



The Sentry

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First Baptist Church

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***Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize?
So run that you may obtain it (1 Cor. 9:24).***

I never thought I would see the day when it would happen. I am officially someone who walks, rather than runs. That's right, although I still lace up my *Brooks Adrenaline GTs*, I no longer do so to run (jog really slowly?) around the neighborhood.



I am a walker, not a runner. And while I recognize the physical benefits to my knees and other parts of my physical body of choosing walking over running, I also understand that—from a spiritual standpoint—I need to keep running.

One of the metaphors that the Bible uses to describe the Christian life is a race. Whether we like to run or not, as Christians, we are all in a race. Watching from the sidelines as others run in the race is not a viable option.

Paul put it this way, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). The word translated by the phrase, "press on," means "to move rapidly and decisively toward the objective" (William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000, 254). We are to *run hard* when it comes to the Christian life.

I may be a walker when it comes to physical exercise, but that is not what I want to be when it comes to the Christian life. Are you "pressing on" like God would have you run, or are you walking slowly and somewhat indecisively? Let's make sure we are running in the race to obtain the prize in Christ Jesus.

God's Blessings,

Sam

NURSERY SCHEDULE

7-24-22

8:45 Service:
Anah Pickard &
Larkin

11:00 Service:
Dawn & William
Pickard

7-31-22

8:45 Service:
Jennifer Oldham

11:00 Service:
Vicki Thompson &
Chelsea

AT A GLANCE

July 3, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$20,192.00
Weekly Budget Received	22,256.00
Building/Capital Improvement	740.00
Other	530.00
TOTAL	\$23,526.00

July 10, 2022

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$20,192.00
Weekly Budget Received	13,881.75
Building/Capital Improvement	350.00
Other	606.00
TOTAL	\$14,837.75
North American Home Missions GOAL MET and exceeded!	\$16,706.58
Ukraine	\$7,784.31

FOCUS ON DEACONS

Mike's Musings



Fifth Sunday Night Sing

I am looking forward to a great time together on the 31st as we enjoy a night of celebrating the Lord's gift of congregational song! The service will feature hearing and singing the great songs of our faith in several different ways, including instrumental arrangements, congregation participation, and hymn background stories presented through video. Thanks to our FLC committee for suggesting this event, including dessert afterwards. I would love for it to become a tradition!

Adult Summer Bible Study

As I write this, we just finished day one of our study and it was great! Thanks to all the volunteers that are helping with the lunches. Lee, you did a nice job of picking out our speakers!



Shirley Thomas

Shirley was married to the late James Harold Thomas for 37 years and has been a member of First Baptist for 64 years. She has three children, Karen, Glenda and Brent who have blessed her with seven grandsons, seven granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Shirley is very active at First Baptist. Seeing her smiling face as a greeter at the office entrance or the family life center are just a couple of ways she gives.

Shirley serves FBC families from John Musselwhite to Russ Patterson.

Her favorite Bible Verse is Philippians 4:13.

Theron Womble



Theron has been married to Peggy for 46 years and members of First Baptist for 43 years. They have two sons, Seth (Katie) and Jordan (Amy) who have blessed them with four grandsons. Theron has been a faithful servant at First Baptist, especially in keeping our buses road ready!

Theron serves FBC families from Beatrice Finger to Greg and Christina Gautier.

Theron's favorite bible verse is Matthew 28:19-20.

Worship at First Baptist

July 24

8:45 & 11:00

Sermon Title:

“Clear Out and Steer Clear”

Sam Roach

Scripture:

Acts 19:11-20

Music:

8:45 & 11:00

“More Precious Than Silver”
by Lynn DeShazo

Solo by Michael Handy

July 31

8:45 & 11:00

Sermon Title:

“Changing the Culture”

Sam Roach

Scripture:

Acts 19:21-41

Music:

8:45 & 11:00

“King of Kings”
by Jason Ingram, Brooke
and Scott Ligertwood

Solo by Tiffany Welker

**Mrs. Blannie Harrington, enjoying
birthday time with Pastor Roach.
Happy 104th Birthday,
Blannie!!!**



Christmas in July
Our church family has an opportunity to support the Weekday Education Center (WEC) through purchasing items listed on the wish list that you will find on the Christmas tree just outside the church office. Thank you for your love and support of our sweet children!



Life With Lee

Our next “CONNECT” event will be held on August 21, at the Moose Lodge swimming pool from 5:00pm -7:00pm



Volleyball Registration:
August 1st - 22nd



Games:

September 7th - October 12th
lee@pastorleejohnson.com

Also check us out on our church website @ fbcsanford.org

Dear Church Family,

Our Lord says to carry each other's burdens and to love one another. Thank you for coming along side us and doing that so well during the time my dad was declining and after his passing. We have seen our love through cards, gifts, food, and the beautiful plant the church sent us. We have felt your love through prayers, hugs, and endless support. We thank God for each of you and for your many expressions of sympathy.

*Blessings and love,
Lu Anne Handy*

Dear First Baptist Family,

Words cannot express how much I appreciate your prayers, calls, cards, visits and food after my recent knee replacement. Your love and kindness will never be forgotten.

*Yours In Christ,
Lucy Maddox*

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for all the love you have shared with me during my recent illness. Your cards, calls, gifts, visits and prayers meant so much to me. I will never forget your love and care during that time.

*Sincerely,
Miriam Gunter*

Jonathan's Corner

We had a successful trip with our kids to Camp Caraway on July 6, 7, 8.

Thank you for all your prayers for a successful and meaningful experience for our kids!

Please continue to pray for the leadership of this great camp!

