



AUGUST 2026

Dear First Baptist Family,

Some years ago, I cut an article out of an edition of Newsweek magazine that arrested my attention. The article was entitled, "Savior of the Streets." It was a story about a man named Gene Rivers. Gene Rivers is an African American Pentecostal pastor who has devoted his life to reaching the gang-ridden, crime-ridden streets of inner-city Boston. His mission is to the poorest of areas and he is building relationships and trying to reach those who are caught in a web of crime, violence, and poverty.

In the article, Rivers told Newsweek that when he first came to those mean streets, he sought the help of a Boston drug dealer and gang leader named Selvin Brown. He said that Selvin Brown took him into the drug dens and into the gangs and introduced him to the people of the neighborhood. Rivers said that he learned a lot from Selvin Brown and that his help was invaluable.

The greatest lesson he said he learned, however, was when this drug dealer explained to him why it was that the gangs were more important than God to the people of the streets. Here is what Selvin Brown told him. He said:

"I'm there when Johnny goes out for a loaf of bread for Mama. I'm there, you're not. I win, you lose. It's all about being there." That's the comment that grabbed me: "I'm there, you're not. I win, you lose. It's all about being there."

Church, if we're not "there," we lose. If we're not reaching people, among people, loving people, talking to people, serving people in the name of Jesus, helping hurting people...if we're not "there," we lose.

"And the word became flesh, and dwelt among us..." (John 1:14)

Jesus came here. Jesus came among us. Jesus did not passively watch from a distance.

Let us be there, church.

Let us be there.

Pastor Wyman



August 9 *Following Worship in the Fellowship Center*



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AUGUST 16!
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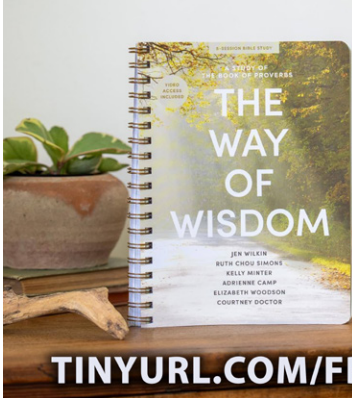
**LADIES
WORKSHOP**
AUGUST 16 - 3:00 PM

PLATE PAINTING
FALL & SPRING OPTION
\$5 - FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MOUNTAIN MEN**

BEGINS AUGUST 22 @ 7:30 AM
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**LADIES
BIBLE STUDY**
MONDAYS AT 6 PM &
WEDNESDAYS AT 10 AM
**BEGINS
AUGUST 24 & 26!**

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Young at Heart

55+
\$8 at the door
Join us!

August 25
6:00 pm

Ham
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans
Pineapple Casserole
Rolls
Corn Bread Cake

featuring
Eternal Harmony



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
AUGUST 15
8:30 AM - FELLOWSHIP CENTER

[TINYURL.COM/FBCMENBFAST815](http://tinyurl.com/FBCMENBFAST815)

Choir & Orchestra Christmas

KICKOFF

August 27 - 5:30 pm
Fellowship Center



**CONSIDER HELPING
THE MEMBERS
OF OUR CHURCH
GO ON
MISSION TRIPS!**

**CONSIDER GIVING
TO THE ACTS 1:8
SCHOLARSHIP FUND.**



4:45 PM - 5:45 PM:
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
(NO RESERVATION REQUIRED!)

6:00 PM:
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING
WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
MDWK FOR FIRST STUDENTS

6:30 PM:
CHOIR & ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL



UPCOMING EVENTS

-AUGUST 2026-

AUGUST 2 SUNDAY	6 PM - CHURCH CONFERENCE & LORD'S SUPPER
AUGUST 5 WEDNESDAY	- MIDWEEK RESTART - 4:45 PM - WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER 6 PM - ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER 6 PM - WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS 6 PM - FIRST STUDENTS - FBC SET APART 6:30 PM - CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL
AUGUST 9 SUNDAY	BAPTISM CELEBRATION 9:15 AM - KIDS MINISTRY PARENT MEETING FIRST LOOK LUNCH FOLLOWING WORSHIP
AUGUST 15 SATURDAY	8:30 AM - MEN'S BREAKFAST
AUGUST 16 SUNDAY	9:15 AM - FIRST STEPS CLASS BEGINS 3:00 PM - LADIES WORKSHOP - PLATE PAINTING
AUGUST 22 SATURDAY	7:30 AM - MEN'S MOUNTAIN BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
AUGUST 24 MONDAY	6:00 PM - LADIES WISDOM BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
AUGUST 26 WEDNESDAY	10:00 AM - LADIES WISDOM BIBLE STUDY BEGINS
AUGUST 25 TUESDAY	6:00 PM - YOUNG AT HEART
AUGUST 27 THURSDAY	5:30 PM - CHOIR/ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS KICK-OFF

JULY TOTALS

July Designated Funds			
Monthly Budget.....	\$173,626	Benevolence.....	\$2,275
July Giving.....	\$184,529	Building Fund.....	\$60
Year to Date Budget.....	\$1,215,385	Children's Min.....	\$100
Year to Date Giving.....	\$1,102,673	CLC Project.....	\$90
		Mission Trips (Act 1:8 Fund).....	\$4,050
Average Sunday School Attendance..	328	Men's Prison Min.....	\$100
Average Worship Attendance.....	488	Sacks of Love.....	\$100
		WMU.....	\$135

SUNDAY

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL - BIBLE STUDIES
 10:30 AM WORSHIP
 4:30 PM 8/23 - LOVE, SERVE, GIVE

MONDAY

12:00 PM CRAFT CLASS
 6:00 PM LADIES WISDOM STUDY (BEGINS 8/24)

WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM LADIES WISDOM STUDY (BEGINS 8/26)
 4:45 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
 6:00 PM ADULT BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER
 6:00 PM WEDNESDAY NITE KIDS
 6:00 PM FIRST STUDENTS - FBC SET APART
 6:30 PM CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL

THURSDAY

6:45 AM MEN'S BIBLE READERS ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP AT CHICK-FIL-A
 6:30 PM OASIS YOUNG ADULT MISSION GROUP - 8/6 & 8/20

SATURDAY

6:30 AM MEN'S ACCOUNTABILITY
 7:30 AM MEN'S MOUNTAIN BIBLE STUDY (BEGINS 8/22)
 10:00 AM GREIFSHARE

WOMEN ON MISSION

8/23 - 4:00 PM
 FIBER FANATICS

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Minister.....Every Member
 Senior Pastor.....Dr. Wyman Richardson
 Minister to Students.....Clint Ellis
 Director of Children's Ministries
Stephanie Caldwell
 Director of Senior Adult Ministries.....Mark Derr

Support Staff:

Office Manager/Bookkeeper.....Tracy Collier
 Ministry Assistant.....Angie Black
 Ministry Assistant.....Amber McCaskill
 Communications Director.....Tiffany Ellis
 Tech Director.....Douglas Smith
 Childcare Center Director.....Amy Shivar
 Facilities Manager.....William (Buck) Clyburn
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to the Family



Malaya Lanier

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