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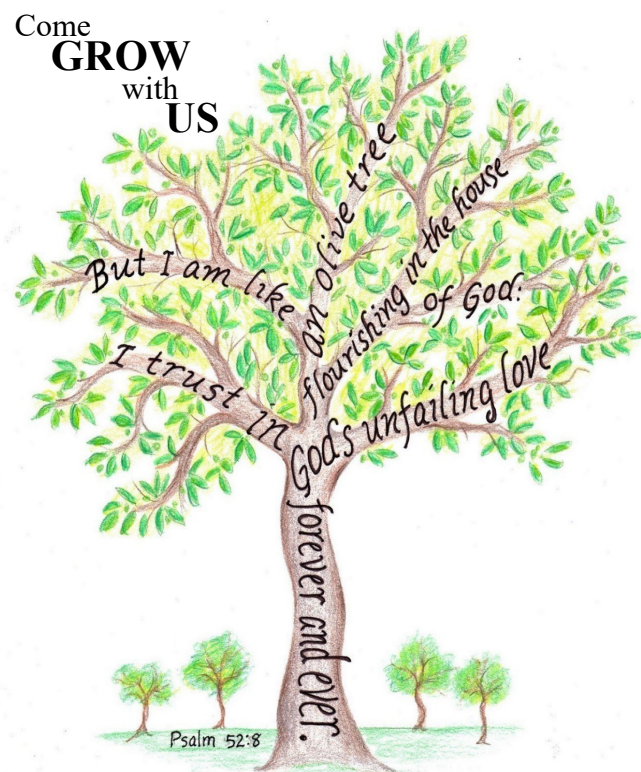
November 2024: Verse of the Month



I will exalt You, Lord, because
 You have lifted me up and
 have not allowed my enemies
 to triumph over me.
 Psalm 30:1

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
 AT OAKLAND**

- Sunday** 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Indoor Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday** 6:30 PM Wednesday Youth (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

November 2024

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Pastor David's Corner

My Neighbor / My Brother

Jesus was making an important point about what it means to follow Him completely: "God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). Like God, who saw the heart of David, Jesus "sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart" (1 Sam. 16:7).

We are the ones who test someone's fitness to follow Jesus by their race, their education, their social status, their gender, and even their politics. For instance, we just know that someone who is politically liberal could never follow Jesus wholeheartedly. So convinced are we that Christ must be a political conservative that we conclude that all Christians are conservatives and all conservatives are Christians. I know that is a bit of an overstatement, but many of my conservative friends cannot believe that a liberal could really love Jesus. May I introduce you to Kirsten Powers?

Powers is an anti-abortion evangelical liberal pundit for CNN previously for Fox News. In an article she wrote for Christianity Today, she said, "If there was one thing that was completely secure, it was that I would never adhere to any religion—especially to evangelical Christianity, which I held in particular contempt." But through conversations with and the prayers of her then-boyfriend and others, Powers went to hear Tim Keller preach at Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. After eight months of listening to Keller preach the gospel, she began to feel her commitment to the one thing she was "completely secure" about beginning to crack.

"My whole world was imploding," she wrote. "How was I going to tell my family or friends about what had happened? Nobody would understand. I didn't understand. (It says a lot about the family in which I grew up that one of my most pressing concerns was that Christians would try to turn me into a Republican.)" Then one day, after attending a Bible study, her life changed forever. She said, "The world looked entirely different, like a veil had been lifted off it. I had not an iota of doubt. I was filled with indescribable joy.... The Hound of Heaven had pursued me and caught me—whether I liked it or not (I was converted)."

Paul made it clear in Galatians 3:28, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Our commitment to Christ is determined by our faith in and obedience to Christ, not our politics, our intellect, or our skin color. People from every tribe, tongue, and tone. Will populate heaven. So, if in the life to come we are going to live with people (our neighbors) who are different from us, shouldn't we start trying to get along with them in this life? This requires us to lay aside our prejudices and view our fellow disciples as Christ views them – as brothers and sisters in faith. Jesus declared, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). {from "Choosing the Extraordinary Life," pp. 132-134}

Dr. Robert Jeffress
 Senior Pastor
 First Baptist Dallas

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy Anderson
 Gary Clontz
 Andy Cook
 Marlene Crider
 Lela Crump
 Peggy Dean
 John Efird
 Cindy French
 Sam & Wanda Goodwin
 Ray Greene
 Alan Haynes' Family (Eddie & Candy's Neighbors)
 Nan Helms
 Grady & Judy Hill
 Rodney Johnson (Renee Helms' Son)

Prayer requests continued on page 4.

Daylight Savings

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 3rd. Be sure to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



National Collection Week is November 18-25
 November 24th is the last day to turn in filled shoeboxes to OBC! Empty shoeboxes can be found on the altar steps.

Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal

Sunday, November 24th - Following Worship
 Please sign up to bring a side dish to share.
 Turkey will be provided.



Choir Rehearsals

Come sing with the choir on the following
 Wednesdays at 7:45 PM:
 November 6th, 13th, 20th
 December 4th & 11th



Christmas Musical: Sunday, December 15th

October Attendance

Wednesday, October 2 (86 Online)
Sunday, October 6 (48 Indoor + 107 Online)
 Wednesday, October 9 (73 Online)
Sunday, October 13 (48 Indoor + 95 Online)
 Wednesday, October 16 (67 Online)
Sunday, October 20 (44 Indoor + 130 Online)
 Wednesday, October 23 (48 Online)
Sunday, October 27 (43 Indoor + 47 Online)
 Wednesday, October 30 (38 Online)



The McVey's

Please pray for our mission partners as they begin the next journey in their ministry to send light out in the darkness!

Pray for MJ, Annette, Tina, Brooklyn, Brinkley, Brayden, and Braxton!

Dolls on Mission

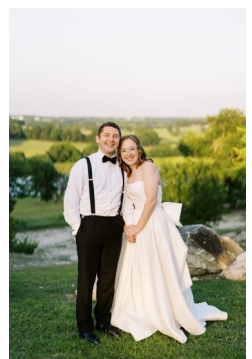
If you would like to help make the dolls for the Dolls on Mission ministry, please come out to their next workshop which will be held on Saturday, November 9 from 9 AM to Noon. Lunch will be served. The workshop will be held at Benton's Cross Roads Baptist Church at 109 Lawyers Road East in Monroe. If you have any questions, please call the UBA at 704-283-8383.

Youth Pumpkin Carving



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

- Please pray for opportunities to build lasting relationships with the students in Haley's ESL class.
- Pray that the Lord would continue to remind Haley of His faithful love and abundant provision in all areas of life.
- Please pray that the Lord would bring more staff to the WASH team!





October 2024 Offerings
\$13,913.00

Budget Needs for November
\$17,623.26




Help Pregnancy Center

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

APPLY TODAY!

Receptionist, Female Peer Counselors, Male Peer Counselors, Class Instructors, Spanish Speaking Peer Counselors & Class Instructors, Floater, Nurses/Sonographers, Helping Hands (Clothing Ministry), Male Mobile Unit Drivers, Prayer Warriors, Sponsor A Baby Shower or Single Moms Class

More information can be found on their website:
www.monroehelp.com

Save the Date!

The Montgomery Family is celebrating 55 years of ministry at FBC Indian Trail on November 16th!

More information can be found on their website:
www.themontgomeryfamilytrio.com



THE MONTGOMERY FAMILY 55th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF INDIAN TRAIL
WORSHIP & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
732 INDIAN TRAIL FAIRVIEW RD., INDIAN TRAIL, NC 28079

NOV. 16, 2024 | 5:00PM

SPECIAL GUEST:
RONDA MONTGOMERY BEEL | TIM LOVELLAGE

EMCEE: RODNEY BAUCOM OF THE GOSPEL GREATS

NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:30 PM-1 AM Hispanic Church using FH Set your clocks back an hour!
3 Session 4: Jacob and Esau: Family Rivalry 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon's Meeting	4	5 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	6 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	7 Jail Ministry	8	9
10 Session 5: Joseph and His Brothers: Family Jealousy 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	11	12 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	13 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 Jail Ministry	15	16
17 Session 6: Joseph and His Brothers: Family Reconciliation 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	18	19 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	20 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship 7:45 PM Choir Rehearsal	21 Jail Ministry	22	23
24 Special Focus: The God Who Rescues 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Thanksgiving Meal	25	26 6:30 PM Fall Ladies Bible Study	27 No Youth 6:30 PM No Online Worship	28 Thanksgiving Office Closed Jail Ministry	29 Office Closed	30

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Lillian Lewis
 Zack Little (MMS Counselor)
 Richard & Tammy Lovingood
 Richard Lovingood's Sister
 Mike Lunsford
 Pam Majewski
 Lorraine McClellan
 Debbie McKnight
 Louise Parker
 Richie Raines
 Karyn Shauan & Family
 Carolyn Street
 David Welch (Irene's Son)
 Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

NAVIGATING FAMILY CONFLICT

November 3: Jacob and Esau: Family Rivalry
 November 10: Joseph and His Brothers: Family Jealousy
 November 17: Joseph and His Brothers: Family Reconciliation



THE GOD WHO RESCUES

November 24: The God Who Rescues

Bible Studies For Life Summary *The God Who Rescues*



It's that time of year when we tend to slow down a little and express gratitude. We're grateful for the family and friends the Lord has placed in our lives. We feel a sense of gratitude, even for those who may

not be with us this holiday season. We're more aware of their lasting influence, even though they weren't sitting at the table this year. We stop and express thanks for many blessings, and we realize that there are simply too many to count.

In our thanks, we certainly don't want to leave out God. We should be thankful to God for many things, but particularly for rescuing us. Of course, some may wonder how God has rescued us. I didn't realize I needed to be rescued. But we all need to be rescued, and Psalm 30 will help us better understand this truth.

Not only will we learn that we need to be rescued, but we'll also see how to respond to God's rescue. The passage we're studying will reveal that praise and gratitude should be our response to God rescuing us. We'll see this in the life of David, and we'll learn how this applies to our own lives today.

Hurricane Helene Relief

The UBA is collecting relief supplies for our Western NC neighbors. They will have a trailer to receive supplies at the UBA Office Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-4 PM.

Please only bring the following items:

- Cases of Bottled Water
- Flashlights & Batteries
- Toiletries & Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Diapers & Baby Wipes



If you have any questions please call the UBA at 704-283-8383.

If you feel led to make a donation toward Hurricane Helene Relief, please send donations to:
 Union Baptist Association: PO Box 596, Monroe, NC 28111-0596
As of mid-October, the UBA has collected \$34,251.67 that will go to Hurricane Helene relief in WNC!



Church Workday

The Building and Grounds Team is hosting a Fall Workday on Saturday, November 2nd from 8 AM—12 Noon. Snack lunch to follow. Indoor and outdoor tasks are being planned for that day.

WMU Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer

All ladies are invited to the World Day of Prayer service at Watts Grove Church on Monday, November 4th at 6 PM.

This year's theme is "Purposeful Life" which is drawn from Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."



Watts Grove Missionary Baptist Church:
 3105 N. Rocky River Road, Monroe



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
 Week of Prayer: December 1-8