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“so we do not drift away”

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Wow, it is October already. Seems like we just were entering summer and now we are already moving into the end of the year at a rapid pace. In the midst of all the craziness and hectic pace that life seems to want to throw at us, let me encourage you to slow down. The world we live in values life being lived at breakneck speed, trying to stuff in as much as we can every day, never stopping to think that we were not created to live such a way. In Psalm 46:10 we read "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" And in Isaiah 30:15 "For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." There's also 1 Thessalonians 4:11, "make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you."

How is it that everything we experience in this world makes us so busy and so full of activity we can't hear ourselves think, much less listen to anything that God might be telling us? Often we can't hear God because we're so busy we cannot even find the time during the day to get into God's word, and find our prayers to be very limited to needing help right then or blessing our food. Ironic just doesn't describe the fact that we are so busy in our lives that we have little to no time for God, when God is what we're living for. We would do well just to step back and slow down, and to spend some time with what really matters. Eliminate some activities so you can have time to read the Word and study it, so that you can have uninterrupted prayer. These are the things that help us press in and remind us how much we are loved and need to love our God. Our time really has become our greatest asset in our day, and I just want to encourage you to spend it on God and His desires for you. After all He tells us in Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." As long as something else besides God is our treasure, we will not be satisfied or content, but harried, worn out and frazzled. This month won't you make it a priority to slow down and put God as your treasure?

Some things to be looking out for:

- 1) Sunday October 9 is when we are collecting the offering for TSESEA ministries for the vehicle for Jan and Ericka. Please keep that on your calendar and plan on being there to give what God has led you to give. If you can't make it, feel free to mail your offering to the church and include a note stating that it is for the vehicle.
- 2) Sunday October 9 at 5:00 we are having the first meeting of the Falls City Church Plant team. For now that means gathering together to pray and really seek God's will for this work. To be on this team, you simply have to come to the meeting and join us in praying and seeking God's will. We will meet in the youth room. Hope to see you there!

Weekly Schedule

Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
FBCU	6:00
Youth	6:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	7:30

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting 6:30

Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry
- Youth/Children's Minister

Memory Verse

“For where
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 there your
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Matt 6:21



Sound Bytes



“Routine and rhythm can be a good thing, but it can also be a bad thing. It’s a good thing because you need rhythm and you need routine in order to be productive, to work hard and to make the most of the life God has given you. Routine and rhythm becomes a bad thing when you forget why you began the routine or rhythm in the first place.”-Matt Chandler

The quote above is from the pastor of the Village Church in Dallas, TX. I heard it as I was in the midst of my Sunday night routine of grocery shopping for the week. When I heard him say it, I was transported back to a time earlier in the week when we had our missionaries from South Africa, Jan and Erika, over for dinner. Jan was telling me about a few ideas he had for the sermon he was preparing to preach at our church in the coming weeks and was trying to find out how to incorporate the music into the service. He told me before he began that the service was going to be vastly different from what we’re used to. As he began to describe what he had in mind, I could feel myself fighting against some of the things he wanted to do. Not because I had any good reason to go against them, but because what we do has become normal and familiar.

Once I heard this sermon, as I said, I was drawn back to that conversation and realized that I had fallen into a routine where it was beginning to get foggy as to why we run our services the way we do. It also made me wonder if I walked up to any of you reading this and asked if you could describe to me why our service is the way it is, if you could tell me the reasoning behind it. I know we say the same Scripture passage at the beginning of our services-*We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so we do not drift away.* Often, I think we recite it thinking that if we do not cling close to the Scriptures, we’ll be more prone to sin. While this is true, I also think that if we don’t pay careful attention, we can also fall into the rhythm of life and lose our hold on what is most important. With this in mind, I hope that as we continue on this journey together, we take all the opportunities we have during a service to incline our ear to God’s voice, praising Him with all we have, meditating on His goodness during those opportunities of instrumental music, and taking the truths of the words we hear during our specials. I’ll close with this thought, whenever we try new orders in our worship, know that they aren’t done arbitrarily, and all that we do is to invite the Holy Spirit into our worship and freely move.

Announcements: The time has come once again to prepare for our annual Christmas program. If anyone would like to join the choir as we rehearse, feel free to come on Sunday evenings at 7:30. Also, if you would like to perform special music for the program, see either myself or Mary Anna. ~Nathan Jones



The WMU will be celebrating Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger Month on October 30th after the Sunday Morning Service with a dinner of soup, cornbread and beans.

We would like for you all to come and bring your choice of one of the three items listed above and eat with us. We will be taking up a Special Offering at the meal to fight World Hunger.

As we come together to eat we should pray that God’s command in the scripture to feed the poor, to care for the suffering and share the hope of Christ be uppermost on our hearts.

“Deuteronomy 15:4-5 says, “There should be no poor among you for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you, if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are careful to follow all these commands I am giving you today.”

~LaVon Johnson

I would like to take this time to give a word of thanks and appreciation to the Renovation Committee for their superior job on planning, selecting, and overseeing the renovations that were done to the Sunday School Class Rooms. I know that it took lots of prayer, meeting, and planning during your already busy schedules, but I want you to know that the results are beautiful. It is a real pleasure to walk down that hall and look in those classrooms and see the wonderful changes. Thank you all so much.

Stewardship

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Received</u>
Month:	11,705.14	17,060.11
Year:	105,346.26	169,737.32

Announcements and Upcoming Events

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!

Olan Mills will be here to take family and individual pictures for a new church directory on Monday, October 24th and Tuesday, October 25th. Please sign up for a time at the table in the back of the sanctuary or call the church office. We would like every family to participate. We also need a few volunteers to ensure everything runs smooth. Please contact Kayla Jones if you are willing to help.



Special Offering

Sunday, October 9, all offerings will be designated to a new 4 wheel drive vehicle for Jan and Erika's ministry in South Africa. Please be in prayer as to what God would like you to give.

Jan and Erika are Here!

If you would like to take them to lunch or dinner or invite them for a meal at your house please contact the church office to schedule a time. Don't miss this opportunity to talk to them and learn what they are doing in South Africa.

Celebration

THE SPIRIT. THE SONGS. THE STORY.
A CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION BY
HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, December 10, 2011, 2 PM Performance
Cost: \$15.00 plus meal before show

If you are interested in going to this amazing presentation, please contact Will Johnson or the Church Office by **October 14th** (we have to purchase tickets on October 15th to be able to seat the group together). We are planning on taking the church van so there will be room for 15 to go.

If you would like to be part of the church plant committee, just show up to the meeting on Oct. 9th at 5:00 in the youth room for prayer. We will be seeking God's direction and plans.

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1– Annette Kotara

2– Barbara Gilley

3– Tatum Kunschik

5– Royaline Kendall

5– Betty Franke

6– Kathy Haertner

7– Nell Pergrem

11– Beulah Mae Pearce

12– Georgia sinesh

13– David Kunschik

14– Joshua Weingang

16– Gwen Brown

16– Anika Schuenemann

16– Scott Kotara

17– Andrew Gilley

19– Michael Tessman

19– Kelsey Stulting

19– Madison Clubb

21– Robert Gibbens

22– Teresa Kunschik

23– Will Johnson

23– Willene Taylor

28– J. Michael Braudaway

28– Pat Bomba

30– Kimberly Brassell

