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The Eagle

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April Events:

Bible Study @ Dean's:

Monday, the 1st
@ 5:30pm

Men's Bible Study:

Thursday the 4th
7:00 pm @ Brent's

FBCER Basketball:

Friday the 5th, 12th,
19th, 26th
@ 8:00pm @Gruening

Deacon Meeting:

Sunday the 7rd
@ 7:00pm

Abundant

Motherhood:

Friday the 12th
@ 9:30am

Ladies' Spring Tea:

Saturday the 13th
@ 11:00am

Admin Meeting:

Sunday the 14th
@ 4:00PM

Men's Conference:

Friday the 19th &
Saturday the 20th

Business Meeting:

Sunday the 21st
@ 6:23pm

A.M. Fellowship:

Wednesday the 27th
@ 9:30am

-From the Pastor's Desk-

"You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." - James 5:8

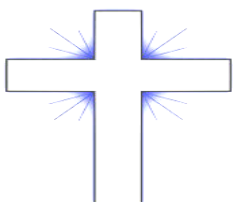
Resurrection Sunday is behind us and Revelation Day is somewhere in our future. This coming Sunday we will be having two messages on the Lord's return. Seventeen books in the Old Testament mention the second coming of Jesus to set up His millennial kingdom. 23 of our 27 books speak about some aspect of His return. So in all about 70% of the chapters make some reference to the Return of our Savior. In light of this how much time do we spend reflecting, let alone sharing about His return?

The Epistle of James has three reminders about the Lord's return. First, is to be patient. Jesus in the Gospel of Luke muses whether there will even be any faith left upon the earth when He returns (18:8). The word James uses here is one of tension - like the current of a river. The "pull" of heaven should be so great that we often get discouraged living in the world today. We are far too comfortable and successful in this world. We read in Peter of Lot living in Sodom and that his soul was "vexed" by what was taking place around him. When was the last time your soul was "vexed" by something on the TV, movies, or internet? When Jesus hung upon the cross the Father had to "look away" when our sin was placed upon Him. When was the last time we "looked away" in horror over what is taking place around us? James says "be patient" yet there is no sense of longing for the Lord's return among His People today. We are His bride and our heart should long to be with Him.

In John chapter fourteen Jesus tells His disciples that He goes to prepare a place for us; "that where He is we might be also". Is that the desire of our heart? Is our soul "vexed" as we wait for His return? We should live in the same constant tension as our Lord and Savior. Jesus desired to return to His home and to His Father. We should have that same "pull" to be with those whom we love most. James speaks of this patience: to stay focused on His work while we wait.

James also reminds us to stand firm. To "put on" the armor of God listed in Ephesians chapter six. Why should we be patient when our hearts long to be with those we love most? How can we stand firm against this "pull" of heaven? James reminds us that the return of the Lord is imminent! It is soon! Next. For all of You who live with a "vexed" soul and "long" for the return of our Savior remember these words from James: Be patient in Your pain; stand firm in Your work while waiting for the Lord's return; and remember that it is imminent. Jesus gave His disciples some encouraging words in Luke's gospel; "When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

- Pastor Ted -



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April 14th

AWANA's Got Talent!!!



If you have a prayer request or concern, we would like to pray for you, or if you would like to be a part of our prayer chain, please contact the office.

Abundant Motherhood: Their regular meeting is Friday, April 12th @ 9:30am. They are also having a time of fellowship on Wednesday, April 24th @ 9:30am in the Annex. All ladies are welcome! If you have any questions, please speak to Amanda or Jessica.

FBCER Basketball: Is happening at Gruening Middle School on Fridays from 8:00pm to 10:00pm. If you are interested in joining or have questions contact Zane.

High School Seniors and Young Adults: Dean and Jessica are hosting a Bible Study on Mondays at 5:30pm at their house. If you have any questions, reach out to either Dean or Jessica.

Youth Group: We are continuing to read through the Bible this year! All youth, 6th grade and older are welcome to join us on Sunday Mornings or Wednesday evenings as we go over the weekly reading. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeremy or Brittni.

*** Everyone Invited - Joint Worship ***

Sunday, April 14th we will be having a combined Evening Service with our sister churches: Grand View and Valley View. This is being sponsored by the Men's Ministry to kick-off their Spring Conference April 19 - 20th. The Evening Service on April 14th will be at 6:30pm in the Annex.

Men's Ministry: Walking by Faith Men's Conference will be the evening of Friday, April 19th and all day Saturday, April 20th. It will be held in the Annex. All men and youth boys are invited to come join in a time of Worship, sharing, food and small group discussion. If you have any questions, please speak to Pastor Ted or Pastor Todd.

Passover Seder: is Saturday April 27, at 6:30. If you are interested in partaking, PLEASE RSVP to Connie 907-634-0461.

Save the Dates for VBS 2024:

Sunday, June 23rd – Thursday June 27th

Sunday Date: TBD

Monday – Thursday 5:30pm – 8:30pm

A few things to pray about:

- 2) A position to serve during VBS
- 3) Guidance and Wisdom for the VBS Team
- 4) The Families that will be attending

The volunteer roster is already being filled and I would love to add you to it. We have many places to serve including a prayer team, teachers (lesson and science), pre-school and nursery teams, decorating, kitchen team, games, music, drama leader, photographer, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica B.



02 - Karalee B.
Laura F.
09 - Rose L.
13 - Lilly W.
17 - Kathy H.
21 - Bailey L.
24 - Brittni W.
27 - RaDeena B.
Robin T.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's Trail Life 6-8:30pm	2	3 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	4 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	5 FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	6 Sabbath Service/ Torah 1-6pm
7 AWANA 4pm Deacons 7pm Elders 7pm	8 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's Trail Life 6-8:30pm	9	10 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	11 Abundant Motherhood Steering Meeting 8am Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	12 Abundant Motherhood Meeting 9:30am FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	13 Ladies' Spring Tea 11am - 1pm Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
14 AWANA's Got Talent 4pm PM Combined Service 6:30pm in the Annex Administrative Council	15 Bible Study 5:30pm @ Dean's Trail Life 6-8:30pm	16	17 Prayer for Lost 8:30am Bible Study 10am @ SleepyDog Bible Study/Prayer 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm	18 Men's Bible Study 7:00pm @ Brent's	19 Men's Conference FBC Basketball 8-10pm @ Gruening Middle School	20 Men's Conference Sabbath Services/Torah 1-6pm
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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
First Baptist Church
Annual Ladies' Tea
Daughters, granddaughters, & friends are welcome!



11 am to 1 pm on April 13, 2024
First Baptist Church Annex
16847 Monte Rd

Please RSVP to the church office at 907-694-2292 or fbcer@mtaonline.net.

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