

The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



November 2024

give thanks *to the*
LORD,
for **HE** ^{is} **GOOD.**
His **LOVE**
endures forever.

psalm 136:1



BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Nov. 5th @ 7pm

Christian Ed: Nov. 12th @ 6pm

Trustees: Nov. 12th @ 7pm

GBW Board: Nov. 26th @ 6:30pm

NOVEMBER GREETERS

Parking Lot: Jo Graham

Carport: Jeanne Sisson

NOVEMBER WELCOME CENTER

Kathy Naphew

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Nov. 3 - June Cotterman/Karan Faust

Brook Miller/ Jeanne Miller

Nov. 10 - Carolyn Long/Gabrielle Anderson

Audrey Leicht/Patty Ingram

Nov. 17 - Rita Long/Shelly Riley

Jeanne Sisson/Lacey Starkey

Nov. 24 - Liberty Harp/Alachia Sturgess

Denise Morgan/Anita Keeney

MUFFIN MINISTRY

Nov. 3 - Kathy Naphew

Nov. 10 - June Cotterman

Nov. 17 - Rachelle Leicht

Nov. 24 - Amanda Walker

DOOR USHERS

Nov. 3 - Floyd Shaw

Nov. 10 - Neal Rouch

Nov. 17 - Rodney Thompson

Nov. 24 - Brian Riley

DEACONS ON CALL

Nov. 3 - Aaron Miller

Nov. 10 - Keith Roberts

Nov. 17 - David Austin

Nov. 24 - Jeff Parker

The **BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: www.galvestonfbc.org

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online. Click on the "What's Happening" link.

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE

Thursdays @ 6:15pm

Contact Rachelle Leicht if you would like to volunteer for the worship team or tech team.

LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Shirley Finney

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

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Deadline for the **December Baptist Breeze** is **Wednesday, November 27th**.

The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.

If you have news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

"TEXT GO GIVE"

You may now give your tithes & offerings via text message. Text "GIVE" to 765.302.4564 and follow the prompts.

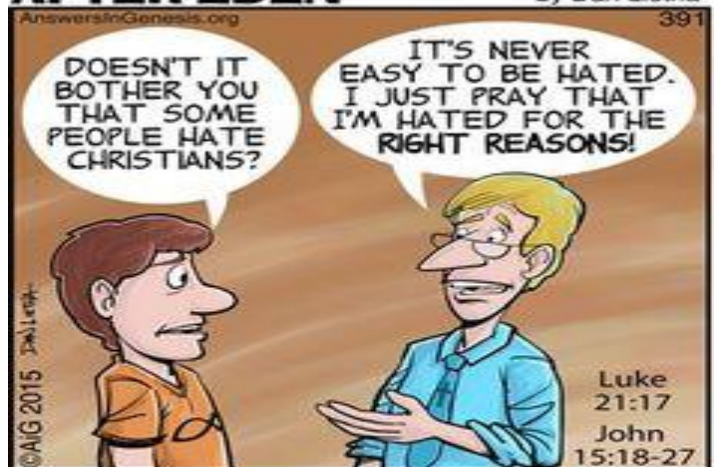
LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243



AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Matthew 5:10-11

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widows Group will be meeting @ McAlister's Deli on **Tuesday, November 12th** at 11:30am. Dessert and fellowship will follow at the home of Jeanne Sisson. Please let Jeanne know if you plan on attending.

MOB

MOB (Men of Breakfast) is a monthly event sponsored by the GFBC Board of Deacons. This is a free breakfast located in the upper fellowship hall. A speaker will follow along with fellowship. All gentlemen are invited to join us the last Saturday of each month @ 8am for this ministry.

Outreach

GFBC strives to reach out in various ways in our community and surrounding areas. Please help us to become the hands and feet of Christ during these outreach ministries:

Easter Egg Hunt

MOB

VBS

Harvest Festival

Servant's Station

And many more...

WIN Ministry

WIN Ministry – The Widows In Need (WIN) Ministry is geared towards helping widows with automotive services and minor repairs. The WIN Ministry focuses on oil changes, batteries, air filters, fluid checks, lights, and brake inspection. If you are interested in having any of these services performed, please go to our website (galvestonfbc.org) and fill out a request form or contact the church office for a hard copy.

The Servant's Station

If you or someone you know is in need of an oil change or minor vehicle maintenance, please go to our church website [@galvestonfbc.org](http://galvestonfbc.org), click on the SERVANT'S STATION link, and fill out the application. Someone will be in contact as soon as the application is received.

GFBC Scholarship Program

Donations for the GFBC Scholarship Program are collected all throughout the year. If you would like to donate to this program, please contact the church office or signify your donation on your check or envelope and place it in the offering along with your tithes and offerings.

ATTENTION LADIES: GBW IS BUSY WORKING ON SEVERAL ACTIVITIES!

Coming up in November, we will be going for lunch and antiquing at the Trading House Café at The Mercantile! Possibly on November 2nd.

March we would like to take an evening of dinner and packing crosses at Cross America! We will be trying for March 17 at 6:00 p.m. Wear your green!

Secret Prayer Pals will be back in January! The Secrets will continue until a reveal in May. More information to follow.

We will be checking on a date for another Bible Study session with Vicki Maughmer.

A trip to Logansport State Hospital Museum will be our destination in April. The MEN are welcome to come along.

Exact dates and descriptions to follow as we get dates set.

Keep your calendars ready for good fellowship and fun!

Wanderers 

TREKKERS 

SUMMIT 

WANDERERS Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

TREKKERS church is held during regular Sunday service each week. On the last Sunday of the month they will be with the congregation.

SUMMIT meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



"See You At The Pole" 2024 at Lewis Cass High School.

November 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion Jeanne Miller Anniversary Keith Roberts Rita Long		Andrew Troutman Deacons Meeting @ 7p Election Day (United States) Mary Goldsberry		Brian Riley Karen Henry	Pastor Sean & Amber on Vacation 11/8-11/17 Sharon Stump	
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Braydon Cutrell Brian Allen Kent & Suzi Johnson - 25 years!	Veterans Day (United States) Tom Keller	Christian Ed Meeting @ 6p Trustees Meeting @ 7p Audrey Leicht Phil & Kathy Reel	Cheryl Ratliff	Janice Maughmer	Lauren Hileman	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Pastor Sean & Amber on V.						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Charlene Allen		GBW Meeting @ 6:30p	Red Cross Blood Drive - UFH	Carol Greenburg THANKSGIVING - Office Closed	Office Closed	Daisy Parker

Soles to Souls



October 15, 2024

Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus! WOW what a great year at Operation Tank Full of Love! Thanks to your generosity we had the privilege of serving over 1000 soldiers. It truly was an amazing day. It's always awesome to watch prayer meeting break out across the truck stop parking lot. The Lord brought several new volunteers and as usual they ALL said they would be joining us again next year. We could sense a good bit of anxiety in the soldiers as they are preparing to deploy to Syria very soon. With the middle East being a powder keg, it's always a difficult time for our military families when deployments take them so close to it all. We passed a BIG milestone this year. It was our 14th event and we surpassed the \$500,000 mark in free gas given away to our heroes of freedom. Thank you ALL for allowing the Lord to work through you in making this happen. If you've never been able to come and serve the soldiers personally, I'd like to extend an invitation for you to come next year. I promise you will come back different after spending the day with so many of our nations finest. Thank you again for locking arms with us in the effort. We couldn't do it without you!

Working till He comes!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Erin', with a long, sweeping underline.

Operation Tank Full of Love

Operation Tank Full of Love is one of the missions supported by GFBC.

In September, Jeff Jones traveled to Fort Campbell, KY where Eric Horner formed the Operation Tank Full of Love Ministry. The volunteers for this ministry add \$20 of gas to the vehicles of active-duty service members and families of those who are deployed. They also hand out a military New Testament along with other items that Eric puts together. One person pumps the gas, and another person usually hands out the items prepared for them as they speak with the military member or family and prays with them.

We appreciate Jeff for volunteering for this ministry each year.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you, Galveston First Baptist Church!

This past summer, you donated supplies to fill shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You then donated money to send these boxes to needy children.

We ended up collecting \$906.00 for this project. Kathy Naphew and Christy Thompson filled 50 shoe boxes and Carla Anderson provided an additional 20 filled boxes for this ministry. There was enough money donated to pay postage for ALL the boxes in addition to buying another 100 boxes for next year.

God's blessings to everyone for your mission work!





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PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear friends at First Baptist Church of Galveston,
Yes, God specializes in total transformation.

Personalized discipleship

This world is in major need of transformation! While education has transformed society, the need to turn to God and cooperate with His transformation of our hearts and minds cannot be bypassed. It is fundamental for salvation and transformation. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom 12.2). I just returned from a week of teaching the foundations of Biblical counseling at the Bible Institute: Coming alongside and helping people grow into the likeness of Christ. In other words: A personalized discipleship. "God uses people, who are themselves in need of a change, as instruments of the same kind of change in others." (Instruments in the redeemer's hands. Paul D. Tripp)

France field team week

It was in August in my father's chalet in the Alps. Takeaways? It is so good to enjoy fellowship, supportive relationships, shared vision and passion. We were only 2 families but our mission is expanding to 4 families for next year.

French field team week in the mountains. A refreshing time!

How does He do it?

How does God work in each one's heart and draw people to Himself.

Fernand. I bumped into him recently. He used to be my hostile neighbor. When he moved out, he shocked me by saying: "You are the best friend I have..." A year later a conversation about God is now possible with him. Wow! Being kind to him when he was unkind was worth it. May God save him.

Samuel and Marie. Marie comes from a practicing catholic background. It was in the church service that everything became clear for Samuel and he put his faith in Christ: "Joel, it is like if a veil was taken off and everything made sense." Marie was delighted because Samuel never had any interest in God or the Bible before: "Because he received faith in this church, we decided to keep attending the mass here rather than in the Catholic church. Our kids still go there to catechism." They are both saved now and God is working in their lives even though they are not using quite our

vocabulary. Marie is now influencing 2 of her close friends and one is already reading the Bible she gave her.

A wonderful meal with longtime Christian friends (on the right) and Pierre-Alain and his wife on the left. Pierre-Alain has attended church a few times. Pray for them. Jenni's in the center.

André. Remember his car accident in front of our church last year? I have asked André several times since then: "Have you trusted Christ as your Savior yet?" He now answers: "Not yet... but I am SO close. I see internal change happening in me." André takes abundant notes every Sunday in church. This Sunday, he prayed for the first time in the prayer meeting before the service!

I have so many more stories to share...

Coming up

A week from now, I plan on starting an advanced coaching workshop, then traveling across France to our Conference of the Ministry Support Network and to meet with our newest missionary couple getting settled into their new ministry. At the end of October, we have our one-week workshop for Christian leaders on « Sharpening your Interpersonal Skills.» In November, we'll have the immense joy of having Jenni's parents come live with us! Wow!

Serving with a thankful heart. Thank you for your partnership!

Thank you for praying for...

- Jenni's health
- Equipping of Bible Institute students
- Salvation of Fernand, André, Mickael, Pierre-Alain and several others who have heard the gospel
- A new church building
- Spiritual growth of Samuel and Marie (in our last letter I asked you to pray for the salvation of Samuel)
- Coming up workshops (coaching and interpersonal skills)

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Why Youth Ministry Is Important

What Is a Youth Minister?

Youth ministry is a broad term that encompasses a variety of ministerial programming and outreach activities that are targeted at youths. The specific goals and activities may vary from one church to another. However, youth ministry programs tend to share the same general goals: to encourage youths to know God's Word, develop a relationship with Jesus Christ and become active in the church community.

Why Youth Ministry Is Important

Investing in today's youth is necessary in growing the body of Christ. Teaching young people in the church to grow in their relationship with the Lord can prepare them to serve Christ in all they do. As a result, this nurtures the congregation and allows the church to flourish.

Serving young people can not only prepare them to become future leaders, but also allows them to contribute to the church. This is seen many times in the Bible, as God often utilized young people to do great things. For example, God used Timothy to pastor and lead the Ephesian church when he was a teenager.

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.

- 1 Timothy 4:12

In addition, there is much to be learned from the faith of a child. Matthew 18:2-4 says, "He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'"

Because of God's heart for young people, it is important to recognize their value in today's church.

Is a Career Working With Church Youth Right for You?

Now that you have a better sense of why youth ministry is important, you may be wondering if it's the right path for you. As rewarding as a vocation in youth ministry can be, it is important to understand yourself, the vocation and its mission. This will allow you to truly determine whether or not it is right for you.

Here are three questions to reflect upon when considering a vocation in youth ministry:

Are You Fit for the Vocation?

When thinking about a vocation in youth ministry, it is important to take an honest look at yourself and your personality type and ask, Am I fit for the job? Some characteristics of an effective youth leader include being a good communicator, loving, patient and a source of knowledge pertaining to God's Word.

Youth ministry can be fun, and it can provide a foundation for teenagers to build a relationship with the Lord. However, with this role comes a lot of responsibility. This vocation is demanding and carries weight within a church, so it should be treasured and taken seriously.

What Does the Vocation Entail?

Youth ministry is all about creating a balance between fun activities and teaching adolescents more about God. In this vocation, you may find yourself lending a listening ear to students, giving advice, pointing them to the Lord and planning weekly gatherings and retreats.

The fun side of this vocation often overshadows the planning, organizing and attention to detail that is required. For those who are up to the challenge and truly understand all that youth ministry entails, it can be a satisfying and purposeful vocation.

Do You Understand the Mission?

The ultimate goal of youth ministry is to encourage young people in their faith. "Youth" usually refers to students ranging from 12 to 18 years old, and these are incredibly impressionable ages. Each student brings their own hardships, insecurities and questions to the table, and they often rely on their youth leaders and look to them as role models. Some students may even find a safe haven in their youth ministry or youth group.

Essentially, youth ministry provides a place for teenagers to be themselves and exercise their freedom to learn

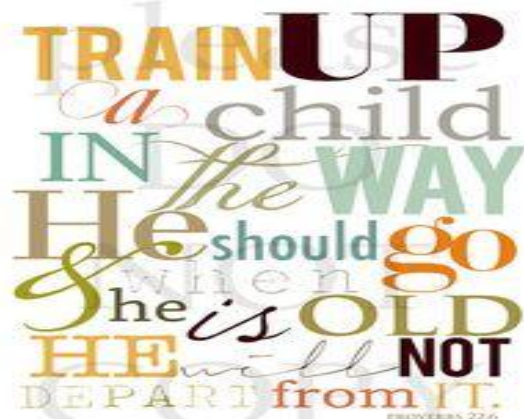
more about God and who he is. If you feel called to youth ministry, you may find it to be one of the most challenging and rewarding things you will ever experience.

How To Grow a Youth Ministry

Youth need guidance and support as they navigate through the most challenging part of their development and seek to grow in their walk with Christ. Christ-like leaders are needed to serve young members of the congregation and help them to reach their full potential.

Youth ministry leaders must be rooted in a biblical foundation and understand ethics appropriately to work effectively with young people. In addition, they must understand modern influences on Christianity, which can allow them to identify with youth and build meaningful relationships with them. If you feel called to help young people walk with the Lord, earning a bachelor's degree in youth ministry may be a great option.

It is important for the truth of the gospel to be passed down from generation to generation in order to grow the body of Christ. Ultimately, helping youth to grow spiritually in their formative years can equip them to make an impact for Christ both now and in their future.





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Sunday Schedule: Sunday School – 9am
Sunday Worship – 10:15am
Trekks Church – During Sermon
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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