



First Baptist Church of Sunny Side

FOCUSING ON CHRIST

On Tuesday, Nov 6th, the 2018 mid-term elections will take place. Like all of you, I have my opinions about the candidates that are campaigning for my vote. I want to encourage everyone in the church who is eligible to vote to prayerfully consider who God would have you cast your ballot for the various offices that are to be filled. Pray for our nation as we try to move past the divisive nature of politics.

November is not just about elections. This year we will be hosting the Ladies' Christmas Dinner. I am looking forward to an evening of great food, fellowship and faith. Erica Branch will be with us as our inspirational speaker. Pray for her as she prepares to bring a word of encouragement to those attending the dinner.

As we move closer to the Christmas season, let me encourage you all to prayerfully consider how you can be a part of the Sunny Side Christmas Benevolence ministry. We have already taken 14 backpacks to the Associational office. On November 12th, the Samaritan Purse boxes are due. We will also have our local Angel Tree ministry this year. You can purchase a gift on a child's wish list or make a donation and let a Santa helper go shopping for you. We do need to get some referrals of families that we can help. So if you know of anyone please let us know.

Finally, let's not forget to give thanks to God for all that He has done for us!
God Bless, Joel



Psalm 100:4-5 (NASB)

⁴ Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise. Give
thanks to Him, bless His name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; His
lovingkindness is everlasting And His
faithfulness to all generations.

Deacon Ministry:
If you have a need and would like to speak with one of our deacons.
The deacon of the month for November is Lynn Varnadoe,
You may reach him at 678-662-7977

November Birthdays

- A.J. Stewart 3rd
- Natasha Crankshaw 17th
- Shelby Holmes 21st
- Calene Dunn 22nd
- Brenda McLeod 24th



December Birthdays

- Rick Betsill 1st
- Tammy Shadis 14th
- Joey Jenkins 14th
- Vicky Holmes 20th
- Kay Culverson 25th
- Mariah McGhee 27th
- Natalia Crankshaw 29th

Volunteers in Preschool November

- November 4th
- Nikki Howell
- Emily Dunn
- John Crankshaw



- November 18th
- Emily Holmes
- Victor Barr
- Fran Neesmith

- November 11th
- Rick Betsill
- Calene Dunn
- Kaye Culverson

- November 25th
- Linda Muehlberger
- Lynn Varnadoe
- Farah Betsill



A Note from Denise

Well, as usual, I have waited until the last minute to write something for the newsletter. Actually, I have waited until the last second because the sun is setting and I'm just getting started. So...this month I will be writing about ants. That's right. Ants. Over the past summer, Lynn has worked on the church's air conditioners countless times. It seems like once a week or more there would be at least one a/c unit that was blowing out warm air instead of cold air. About 95% of the time, the problem was ants. There would be hundreds of ants that had worked their little bodies around the electrical connections and rendered the a/c unit useless. It seems like the electricity was attracting them and beckoning them to draw near as one ant after another would sacrifice its life.

Every time Lynn told me that the problem was ants again, I would wonder why they had done this. Why would they keep heading toward this thing that was going to kill them? What was so attractive to them? Then it dawned on me.....This is just like when we are drawn to those things that are appealing to us but later turn out to be so destructive to our lives. Sometimes we know there is some risk, and sometimes there are warning signs of danger, but on we go toward whatever is drawing us.

I've always thought ants were smart creatures. They can find their way to any area of your house that they choose to explore. They're always busy and persistent. And they can smell a candy wrapper in your car from a mile away. However, ants should just say 'No!' when it comes to electricity. We all have those things that lead us down the wrong path. I have always had a problem with worry and anxiety. You'd think I would have learned by now that it's not a good thing. And yet I'm drawn to it time and time again.

At this point, I could tell you that this whole ant vs. air conditioner situation has reminded me to run from sin, stay focused on Christ, and stop following the crowd. But, honestly, the thought that keeps playing over and over in my head is just how fragile we are, how fragile life is, how much we need a Savior. Thankfully, none of this is a surprise to God. He knows our weaknesses and has compassion on us. He sees our frailty and our sin and wants to fill each of us with His strength and grace. Praise God!..... He is fully capable of meeting each and every need that we lay at His feet.

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess; Bowing here I find my rest

Without You I fall apart; You're the One that guides my heart

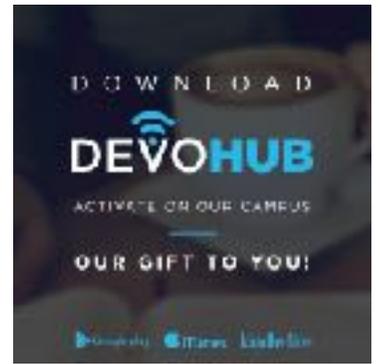
Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more; Where grace is found, is where You are;

And where You are, Lord, I am free; Holiness is Christ in me

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You; Every hour I need You

My one defense, my righteousness; Oh God, how I need You

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Paul's Pen

Attitude

Sometimes we hear or we say that he or she has an attitude. What is an attitude? Many times in a news story after a shooting, you will hear a reporter say "he has a bullet in him yet". What is a yet? I asked my 10th grade biology teacher, Mr. Conti, if he knew what part of the body the yet was and, after a strange look, he said maybe it's the same part of the body as an attitude. That didn't help me at all; maybe he said that because he had an attitude after I asked that question!

Attitude is defined as: a manner, disposition, feeling, position, etc. with regard to a person or thing; a tendency or orientation, especially of the mind. So, there are different types of attitudes, and it could be positive or negative. I never did well in chemistry class because of always having to decide if something was positive or negative (sort of like a yet).

Martha Washington liked the positive side, saying "I am still determined to be cheerful and happy in whatever situation I may be; for I have also learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not our circumstances."

By definition, attitude is part of the mind. Therefore, we should have control of our attitude. So let's dispense the chemist and only use the positive side of attitude and convert the negative into a positive.

Mr. Conti instilled in me an attitude of searching out the answers to questions, not just asking for an answer. So I began searching, and when I was 56 years old I was able to understand the main answer -- what Jesus Christ did for me on the cross.

Christmas Benevolence Ministry.

We have two opportunities left for you to participate in to help to make Christmas special for a child this year?



We were able to put together 14 backpacks. Well done ladies!



Do you know a local family that we can help this Christmas? Will you be willing to purchase a gift or donate funds. See Joel for more information.

Shoebboxes are ready to be picked up for you to fill. They need to be returned by November 12th. See Victor Barr for more information



*Ladies' Christmas Dinner
Friday, November 16, 2018
7:00 p.m.*

Mark your Calendar

Invite your friends



November

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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | | | Men's Breakfast Golden Corral @ 7:30 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Financial Peace Class @ 5:00 Church Council @ 6:30 | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Financial Peace Class @ 5:00 Deacon's Meeting @ 6:30 | | | No Wednesday Services | | Ladies Christmas Dinner @ 7 | |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Financial Peace Class @ 5:00 | | | No Wednesday Services | Thanksgiving | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 1 |
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