

Sunday Morning Messages

Come join us on Sunday Morning at 10:45 a.m. as Pastor Timothy Hines will be focusing on "Worship" for the month of October.

Sunday Evening Messages

You are invited to join us on Sunday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Timothy Hines sermons for the month of October will be entitled "From the Jordan to the Wilderness."

Church Elections

On Sunday, August 26th we conducted our Church Elections. The following leaders were affirmed in their positions effective October 1st.

Senior Pastor - Timothy Hines
 Associate Pastor - Ken Hillard
 Chairman of Deacons - Al Thornell
 Deacon - Ken Day
 Deacon - Mike Fortner
 Deacon - John King
 Church Clerk - Joyce Thornburg
 Church Trustee - Bob Shaw
 Educational Director - Jane Thornell
 Fellowship Director - Diane Varady
 Finance Chair - Elliott Seigal
 Membership Chair - Joyce Thornburg
 Treasurer - Elliott Seigal
 Worship & Music Director - Shauna Shoptaw - Duncan

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, October 28th

Attention All Members - Our quarterly business meeting will be on Sunday, October 28th following the morning worship service.

Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we will be voting on the 2013 budget.

Christmas in September

by Janie Huffman

.....was held Saturday, Sept. 8 in the Fellowship Hall and what a spectacular time it was! About 20 ladies met at 10a.m., chatted awhile, opened in prayer, and a marvelous pot luck lunch followed.

Chery then gave a talk on what the CMO is doing to help spread Christ's word and we all prayed for this work to continue.

Next came the time to make Christmas ornaments; choices were marshmallow candies, Christmas cards, and two different hanging ornaments. Even though I have 10 thumbs, I was able to make two spectacular items to put on my tree!

Thanks so very much, Women On Mission. Food, fellowship, and fun it was.



Scarecrow Stampede

Saturday, October 20th
 4:00 pm in the
 fellowship hall

Come join the invasion of the scarecrows at FSBC on October 20th at 4:00 pm.

Of course, you will want to dress like them so as not to stand out as a foreigner. So put on that old straw hat, jeans, and paint your face so you look like a scarecrow and join the line up to see who is the best looking scarecrow, the funniest, and the worst dress scarecrow.

One of the highlights will be a "pumpkin dessert" contest. So get out those pumpkin recipes and bring your favorite.

Since the weather will be cool, it is time to eat those wonderful comfort foods, so bring your favorite dish. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Mark your calendar: Saturday, Oct. 20, 4:00pm Dress like a scarecrow. Bring a favorite pumpkin dish for contest or Favorite comfort food for dinner.

Six years and Six words of wisdom

I am writing this last article for the newsletter on my last day of work at First Southern. Tomorrow I retire. I have had the privilege of serving this church for nearly six years. As I look back on this time, I can only think of how God has blessed me. I have learned so much: about God's grace, about life and death, and about shepherding people of God. Here are six words of wisdom from this shepherd that I have gathered over the past six years. I hope they are of benefit to you.

"Trust the process". Just before I came to First Southern, my life was on hold. I applied for positions at several churches, but nothing seemed to pan out. Once, when I was really anxious, a mentor of mine said, "trust the process". I believe that's right. It takes time for committees to decide. They are good-willed people, but there does not exist something called "snap wisdom". Often times we are called upon to trust the process.

"My life is at the service of the Gospel". When people ask me what I do for a living, these words have become my mantra. Sometimes I preach, sometimes I teach, sometimes I do missionary work, sometimes I just encourage people. All that is Gospel work. "Being at the service of" does not necessarily mean that I am doing Gospel work 24/7. The words suggest that when I hear from God I immediately drop what I am doing and minister the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's the Christian that I aspire to become.

"I am disappointed, but not surprised". It may come as a shock to many people that we live in a fallen world, populated by sinful people. At one time foolishness and sin on the part of otherwise upright people caught me by surprise. It doesn't anymore. Some right-headed friends of mine have made very wrong-headed decisions. What can I say other than "I am disappointed but not surprised"?

"Forgiveness is a journey". I learned first-hand about forgiveness when my lovely wife Kim died in a car accident. How could I forgive the negligent driver of that car? I learned that forgiveness is as necessary as it is difficult. I did not forgive in an instant. It was a year-long journey. This concept is so important to me that I am writing a book about it. Keep your eyes open.

"They were naked and they were not ashamed". This is the summary statement of Adam and Eve in paradise. On the surface, these words bring a giggle, but the meaning is so deep. Think of "naked" as "transparent and vulnerable; nothing to hide". Think of "not ashamed" as "fully accepted for what you are". This is how I long to be: totally exposed to another [emotionally, financially, spiritually] and not be ashamed or made to feel ashamed by the other. For a couple to live in this way is to truly live in paradise. In your intimate relationship make Genesis 2:25 your goal.

"The quickest way home is often the long way around". I have learned to mistrust easy answers and instant solutions. The narrow unpopular path is usually the correct one. The quick way may yield gratification, but the long/patient/sacrificial way brings the lasting joy. And I thank each reader of this newsletter for bringing joy into my life. May God bless you all!

Pastor Chris Foreman



Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Morning Bible Study 11:00 am
 Wednesday Evening Family Fellowship 5:00 pm

"Pray for Our Men and and Women in Uniform"

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
 Branch - Navy Rank - 2nd Class
 Assignment - Virginia Beach

October Calendar

- 3rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 10th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 13th - Women on Mission - 10:00 a.m.
- 14th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 a.m.
- Church Council - 5:00 p.m.
- 17th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 20th - Scarecrow Stampede - 4:00 p.m.
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 a.m.
- 24th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.
- 25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 p.m.
- 27th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- 28th - Business Meeting - 12:15 p.m.
- 31st - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 p.m.

Happy Birthday

- 2nd - Linda Baker
- 4th - Mabel Miller
- 6th - Timothy Hines
- 6th - Brenda Kelleher
- 22nd - Mallory Hines
- 23rd - Shauna Shoptaw-Duncan
- 25th - Mike Trimble
- 26th - Doris Curlett

Happy Anniversary

- 2nd - John & Stacie Kopet
- 15th - Ken & Sue Abbott
- 21st - Elliott & Teresa Seigal
- 26th - Timothy & Donna Hines
- 28th - Bob & Diana Belger



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WELCOME TO

Our New Pastor Dr. Timothy Hines and his Family

Daughter Megan, Daughter Mallory and Wife Donna



God has blessed us with a wonderful pastor, who comes to us from Mississippi. Dr. Timothy Hines will begin as our shepherd on September 30. He and his daughter Mallory will move out here a few days before that, and stay at the home of one of our members. His wife, Donna, is a registered nurse, and will remain in MS and finish out the year at her job with Gulfport Memorial Hospital. After the holidays, the family will move their belongings and find a home to settle into in the East Bay. Daughter Megan, a college student, will remain in MS.

Bro. Tim is very excited about moving across country and being our pastor. When he is not doing "church stuff" Tim enjoys tennis, hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends. Bro. Tim's favorite verses are from Numbers 6:24-26, "May God bless you and protect you; may God make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; may God look with favor on you and give you peace." May that be the prayer of each of us, as we look forward to many years of serving the Lord together.



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