

FROM THE PASTOR

I pray that you have had a great week and that the Lord is using you to accomplish His purposes. I want to encourage in these days to walk faithfully in your calling. While so much uncertainty surrounds us, there is great opportunity to speak life into this culture. I shared with you on Sunday that we would be working on a plan for regathering our Life Groups this week. While things were moving in the right direction, a major increase in active cases was reported on Sunday. Therefore, we are hesitant to jump back into small group gatherings. To help you better understand our reasoning, let me share with you the three major indicators we are watching in determining our plans to regather.

First, we are looking for active cases in our county to remain below 150 for 3 to 5 consecutive days. Second, we are consistently surveying our church family and are looking for less than 15 active cases among members of our church. Third, we are doing our best to track what is happening in our school systems. This particular area is difficult to quantify because it is based upon conversations and not data. However, we are able to determine based on substitution teachers, some of the rate that is effecting the classroom. When these three indicators align, we will begin to schedule and announce the regathering of Life Groups.

While so much has ceased in these days, the mission of the church continues. I want to encourage you to complete a shoe box this week and bring with you on Sunday. Also, if you would prefer to complete one and drop it at the church office during the week, we will be certain that they get collected.

In a few weeks, my family will be flying to New York City, to minister to our church planting partners at the Bridge Community Church. We will be spending time encouraging the ministry team and partnering with them in a major outreach project. Our goal is to provide free coats to needy children in local housing projects while there. The team is planning to give away 800 coats to those in need. Therefore, if you would be interested in assisting, I would like to raise funds to help purchase coats for this project. If you would like to give, please designate to "Coat Drive". All gifts will be used to purchase coats online and they will be shipped directly to the church in time for the giveaway on December 5.

Finally, let me encourage you to take time this month to GIVE THANKS. While we are all sick and tired of this season and all that we have had to face, there are so many things for us to be grateful for. Spend some time journaling this month and reflecting on God's blessings in your life and the life of our church. Be intentional to praise Him on Sundays with great enthusiasm and passion. Take time to tell those around you of His goodness in the midst of these days.

For His glory,
Justin Hiens

YOUTH

I pray that everyone has had a great week so far. This week our students started a study of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation called, The Story. This week we are looking at Genesis 1-9 and how foundational understanding the first few chapters of the Bible, specifically Genesis 3, are to our understanding of the rest of the Bible. Most, if not all, of our students have not read through the entire Bible yet and my hopes is that this study will entice them to want to know more. I want to encourage you to get your student back to youth as soon as you feel like it is safe for them to do so. There is plenty of room to space out with us having middle school and high school on separate nights. Just a reminder that Middle School is on Wednesday nights at 6:00 PM and High School is at 5:00 PM on Sunday nights.

Winter Retreat sign-up is available in the Upper Room. This trip is January 15-18, 2021 and I know the kids are excited about going. Even in these difficult days, we are planning and preparing to go just as we would any other time. As we get closer to Winter Retreat there will be more details available. For now, per student cost this year is \$175 and per adult cost is \$75. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have had an amazing week. See you Sunday!

Blessings,
Bro. Brad

EDUCATION

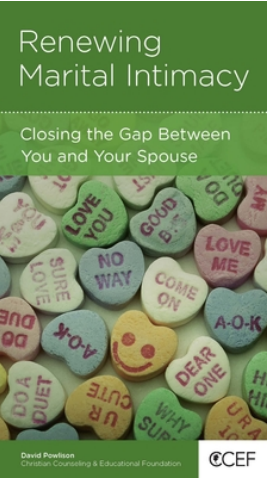
We need **Instant Mashed Potatoes!** In October, our Life Groups committed to collect boxes of instant potatoes for the Feeding of the 5,000 in November. We committed to collecting 1,500 boxes through our Life Groups... and then we had to pause Life Groups! So far we have collected 300 boxes and need the remaining boxes this Sunday! Whether you are in a Life Group or not, I want to encourage you to bring boxes of Instant Mashed Potatoes with you when you come to church Sunday. You can drop boxes off at the Guest Services Desk or in your Life Group classroom. Please help us as we support this great local ministry!

Firmly in His Hands,
Bro. Sam



FROM THE COUNSELOR'S DESK

Last Sunday marked the beginning of the Care & Counseling Corner at Second Baptist Church. If you have not come by to check it out, let me encourage you to do so. One of the features of the Care & Counseling Corner are mini booklets covering a variety of topics. In this article, I want to give a summary of one of those mini books entitled, *Renewing Marital Intimacy*. In this book, David Powlison applies the parable of the sower to marriage showing how the condition of one's heart affects the marriage relationship. All of us have been disappointed in our lives at one point or another, especially in marriage. If you have a disappointed heart and have given up on your marriage, this book is for you! Furthermore, all of us are busy! I was reminded how busy we are as I was talking to one of our deacons the other day. Maybe in the midst of the busyness of life your heart has become distracted as you find yourself too busy to invest in your marriage. If so, this book is for you! You could be in the third category, one who has a fruitful marriage and just want to grow in marital intimacy, if so this book is for you!



In closing, let me remind you counseling is not just for the big struggles and problems of life, all of us at times need a spiritual and relational check-up just like we need a physical check-up at the doctor's office.

Firmly in His hands,
Bro. Russell

DECISIONS



Brent & Mitzi Mobbs
Gracie & Emma
By Letter

MISSIONS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Boxes, labels and letters are available at the Guest Services desk for you to pack your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! We will be collecting the boxes the week of November 15.
Questions: Patricia Segreaves 731-446-5851



FEEDING OF THE 5,000: We have been contacted to provide pies (pecan, chess, pumpkin, sweet potato, etc.) for the Feeding of the 5,000. If you would like to furnish pies, please contact Diana Guynn 885-2662. You may drop pies off to the church kitchen on Sunday, November 22. **Please no meringue or frozen pies!**

CANISTERS NEEDED: Women on Mission will be collecting large plastic coffee canisters for a Valentine's Day project. Call Diana Guynn 885-2662 if you can help with collecting these canisters.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Handbells	After the first of the year	6:00 PM	Handbell Room
Children's Choir & Little Hands of God	After the first of the year	4:30 PM	Children's Wing
Preschool Choir	After the first of the year	5:00 PM	Children's Wing
Worship Choir	After the first of the year	7:10-8:00 PM	Choir Room
Signs of Wonder	To be determined	4:00 PM	Sanctuary
RAs/GAs/Mission Friends	Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Children's Wing
Children's Church	Sundays	8:30 & 10:45 AM service	Gym
Youth Worship (Middle School)	Wednesdays	6:00 PM	Upper Room
(High School)	Sundays	5:00 PM	Upper Room
Men's Prayer Group	To be determined	6:30 AM	Fellowship Hall
WInGS	To be determined	5:00 PM	F-102
Women on Mission	To be determined	10:00 AM	Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Meals	After the first of the year	5:00-5:45 PM	Fellowship Hall

BIBLE READING PLAN

Mon.	November 9	Joel 1 & Psalm 140-141
Tues.	November 10	Joel 2 & Psalm 142-143
Wed.	November 11	Joel 3 & Psalm 144
Thurs.	November 12	Amos 1 & Psalm 145
Fri.	November 13	Amos 2 & Psalm 146-147
Sat.	November 14	Amos 3 & Psalm 148
Sun.	November 15	Amos 4 & Psalm 149-150

FINANCIALS

Week of November 1, 2020

Budget Actual	\$	35,260.02
Budget Goal	\$	33,934.05
Journey of Faith	\$	670.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	60.00
Designated Offering	\$	1,057.95

Year-To-Date

Budget Actual	\$	269,807.90
Budget Goal	\$	305,406.45
Journey of Faith	\$	6,545.00
Annie Armstrong	\$	480.00

Please note: When making your contributions online, please choose the option to use your routing number and account number, instead of using your debit card. The fees for debit card use are on the rise and we want to use as much of your contribution as possible for the Kingdom.

TEXT to GIVE is now enabled. If you would like to give your tithes and offerings through text, follow these 4 simple instructions the first time.

1. Text GIVE to 731-251-4343 (save this number in your phone)
2. Click the link in the reply message
3. Log in using your online giving ID and password or set up an account
4. Give a one-time gift or set up a recurring contribution

While you are logged in, click the 3 lines in the top left corner, click My Account, then click Account Info. While in this portal, add your cell phone number to the account information. Once this is done, you will simply be able to text an amount to 731-251-4343 to make future contributions. If you have any questions, please call Jessica at 731-885-5223.



NOVEMBER 10, 2020

Stay connected by viewing our Sunday morning services through these avenues:
Television: Sundays • 8:00 PM on CH 8 or 26
Radio: Sundays • 10:45 AM on FM 104.9
Facebook: Second Baptist Church-Union City Official
YouTube: Search Second Baptist UC (live Sunday AM)



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