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The Pastor's Pen

Over the past two years a group from First Baptist Capitol Hill has been in discipleship training. Practically each month we would meet for a full day to gain a better biblical understanding of what it means to be a true follower of Jesus Christ. There have been some good and tough things we had to wrestle with, mostly as it pertains to our own spiritual walk with the Lord.

Among the things we hope to accomplish is for us to help the whole church to mature in discipleship. For us, as well as for the church, this does not begin and end in a two year process, but becomes a life-long commitment to being a faithful follower.

The Bible calls for us to be and make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). In order for us to get there, there are some things we as a congregation are going to have to look at differently and begin to approach things differently. The discipleship model we are hoping to embrace is for us to engage, connect, equip and to send. To engage means we are going to be intentional about how we go about reaching people to make them aware of the Christian faith and First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill. To **connect** is help people to establish healthy and mature relationships with God and with each other. **Equip** is to provide ways for us to learn and be resourced to do what God is calling us to do. To **<u>send</u>** is how we go back into the world around us, better equipped as Christian disciples to serve and do what God is calling us to do.

A few months ago, we formed strategy groups that began discussions on how we should be doing ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. Using the "engage/connect/equip/send model mentioned above, the strategy groups are called Outreach (engage), Congregational Care (connect), Christian Education (equip), and Community Care (send). It is our desire that we as a congregation use this as the framework for how we do ministry in order to be more effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

In order for the congregation to be clearer on what we are proposing we are scheduling an information session October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. This is for the congregation to hear the full proposal and to ask questions and share thoughts and input into what is being proposed. The draft proposal for this session will be available to the congregation prior to the session. It is very important that all members be present to share in this session. There will be no vote at this session. The final draft of the proposal will be presented at the church meeting October 29 at **6:00 p.m.** It is at that time the congregation will have to opportunity to vote on the discipleship proposal, as well as the recommendations for leadership and the budget for the 2018 – 2019 church year.

This whole process can only be effective and honor God by our being prayerful about what is being presented and by our willingness to be faithful to God's calling on the congregation (James 5:16). I am confident that the final product will be one that will help us to be who God would like for us to be.

One final pre-mission trip note. Words cannot express my appreciation for the response the congregation and others have made preparing and assisting us for this trip to Tanzania be a success (Philippians 1:3-6). From dresses, to supplies, to money, to transportation to and from airport, and especially the prayers, kind words and well-wishes – all have blessed us and blesses the name of Jesus. We look to share with you of the journey when we return.

Kelly M. Smith Jr.

Pastor



October 2018 Lessons

"God Destroys and Re-creates," has four lessons. Noah and his family are presented in the first two lessons as righteous followers of God, who help repopulate and restore the earth after the destruction caused by the great flood. The biblical couples Abraham and Sarah and Isaac and Rebekah, who worked with God in the cycle of continuing creation, are studied in the last two lessons of the unit.

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Adult TopicYouth TopicChildren TopicA Faithful FollowingA Faithful FriendFaith in Action

Background Scripture: Genesis 6; 8:19

Key Verse: Genesis 6:22 "Noah did everything just as God commanded him."

October 14th: God is Always Working

Adult TopicYouth TopicChildren TopicConstantly WorkingWorking TogetherA Brighter Future Ahead

Background Scripture: Genesis 9–12

Key Verses: Genesis 12:2-3 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

October 21st: Abraham and Sarah Birth God's People

Adult TopicYouth TopicChildren TopicPromises Give HopeA Promise KeptBecause I'm Happy

Background Scripture: Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7

Key Verse: Genesis 21:1 "NOW THE LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised.

October 28th: Isaac and Rebekah Continue the Legacy

Adult TopicYouth TopicChildren TopicMake a DecisionSay Yes!Continuing the Legacy

Background Scripture: Genesis 24

Key Verse: Genesis 24:61 *Then Rebekah and her attendants got ready and mounted the camels and went back with the man. So the servant took Rebekah and left.*

August 5 "Is This The Church?"
Minister Candice Nunn
Scriptural Text: Ephesians 4:15-16
Submitted by: Deborah Luter

Is This the Church that sits silent and deliberately blinded ignoring the causes we need? The church is not this building, the church is not its people, and most importantly, the church is built of its actions or lack thereof. Childish Gambino (Danny Glover), in his music video entitle "This is America" - which addresses the atrocities happening in today's political landscape - gives us the diagnosis; the text gives us the prescription.

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head even Christ. From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. ~ Ephesians 4:15-16 The Apostle Paul was the Childish Gambino of his time. He navigated his social direction and witnessed people being persecuted for their differences. Pauls' conversion to Christianity and his belief did not come naturally. He shows us the difference between growing up Christian and growing in Christianity to a maturing Christian. Unity is not uniformity. You may ask, but how do you love those who oppress, discriminate and disenfranchise my neighbor or even myself?

Paul demonstrates his beliefs when he, radically redefines love; stresses the importance of locating your ligament; and challenges us to put our actions behind our practices.

Often times once we become Christians, we slow down. Our zeal and energy for Christ must not be diminished. We must redirect our enthusiasm. Your membership is not a substitute but a supplement. Paul took seriously his charge to follow Christ. Today we follow people on social media, through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We stay comfortably in our homes following other people's actions. The Apostle Paul warned us of becoming robots. Everyone has a ligament on the body of Christ. We cannot ignore the fact that our actions affect change, whether good, bad or indifferent. The text reminds us that cries for help are louder than silent prayers.

August 12

"Dangerous Dreams"
Minister Denero Rahming
Scriptural Text: Genesis: 23-28
Submitted by: Conra Collier

"Bless the Lord at all times...Magnify the Lord with me." These words, like the "I Have A Dream" speech of Dr. King, give a message of a greater tomorrow. Was it a "dangerous dream" that inspired the destruction of racial barriers---the dreams of Harriet Tubman, Mary McCleod Bethune, Fannie Lou Hamer and many others? These "dangerous dreams" allow us to live as we do today; we have benefitted from them. Yet, some dreams never come to fruition.

Joseph found his brothers, who sold him into slavery. Joseph wasn't predicted to be very successful, but he had an incredible dream. Did God disappear from the dream that He gave to Joseph? What about the consequences of dangerous dreams that disrupt the status quo? Joseph was not supported as he had expected. Yet his being sold into slavery in Egypt allowed him to be in place to become a leader. Dangerous dreams do not die in times of difficulty. Don't reduce dreams to the level of current reality. Keep on dreaming dreams into reality. (Paraphrase of Howard Thurman)

August 19 "Being Clear About Jesus" Rev. Dr. Forrest Harris Sr. Scriptural Text: Mark 8:31-38 Submitted by: Conra Collier

In verse 33, Jesus rebukes Peter for reprimanding someone who foretold Jesus' death. There is a cosmic mystery of wanting to be like Jesus. Our continuous discipleship brings the mystery of a Divine Presence with transforming power. Being clear keeps us praying and worshipping, trying to align our lives with Jesus.

Be clear about Jesus' truth and liberating power. A painting of Jesus showed distortion and misinterpretation. Its display was less popular than that of the "Mona Lisa". Sometimes churches, preaching, and our traditions give a distorted image of Jesus.

Peter couldn't perceive who Jesus was. He had a distorted view of a conquering king, the reign of God, the divine authority over life. Peter could not understand the prediction of death. What do you do about distortions? Illusions are not clear.

Faith is our church. Stay clear enough to pray. Sing spiritual songs. Peter was not really an adversary of Jesus. Can we lose our life for a deeper relationship with God instead of saving our earthly life? Life to love, love to liberation, compassion to the world. Become like Him. Salvation makes us whole; we are healed from suffering by His transforming power. God's kingdom can change this world. Like stitching patches together to make a quilt, the power of love and the Resurrection can bring another kind of world to be clear about the love of Jesus.

"God is Faithful"

September Pastor Smith

2 Scriptural Text: Lamentations 3:19-24

Submitted by: Kathy Harrell

There is none who is more faithful than God Almighty! In our lives there are those people and things we look to and rely on, trusting they will be there for us in our time of need. However, even our most reliable resources can sometimes fail us. The only thing we can truly depend on in the midst of our lives is God.

God is a Faithful God. Faithful means no matter who, what, where, when or why, God is going to be with us every step of the way. Yet, when we are facing difficult times and are in the middle of stressful and disheartening situations, we may wonder about and even question God's Faithfulness. We must remember that God is not beholding to our agenda. God's desire is that we are faithful to Him, even as He is Faithful to us.

What is it that we can learn about the Faithfulness of God?

<u>Point 1. God's Faithfulness is evident in the middle of our life and living.</u>

When we are in the middle of life's toughest battles is when we need the most hope and encouragement. It is especially during these times that God's compassion, His *tender feeling*, never fails. We are only able to make it to the other side of life's challenges because of God's Faithfulness with us throughout the middle of them.

Point 2. God's Faithfulness is evident through God's loyal love.

God's love for us is a covenant love that is so great, it will never go away. In spite of what we have done, or will do, we cannot keep God from loving us (...'nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.' Romans 8:38-39). God grants us new mercies each morning to remind us just how much he loves us. His loyal love is the depth and breadth of life.

Point 3. God's Faithfulness is evident by being the only One we can truly count on.

"You can have the things of this world"...'Give me Jesus'. Our relationship with God is the one absolute thing we can trust in. God is our everlasting portion; with One hand, He provides all our need. Being faithful to the command and will of God assures us that God is the only One we can eternally depend on, regardless of the challenges we may face.

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7	Beverly Brown	(615) 885-5334		
14	Ronald McFarland Sr.	(615) 331-0564		
21	Sunny Owunnah	(615) 708-1893		
28	Brian Wood	(615) 259-0623		

Blood Pressure Screenings

The Health Care Committee will be available on the 2nd and 4th Sundays to provide blood pressure scree nings in the Frankie Pierce Lounge and on the lower level.

FLU SHOT SUNDAY - OCTOBER 7th

CVS will provide Flu immunizations to our members, friends and guests.

Time: Immediately following church services.

Place: Frankie Pierce Lounge

Please Bring Your Insurance Cards. No

Insurance, No Problem - Free

Help Needed!

First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill is in need of people who are willing to provide homework help to our children after school. Our church will begin offering homework help in all subject matters this school year. Help will be available Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Jill Jones at (404) 723-5384 or Miriam Currie (615) 948-6580 to sign up if you are willing to help.

FBCCH Partners with Robert Churchwll Elementary

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ELEMENTARY We have established a relationship with Robert Churchwell. In support of this partnership we are sponsoring a school suppy and uniform drive. The following items are needed: Kleenex, Lyson wipes and hand sanitizer. The students are required to wear standards school attire, and the failure to wear it can result in suspensions. The uniform items needed are: solid colored collared shirts, kahki, navy or black pants, short or jumpers in sizes 4T, extra small and small. A member of the Community Care Team will be available each Sunday in October to collect the

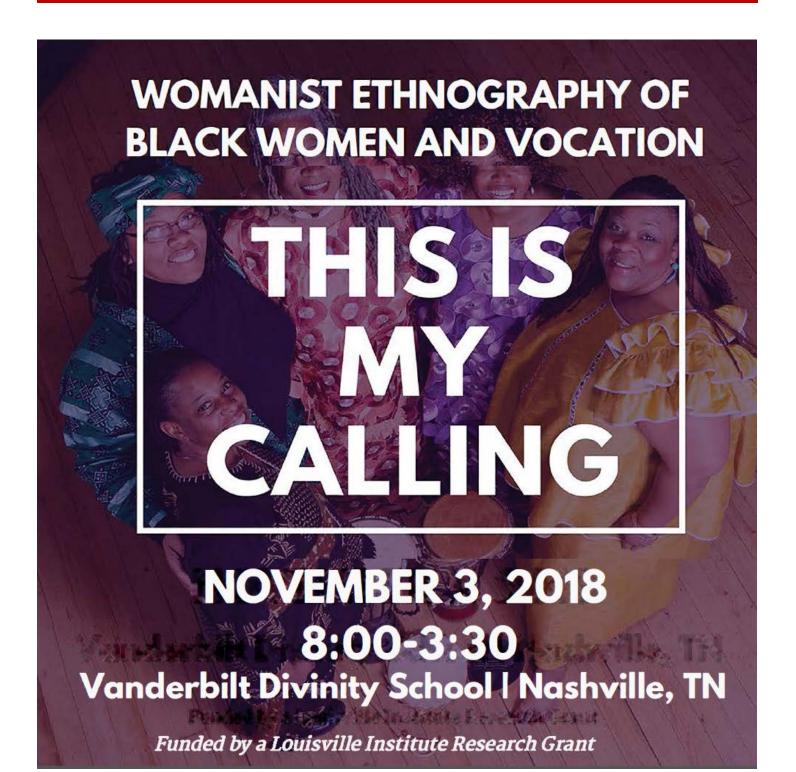
items. Thank you in advance for your support.



What: "New" Member Orientation designed to help us understand our connection and purpose as a member of FBCCH, as well as how God can use us to advance the body of Christ!

Who: Anyone who has joined since 2010 or anyone who wants to learn about FBCCH before you join us! **When**: 4-Week Sunday morning series, beginning October 21, 2018 and ending November 11, 2018. Light refreshments will be available at 8:15; class begins at 8:30.

In order for us to prepare well, please RSVP by Friday, October 12th by emailing the church office at fbcch13@gmail.com. For questions, please see Sis. Adrienne Fancher, Sis. Anita Greene, or Rev. Joe Ella Darby.





Bring your friends and family out for our Octoberfest Celebration. First Baptist is planning a safe and fun environment to enjoy the evening. There will be activities for children and adults of ALL ages to enjoy! We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 31st. There will be no Noonday or Evening Bible Study classes.

Growing our Trust in God (Revised from 2016) "But I trust in you, Lord; I say, "You are my God." ~Psalm 31:14

Submitted by Rev. Joe Ella Darby, Ministry of Discipleship Chair

Spring of 2009, as I was preparing to enter seminary later that year, many people cautioned me not to let "them" take *my* God away. I did not fully understand how that could happen, but as I matriculated through my seminary experience I had numerous classmates who struggled with their faith. A few had to leave seminary because they found themselves in a crisis of faith and they were undone. As I talked with a friend, I shared through the course of my life I learned that God just *IS* so no matter what I was taught in seminary, my past experience with the living God trumped anything a professor could teach me as it relates to textual criticism and the like.

I share this because the more I serve in ministry, the more I realize that many people, especially many of us who have regularly attended church since childhood, do not trust in God. We operate as Christian agnostics. We believe in the existence of God, but we have not developed a deeper knowing of or trust in God. We may believe what we have heard about God but fail to trust in God ourselves. Trusting in God is trusting in God's person, the validity of God's character and substance. This is why studying God's Word and praying is so essential to one's growth in discipleship. In reading God's Word, you hear story and testimony of who God is, but it is in studying the Word, you learn about the unchanging character and nature of God. You learn of God's heart and desires, God's power and might, God's discipline and loving correction, and even God indescribable love for you, expressed in Jesus. Paul, in Philippians 3:10 shares how he wants to "know Christ..." this knowing is not head knowledge, but an intimate (in-to-me-you-see) knowing and experience as in a married couple knowing each other.

So how do we begin to grow our trust in God? We first must create space, and then give time for our trust to grow so God becomes our own. Knowing and trusting someone at an intimate level takes time and is a maturation process; it does not happen overnight AND it is tested and tried. I don't know when I arrived at the place when I was able to confidently say I trusted God, but I know that after allowing Jesus to be Lord, and not just Savior, of my life I was very intentional about spending time in God's Word and prayer. For a season, I chose not to participate in certain activities so God could have priority of my heart, time, and schedule. Soon, I no longer needed to live on the faith of my parents or spiritual leaders; God was mine, allowing other's faith to be a source of encouragement to me as I grew in my own relationship with God. I had to daily choose to trust God's character with every new situation or challenge. I had to choose to trust in God with all my heart, as Proverbs 3:5-6 says. All of me —mind, body, and soul— had to trust, even when it didn't make sense or was popular. I learned to serve and live to the *Audience of One*.

Growth takes time. Growth takes place when we are planted in good soil and adequately watered. Growth takes place when we have oxygen. Growth takes place when we receive sunshine. As disciples of Jesus Christ, let us be intentional about creating space for our spiritual growth. Even with the demands of family, work, and life, growth can still occur as you create the space to meet with the living God (John 4:10). Begin to create space to grow your trust by saying yes to Jesus' loving Lordship of your life and not just accepting the benefits of salvation. Create space by making time with God a priority by setting aside at least 20-30 minutes a day to study God's Word and pray, and also applying God's Word to your life. Try reading a Psalm and Proverb a day. Create space by seeking God's face, desiring to know God and not just seeking God's hand of provision. Create space by journaling your heart and making professions that you will choose to trust God as your primary source of wisdom and desire.

God longs to be in intimate relationship with each of us. Trust grows as our experience with God proves that God is indeed trustworthy. My prayer for each of us is that we will intentionally create space to grow more in intimate knowledge of and trust in the living God. God eagerly wants to reveal God's self. I encourage you to try God. May you find God extremely satisfying!

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. Mk 16:15

Room in the Inn: As the fall chill begins to hit the Nashville area think of those who may not have the comfort of a warm bed to sleep in or a hot meal for the night. We will host Room in the Inn **four months** this winter. **Tuesday** nights in the months of **November, December, January and February**. I am encouraging you to take the time and make **Room in the Inn** a priority of yours during these months.

Involve your children and youth as part of this discipleship experience. This ministry experience:

- Instills the value of service to others
- Helps shape positive attitudes for the future
- Provides community-building for members of our congregation
- Gives a special experience to guest who are often separated from their own children

Sign-up sheets will be available during the month of October. Begin now purchasing thermal underwear because you will not find them in January or February. **Become a part of the Inn Crowd**.

The Call to Evangelism: Join us as we strive to reclaim lives for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. Where do you start? Last month we said a good first step is within your own family. What is our next step? Step two, friends and acquaintances. Those in your social circles, networks, and your friends on social media. When I was in sales this is what we would call low hanging fruit. You speak to these persons on a regular if not daily basis. We share with them all types of things about our lives. How much more to share the love of God in Jesus Christ! How many times have you seen on your Facebook page if you love God share this post? We don't need a Facebook page to be witnesses for God for our lives should be a living testimony of the transforming power of the Spirit of God.

Arrold N. Martin, D.Min, M.Div Chair, Ministry of Missions & Evangelism Thank you for your interest in partnering with us (team members in bold) in prayer as we join God in God's work in Longido, Tanzania. Although you may not be able to travel with us, know that you are a vital part of this team in helping to make our mission a success!

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	Team as they are making final preparations for Tanzania	Mission Team Leaders: Pastor Smith Pastor M. Yairo Violeth Mafuwe	3 Staff as they finalize their ministry assignment	4 Paul Luter Min. Candice Nunn	Tanzanian partners as they are preparing for our arrival Translator: Lesaloy Marie	6 Hearts of Hospitality, Anticipation, and Peace
Courage to surrender all personal & family fears/concerns to God; Kevin Copeland David Jones	8 Team departs to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania Safety & no complications with flights	9 Arrive in Longido Recovery from time changes; Stamina & good health for the journey ahead	10 Flexibility & Openness Hortense Jones Kathy Harrell	Hearts of compassion Grace to be fully present until the last day of our mission Shelia Littleton Beverly Scott	Fruit in evangelism and discipleship Sharanda Smith Dr. Arrold Martin	Rest in God's love, peace and mercy Visit to Ngorongoro Conservation Area for Safari
Worship experience at Osiligi Church; Saying goodbye to our ministry friends Depart for the US 20 Good time sharing with FBCCH	Safety & no complications with flights Arrive back in the US 21 Finding ways to incorporate the experience into our lives back home	Rest but also good times talking & sharing with family and friends	17 Recovery from time zone changes; good health and rest	18 Hearts of praise and gratitude Discipline to pray, reflect and read Bible daily	Continued good processing of lessons learned & application of lessons learned	20 Spiritual protection as "letdown" from the trip may occur

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Sundays 8:45 a.m. – Sunday Morning *Live!* 10:00 a.m. – Worship Service



Daily Bible Readings for October

(October 1-7, 2018)

Noah's Steadfast Faith

MONDAY, October 1: "The Lord's Sorrow for All Creation" (Genesis 6:1-8)

TUESDAY, October 2: "God Will Send a Great Flood" (Genesis 7:1-5)

WEDNESDAY, October 3: "Noah's Family Enters the Ark" (Genesis 7:6-10)

THURSDAY, October 4: "Wild and Domestic Animals Climb Aboard" (Genesis 7:11-16)

FRIDAY, October 5: "The Flood Destroys All Earthly Life" (Genesis 7:17-24)

SATURDAY, October 6: "Surviving People and Animals Disembark Ark" (Genesis 8:1-5, 13-19)

SUNDAY, October 7: "The Ark of Safety and Preservation" (Genesis 6:9b-22)

(October 8-14, 2018)

God Is Always Working

MONDAY, October 8: "Noah's Mandate: Fill the Earth" (Genesis 9:1-7)

TUESDAY, October 9: "God's Covenant with Noah and Animals" (Genesis 9:8-17)

WEDNESDAY, October 10: "Families and Nations Descended from Noah" (Genesis 9:18-19;10:1-4, 6-8, 21-23)

THURSDAY, October 11: "The Lord Scatters the People" (Genesis 11:1-9)

FRIDAY, October 12: "Abram, Sarai, and Lot in Canaan" (Genesis 12:5-9)

SATURDAY, October 13: "Noah to Abraham, Faith in Action" (Hebrews 11:4-10)

SUNDAY, October 14: "God's Blessings—from Noah to Abraham" (Genesis 11:10, 27, 31-32; 12:1-4)

(October 15-21, 2018)

Abraham and Sarah Birth God's People

MONDAY, October 15: "God Honors Covenants with Abraham" (Psalm 105:1-11)

TUESDAY, October 16: "Hagar Births Abraham's Son, Ishmael" (Genesis 16:7-11, 15-16)

WEDNESDAY, October 17: "Gentiles Share in Abraham's Promise" (Galatians 3:6-9, 13-14)

THURSDAY, October 18: "Abram Believes God" (Genesis 15:1-6)

FRIDAY, October 19: "God's Covenant Extended through Isaac" (Genesis 17:15-22)

SATURDAY, October 20: "Abraham Hosts God's Messengers" (Genesis 18:1-8)

SUNDAY, October 21: "Child of Faith and Laughter" (Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7)

(October 22-28, 2018)

Isaac and Rebekah Continue the Legacy

MONDAY, October 22: "Mutual Love of Wives and Husbands" (Ephesians 5:21-33)

TUESDAY, October 23: "Inherit the Blessings of Marriage" (1 Peter 3:1-9)

WEDNESDAY, October 24: "Jacob Meets Rachel at the Well" (Genesis 29:1-14)

THURSDAY, October 25: "Searching for a Wife for Isaac" (Genesis 24:1-14)

FRIDAY, October 26: "Rebekah Becomes Isaac's Wife" (Genesis 24:45-51)

SATURDAY, October 27: "Rebekah Is Blessed for Her Commitment" (Genesis 24:54b-61)

SUNDAY, October 28: "Isaac and Rebekah—Joined in Love" (Genesis 24:12-21, 61-67)

(October 29-November 4, 2018)

A Troubled Birth

MONDAY, October 29: "Water Issue Resolved Peacefully, Peoples Blessed" (Genesis 26:6-22)

TUESDAY, October 30: "Jacob and Esau Reconcile, Families Blessed" (Genesis 33:4-11)

WEDNESDAY, October 31: "Too Late for Repentance" (Hebrews 12:14-17)

"We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer..."



PRAYER REQUESTS

Sis. Quinester Calloway Sis. Jan Jones Carter Sis. Mary Caudle Sis. Rosa Mimms Christopher Robinson (Esther Wright's nephew)

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Sis. Leslie Williams 2929 Old Franklin Road Nashville, TN 37013

In order to make our prayer list current, please let the church office know if you (or someone you know) have changed address or if someone should be added to or removed from the prayer list

Looking for a Church Home?

If you are looking for a church home, we encourage you to come and visit us! There are several ways to become a member of FBCCH.

Baptism - when a person is willing to initially express a belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and is willing to live one's life according to His will. Baptism is the symbolic initiation into the Christian faith.

Christian Experience - when a person who has previously been a member of another church chooses to unite with FBCCH, believing this to be the place for one's spiritual nurturing. These people have already been baptized and have committed a faith relationship with Jesus Christ.

Watchcare - when a person wishes to have his or her membership with FBCCH while he or she is temporarily living in the city.

Associate - when a person who has a membership in another church wishes to have a membership in FBCCH. **Restoration** - when a former member chooses to rejoin FBCCH.

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