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A Look Ahead...

November

1……Discover FBC in Room 101
1……First Lunch in Fellowship Hall
9……...Deacon Conference in Room 101
10……...Church Council in Room 101
11……...Church Conference in Room 301
12……...Live on The Patio with Jeremey and the Band
14……... Men and Children's Retreat at Scherwitz Cabin
19……...Nolan Nursing Home Birthday Party
21……...P3 Thanksgiving at Booker T. Washington Park
29……...Hanging of the Green Worship Service
29……...Advent begins

Worship...Grow...Serve

BE A PART OF THE CONVERSATION EACH WEEK THROUGH:

Website: www.fbcsweetwater.org
Jerry's Blog: pastorconversation.wordpress.com
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Giving Update Through September

Undesignated Receipts: $333,533

Expenditures: $326,470

Operating Fund Balance: $33,268

September Connecting Generations: $3,040

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Pastor Conversation...

It is usually at this point in the calendar year where we realize how fast life can get. Often, when life gets to moving fast our priorities are compromised. This month we have the opportunity to evaluate our priorities through the lens of generosity. We have a beautiful heritage at First Baptist Church built on those who consistently put Christ first in their service and giving. I hope you will join us for these conversations in November.

November Conversation Series:

- November 1: A Generous Legacy
- November 8: A Generous Future
- November 15: Life on Mission
- November 22: Community Renewal
- November 29: First Sunday of Advent

Pictures from "Fields of Faith," a huge success we over 1,300 in attendance!

Live on the Patio...

Come join us for coffee, dessert and live music on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm on the Patio located on the south side of First Baptist Church. *Live on the Patio* will be a continual way for us to go beyond the walls of the Church and love on the city of Sweetwater.

This exciting new adventure will give us the opportunity to reach out and love those around us in a cool and intimate setting. *Live on the Patio* will give those who come the feeling of comfort; a comfort that wipes away the stigma that this world sometimes places on the Church.

Live on the Patio will be a regular ministry utilizing the musical talents of First Baptist Church and extending hospitality to our community. So come be a part of what God is doing in the life of First Baptist Sweetwater!

Recent Discover FBC Covenant Members...

Caroline Beaty
Mollie Brock
Philip Brock
James Craig
Matthew Gudino
Sarah Gudino
Sarah Hamilton
Taylor Hamilton
Jerry Hendrix
Sharon Hendrix
Amanda Morrow
Dusty Morrow
Jeremy Roemisch
Eliska Smith
Michael Thomas
Mike Wilks

November Discover FBC...

Wayne Armstrong
Josan Blythe
Beth Densmore
Gene Elston
Rose Ann Elston
Bill Haley
Donna Haley
Pat Hayes
Wilton Hayes
Debbie Marvel
Jim Marvel
Robert Moore
Nita Rannefeld
Maurine Scott
Robert Scott
Edna Sowell
Waymon Sowell
Benetta Williams
Barbara Williams
Wendell Williams

GaGa Pits...

Over the last year, our Church has participated in several Camps and a Mission Trip. At every camp and while on mission trip, we encountered and played a game called GaGa Ball. One thing we noticed about GaGa Ball was the simplicity of the game and the number of students who continually asked to play the game. We believe that having GaGa Pits in the parks of Sweetwater would benefit the community by investing in our students.

Gagaballpits.com says, "In the rules of GaGa ball, the ball must touch the ground two times before it is considered in play. GaGa Ball consists of a lightweight bouncy or foam ball and an octagon enclosure known as the "GaGa Ball Pit." The object of the game is to hit the ball at or below opponents' knees to eliminate them from the pit. The last one left in the GaGa Ball Pit is the winner...What makes GaGa Ball great is that kids of any size, age, or athletic ability can play and have the same chance to win as anybody else."

The Men's Ministry Team was granted approval by the City of Sweetwater to build a GaGa Pit in Booker T. Washington Park, Fraley Park, and Newman Park. We want to serve with you to enhance the quality of life in Sweetwater for our students. If you want to help build a GaGa Pit, contact Stan Tucker. Our goal is to have the first one built in Booker T. Washington Park by November 21.

P3 Thanksgiving...

P3 Thanksgiving will be November 21 at Booker T. Washington Park - the same park where we had P3 this Summer. The Men's Ministry Team and the Women's Ministry Team will be coordinating P3 Thanksgiving this year.

There are numerous ways for you to serve as a part of this ministry that reaches out into the community with the love of Christ:

1) Let Lisa Eaker (lisa@fbcsweetwater.org) know if you can provide a side dish.
2) Let Lisa Eaker know if you can help with publicity and invitations.
3) Let Stan Tucker know if you can help cook and cut up turkeys.
4) Let Stan Tucker know if you can help set up tables and chairs at the park.
5) Come share in the Thanksgiving Meal, serving and eating together.

Christmas Musical Programs...

During Advent, we celebrate in numerous ways as we prepare ourselves for The Advent of the baby in the manger which is the Messiah. A significant part of our celebration of Advent is the music that we sing in worship of Jesus. This year, we want to invite you to be a part of the music of Advent.

The Children's Musical will be Sunday morning at 10:30am on December 6. If your child would like to participate in the musical, have them join us for practice every Wednesday night at 6:00pm on the third floor of the Children's Building. If you are an adult that would like to help with the Children's Musical, contact Jenny Doggett or James Craig.

The Adult Musical will be Sunday morning at 10:30am on December 13. We would love for you to join us for practice every Wednesday night in the Choir Room at 7:00pm as we prepare for the musical. Check with Jenny Doggett for more information.

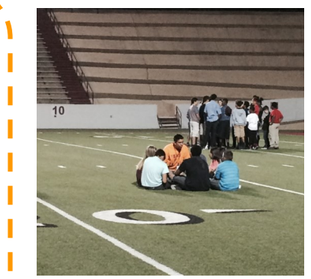
Men and Children Retreat...

November 14 is the Second Annual Men and Children's Retreat at The Scherwitz Cabin! We are excited about all that will happen at The Retreat and we want everyone to be a part. We have cards you can use to invite those who might not have a church home. We also have children who would love to have someone take them to The Retreat. Let Stan Tucker and Mike Wilks know if you would like to sponsor a child on The Retreat. Bring chairs, sunscreen, bug spray, and flashlights.

The schedule for The Retreat includes:

- 12pm-1pm — Arrival/Snacks (Chips/Queso/Sausage Wraps/etc.)
- 1pm-Dusk — Fishing/Games
- 2pm-4pm — Air Castle Obstacle Course/Horse-drawn Carriage Rides
- 3pm-4pm — Skeet Shooting (no handguns or rifles)
- 3:30pm — Rib Buffet Opens
- Dusk — S'mores

Church Council Nominations...

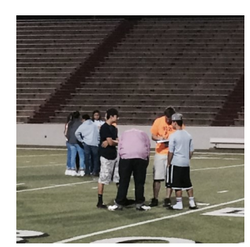


Every year, the Church elects an at-large member to the Church Council to serve a four-year term. To remind us all of how the election of an at-large member occurs, our bylaws say:

> The election of the at-large members will happen at each November Church Conference. In even years, a female will be elected and in odd years a male will be elected. For the two weeks preceding the November Church Conference, members of the Church can nominate other members for the position being filled on the Church Council. The Church Council will compile the names and have the ballot available for voting at the November Church Conference. To be elected, a person must receive at least 25% of the vote in the Church Conference.

Robert Eaker is rotating off this year, so nominations will begin October 28 for a male to be elected to the Church Council. You can nominate an individual for the position on Church Council in one of two ways:

1) Come by the Office during Office Hours and nominate an individual.
2) Call the Office during Office Hours and nominate an individual.



November Church Conference...

The November Church Conference Agenda is filled with important items of which we want you to be a part. On November 11, we will begin in Room 301 at 5:30pm with a Fellowship Meal followed by a devotional and prayer. Copies of the agenda and recommendations will be available in the Church Office beginning on October 28.

Items on the agenda include:

1) Recommendation & Vote on 2016 Proposed Budget
2) Recommendation & Vote on Members for Men's Ministry Team
3) Recommendation & Vote on Members for Women's Ministry Team
4) Recommendation & Vote on Treasurer
5) Recommendation & Vote on Trustee
6) Vote on Male At-Large Church Council Member