

“The Stories Jesus Told: The Prodigal Son”
Luke 15:11-32 (Pew Bible p. 874)
Dr. Jeff Reynolds
Sunday, September 14, 2025

Jesus welcomes _____,
and Jesus welcomes ____.

- 1. Jesus welcomes the _____ home when they _____ (15:11-24).
- 2. Jesus welcomes the _____ - _____ home when they _____ (15:25-32).

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion...” (Luke 15:20b).

God’s Good News for You

God made you and loves you.
(Genesis 1-2; Psalm 139:13-16)

You sinned and separated yourself from God.
(Romans 3:23, 6:23)

But God loves you and sent His Son to rescue you.
(John 3:16)

Jesus died on the cross to pay for your sin.
(Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

Jesus rose again from the dead and lives today.
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

You must respond. Here’s how...
Repent. Turn away from your life of sin.
Believe the Good News about Jesus.
Receive Jesus Christ as your Savior & Lord.

Share your decision by being baptized!
Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to symbolize our faith and express our devotion to Jesus. To learn more about baptism, connect with one of our ministers or e-mail connect@firstbaptistbg.org.



ITEM OF THE MONTH

GAMES

SEPTEMBER

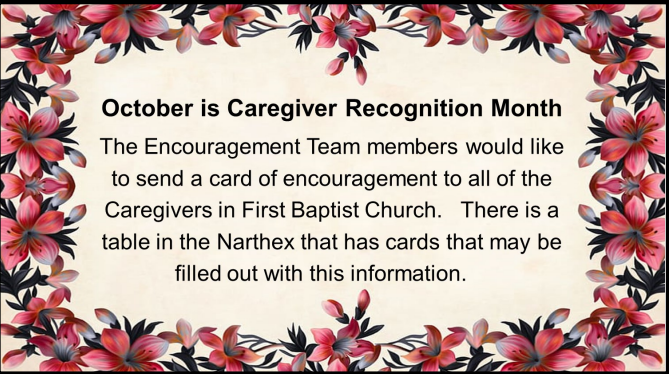
MUST BE NEW!

CHURCH BUSINESS CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14


6:00 PM

Agenda: Membership Report, Pastors Report, Minister & Ministry Team Reports, Review Church Financials, Vote to approve Vision Team to appoint an "EDC Oversight Team" made up of FBC Church Members, Invite church to submit nominee recommendations to Vision Team for positions on EDC Oversight Team



October is Caregiver Recognition Month

The Encouragement Team members would like to send a card of encouragement to all of the Caregivers in First Baptist Church. There is a table in the Narthex that has cards that may be filled out with this information.



HAYWARD BROWN BANQUET

36th Annual

WITH SPECIAL GUEST


AMY TATE WILLIAMS

Thursday, October 16, 2025


Dinner at 5:00 PM in the Social Center
Concert at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Tickets: \$20
Tickets on sale now - October 12

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The Stories Jesus Told



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



Good morning and welcome to First Baptist Church! We're glad you're here. Our goal is to trust and follow Jesus in every moment that we live, so whether you are new to church or have been following Jesus for a long time, we hope you get closer to Him today!

Dr. Jeff Reynolds, Senior Pastor
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Connect With Us!

Ministerial Staff



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Wednesday Evening Meals

Cost: \$5 meal
\$20 maximum cost
per family

September 17
Million Dollar Pasta,
Salad, Bread,
Dessert



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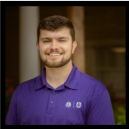
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Praying for the Unreached

Pray for the Vannan (Hindu traditions) in India
Pray that the leaders of the caste councils will come to Jesus Christ and lead others of the Vannan to him. Pray for spiritual hunger and discernment. Pray for Holy Spirit to send workers to take Christ to the Vannan. There is an abundance of Christ followers who speak Tamil, the Vannan primary language. Pray for many to take up the call to reach the Vannan community for Christ.

This Week at First Baptist Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14		WEDNESDAY CONTINUED	
9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym	5:00 PM	Wednesday Meal
9:45 AM	Sunday School	5:45 PM	Wednesday Night Kids
11:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary	6:00 PM	Foundations: A Christ-Centered Parenting Journey, B-204
11:00 AM	Preschool Worship	6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting, Social Center
11:00 AM	Kids Worship	6:00 PM	Deaf Ministry Bible Study, Deaf Suite
4:00 PM	How Now Shall We Live, Library	6:00 PM	Women's Bible Study: Crazy Love, B-138
5:00 PM	Deacons Meeting	6:08 PM	Student Ministry
6:00 PM	Church Business Conference	7:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
6:00 PM	NO Vespers, Narthex		
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15		THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18	
6:30 AM	Men's Bible Study, Social Center	9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC
10:00 AM	Arts, Crafts & More Class, Social Center	10:00 AM	Baptist Women on Mission, Social Center
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry	6:00 PM	Alanon, B-134
5:30 PM	We Do It Sober Group, Church on Main	6:30 PM	AA, ROC
5:30 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main		
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16		FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19	
9:00 AM	Better Life Fitness Class, ROC	6:00 PM	We Do It Sober, Church on Main
10:00 AM	Ladies Tuesday Bible Study, Library	6:00 PM	Step by Step AFG, Church on Main
2:00 PM	SAF Leadership Mtg		
5:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Meal, Social Center	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20	
6:00 PM	Celebrate Recovery Mtg, Sanctuary	5:30 AM	Meals on Wheels
6:00 PM	BG Friendship AFG, B-134		
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17		SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21	
10:00 AM	Helping Hands Food Pantry	9:00 AM	Worship, ROC gym
10:00 AM	BG Friendship AFG, B-134	9:45 AM	Sunday School
		11:00 AM	Worship, Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Preschool Worship
		4:00 PM	How Now Shall We Live, Library
		5:00 PM	Missions Team Mtg
		5:00 PM	Student Ministry off-site
		6:00 PM	Vespers, Narthex

Giving Update September 7, 2025

Budget Goal	\$1,679,500	<u>Time Is Now Campaign</u>	
YTD Budget Goal	\$1,162,731	Needed to Retire Debt	
YTD Budget Receipts	\$1,181,259	\$262,081	
Weekly Budget Needs	\$32,298	Received this Week:	
Budget Receipts	\$36,910	\$7,244	
		Received YTD:	
		\$133,476	



Thank you for your faithfulness in giving!

Order of Worship

PRELUDE	
"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"	
arr. Dobrinski	
Sanctuary Bells	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
"Sing and Be Not Silent"	
McDonald	
Sanctuary Choir	
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 306	
"To God Be the Glory"	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 349	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
"Thy Word"	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 38	
"Ancient Words"	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 31	
"Step by Step"	
CONGREGATIONAL HYMN NO. 495	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
TJ Renfro	
MUSIC MESSAGE	
"Rejoice! Rejoice!"	
arr. Wyrzten	
Sanctuary Choir	
WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD	
"The Stories Jesus Told: The Prodigal Son"	
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"Softly and Tenderly"	
HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 474	
RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS & BENEDICTION	
Dr. Jeff Reynolds	
POSTLUDE	
"Voluntary in G Major"	
John Stanley	
Bryson Richey, Organ	

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