Monthly Link

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Dear First family,

I am writing this as Sherry and I are preparing to take a week off for some quiet time before the really busy season begins in the life of the church. The holiday season is bearing down quickly and everyone will be filling up their calendars with a myriad of activities. We will all need to be intentional about making time for Jesus as we move forward.

We just finished the Harvest Party and it was a big success as usual. Thanks to Pastor Dick and all the volunteers who made it happen. Events like the Harvest Party are great opportunities to invite the community into our church home and show them how much we care for them. I personally enjoy meeting new people and seeing the joy on the children's faces as they fill their bag with candy. In the future, please take time to come down and hang out. You may see some old faces you haven't seen for a while and you may meet some new people. The more we as FBC can connect with our community, the more they can connect with us. If they don't have a church home, when they time comes, they will remember the heart we have for our community.

November is always a busy month as we will finish up all the budget work. The core teams have submitted their wants and needs and Finance and Implementation are busy looking them over. We will be having our annual business meeting to present the budget and new core teams to you in mid-November. I think we will also have some exciting news about facilities to share with you at that time as well. It would be great to have the sanctuary filled with people who want to hear about where we have been this past year and where we will be going not only next year but in the future as well. We are collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to those who may need some extra blessings this year. Please be thoughtful in your donations. Canned goods past their expiration date and off brands that you wouldn't feed your family speak volumes about how we see people. See them as God's people and plan accordingly. We will also be decorating our church for Advent later in the month and that is always a fun time.

December is going to be a fun month. The children's Christmas program and our all church dinner will kick off the month. There will be a Christmas cantata and everyone who wants to sing is welcome to come along for the fun. Practices will have already begun by the time you get this but come join in if you haven't yet. Christmas Eve Sunday will be a busy day. We will have our regular Sunday services and then have two Christmas Eve services later in the day. Please pray for all of those involved in the services as most will be involved in two or more of the four services making it a busy day. There will be a host of Sunday school parties, the AWANA Christmas store and many other activities here and there during the month. Whew! And then the new year begins…

Please check your LINK calendar and all the social media for news and updates. Our web page, facebook page and the EBlast on Fridays are all methods of informing you of what is going on.

One last comment to close out this month. The holidays are tough for many people for a variety of reasons. Please be in prayer for those going through relationship struggles, financial difficulties and health issues. We have several families who have lost loved ones this past year and it will be the first Thanksgiving and/or Christmas without them. Pray for the peace and comfort of the Savior to be with them as we celebrate His coming and look forward with great anticipation of His return.

Blessings,

Pastor Rick

Thank You!

To Our Wonderful Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
Mike and I want to thank you so very much for your prayers, cards, calls and visits at the hospital.

God Bless You All,
Mike & Carolyn Sanford

Thank you so much to the wonderful people who provided us a lunch for grandpa Forrest's funeral service. He would have been so happy to know that!

Thanks again,
Keith & Wilena Tuschhoff
and Urban family

To Augusta First Baptist Church:
A huge thank you for offering your facilities to our parenting programs this last year. With your help, the classes have continued to be a success & we continue to be able to serve our wonderful community. Thank you for all you do for the community & we hope to be able to continue our partnership!

Sincerely,
South Central Mental Health Counseling Center (SCMHCC)

First Baptist Church,
I would like to personally say thank you on behalf of the Benefit Ride & BBQ. This year we were able to bless 3 local families who were in need. We would not have been able to accomplish this without your help with loaning us the tables and chairs. Thank you very much, we look forward to working with you again next year.

Thank you,
Mark Hall
2017 Benefit Ride & BBQ

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts, and visits that you gave us after the death of our daughter-in-law, Sarah. Thank you for the Bibles that were given in her name.

In Christ's Love,
Jim & Mari Beadle

Dear Friends,
Charles and I would like to thank you for the Bibles given in memory of Charles' father, Pete Klassen. Thank you all for the cards and prayers said on our behalf. We are blessed to have such a loving church family.

In Christ's love and ours,
Charles & Karen Klassen

In loving memory,
we acknowledge the death of:

Tyra Minnis
10/2/17
(daughter of Craig McCoskey and grand daughter of Eula Mae McCoskey)

Pete Klassen
10/5/17
(Father of Charles Klassen)

Don Bloomgren
10/20/17
(Father of Sabrina Nibbelink)

To Our Dear Church Family,
Thank you for placing Gideon Bibles in Tyra's name. Also, thank each of you who called, sent cards or prayed for us. It was all so appreciated.

God Bless,
The McCoskey Family

If you are wanting offering envelopes for 2018, please let the office or Bill Fuller know how many you will need.

Have you remembered your Secret Pal lately?

As the holidays approach, it is easy to forget to honor your Secret Pal.

Gifts, cards, prayers. . .any correspondence that you have with them is greatly appreciated and eagerly anticipated.

The Deaconesses have started planning for our annual all-church Christmas Dinner and are in need of 13 turkeys and people to bake them.

If you would be willing to donate and/or bake a turkey, please contact the church office @ 775-5466 or fbcaugusta@gmail.com

All-Church Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 3
5:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church CLC

The All-Church Christmas Dinner will be held on December 3rd. It is at this dinner that we honor our church staff members with a love gift. We are asking that your Sunday School class collect donations in November to help fund these gifts. Any money should be turned in to the office by November 26th.

If you do not attend Sunday School and would like to give a donation toward these gifts, please write "Staff Christmas Gift" in the memo of your check or on your offering envelope and place it in the offering plate by November 26th.

Hanging of the Greens/Soup Supper

Sunday, November 26th @ 4:00 p.m.

Come enjoy decorating the church for Christmas!

Please bring a pot of soup or a dessert for us all to share when we are finished decorating. Drinks & bread will be provided.

Christmas is coming and it is time to re-serve poinsettias in memory of your loved ones.

Please contact the church office if you would like to order one. - 775-5466 -

Thanksgiving Basket Project

Listed are some of the items that will be put into the Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed to those in our congregation that have a need this Thanksgiving. Please bring your donations to the front foyer. If you would like to give a cash donation, please mark your check or envelope "Thanksgiving Baskets".

Canned Foods:

Fruit: Peaches, Pears, etc.
Cranberry Sauce
Vegetables: Corn, Green Beans, etc.
Canned Yams
Soups
Juices
Evaporated Milk
Pumpkin

Jars/Bagged:

Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Flour
Sugar
Apples

Boxed Foods:

Brownies & Muffins
Dessert Breads
Cake Mixes & Frostings
Jell-O & Puddings
Stuffing Mixes
Cereals

Boxed Meals:

Hamburger Helper
(Chicken or Tuna)
Pasta
Rice
Potatoes: Scalloped, Ma
Macaroni & Cheese

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Luke 6:38

Recipients for Thanksgiving Baskets

The food we are collecting will be for those in our congregation that have a need. If you, or someone you know, would benefit from receiving a basket of food, please let the church office know so we can add them to our list. Thank you!

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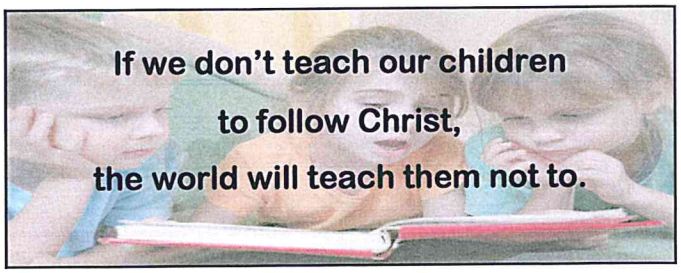


Sunday School

In November we will be learning about the Risen King and his power. His power to forgive and restore, to save, and to command us to share the Gospel!

AWANA

If you are looking for a way to help with Awana, we are taking any snack donations such as goldfish, popcorn or fruit snacks. We are also taking donations for our Christmas Store. Children get to "buy" gifts for their family members with the points they have earned by memorizing scripture. Small items such as candles, notebooks, and outdoor gear are great for parents. Any small trinkets or toys for siblings is helpful as well! You can leave these in the office or in our Awana tub in the lobby. We appreciate all of your support!

SAVE THE DATE!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

Children's Christmas Program 4:00 p.m.

and

All-Church Christmas Dinner 5:00 p.m.

November KID'S CONNECT HELPERS

1st Sunday of the Month:

8:30 a.m. Kristi Sullivan
Helper: Zoe Sullivan/David Sullivan

11:00 a.m. Becci Hargrove (Elem)
Helpers: Juliana Rivera/Mia Fox
Sheila Wilcox/Jess Smith (PreK)
Helper: Brooklyn Korte

2nd Sunday of the Month:

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Van Buskirk/Bea Hart
Helper: Anna Henman

11:00 a.m. Abby & Jimi Bryan (Elem)
Helpers: Ethan Jones/Juliana Rivera
Maggie Duncan/Sharon Slade (PreK)
Helper: Brooklyn Jones

3rd Sunday of the Month:

8:30 a.m. Melissa Rebel
Helper: Madison Luinstra

11:00 a.m. Miranda Laing (Elem)
Helpers: Abbygale & Emilee Laing
Maggie Duncan/Heidi Thies (PreK)
Helper: Bronalea Thies

4th Sunday of the Month:

8:30 a.m. Melissa Rebel
Helper: Lauren Wilcox

11:00 a.m. Zach & Shannon Hettenbach (Elem)
Helpers: Ruby Hettenbach/Heidi Skaer
Emmy Murphy/Maranda Hurtt (PreK)
Helper: Hunter Murphy

5th Sunday of the Month:

8:30 a.m. Sarah Ingrim
Helper: Madison Luinstra

11:00 a.m. Melissa Rebel (Elem)
Helper: Mia Fox/Bronalea Thies
Maggie Duncan (PreK)
Helper: Hunter Murphy

Did you know that 25% of the undesignated giving each month to First Baptist Church, goes to support missions? 52% of your mission giving is divided by 10 missionaries that we give support to each month. We support missionaries here in the United States and also abroad. Please visit the Mission bulletin board, in the foyer at the bottom of the stairs, to put a face to our missionaries.

Did you know that we give away scholarships for college students going into full time Christian ministry twice a year? We also have personal growth scholarships that we give to church members attending conferences and retreats. If you would be interested in college or personal growth scholarship, please contact the church office for an application.

Your Missions Team

"...that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."
Romans 9:17

MOPS meets the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Drop off for kids is at 8:45 a.m.

We need nursery volunteers & mentors for all ages (0-23 months, 2 yr. olds, and 3-5 yr. olds).

Please contact Bree House @ 300-8804 if you would like to help in the nurseries or if you have any questions.

The Harvest Party was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that provided candy, donated monetarily, or volunteered their time!

DEADLINES:

Articles for the next monthly newsletter need to be submitted by November 20 @ Noon.

November Meetings

Missions Team Mtg.
November 6
6:00 p.m.

Facilities Team Mtg.
November 12
9:45 a.m.

Deacon/Deaconess Mtgs.
November 12
2:00 p.m.

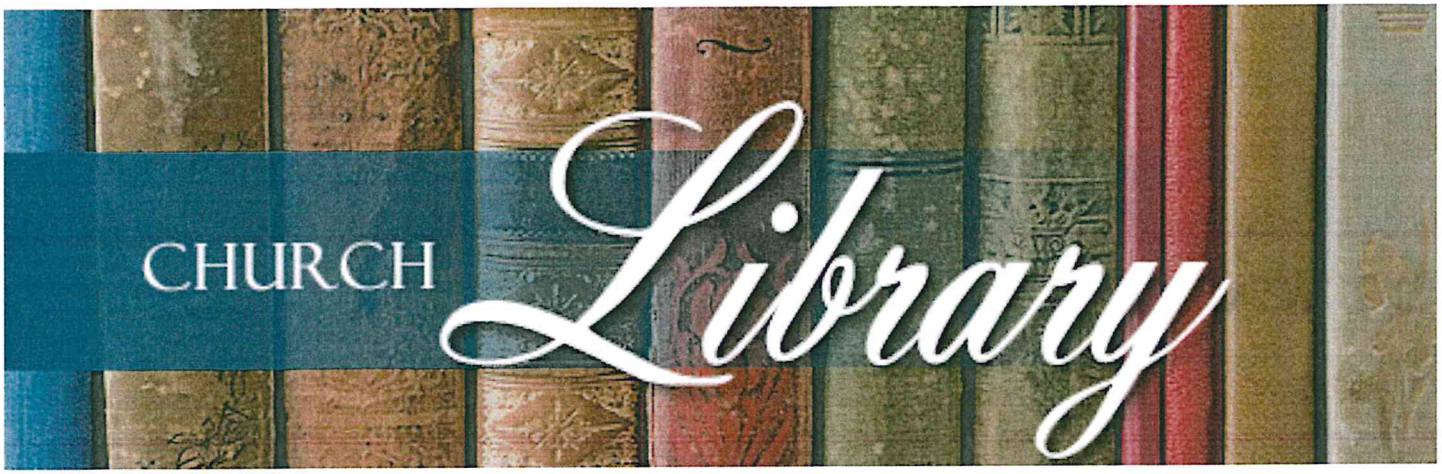
Implementation Team Mtg.
November 12
4:00 p.m.

Church Business Mtg.
November 19
6:00 p.m.

Augusta Christian Counseling Center

First Baptist Church .
1501 State Street .
Augusta, KS 67010
(316) 775-7545

The Augusta Christian Counseling Center is located here in our building and is one of the ministries supported by the church. As a part of providing quality counseling services to the community First Baptist Church provides a scholarship fund to help clients who cannot pay the full fee for counseling services.
The Counseling Center offers a lifeline to many folks who are struggling. Please prayerfully consider supporting the scholarship fund for those in need by making a donation to the fund today.
Mark you check or donation "Counseling Center."



CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO TEACH ABOUT BEHAVIORS NOV. 2017

In Joy Berry's books there are simple truths and an open, honest way each subject is presented. These books are a wonderful way for parents to be able to sit down with their children and discuss conflicts and solutions when emotions aren't high. They are written in a way that leaves plenty of room for parents to insert their own wisdom and talk about specifics with their children. It's another voice that echoes the lessons you want your children to learn and offer them a glimpse at the behaviors you want them to avoid --or discontinue! Each story is told from the perspective of the child and expresses the frustration when dealing with the temptation to be bad, lash out or act in an unacceptable manner. They open up room for discussion and the illustrations are often humorous. The books are laced with opportunities for children to consider how a child might feel when subjected to another child's bad behavior, helping introduce the concept of empathy. Because the books are small, the topics aren't overwhelming or treated in a complicated way. Instead, each behavior is presented in a basic way that children can easily comprehend and recall later.
We will display all the books the library has in this series. The Following is an example of the books in "A Children's Book About" Series:

Being Bossy: The book is especially appropriate for those 5-8 year old "bossy" girls who may face social rejection unless someone teaches them these valuable social skills!

Being Bullied: This book is about Sam and Brad. Reading about Sam and Brad can help you to understand and deal with being bullied.

Being Careless: This particular book teaches children the consequences of being careless and how to care for possessions and their immediate environment and beyond.

Being Forgetful: This book teaches children ways to overcome the forgetfulness that can cause frustration and inconvenience for them and their families.

Overdoing It: Overdoing It teaches children why overindulgence is harmful and explains how they can avoid being overindulgent.

Snooping: A Children's Book about Snooping is a great book to help children deal with learning to respect others privacy, space and things.

FITNESS CLASS SCHEDULE

Fall 2017

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00 A.M.		PILATES			
8:30 A.M.			INTERVAL TRAINING	PILATES	
9:15 A.M.			YOGA		
9:30 A.M.	SENIOR FITNESS			SENIOR FITNESS	
9:45 A.M.		OPEN WALKING	OPEN WALKING		OPEN WALKING
4:00 P.M.					
6:00 P.M.	PILATES				

Take advantage of having a fitness program right here in Augusta.
Classes are designed for all fitness levels from beginner to advanced.

No sign up fees. Open to the public. Only $1.50 per class.

Christian Life Center

First Baptist Church * 1501 State * Augusta * 775-5466

November 2017

All youth events are listed on the youth website: the fbcyouth.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Services 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship & Kid's Connect 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship & Kid's Connect			*1* 8:30 a.m. Interval Training 9:15 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. AWANA/Summit 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time	*2* 8:30 a.m. Pilates 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness	*3* 9:45 a.m. Open Walking	*4*
5 3:00 p.m. Cottonwood Point Service 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 	*6* 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 3:45 p.m. Choir Chimes 6:00 p.m. Pilates	*7* 8:00 a.m. Pilates 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 5:15 p.m. Incredible Years Parenting Class	*8* 8:30 a.m. Interval Training 9:15 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. AWANA/Summit 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time	*9* 8:30 a.m. Pilates 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness	*10* 9:45 a.m. Open Walking	*11* 7:30 a.m. Prayer Warriors/Fr. Room
12 9:45 a.m. Facilities Mtg 12:30 p.m. Discipleship Meeting 2:00 p.m. Deacon/ Deaconess Mtg. 4:00 p.m. Implementation Team Meeting 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice	*13* 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 3:45 p.m. Choir Chimes 6:00 p.m. Pilates	*14* 8:00 a.m. Pilates 9:00 a.m. MOPS 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 5:15 p.m. Incredible Years Parenting Class	*15* 8:30 a.m. Interval Training 9:15 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. AWANA/Summit 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time	*16* 8:30 a.m. Pilates 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness	*17* 9:45 a.m. Open Walking	*18*
19 6:00 p.m. Business Mtg	*20* 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 3:45 p.m. Choir Chimes 6:00 p.m. Pilates	*21* 8:00 a.m. Pilates 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 5:15 p.m. Incredible Years Parenting Class	*22* No Preschool 8:30 a.m. Interval Training 9:15 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting No Evening Activities	*23* Office Closed 	*24* 9:45 a.m. Open Walking	*25*
26 4:00 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice	*27* 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness 3:45 p.m. Choir Chimes 6:00 p.m. Pilates	*28* 8:00 a.m. Pilates 9:00 a.m. MOPS9:45 a.m. Open Walking 5:15 p.m. Incredible Years Parenting Class	*29* 8:30 a.m. Interval Training 9:15 a.m. Yoga 9:45 a.m. Open Walking 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. AWANA/Summit 6:45 p.m. Prayer Time	*30* 8:30 a.m. Pilates 9:30 a.m. Sr. Fitness		

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November 2017 Main Event

5	Cottonwood Point Service
7	Election Day
5,12,26	Choir Practice
7,14,21,28	Incredible Years Parenting Class
1,8,15,29	Wednesday Night Meal/AWANA/Summit/Prayer Group
6	Missions Team Mtg.
12	Facilities Team Mtg.
	Discipleship Team Mtg.
	Deacon/Deaconess Mtgs.
	Implementation Team Mtg.
19	Business Meeting
14,28	MOPS
11	Augusta Prayer Breakfast
23,24	Office Closed for Thanksgiving
26	Hanging of the Greens

Church Business Meeting

There will be an All-Church business meeting held in the Sanctuary on Nov. 19th @ 6:00 p.m.

Please plan to attend.