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**OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST**

- Sunday, August 11**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 5:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, August 12**  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, August 14**  
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions  
 Youth Group  
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, August 15**  
 12:00 PM Third Thursday (Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday, August 18**  
 9:30 AM Worship  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 4:00 PM Youth Group and Dinner
- Monday, August 19**  
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
- Wednesday, August 21**  
 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions  
 Youth Group  
 6:00 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 Youth Homework and Hangout
- Thursday, August 22**  
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 12:00 PM Lunch Time Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)



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**MEMBERS IN ACTION**

**August 11**

**Deacons of the Week:**

Bob Lingle, Offertory Prayer  
 Lise Lingle, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Charlie Ballentine and Greg Shore

**August 18**

**Deacons of the Week:**

David Stoddard, Offertory Prayer  
 Jeff Neal, Visitor Outreach

**Security:**

Roger Cason and Dale Ellenburg



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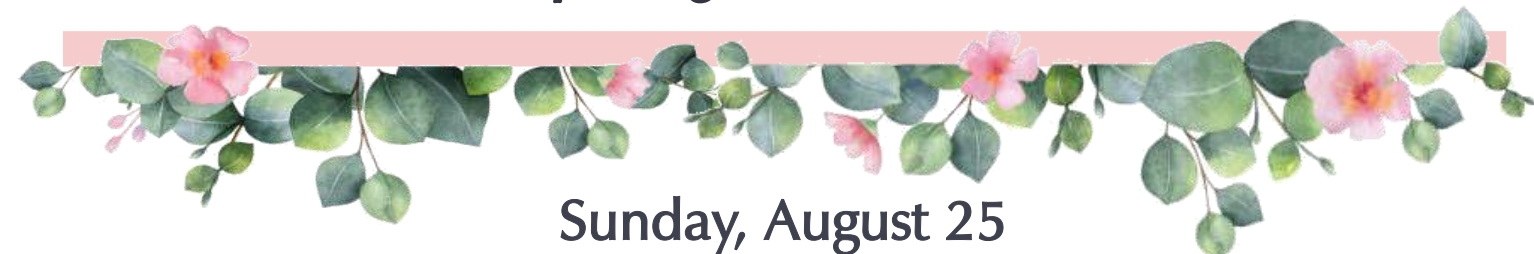
# THE BEACON

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THANK YOU FOR

ALL THAT YOU DO

**FBC Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day**  
**Sunday, August 18 - 9:30 AM**



Sunday, August 25  
 9:30 AM

PARENT AND CHILD DEDICATION SERVICE FOR

*Dorotheia Wimpey*

### *From One Minister to Another...*

In two Sundays, on August 18, we will take some time in worship to celebrate the rich contributions and ministry of our Sunday School teachers. These devoted volunteers give of their time and gifts for teaching for the edification of their classes.

Sunday School began in the UK in 1751, with the goal of educating children who did not have access to the English private education that was reserved exclusively for the wealthy and for males. (There were no public schools, and school was not compulsory.)

As public education became more prevalent, Sunday School shifted to an emphasis on biblical literacy, hymn singing, and memorization of Bible verses.

Unfortunately, many adults feel that Sunday School is a program primarily for children. Nothing could be further from the truth. If you've gotten out of the habit of attending Sunday School—or if you've never sought out a Sunday School class—our appreciation of First Baptist's Sunday School teachers would be a wonderful time to begin a beneficial new spiritual practice.

Why should you attend Sunday School?

**Sunday School is the best way to become more involved in the life of the church.** It's so difficult to form connections and find your place through a brief conversation before or after Sunday morning worship. Sunday School offers you an opportunity to get to know others and to have others get to know you.

**Attending Sunday School helps improve your knowledge of the Bible.** A Sunday School class offers you the opportunity to study and learn with others, to ask questions, and to think through Bible stories together.

**Sunday School classes provide a community, a place to belong.** It's a great place to make friends, form connections, and share joys and burdens.

**Attending Sunday School helps you grow spiritually.** Though our callings are individual, we are called *into community*. We need one another! There are no Lone Ranger Christians. Being around other people who model Christian living for you—and finding people who look to you to model Christian living for them—is crucial for your continued spiritual development!

**Sunday School classes provide opportunities for you to serve.** Many of our Sunday School classes are involved in community service projects, charitable giving, and other "extracurricular" ways to serve.

I invite you to be a part of this wonderful ministry. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in life's journey, we have a Sunday School class that would welcome you with open arms. Contact the church office for help in finding the place that's right for you – or speak to any of us who are ministers on Sunday morning. We'll be glad to help direct you to a group that would love to have you join them.

Already have a Sunday School class? Offer a prayer—and a word of appreciation—for the teachers who give so much of themselves to help your class be what it can be.

I'll see you in church on Sunday.

Peace of Christ,



## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



Thursday, August 15, at Noon  
in the Fellowship Hall

### AGING GRACEFULLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF IN-HOME HEALTHCARE

Knowing What's Available And How To Access It

Presented by Lynn Stoddard

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Fried Chicken Tenders, Mac and Cheese,  
Green Beans, Roll, Banana Pudding

Please call the church office to make a  
reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, August 9.

## BIBLE STUDY



Thursday, August 22, at Noon  
in the Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$10.00

Menu: Country Style Cubed Steak w/Gravy,  
Yeast Roll, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Chocolate Delight

Please call the church office to make a  
reservation by 3:00 PM on Friday, August 16.

## MUSIC MINISTRY



SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Choir preview of Christmas Music and Lunch  
10:00 AM - Noon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4  
Handbell Choir Rehearsals Resume  
5:30 PM above the Chapel

Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin  
7:00 - 7:30 PM

We will dismiss the Christmas singers and continue our service music through 8:30 PM.

## CHURCH WIDE MINISTRY

CHURCH

CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

10:30 AM

IN THE SANCTUARY

Please note that the conference will be held in the sanctuary following morning worship. We will not have Sunday School or our customary pre-conference meal that day. Childcare will be provided.