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OUR SCHEDULE

Neighborhood Saturday Lunch Ministry - 11:45am – 12:15pm
Worship - Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - Sunday, 11:00 – 11:30 am
Bible Study - Sunday, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Prayer Time – every Wednesday, 5:00 pm

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 10am Pastor Bill Tim Austin Birthday	2	3	4 Linda Lilyea Birthday	5	6 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Jamee Sealy Birthday	7
8 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Jeannette (Frederick) Bastedo Birthday	9 Jan Forsline Birthday ABW mtg 10:00 am	10	11 Bev Simons Birthday	12	13 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am Peter Chris Achilles Birthday	14
15 Worship 10am Rev. Granger Pastor Appreciation	16 Board Mtg 6:00 pm	17	18	19	20 Lunch Ministry 11:45 am	21
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Pastor's Page:

My daughter received a devotional as a gift from her prayer partner when she served on a recent Closer Walk weekend. I was looking at her book and reading the devotions for this coming week when I read a message I want to share with you: "Read the Bible and Grow" by Alexander Maclaren.

"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" 1 Peter 2:2

"But his delight is in the law of the land ... And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water" Psa. 1:2-3

Newspapers, and circulating libraries, and magazines, and little religious books—very good in their way, but secondary and subordinate—have taken the place that our fathers used to have filled by honest reading of God's Word. And this is one of the reasons, and I believe it is a very large part of the reason, why so many professing Christians do not come up to this standard; and instead of "*running* with patience the race that is set before them," walk in an extraordinarily leisurely fashion, by fits and starts, and sometimes with long intervals, in which they sit on the road, and are not a mile further at a year's end than they were when it began. There never was, and there never will be, vigorous Christian life unless there be an honest and habitual study of God's Word. There is no shortcut by which Christians can reach the end of the race. Foremost among the methods by which their eyes are enlightened and their hearts rejoiced are application to the eyes of their understanding of that eye-salve, and the hiding in their hearts of that sweet solace and fount of gladness, the Word of Christ's patience, the revelation of God's will. The trees whose roots are laved and branches freshened by that river have leaves that never wither, and all their blossoms set.

This poem by J. G. Whittier was at the bottom of this devotion:

We search the world for truth, we cull
The good, pure, the beautiful
From graven stone and scroll,
And, weary seekers for the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mother's read.

This devotional has been in print since 1954, and is compiled from the daily writings of Trudy and Barry Tait. It was only sent to the printers after bathing the writings in hours of prayer. The message to spend time in the Word and to spend time with Jesus is not new. It has been passed from one generation to other. Are we going to accept this challenge and become bathed in the Word of God?

As I read this devotional, I couldn't help but think about the strong Christians in our church whose age ranges from the eighties and up. Whenever I visit them, their Bible is always nearby their favorite chair, and their lives reflect the love of Jesus because God's Word is in their heart and has become a way of life. We have a wonderful congregation who has wisely chosen to fashion their lives like these precious mentors.

Spend time in conversation with these precious mentors. Learn how God's Word has helped them through the difficult times. Learn how they set aside a time for reading the Word and spending time with God in conversation and prayer. It's all about having a relationship with Jesus. Unlike the worldly society that tosses the elderly aside, we as Christians recognize the great wealth these mature Christians have to offer us. Don't neglect the opportunity to draw from this wealth.

Last week, I had the privilege of leading the worship service for a celebration of Elsie Trochesset's life. The children testified that Elsie and Vern never raised their voice against one another. Family and friends testified how she was always self-less and giving, and was one of a kind. But what impressed me the most was when people shared that she was always so sweet, always wearing a smile, always had time to listen to you, always encouraged you, and could always raise your spirits to a higher level no matter how low they were when you came to her. This is one of God's precious servants sharing the love of Jesus wherever she went. She is one of God's precious children known in today's world as a Christian. I pray the world can say the same about us.

Thank you for being a part of First Baptist church as we attempt to share the love of Jesus with our community and our world. Thank you for sharing your God-given gift in your little corner of the world so we can make a difference for Christ. Sharing puts joy in your heart. God bless and happy sharing.

Rev. Phyllis Granger

Preaching schedule:

Oct. 1	Pastor Bill Robbins
Oct. 8	Rev. Phyllis Granger
Oct. 15	Rev. Phyllis Granger—Pastor Appreciation Day
Oct. 22	Rev. Phyllis Granger
Oct. 29	Pastor Bill Robbins

Report from the Financial Secretary

I recently read an article about Prince George, the four-year-old son of Prince William and Princess Kate, beginning his first day at school. So, what kind of a school do royals choose for their sons and daughters? What struck me in reading about Thomas's Battersea School in London was its set of core values: kindness, courtesy, confidence and humility. As Christians, we are members of the most royal family in the universe. I cannot think of a better list of core values to guide our Christian lives:

- To share the kindness and love that Christ has shown us.
- To express the patience, respect and care of true courtesy to all.
- To rest quietly in the rock solid confidence in our God and His Son.
- To be constantly aware in grateful humility that, although we are undeserving, Christ has adopted us.

The latest news is that Prince George is occasionally a bit reluctant about going to school. I, too, sometimes suffer a similar reluctance as I strive to follow Christ's precepts. Yet, parents know what is best for us, and, as Christians, our unfailing beacon is always Christ.

The Micah Mandate:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

Attendance

September 3
23

September 10
40

September 17
34

September 24
39

Pledging

We started the final quarter of this pledge year in very good shape. At the end of September, our actual pledge total was \$51,534 which was \$8,235 above anticipated pledges of \$43,299. Plate collections continued their strong pace with a year to date total of \$4,533. While the generosity of these financial gifts and pledging is heartening, it represents just a small portion of amazing variety of ways people contribute to the life and mission of First Baptist. We are all so blessed to be a part of this wonderful family of God.

Dave Belding
Financial Secretary

OGHS Mission Update and World Mission Offering 2017

In September, through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we added contributions to relief efforts for the devastation caused by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico. During the fall we will be contributing to the **World Mission Offering 2017**, which sends new global servants, provides mission project support and responds to urgent needs around the world. This allows our missionaries and their partners to follow Jesus as they are called to be “fishers of people” in over 70 countries worldwide. We look forward to joining in this collective effort!

One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him. Mark 1:16-18

Susan Belding
Mission Coordinator

ABW WOMEN'S NEWS

All women of the First Baptist Church are invited to our next meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 2017. We will begin our study using the booklet “Opening the Bible” by Reverend Donald Lawrence.

I would like to
share the following
letter with you.

Christine Milne
Memorial Fund
Treasurer

September 19, 2017

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Dear Members:

The enclosed check is given in memory of my aunt, Elsie Benson Trochesset and is intended for your discretionary utilization.

Aunt Elsie, Aunt Neva and my mother Gladys Benson Carver were brought up in your church and I have fond memories of accompanying my grandfather George R. Benson to the beautiful building as he served as custodian for many years. It always looked great and I am sure it remains so today.

With best wishes,



Richard L. Carver

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We don't want obituaries to be a regular recurring item in our newsletter, but we did lose another longtime member in September. Elsie Trochesset passed away on Sept 16, 2017. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church and will be missed by all.

GENEVA – Elsie B. Trochesset, 94, of Geneva, passed away on Saturday, (September 16), 2017 at Geneva General Hospital.

Friends may call at the First Baptist Church of Geneva, 134 North Street, on Wednesday (Sept. 20) from 4 to 6 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Phyllis Granger officiating. Burial will be on Thursday (Sept. 21) at 11 a.m. in Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the First Baptist Church of Geneva Memorial Fund or Happiness House, a residence and school for developmentally disabled persons (www.happinesshouse.org).

Born Elsie Louise Jeanette Benson on June 20, 1923 in Port Alleghany, Pennsylvania. She moved to Geneva at age five where she remained until her death Saturday, (September 15).

Elsie graduated from Geneva High School in 1941, the same year that she entered and won the New York State cherry pie making competition. She advanced to the National competition in Chicago and bested her baking rivals to become National Cherry Pie Champion. For her achievement, she received an audience with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and lunch with First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Upon her return home, she received a welcome from a local marching band and many local citizens.

She met her husband Vernon Trochesset at Sampson Naval Base where she worked as an office clerk. The couple married July 3, 1943. Vernon and Elsie were married for 69 years until Vernon's death in 2012.

Elsie actively served the Geneva and Ontario County Republican Committee for over fifty years in various positions and regularly recruited poll workers during elections. She served on the Geneva Housing Authority board of commissioners for 27 years.

She worked for the Geneva school system as a bus driver for seventeen years. She spent the last ten of those years driving a bus for students from Happiness House who affectionately referred to her as "Mrs. T." Following her retirement, she volunteered at Geneva General Hospital.

Elsie was a member of the First Baptist Church of Geneva for over seventy five years and served the church in many positions including deacon, treasurer of the memorial fund, and member of the Women's Circle.

She is survived by her daughters Karen (Jim) McElhenny, Renee (Gary) Meeks, and Denise (Gary) Trochesset-Schroeder; grandchildren Sean McElhenny, Leigh (Isaiah) Bryan, Nicole Meeks, and Jason (Stephanie) Meeks, and their children Haydn and Everly.

Elsie is predeceased by her husband, Vernon Trochesset; her parents Amanda and George Benson; her two sisters Gladys Benson Carver and Neva Benson McMullen; and by her son, David Bruce Trochesset.

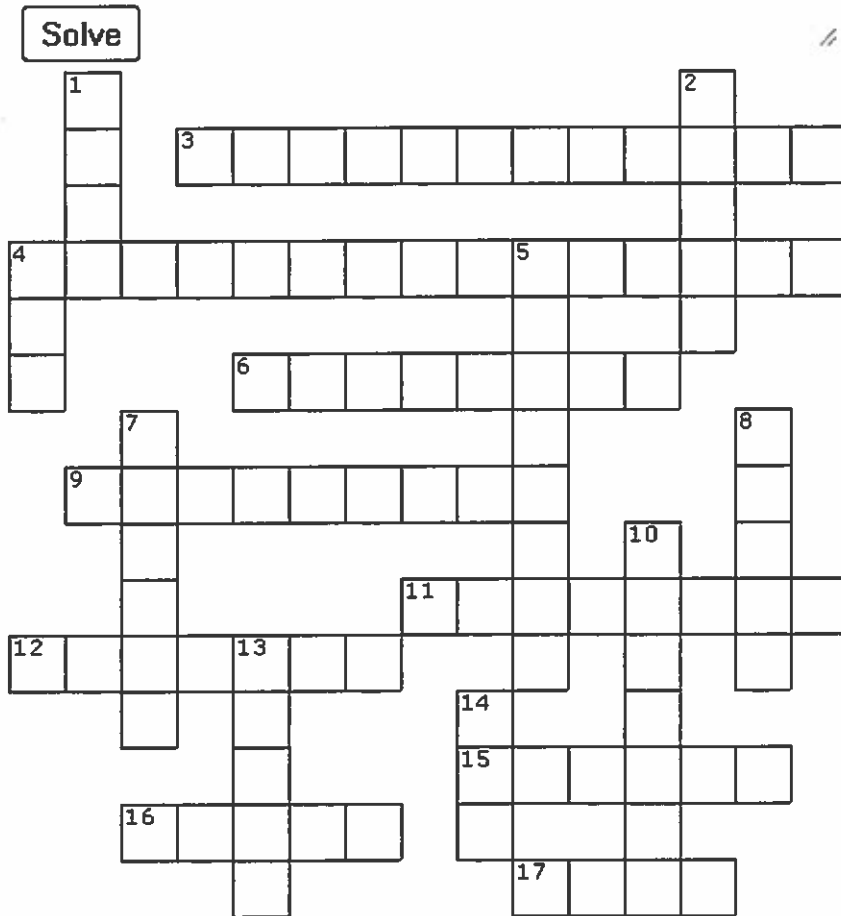
Arrangements have been entrusted to the DeVaney-Bennett Funeral Home.

For those wishing to write a note of condolence to the family, please visit www.devaneybennettfh.com.

Christian Bible Reference Site

Crossword Puzzle: Exodus

Desktop, laptop: Type with your regular keyboard. Click on a square to type across. Click twice to type down. Or click on a clue then type. Or print this page and solve on paper. **Tablet, mobile, smartphone, touchscreen:** Type with the on-screen keyboard below the puzzle. Tap a square to type across. Tap twice to type down. The **Solve** button at the top of the puzzle shows the solution.



ACROSS

- 3 Destination of Israelites (2 words)
 4 Rules that God gave to Moses (2 words)
 6 Wife of Moses
 9 Death of all Egyptian ____ (final plague)
 11 Jewish holiday with origin in Exodus
 12 Egyptian ruler
 15 Waters parted by God (2 words)
 16 Second plague
 17 God called Moses from a burning ____

DOWN

- 1 Pillar of ____ (nighttime guide)
 2 Food supplied by God
 4 Number of plagues on Egypt
 5 Ninth plague
 7 Sister of Moses
 8 A land flowing with milk and ____
 10 Eighth plague
 13 Brother of Moses
 14 ____ of the Covenant