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The Church will meet for its regular
Business Meeting this Sunday,
September 16th at 6PM in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, September 30
Yellow Creek Park
Shelter #3
2:00 Game Time
4:00 Time to Eat!

This is a potluck meal so everybody needs to
bring something to share. The church will
provide the meat and drinks - you fill in the
rest: vegetables, salads or desserts!

THE CHURCH IS INVITED TO
AND ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
DEACON EXAMINATION COUNCIL
of
Jim Smith

Sunday, September 16
4:00 PM ~ Fireside Room

The following people have agreed to serve on the
2019-2021 Deacon Body. They are:

Carole Anne Barrass, Larry Catron,
Chris Holbrook, Jim Smith, and Harold Wilson.

They will be presented for church approval at the
Business Meeting Sunday,
September 16 at 6:00 PM.



Rev. Micah Spicer

Senior Pastor

Every year in the United States, Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday of September. The first Labor Day was held in 1882. Its origins stem from the desire of the Central Labor Union to create a holiday for workers. Organizers originally intended that the day would be filled with a street parade to allow the public to appreciate the work of the trade and labor organizations. While Labor Day might not be celebrated to that extent everywhere today, it still offers an opportunity for people to celebrate the contributions that working women and men have given to our society, whether it be the 40 hour work week, specific child and labor laws, or the federal minimum wage. Labor Day is a federal holiday. As a result, all

government offices, organizations, and many businesses are closed.

Since this is the season for celebrating workers, I think it is appropriate to offer a word of gratitude to those of you who toil for the Lord. Church work is not easy. Since I know that to be true, I am not surprised when I read in the Scriptures that the Apostle Paul identifies hard working church members as “fellow laborers.” I, like Paul, have noticed that the hardest workers in a congregation rarely get recognized for their service, yet they are faithful to their church. At Third Baptist Church, we are blessed with a competent, diligent staff. Our lay leaders and committee chairs work tirelessly to see that the church thrives. Volunteers, both members and non-members, offer their services to our missions and ministries so that the hungry are fed, the naked are

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

clothed, and Christ is glorified. So let me say “Thank You” for your service. You are appreciated. You are valued. And you are loved. TBC is in good hands. The future is bright thanks to God’s grace and your willingness to labor together for Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

Jan Lampkin, Minister to Children

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it.” *Proverbs 2:6*



The Children’s Department is back in full swing following the summer vacation. August 15 was our first Wednesday and we had 138 children. We are averaging about 125 every Wednesday. We are still in need of volunteers to help! Vans begin to arrive at 3:30, supper is served at 5:00, and it is usually 8:30-8:45 when the last van departs. We could use people to help with all aspects of our Wednesday program. Sunday morning we average about 55 youth and children. We need help in the Preschool area with the 3-4 year old and kindergarten children. The good news is that we have several new children in the preschool area but we need helpers

to assist the teachers. We also need helpers to be “on call” when and if we have a vacancy because of illness, travel, or vacations. This would require your help on occasion. I could refer to this list in the event we had a vacancy. Please pray about your willingness to help in the Children’s Department. Let me know if you feel that you would be interested. You will definitely receive blessings by working with the TBC kids.

Our next event is the Annual Fall Festival, Wednesday, Oct. 31. We will need lots of candy as this is also Halloween night. We expect a record number of TBC and community children to attend the festival. Please leave candy at the atrium desk or at my office in the preschool area. Eventually we will ask for baked items for the cake walk; which is the most popular booth at the festival. If you would

like to be involved by working a booth please let me know.

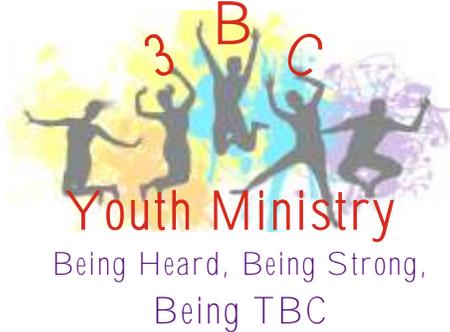
The children will be performing their Christmas music at the White Christmas Service on December 9.

The children’s annual Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 19. Thanks to Bob Dasher (a.k.a. Santa) and Warren Haviland (Shriner’s Clown) that will be visiting and sharing with the children. This is always a fun and exciting time of fellowship as we celebrate the birthday of Jesus! As you can see, we have a busy Fall ahead of us.

We have several children and their families experiencing difficult times. Please continue to pray for them, as well as, the teachers and volunteers that work with the children on a weekly basis.

Trust God - Bless Others
Celebrate Grace!

We are the Voice for Jesus

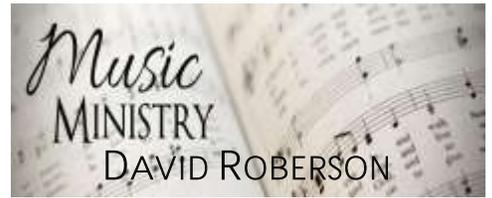


Life is full of ups and downs. You think you're making progress, that you're on top of the wheel, "you got the world on a string." and the next think you know is that you're behind, the wheel is rolling over you, and there's an alligator at the other end of the string pulling you down in the swamps. A personality quiz, conducted by our own Micah Spicer, recently showed that I'm a thrill-seeker, which means that I like the highs, but struggle with the lows. I don't know if the personality quiz is 100% accurate, but I do struggle with the lows. Yes, I've spent too much time staring into the abyss, and so it's sometimes hard not to interpret life's lows as just another dimming of the spark of life. (Depressing, right?"

Well, I'm here to tell you that I am comfortable with my brooding. My study of Jesus has taught me that brooding and

Court Lewis Youth Minister

grieving are not the negatives that society tells you they are; instead, they are signs you care, a means for surviving, and inspiration for flourishing. I never know what to say to others when they're suffering, just as I often don't know what to say to myself. When I watch a child, youth, or adult become overwhelmed, by first instinct is to step in and "fix" everything, but I know that the problem isn't that something is broken; it's that we live in a broken world. Our tasks as Christians is to make our brokenness known to others, so that others can see they are not alone, and that we can work together to help each other achieve peace. As our Jewish brothers and sisters celebrate God's creation with Rosh Hashanah, preparing for ten days of repentance leading to Yom Kippur, I hope we will all take time to make our pains and fears known, comfort those who are suffering, and work towards the shalom of God's vision for the world. Be the voice of Jesus by Trusting God, Blessing Others, yes, Celebrating together the love that is God's Grace.



⁷Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

I John 4:7-8 (KJV)

This Sunday the Sanctuary Choir will sing an arrangement of this scripture. We have sung it before but as I was telling the choir last week in rehearsal, it is a message needed in our time. There is so much strife and division in our lives, in our country and in our world. We need to step back and remember that God is love and we must also love. This quote from William Barclay sums it up nicely: "God is love and, therefore, to be like God and be what he was meant to be, man must also love."

I will be out of town Sunday attending a family wedding but I hope this simple song significant message will inspire you.



Joe Bob Pierce Formations

As most everyone knows, I get a kick out of doing the announcements from the pulpit each Sunday morning. I proudly wear the title "Minister of Announcements!" Well, maybe not 'proudly,' but I wear it. It seems that lately we have had much more activity around the church, so I've had to be more conscientious about getting all the

correct information during the announcement time. If you or your group have an announcement you'd like me to make on Sunday morning, I have a couple of pointers.

1. Make certain that the information you want to share is also available to people through other means. In other words, don't count on an announcement in church on Sunday to reach everyone that needs reaching. Consider also using the Courier, classroom announcements, and

mailed reminders to get your message out.

2. If you'd like me to make an announcement for you in church, consider writing it out on a piece of paper or emailing it to me. I can usually remember things people want me to announce, but not always. If I have it printed out, I'll be much more likely to get it right.

Thanks for being involved and listening to the Sunday morning announcements! I'm grateful to help spread the word about our mission to Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace!

Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance
 4:00 PM Examination Council
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 6:00 PM Business Meeting

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

9:30 AM Peer Learning Group
 5:00 PM ODT Mtg., Cent. Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
 Baptist Heritage Series
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

4:30 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 The Lord's Supper

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
 Baptist Heritage Series
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

11:00 AM Sr. Adult Short Trip
 4:30 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Church Picnic at Yellow Creek Park

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest sympathy to
Carole Anne Barrass and her family in the loss of her brother,
 Ed Barrass;
Joyce Webb and her family in the loss of her sister,
 Sandra Crabtree;
Ruth Snyder and her family in the loss of her son,
 Frank Snyder, Jr.

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the Church have been received...
in memory of Laura Bronn's brother by Nancy Gordon and Patty Drury;
in memory of H.M. & Zula Watters by Nancy Warner;
In memory of Aubrey Pently & Sue Van Fleet by Tony & Betty Delack;
In memory of Eddie (Butch) Austin
 by Margaret Walton, Suzette Austin and Logan Webb;
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ed & Sadie Barrass, and Mr. Don Barrass and
in honor of Mrs. Don (Martha) Barrass by Carole Anne Barrass.

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We want to tell you how much we appreciate our Third Baptist Church Family! We thank you for your prayers, your hospital visits, your home visits, your phone calls and your cards!

We are "going" to church on the radio right now, but we will be glad when we can be back in church. We miss the wonderful Third Baptist Church fellowship! It will probably be a while before I can manage the steps. Our payers are with you.
Nadine and Jim Shaw

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

September 16

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

September 23

John & Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

September 16

Another Look Class

September 23

New Millennium Class

ATRIUM DUTY

September 16

Judy Dixon, Pat Settle

September 23

Hawes Mercer, Debby Smith

DEACON INFORMATION

September 16

Cissy Bishop, Pat Settle

Hope and Harvest Team

Carolyn Estes

September 23

Laura Bronn, Debby Smith

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Charlie Evans

Join the Senior Adults on
Thursday, September 27
 for lunch at

PRESERVATION STATION

Gather at the church at 11:00.
 Contact Ron or Elaine Williams
 and let them know you're on board for this outing!
 Plan on a little browsing time as you check out
 the many booths of new and old collectibles!

