

This Week

SUNDAY, September 9

8:00 AM Library Open
 8:30 AM Sunday School 1
 9:45 AM Classic Worship
 Sunday School 2
 Spanish Sunday School
 Sunday School 3
 Chinese Sunday School
 11:11 AM eleven:11 worship
 12:30 PM Chinese Outreach
 3:45 PM Deacon's Meeting
 4:00 PM Celebrate Recovery Step Study
 DivorceCare
 GriefShare
 Library Open
 Youth Choir
 4:45 PM Writing Your Story Seminar
 Children's Choirs
 6:00 PM Evening Worship
 7:00 PM SNL at the College House

TUESDAY, September 11

5:00 PM FAITH Meal
 6:00 PM FAITH Visitation

WEDNESDAY, September 12

5:00 PM Family Fellowship Supper
 Library Open
 College House Supper
 6:00 PM Midweek Service
 Celebrate Recovery
 College Bible Study
 Ignite Youth Worship
 RAs and GAs (grades 1 - 6)
 TeamKid (age 3 - Kindergarten)
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 Sanctuary Orchestra Rehearsal

THURSDAY, September 13

9:00 AM Precepts
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study - David
 6:00 PM Precepts
 6:00 PM Ladies Bible Study - David

FRIDAY, September 14

5:00 PM Survivorman Retreat

SATURDAY, September 15

9:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
 5:00 PM Chinese Open House

Sympathy

To Robert Farmer in the death of his mother, Mrs. Lizzie Farmer.

To Jim Hardin in the death of his sister, Mrs. Lora Partin.

To Paul Kessinger in the death of his wife, Mrs. Dot Kessinger.

The family of Sue Kunefke.

Family Fellowship Supper

Menu for Wednesday, September 12
 Baked Chicken Glazed Carrots
 Rice w/gravy Roll
 Tossed Salad Cherry Cobbler

Morning Worship

9:45 a.m.

Baptism

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Welcome

He Is Exalted
 Above All

Pastoral Prayer

Trilogy of Praise
 Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra

Message

Do You Have the Right Story?

John 3:1-18

Pastor Steve Horn

Invitation

All That Thrills My Soul

Welcome New Members

Offertory Prayer

Elliott Smith, Deacon of the Week

You're Worthy of My Praise
 Sanctuary Orchestra

11:11 a.m.

Here for You

Welcome & Prayer

Friend of God
 You Never Let Go

Offertory Prayer

When I Think About the Lord

Message

Do You Have the Right Story?

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Invitation

Center

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The flowers are given by Zeke Ducote to Becky in honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations

To Joseph and Danye Levi in the birth of their son, Jovan Harel Levi.

On-line Calendar
 Dates Times Locations Event Info
 www.fbclaf.org

Pat Melancon to Lead International Disaster Response Training September 28-29

The Baptist Global Relief International Disaster Response Training Course is intensive training designed to bring the participant from the Biblical basis of human needs work to preparing for deployment. In addition to covering the Biblical foundations, the course engages the student in a variety of exercises requiring team participation, feedback, and group interaction to help find solutions for the issues addressed. Overall, the course is designed to inform, expose, and train a person for overseas deployment to address disasters.



Registration fee is \$25.00 and includes program materials, dinner Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. Deadline for reservations is Friday, September 21. Register online at fbclaf.org/bgr or stop by the Info Center.

Fall Food Roundup

The annual collection of canned goods and other items for the Louisiana Baptist Children's Home is now underway. Posters with a list of items, as well as collection boxes, are located near the Bride's Room, in the foyer by the covered drive-through, and in the Singles Building. Please bring your donation by September 30.

Week of Prayer for State Missions

September 16 - 23



Hear John Hebert, Director of Missions for Louisiana Baptists, in the evening service September 16.

STATE GOAL \$2,000,000 CHURCH GOAL \$15,000
 Georgia Barnette State Missions Offering
 Louisiana Baptist Convention www.GeorgiaBarnette.org

Youth & Children's Choirs

September 9

Grades 7 - 12

4 PM - Choir Room

Pre-K3 - K

4:45 - Preschool Area

Grades 1 - 6

4:45 - Choir Room

Meet Our Staff

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Your Response

At the invitation time in each service we offer an opportunity for you to publicly make one of the following decisions...

- ...to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.
- ...to join First Baptist by baptism.
- ...to rededicate your life to Christ.
- ...to dedicate your life to vocational Christian service.
- ...to transfer your membership from another Baptist church.
- ...to join First Baptist from another denomination.

- I would like more information on...
- how to become a Christian
 - how to become a member of FBC
 - opportunities for service at FBC
 - specific ministry areas including:
 - senior adults married adults
 - single adults college
 - jr/sr high grades 1-6
 - preschool music
 - prayer media
 - Chinese Spanish

- I have a request...
- for prayer
 - for the staff

- I heard about First Baptist from...
- family member friend
 - direct mail yellow pages
 - television radio
 - billboard newspaper
 - FBC website internet ad
 - facebook other

Praying for the Koski Family

Jesse, Jessica, and Birdie Koski will be going to India as missionaries in October. If you would like to receive prayer updates by email once they are on the mission field, please complete the information below and drop it in the offering plate or at the Information Center. They will add you to their mailing list.

Name: _____

Email: _____

I would like to receive email updates:
 Weekly Monthly

Getting To Know You

name _____

address _____

city state zip _____

home phone _____ business/cell phone _____

email _____

birthdate _____

occupation / school grade _____

male female
 married single widowed

spouse's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

child's name _____ birthdate _____

are you a church member? yes no

where? _____

I am a first time guest at FBC
 I am new to the Lafayette area
 I want to be enrolled in Bible Study
 I want more info about Bible Study

I attended the
 9:45 a.m. service 11:11 a.m. service
 6:00 p.m. service other

today's date _____

From Our Pastor

Welcome to First Baptist Church! If you are here for the first time, we are so glad that you have joined us today. We hope that you will stop by our Information Center to find out more about the ministries and opportunities here at First Baptist.



When is the last time that you have attended church on a Sunday evening? There are numerous excuses to not attend church on Sunday evening—I already came once today, it's boring (ouch, that one hurts), the kids have school tomorrow, I have work tomorrow, the Bible does not say anything about Sunday night too, most churches don't even have a Sunday evening service anymore. The list could continue, but you get the point. Did you realize that in contrast to these excuses, there are dozens of reasons to come back again on Sunday evening? For example, the Bible commands us to not forsake the meeting of the assembly. This particular assembly called First Baptist Church chooses to meet again on Sunday evenings. That doesn't make us more spiritual than churches that choose not to meet on Sunday evenings, but it is the schedule that our church chooses to follow. In addition, we have great opportunities for our children in music and Bible Drill on Sunday evening. In addition to these ongoing reasons, at present, our staff members are taking turns sharing their stories as part of our evening worship. We purposefully took a Sunday night off last Sunday, but let me encourage you to make Sunday night a family priority for the rest of the year!

Speaking of tonight and speaking of your story, this afternoon at 4:45, we are offering a Seminar to help get you started on writing your story. I would love to see a jam packed room in Assembly Room 1 as we help each other get started in telling our stories.

Steve

September 9, 2012

Sermon Notes

The Power of Your Story: Do You Have the Right Story? John 3:1-18

Nicodemus—A Man with a Partial Story (John 3:1-2)

- Everybody has a _____!
- This _____ often includes...
 - ◆ Some _____
 - ◆ Some _____
- This kind of story is not _____!

Jesus—A Messiah with Two Perfect Stories (John 3:3-15)

The Analogy of the New Birth

The Reminder of the Serpent in the Wilderness

- Everybody's story is _____, yet the _____!

John 3:16—A Timeless Message from this Story

- Everybody's story is deeply _____, yet must be decisively _____.

Writing Your Story

This afternoon at 4:45 join us in Assembly Room 1 for a seminar on "Writing Your Story." This practical one hour session will help you get started writing your short story for a devotional book we plan to publish for 2013. We'll help you determine the story you want to share, and get you started telling it in a small group. We will offer tips on making your story "fit" into about 400 words, as well as some ideas on creativity and other practical tips on writing. You will leave the seminar ready to put your story on paper for submission by September 30. Together we hope to have 365 stories ready for the new year.



Library News

You may remember the volcanic eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980, but did you know that this event set up a "lab" for scientists and changed their view of how the Grand Canyon was formed? Find out what this event says about the earth, the Flood, man, and God in the DVD, Mount St. Helens, which can be checked out in our church library.



The Power of Your Story

Today's Message

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the Right Story?
John 3:1-18