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A Word from the Pastor

Fall began last week and with this season comes many changes. On the day before the official beginning of fall, our family welcomed a most wonderful change, Hannah Rhyse. Our house of two boys transformed into a home with a baby sister. All of a sudden, as parents, we found ourselves outnumbered! Change is certain in every area of life. Although change is guaranteed, plenty of uncertainty exists as well.

The most significant unknown lies within how we choose to respond during change. As parents of three, we now understand it is extremely unreasonable to schedule an appointment with the pediatrician if only one of us is available to take all three of our children. The same can be said when it comes to our lives of Faith. There are plenty of unreasonable approaches we may take when it involves our Faith and change. Perhaps we demonstrate the most unreasonable of responses when we forget to recognize God is in control of all things no matter how daunting a change may appear. One of the most assuring characteristics of our Heavenly Father is His immutability. I praise God for that fancy word! Not because it has extra syllables, but because it means our God will never change. Whether your current circumstance is as joyous as the arrival of a new baby or as dark as the midnight sky, the presence of our God's faithfulness is always near and never changing.

"Jesus Christ *is* the same yesterday, today, and forever."
Hebrews 13:8

In His Grace,

Coleman



Congratulations to Coleman and Jennifer Philley on the birth of their baby girl, Hannah Rhyse. Hannah was born on September 22 and weighed 8 lbs 5 oz. Congratulations to proud big brothers, Josiah and Levi!

STAFF APPRECIATION

October 4, 2014

There will be a meal in the Fellowship Hall following our morning worship service. There will be individual baskets for the staff members to receive your cards and/or notes of appreciation. The church will provide the meat. Please bring a dish that will feed at least 10 people corresponding to the letter that begins your last name. A-G (Vegetable), H-N (Dessert), and O-Z (Salad).

Our Staff:

Coleman Philley	Pastor
Ryan Holmes	Youth Minister
Dennis Allen	Education Minister/Custodian
Bill Jones	Music Minister
Tricia Cunningham	Secretary
Michelle Wimberley	Nursery Caregiver
Elizabeth Coates	Nursery Caregiver
Jill Boyd	Pianist
Sandra Doan	Organist

Personnel Committee
Social Committee



MEN & BOYS BREAKFAST

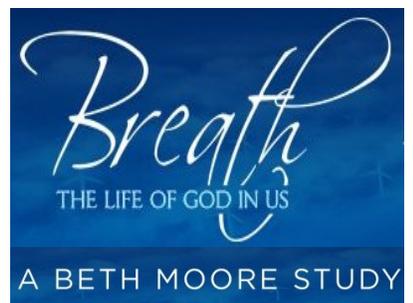
Saturday, October 17
7:00am
In the Fellowship Hall

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Begins October 7
5:30pm

Signup sheet in the foyer.

For more information,
contact Sandra Doan or
the church office.



A BETH MOORE STUDY

FALL FESTIVAL

First Baptist Church

Wednesday, October 28th
6:00-8:00pm

Baskets are positioned around the church to drop off bags of candy.

Educationally Speaking

Why have Sunday School? The question is simple but complex. Here are some of the reasons why: (1) Sunday School is for all ages whether you are preschool, a family or senior adults, curriculum is designed for each age group, (2) Sunday School is at the right time. Most people associate church with Sunday morning thus most people think of Sunday School being the hour before worship. (3) Sunday School is (or should be) open group. This means that each week's lesson stands on its own. It doesn't require you to have to be present the previous Sunday. (4) Sunday School is an effective way for classes to be plugged in, have fellowships, and outreach. (5) Sunday School has a vast number of possibilities. It is not limited by space. Teachers can be creative in their teaching. (6) For a hundred plus years Sunday School has been the organization for churches to utilize small groups in studying Bible truths through question and answers. It's an opportunity for outreach where individuals can invite family, friends, neighbors in a nonthreatening environment. Sunday School gives individuals an opportunity to connect to others that have similar likes and desires. Our church stands firm that Sunday School is an opportunity for all of us to grow. We meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Will you come this Sunday and be a part?

Fall Festival is once again here. It is scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Each year we have booths full of games. We need your help, whether you are an individual or a Sunday School class. Contact the office to see how you may help. There are candy collection baskets positioned around the church for you to drop off bags of candy.

Have a blessed day,
Dennis

Bill's Notes 🎵

We are looking forward expectantly to hear the children and the adult choirs sing in the future. The children will sing October 4, and again (with the adults) for the Christmas cantata. This year's cantata is entitled, "CHRIST IS COME." All are invited to come help us "make a joyful noise" in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" was written by an Englishman, Edward Perronet, in 1779. About 200 years ago "Billy" Dawson was preaching on the divinity of Christ, and portrayed a "word" picture of Jesus' coronation. With eloquent warmth at the thought, he reached the climax of his thought, and suddenly burst out shouting, "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS'S NAME." He went on with the entire poem that became a great hymn of faith. The scene was overwhelming as the crowd sprang to their feet and sang with great feeling and a power that swelled higher and higher with each verse. The tune called "Coronation" was written for this poem and is mostly used in America while Europe commonly uses the tune "Miles Lane." Listen for this great hymn using *both* tunes during October. It is on our favorites list.

DEACON MEETING

Deacons will meet following the evening worship service on October 4th.

MINISTRY TEAMS/COMMITTEES

The list of Committees and Ministry Teams that we elected at the last business meeting is on the back of the calendar. If you would like more information on being involved with one of the ministry teams, contact one of our ministers.

Ryan's Ramblings

As we see the season start to change from summer to Fall I want us to look at the word fall! Romans 3:23 says *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God!*

We ALL FALL!

Because we ALL Fall we cannot be connected to God, no matter how good of a person one may think they are! We by ourselves cannot and will not be "good enough." All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; Isaiah 64:6 NIV) That is why the cross was necessary for us to be able to connect with God through a relationship with Christ. This week I challenge each of us to see how we can find a way to connect with Christ in a new way!

Also as we roll into October, which is Pastor/Staff appreciate month, I want to say thank to all of our staff I get to work with! Thank you for what you bring to the team of FBC and I look forward to what The Lord has planned!

Announcements:

Fields of Faith Oct 14th
Fall Festival Oct 28th

Spur on,
Ryan

SEPTEMBER GIVING & ATTENDANCE

Total offering for September	\$17,767
Budget Requirement for September	\$27,944
Average Attendance for Worship	152

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Our quarterly business meeting will be Sunday, October 18, at 5:30pm.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule (Worship Hour Only)



Sunday, October 4:

Pam Arendall, Barbara Gilbreath,
Kelly Gilbreath

Sunday, October 11:

Shayla Beaird, Tricia Cunningham,
Shalie Dahar

Sunday, October 18:

LuAnn Williams, Kerry McCurdy,
Tricia Dotson

Sunday, October 25:

Jennifer Philley, Holley Cornelius,
John Cornelius

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please coordinate a volunteer in your place as far in advance as possible. **After** confirming a substitute volunteer, please inform the church office ..