

**Spreading The Light
October 2020**

First Southern Baptist Church
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Know Jesus, Love our Neighbor's, Share Jesus

**Yavapai Baptist
Association
Annual Meeting
October 25th**

**First Southern Baptist
Prescott Valley, Az
5:00 pm**

Pastors' Paragraphs

Jesus shows up at the Temple after the Triumphal Entry and tears the place apart because of all the nonsense going on there. He turned over the tables of the money changers and probably sent coin and currency flyin' everywhere, then He overturned the seats of the "sacrifice" sellers sending them and their wares "flying everywhere" (maybe literally).

So it was clear that there were things going on there that shouldn't have been (still is, in places of worship today and we should always examine what we're doing to make sure Jesus doesn't have to "clean house" in our place of worship).

But it's verse 12 of Matthew 21 that "flips the tables." Jesus reminds them and us that Gods house is a house of prayer. (NOT a den of robbers).

It raises the question, "if our 'house of worship' isn't a house of prayer, are we rippin' people off?" We would all agree that we all ought to pray and there certainly ought to be a lot of it in a church. We have faithful pray-ers in our church, we pray in worship and have a "prayer meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7.

We also have a prayer chain and prayer partners. Some would say it looks like a "house of prayer." Most of our songs are prayers and we take prayer requests, pray for those requests but I think the big question is: Is prayer pre-eminent in our church? It is the foundation of all we do! We don't just prepare sermons and Bible lessons, we must pray about what to teach and when. We don't just talk to people about Jesus. We need to talk to Jesus about them first. We don't just help people in crisis, we pray for them and follow Gods leadership on how best to help. We don't just think up ways to minister to folks, we ask God to show us where He's working and join Him there. Like any good relationship, we spend time with God, talking to Him in prayer and getting answers from Him from His word, the Bible. We don't just show up for worship, we prepare for it by praying for the music and the musicians and the preacher and teachers and all the folks who come to meet with God and with each other in one heart and one mind with one purpose; to blend all that prayer into a celebration of the answer to those prayers. Jesus and His amazing grace!

At His House! The House of Prayer!

Pastor Mark

PS.

Our next Prayer Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, November 7, at 7:30 - 9:30 am in the Fireside Room. We will have a great time of food, fellowship and worship. We will outline how this ministry works and Pastor Mark will share a lesson on prayer principles. And of course, we will have a chance to pray together as an entire group.

Assistant Pastor's Paragraphs

This year has brought a lot of confusion in our world in all sorts of ways. One of those ways, in your life, may have been spiritually. There have been lots of discussion on the end of time and the signs and all sorts of aspects of the book of Revelation. All of these things can become confusing, especially if you have not studied enough on these topics to understand them. Additionally we may be in a state of spiritual confusion because we are unsure about how God is working in the midst of such discord that is displayed on our TV screens and in the newspapers and the topic's of our discussions. So, how are we to deal with this confusion and how is it that any clarity can be brought to our thoughts and understanding of all of this. In the book of James chapter 1 verse 5 it says " But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him." Calling upon God in prayer to give you wisdom and discernment is a testimony of the hope we have in him. However, hope is a wonderful thing that anchors us in difficult times, but hope is not a tactic. That means I can't hope that everything will just somehow magically get better. I must take action and that action comes as a part of the wisdom that God graciously grants us with. In order to receive and develop the wisdom that

God promises us we must take on the mind set of a child and our spiritual confusion will be conquered through obedience. Obedience to the Scriptures is the action that we take in the likeness of Christ that develops the wisdom and discern that he promises to us that gives us hope. Romans 5:1-5 points out that in the midst of our tribulations a few things are produced, perseverance, character, and hope. Verse 5 says that "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." So when we see the character of Christ coming out in our actions, we have hope, because we see that the wisdom he gave us manifest itself in Christ like character through our obedience. In the midst of chaos and confusion in our world today, your obedience to God's word will bring clarity to everything around you.

Jackie Boyd
Assistant Pastor

Operation Christmas Child collection week is fast approaching!

A brief meeting will follow the service on the 4th. This is for anyone who has signed up to help as well as anyone else who is interested. There are a number of changes this year because of Covid. Rather than holding a number of training for Drop-off at the church, there will be a video training at 10am on the 31st at Calvary Chapel in Prescott. At this time we will also receive our cartons for packing the shoeboxes. Please let me know whether you can/can't make this training so I can arrange something else. We should be able to carpool for this. Please let me know if you have questions.

Churchwide Packing Party Nov. 12th 10am. Blessing of the Boxes Nov. 15th. Drop-off dates Nov. 16-23, with delivery of cartons to Calvary on the 23rd. Thank You All!

Diane Perrigo 928-830-0067 (call or text)



There will be 2 WMU meetings in October, on the 1st and the 22nd. Since the September meeting needed to be cancelled because enough people could not make it, we do have a lot of business to take care of.

Ladies, if you're available at 10am on these days you are invited and encouraged to attend in the Fireside room.

Children's Ministry

As of Sunday, September 20, Kidz Worship will be held each Sunday in building B in the window room. Please let everyone know. It will no longer be held upstairs in building A.



October Birthdays

25th Dorothy Fallgren

28th Jackie Boyd

Jaden Miller

Information on our Building “C” Loan .

This loan is not in our annual budget and depends on donations to the Building Fund over and above your tithe.

Balance on Loan \$ 336,008.98

Monthly Payment

Principal 2061.13

Interest 1298.89

3360.02

Received as of 9/27/20 2135.00





Prayer Partners

To all Potential & Current Prayer Partners:

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I hope you can join us. It will be a wonderful time of ministry and growth. Please call the office or Shirley Urie (928-460-3153) to reserve your spot. See you soon!