

**JANUARY 22, 2024**

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### **Super Bowl 58 is Coming Soon!**

As I watched the games this weekend, I began to think of the lessons that can be learned from sports. All year long these teams have practiced and persevered to get to the playoffs. Their goal is to win the big game – the Super Bowl. But only two teams will make it and only one will be the Champion. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: “Every man who strives in the games exercises self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. I therefore run like that, as not uncertainly. I fight like that, as not beating the air, but I beat my body and bring it into submission, for fear that by any means, that after I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.” (I Corinthians 9:25-27)

The apostle knew that life was like a competitive game, and it took passion and discipline. He desired to win the crown and not be disqualified. As I watched the games and thought about the upcoming Super Bowl and what Paul wrote, it became evident that there are some important principles to learn.

1. Winning requires discipline! Think about all the self-discipline involved in diet, workouts, exercise, and activities that must happen to be the best athlete. Lack of discipline disqualifies many athletes. They become out of shape or get into trouble and lose the privilege and edge required to be a champion. There is also discipline in the game because the rules matter. The NFL has referees who work hard to assure that everyone plays by the rules. Rules about conduct and procedure and boundaries and appropriate hits and staying onside. Breaking the rules can cost the game. Discipline is essential.
2. Passion pushes through the pain! Sports can be tough. It involves hitting and pushing and falling and smashing. Things bruise and break; things twist and swell. But to win, the top athletes push through. They have passion that will not quit. They endure and are determined to play through the pain to the end.
3. Leadership makes a difference! From the coaches to the key players, leaders encourage and challenge and focus others on the plan. Having a game plan changes everything. The team with the best plan and the ability to be prepared and make adjustments wins most of the time. Sure, crazy things happen, but leadership on and off the field changes everything. Watching a quarterback rally and challenge the team is exciting. Seeing that key defensive player motivate others to make a play and take a stand that stops the opponent is thrilling. People rise to the level to which they are challenged. Leadership matters and having a great plan determines the outcome.

Put these three lessons together and think about the Christian life. Jesus called His disciples to come and follow Him. Following Jesus requires discipline, that is why we are called disciples. Our lives are ordered by self-control that falls in line with Jesus. Life can be tough, but the true follower doesn't give in or give up. True disciples push through the pain by keeping their eyes on Jesus, who gave us the plan of salvation in His Word, and the plan for living life until He returns. He is with us, and He leads us as a Good Shepherd.

As you watch the next few weeks of football leading up to Super Bowl 58, remember the lessons that make you a champion in living for Jesus.

Blessings on you,  
Pastor Ken

## JOIN US ON SUNDAYS

1st Worship Service at 8:00am  
Bible Study Hour at 9:15am  
2nd Worship Service at 10:30am

- In house
- 93.1 FM Radio
- Online at [fbcstephenville.org](http://fbcstephenville.org)
- Online on our [Facebook Live](#)

### NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP PLAY LIST

SPOTIFY

YOU TUBE

## PRAYER REQUEST

### Renovation Team:

Mikel Thomas, Julie Brinkley, Linda Gifford, King Smith, Kent Styron, and Mary Waters

## THIS WEEK AT FBC

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

**7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast** - Education Building, Room 112

**6:00pm ESL** (English as a Second Language) - Education Building, Room 221

**University Challenge Groups** - host homes

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**10:00am Worship Service** - Lone Star Rehabilitation Wellness Center

**1:00pm Worship Service** - Mulberry Manor Nursing Home

**4:30pm Library Opens till 6:30pm** - Education Building, 2nd Floor

**5:00pm University Spring Team Night** - Paradigm Building

**5:45pm Nursery/Preschool** - Education Building, 1st Floor

**6:00pm Classes/Activities**

**Children's Quest** - Education Building, 3rd Floor

**Youth MidWeek** - Education Building, 2nd Floor

**University Challenge Groups** - host homes

**Adult Classes** - Education Building, 3rd Floor

- **Pastor's Class** "The Book of Acts" - Room 111
- **Women's Class** - "The Book of Acts" - Room 303
- **Men's Class** - "The Book of Acts" - Room - 305
- **Entrusted Parenting Class** - Education Building, 2nd Floor
- **Merge Premarital/Discipleship Ministry** - Education Building, 3rd Floor

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

**11:00am Erath Baptist Associational Business Meeting** - Calvary Baptist Church

**8:00pm University Paradigm Worship** - Paradigm Building

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**7:30am Men's Encouragement Team** - Jake and Dorothy's

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

**7:30am Nursery and Preschool** - Education Building, 1st Floor

**8:00am 1st Worship Service** - Fellowship Hall

- Memorial Slide Show

**9:15am Bible Study Hour** - Fellowship Hall, Education and Paradigm Buildings

**10:30am 2nd Worship Service** - Fellowship Hall

- Memorial Slide Show

**2:00pm Homebound Worship Service** - Laurel Glen Nursing Home

**3:00pm Homebound Worship Service** - Good Tree Assisted Living

**3:30pm Youth Bible Drill** - Education Building, 3rd Floor

**4:30pm Children's Bible Drill** - Education Building, 3rd Floor

**5:30pm re:generation Class** - Education Building, 2nd Floor, Room 221

## **NEW SUNDAY EVENING CLASS**



**SUNDAYS at 5:30pm**  
**Education Building**  
**Room 221**

For more information contact: Jeff & Gwyn Schneck, Billy & Monica Andrews, Harvey & Sunny Harper, or Daryl & Jennifer Salyards.

## **REGISTER NOW FOR ONE OF THESE MIDWEEK CLASSES**



### **ADULT CLASSES OFFERED THIS SEMESTER**

Pastor's, Men's and Women's Classes - "The Book of Acts"  
CLICK ON OR SCAN QR Code to Register

Activities for Preschool, Children, Youth, and University

## **FOREVER FAITHFULL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY**

# **FIRST MONDAY LUNCH**



**February 5, 2024**  
**11:30am - 1pm**  
**Paradigm Building**



## **YOUTH MINISTRY**

# D-NOW WEEKEND

FEB. 2-4, 2024

GRADES 7-12

## SO MUCH MORE

**SPEAKER**



**CREIGHTON MORRIS**



**SIGN UP HERE**

**WORSHIP**



**JADON PARKER**

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Woman's Missionary Union  
**Baptist Women**



**WOM**  
Women On Mission

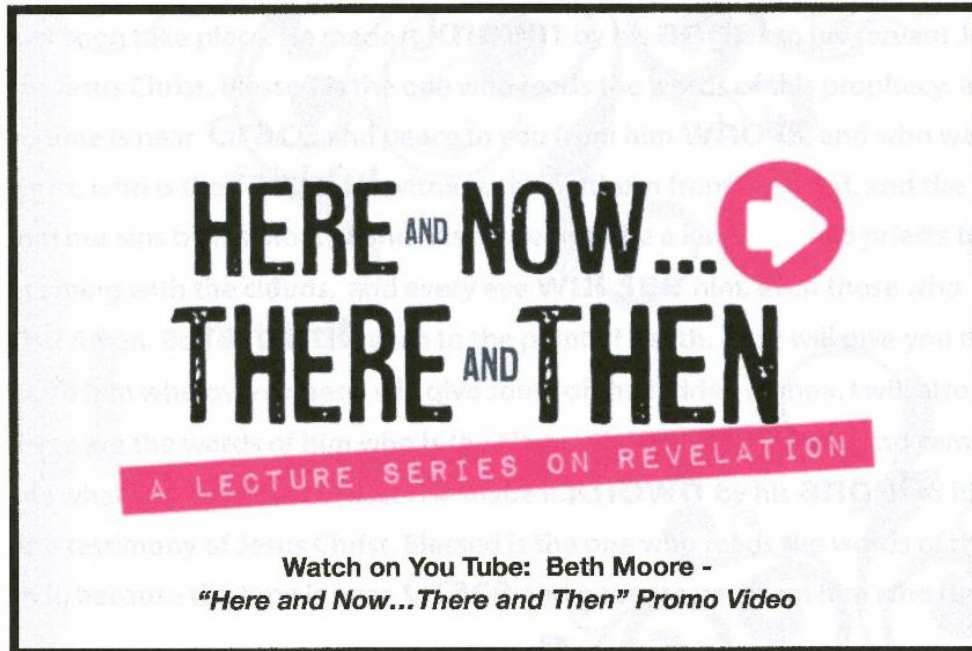
**MEET THE 1ST THURSDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH!**

**Next meeting is February 1, 2024  
1:00pm - Education Building, Room 111**



# THIS IS THE TIME!

reNew Women's Ministry  
First Baptist Church, Stephenville  
invites all ladies  
to a Study of Revelation



An 11-week study beginning  
Thursday, February 1, 2024  
9:15-11:30 AM — Room 221 - Education Bldg.

*Child Care with Reservation*

Contact Patti Locke or Joyce May  
for reservations or any questions

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[jfrankmay@gmail.com](mailto:jfrankmay@gmail.com) (405)229-9220

Cost of Study: \$10

## SUPPORT GROUPS

The Gathering Place  
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Stephenville, TX 76401  
254-595-3751  
[info@thegathering-place.com](mailto:info@thegathering-place.com)

# SUPPORT GROUPS

## GRIEF SHARE

TUESDAYS | 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
A SAFE, WELCOMING PLACE WHERE PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULT EMOTIONS OF GRIEF

STARTS TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH

## DIVORCE CARE (KIDS & TEENS GROUPS ALSO AVAILABLE)

MONDAYS | 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
THIS GROUP WILL HELP GUIDE YOU ON THE PATH OF RECOVERY AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE

STARTS MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH

## HURTING MOMS MENDING HEARTS

TUESDAYS | 6:30-8:30 PM  
MOMS STRUGGLING WITH ADULT CHILDREN MAKING DESTRUCTIVE CHOICES

ONGOING

## MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT LOSS

WEDNESDAYS | LUNCH HOUR 12:00 PM  
UNDERSTANDING & PROCESSING YOUR GRIEF, RELATIONSHIPS, REMEMBERING AND HONORING YOUR BABY, AND PARENTING GRIEVING CHILDREN.

STARTS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST

## CHRONIC PAIN

THURSDAYS | 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
THIS GROUP IS FOR THOSE WHO ARE DEALING WITH ILLNESS, DISABILITY, OR PAIN THAT IS CHRONIC IN NATURE

STARTS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

## REVELATION WELLNESS

1ST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH  
6:00 - 8:00 PM

STARTS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

To register/get more info call or email  
us at 254-595-3751 [info@thegathering-place.com](mailto:info@thegathering-place.com)



## GIVING



## WHERE ARE YOU SERVING?

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another,  
as good stewards of God's varied grace"*

1 Peter 4:10

**Preschool Ministry:** [bromwyn@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:bromwyn@fbcstephenville.org)

(volunteers plus 6 paid positions available for Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings)

**Children's Ministry:** [kallen@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:kallen@fbcstephenville.org)

**Youth Ministry:** [jonathan@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:jonathan@fbcstephenville.org)

University Ministry: [drake@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:drake@fbcstephenville.org)

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Grace Place: [graceplace@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:graceplace@fbcstephenville.org)  
(For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/evp9nhtp>)

Homebound Ministry: [dick@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:dick@fbcstephenville.org)

Tech Ministry: [mike@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:mike@fbcstephenville.org)

Van Ministry: [diane@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:diane@fbcstephenville.org)

Worship Ministry: [josh@fbcstephenville.org](mailto:josh@fbcstephenville.org)

Contact the ministries above to sign up or call the church office for more information at 254-965-3187

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