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The Network



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2020

Global Hunger
SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11

From the Pastor's Pen ...

It is exciting to see the restarting of various ministries of our church, and to see more people returning to worship each week. Please be sure to refer to information throughout this newsletter regarding dates and times of our weekly ministries.

I hope you are still fasting and praying this month. We have much to pray about, and fasting helps us to focus our praying. If you have not picked up a fasting and

prayer guide, you may do so at locations throughout the church or by downloading a copy from our website.

This Sunday is Global Hunger Day throughout our convention. You can help address this need by filling a food bag with non-perishable food items to be distributed to our local food pantries, giving to the Global Hunger Offering or giving to our Guatemala food bag offering. Also, plan to

join us for our first-ever Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry project on Saturday, October 24. We need lots of help that day!

I look forward to gathering with you again this Sunday as we continue our sermon series from the minor prophets, focusing this week on the prophet Haggai. See you Sunday!

In Christ,
Bro. Trent

An Update from the Children's Ministry ...

There is much excitement in the air as we begin opening various ministry gatherings at First Baptist Church. It has been our heart to provide these gatherings as soon and as safe as we can for all of our congregation. The Children's area has been updated in décor and security. Work had begun on installing security procedures in the updated children's wing before we shut down for COVID. The security is now in place, children's classes are all contained within the children's wing and we have new check-in procedures in place. This will be a minor adjustment for us all, but it is a great addition for the safety and security of our children and faithful workers. Please pay close attention to the check-in/out procedures listed below.

- **All children Birth to 5th Grade** will need to be checked in/out by a parent or responsible adult for all children's programs (Nursery, Sunday School, Missions Group, Choirs, etc)
- **Check-in for Birth to 5-year-old** is located at the Preschool Wing entrance located in the CLC
 - o Upon arrival, Check in at the desk located at the entrance.
 - Temperatures will be checked, ages confirmed, health information gathered (special instructions/allergies), security bracelet assigned and parents' signature received.
 - After Check in, one parent or responsible adult will assist the child to the appropriate classroom. We ask that you do not enter the classroom. There will be an adult worker to receive the child into the classroom.
 - The adult is then to proceed to the new exit located at the end of the hall closest to the nursery. Upon leaving the preschool wing you will then find yourself in the Welcome Center outside the church Sanctuary. This is a great place for the rest of your family to meet up after checking a preschooler in.
- **Check-out for Birth to 5-year-old** is also located at the Preschool Wing entrance located in the CLC.
 - o At pick-up, Check out at the desk located at the preschool wing entrance.
 - Return security bracelet to be checked with Child assignment. Initial form for check-out.
 - One parent or responsible adult will then proceed to classroom to pick-up child. Please remain outside of classroom. An adult worker will gather items and dismiss child to the parent.
 - Proceed to the same exit as before, located at the end of the children's wing closest to nursery.
- **Check-in for 1st-5th Grade** is located on the 2nd Floor Children entrance located nearest the walking track entrance.
 - o Upon arrival, Check in at the desk located at the entrance.
 - Temperatures will be checked, grade confirmed, health information gathered (special instructions/allergies), security bracelet assigned and parents' signature received.
 - After Check-in, the child will be directed to the appropriate classroom. There will be an adult worker to receive children into the classroom.
- **Check-out for 1st-5th Grade** is located at the second floor children's exit nearest the second floor elevator.
 - o At pick-up, Check out at the desk located at the Children's Wing Exit. This location is nearest the 2nd floor elevator
 - Return security bracelet to be checked with Child assignment.
 - Initial form for check-out.
 - Child is brought to exit for dismissal.

It will take a few times to adjust to the new procedure. It does not look the same as when we previously gathered. However, we are grateful for the attention to security detail and the equipment that has been installed that provides peace of mind for the security of our children. There are a couple other important procedures to be noted. Concerning Children's Time during the Worship Service, please check your preschooler in first before heading to the sanctuary. This will allow for proper check-in procedures to occur. If the child will be leaving the nursery to go to Children's Time during Worship and returning to the nursery, the same procedures apply. Check in first and upon returning to the nursery. Finally, if at any time, a parent needs to have access to their child, please go to the security office located in the CLC. A security team member will ask to see the security bracelet assigned and then proceed to help you connect with your child. Please take time to read carefully the above procedures. We will be there to help and guide as we all become more familiar with the new process. If you have any questions, concerns or need for clarity, please feel free to contact me at church (642-5074) or by cell (445-2393). I'm looking forward to gathering our children's ministries together.

In Him,
Ms. Angela

2nd Harvest distribution a ministry opportunity

It is with great excitement that I write to you this week concerning an upcoming local mission opportunity. We have partnered with the **Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee** to provide their Mobile Food Pantry on-site here at FBC Paris on Saturday, October 24. A semi-trailer full of food has been purchased for distribution to those in need within our community. This one-day, large-scale distribution of food is enough to provide 200-plus families a one to two-week supply of groceries.

What a glorious opportunity for us to share the love of Christ within our community by helping meet a basic physical need for nourishment. And what an opportunity for us to love others by building relationships and a pathway to having spiritual conversations with those who are in need and suffer from spiritual hunger.

I am reminded of Matthew 9:36-38, as Jesus had been going through the cities and villages teaching, preaching and healing. Scripture records these words: *“Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.”*”

Certainly, this text is referring to the people’s spiritual needs, which were more desperate than their needs for physical healing. The harvest mentioned is a spiritual harvest of souls unto salvation. However, one principle remains, which is the opportunity for workers to join in what God is at work doing. Pray (beseech) the Lord of the harvest to send out workers (you and I) in His Kingdom work.

We will need everyone - all ages, all abilities - to help with this local mission opportunity. In discussion with other churches and agencies who have conducted a mobile food pantry, it is estimated that we will need 80 to 100 volunteers for our first event.

Where: FBC Paris (Brewer Street)

When: Saturday, October 24

Time: 7 a.m. - Set up parking lot for drive thru food distribution

8 a.m. - Semi-trailer of food arrives – begin unloading, sorting, unboxing, packing and staging food(s)

Noon - Food distribution begins

3 p.m. - Food distribution ends - clean up

4 p.m. - End

Service Opportunities Include: Greeters, traffic control/security, registration, sorting/unboxing foods, packing food bags, loading food(s) into cars, etc.

Please call the church office (731-642-5074) to sign up or send me a text (731-333-6706). Full days are preferable. However, if you cannot work the full day, please let us know which half day you can work (7-11 or 11-4).

In Christ,
Bro. Todd

Food bags available for Global Hunger Day

October 11 is Global Hunger Day throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. We encourage you to participate locally by picking up one of the food bags located in the CLC and the Welcome Center and filling it with non-perishable food items. Please return those bags to the Snack Room by October 11. These items will be distributed through our local food pantries and food bank.

This Week At First Baptist

SUNDAY, October 11

7:30 Prayer Time in Sanctuary

8:30 Morning Worship

11:00 Morning Worship
(Childcare Birth-3)

5:00 Deacons Meeting

6:00 D-Groups for Adults & Students; Kids on Mission
(Childcare Birth-3)

WEDNESDAY, October 14

6-7:00 Adult Bible Study & Prayer Time (Orr Hall); Students Loft Worship (Sanctuary); Children’s Choirs (2nd Floor Children’s Department; Childcare Birth-3)

7:15 Adult Choir Practice & Orchestra Rehearsal

SUNDAY, October 18

7:30 Prayer Time in Sanctuary

8:30 Morning Worship

9:40 Sunday School

11:00 Morning Worship
(Childcare Birth-3)

5:00 Quarterly Business Meeting (Orr Hall)

6:00 D-Groups resume for Adults & Students; Kids on Mission
(Childcare Birth-3)

WEDNESDAY, October 21

5:00 Family Night Meal

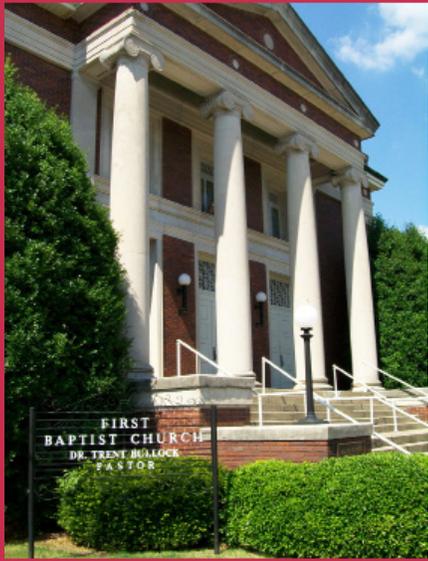
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SATURDAY, October 24

Second Harvest Mobile Food Pantry at FBC

First Baptist Church



313 N Poplar Street
Paris, Tennessee 38242
*One Block North
of the Court Square*

Sunday Morning Worship
8:30 & 11 a.m.



Sunday, October 11

*Major Messages from the
Minor Prophets: Haggai*
Haggai 1:1-15

Sermon: Dr. Trent Bullock

MEDIA

October 11

Sound

Will Jelks

ProPresenter

Caitlin Jelks

Media Room

Kevin Buie, John Chaney,
Kevin Nanney

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FINANCIAL REPORT

October 4, 2020

Budget Required \$26,401.23
Budget Received \$27,410.13
Other Designated \$1,809.54
Total \$29,219.67



Golden Offering Update

Received to Date:
\$1,405

GIFTS RECEIVED:

Carolyn Mobley in memory of Dr.
Joe Mobley Sr.

USHERS

October

Cody Craig	Milton Peale
Richard Edwards	Randy Peale
Dwight Gilstrap	William Russell
Brian Horton	Lance Smith
Bill Jelks	John Spencer
Justin McSwain	Mike Turner

SECURITY TEAM

October 11 & 14

Stan Dunagan
Bryan Irby
Steven McClure
Jamie Orr

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

October 14 - 6 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer

**No Family Night Meal*



Family Night Meal

Resumes October 21

**New reservations are needed*

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, October 18

5 p.m. - Orr Hall

On the Agenda: *1st reading of
proposed 2021 church budget*

Foundations Bible Reading Plan

Week 41 (Week of October 4)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>	
Day 1	1 Thess. 3-5	John	20
Day 2	2 Thess. 1-3	John	21
Day 3	Acts 18:18-28; 19	1 John	1
Day 4	1 Corinth. 1-2	1 John	2
Day 5	1 Corinth. 3-4	1 John	3

Week 42 (Week of October 11)

	<u>OT & NT Plan</u>	<u>NT Plan</u>	
Day 1	1 Corinth. 5-6	1 John	4
Day 2	1 Corinth. 7-8	1 John	5
Day 3	1 Corinth. 9-10	2 John	
Day 4	1 Corinth. 11-12	3 John	
Day 5	1 Corinth. 13-14	Jude	