	6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting 5:30 pm—Youth			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Daylight Saving Time Begins 9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service 5:30 pm–Youth		Birthday: Paula Wayland 6:00 pm—Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study (Room 222)	6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting 5:30 pm—Youth	10:30 am—WMU (Women on Mission) Fellowship Hall	10:45 a.m. meet at church—Called to Greatness Outing to Land Between the Lakes Golden Pond Planetarium and Observatory	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service 4:00 pm—Deacon's Meeting 5:30 pm–Youth		6:00 pm—Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study (Room 222)	5:30 pm—Youth 6:00 pm—Prayer Meeting/Membership Meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	Good Friday 29	30
9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service 5:30 pm–Youth		6:00 pm—Ladies Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study (Room 222)	6:00 pm – Prayer Meeting 5:30 pm—Youth			
Easter 30						
9:00 am – Sunday School 10:15 am –Worship Service No Evening Activities 						

Volunteer Schedules

Tellers	Andy and Jill Pagel	COUNTER	Anna Hodge		
NURSERY ASSISTANTS		LEAD USHERS		SECURITY TEAM	
March 3	Trena Gregory	March 3	Clint Poague	March 3	Gerry Poague
March 10	Jill Pagel	March 10	Gerry Poague	March 10	Jason Young
March 17	Kathy Poague	March 17	Phil Broyles	March 17	Lance Gregory
March 24	Anna Hodge	March 24	Bill Hodge	March 24	Lynn Wilson
March 31	Stacey Young	March 31	Jayden Littrell	March 31	Marvin Travis
DEACON OF THE WEEK		PRAYER WARRIORS		ALTERNATES	
March 3	Lance Gregory—270-703-4881	March 3	Doris Coursey and Rebecca Wilson	Nancy Whitler and Karen Howard	
March 10	Aaron Smith—615-579-3609	March 10	Carolyn Duncan and Rebecca Wilson	Nancy Whitler and Cindy Devine	
March 17	Ray Tucker—270-556-5115	March 17	Heather Littrell and Stacey Young	Carolyn Duncan and Sandra Wiles	
March 24	Brandon Cayton—270-994-8878	March 24	Phil Broyles and Andy Pagel	Danny Sewell and Lance Gregory	
March 31	Andy Pagel—270-210-7589	March 31	Sandra Wiles and Jean Smith	Doris Coursey and Darlene Latta	
MARCELLA'S KITCHEN DELIVERY SCHEDULE (Deliveries are on Tuesday of every month)					
March 5	Dale and Jean Smith, Jerry Devine	March 19	Jerry Devine, Billy Hodge, Donna Cayton		
March 12	Cheryl Ewing, Gene Low, Jennifer Casey	March 26	Gerry and Kathy Poague, Jill Pagel		