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A Look Ahead...

October

- 4.....Discover FBC in Room 204
- 4.....First Lunch in Fellowship Hall
- 12.....Deacon Conference in Room 101
- 13.....BSM at TSTC
- 13.....Church Council in Room 101
- 14.....Fields of Faith at The Mustang Bowl
- 15.....Nolan Nursing Home Birthday Party
- 28.....Citywide Fall Festival at Newman Park



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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 "First Baptist Church Sweetwater, TX"
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Giving Update Through August:

Undesignated Receipts:
 \$308,499

Expenditures:
 \$286,531

Operating Fund Balance: \$48,173

August Connecting Generations: \$4,092

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Pastor Conversation...

Getting stuck is no fun at all. Yet, it is so easy for us to find ourselves in that immovable place where progress isn't going to happen. Our hope this month through our current series, UnStuck, is that you will be able to identify those areas in your life where you are not growing as God intended. We want you to be able to move forward and grow deeper in your relationship with Christ.

Here is our Conversation Series for the month:

- October 4: Stuck because of what you don't have
- October 11: Stuck because of what you have
- October 18: Stuck because of what you haven't seen
- October 25: Stuck because of your traditions

Don't get stuck. Let God make a difference in your life.

- Jerry



Pictures from "See You at the Pole" and "Kickoff Sunday!"

A Word From the Men's Team...

Fall is here! After a long hot summer, fall has arrived along with a lot of fun activities!

First of all, the Men's Ministry Team will be cooking hotdogs for the annual Fields of Faith, Wednesday, October 14. We will light the fire around 3:00pm and grill 1,000 dogs for the young people attending Fields of Faith. Then on Wednesday, October 28, the Team will cook and serve 500 dogs at the Citywide Fall Festival, held at Newman Park. If you are interested in helping with either event, please contact any Men's Team member or the church office.

The Annual Men and Children Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 14, at the Scherwitz cabin north of Sweetwater. This year we will have fishing, a bouncy obstacle course, clay pigeon shooting, 42 playing and a possible surprise activity?! The menu will cover all basic food groups: pork ribs, chips, dip and s'mores.

All men and children are invited to attend; in fact, you are encouraged to invite and bring guests. Check the FBC Worship Program for more information as we get closer to November 14.

Annual Budget Process...

It is budget time again, and we are excited about the generosity that we are experiencing financially from the Body of Christ at First Baptist Church. You can see a snapshot of that Generosity on Page 1 of this Newsletter. Such generosity allows us to continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community and world.

The Annual Budget Planning Process is a process that takes focused prayer and focused time. The Church Council is working together with members of the Church to develop a budget for 2016 that God can use to Renew our Community.

Here are some important dates in the process as you pray for God to guide the budget planning team:

- October 13: Church Council Meets for Budget Planning
- October 28: The Recommended Budget is Published
- October 28-November 11: The Budget is Available in the Church Office
- October 28-November 11: Church Council available for Questions
- November 11: The Budget is Presented in Church Conference for Vote



Discover FBC...

September and October have been full in Discover FBC Membership Class! Those who have joined us in Worship are exploring the History, Beliefs, Governance and Ministries of First Baptist Church as they go through Discover FBC. Having gone through Discover FBC, several have joined the membership of First Baptist Church.

Discover FBC is not only for guests, but it is for everyone. We have had numerous Church Members go through Discover FBC to better understand all that makes up FBC.

Maybe you have questions about the role of the Church Council or the traditional Baptist distinctive of Autonomy of the Local Church...Discover FBC is for you. Maybe you are interested in the history and heritage of FBC...Discover FBC is for you. Maybe you want to know more about the ministries of FBC...Discover FBC is for you.

Sign-Up for Discover FBC after Worship at the Information Table in the Worship Center Foyer.



Jeremy Roemisch is Here...

Our Worship Pastor is here and has hit the ground running! Mollie Brock has gone above and beyond in helping the worship transition go smoothly. She has walked with Jeremy for the last two weeks, training him in all the different aspects of the Worship Ministry here at FBC.

Jeremy is in the office every Tuesday, with staff meeting in the morning and regular office hours in the afternoon. On Wednesday nights, Jeremy leads the band in rehearsal, while Jenny Doggett, our Associate Worship Minister leads the choir. The Worship Team, band and choir, then join together to rehearse for Sunday morning.

Over the next couple Sundays, make sure to visit with Jeremy after Worship and get to know him. Remember he is new, so introduce yourself to him, or remind him of your name.



Citywide Fall Festival...

October 28, 2015, will mark our Second Annual Citywide Fall Festival provided by the churches of Sweetwater, TX. We will join with churches throughout Sweetwater from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Newman Park to provide an outreach to the community that is safe and family friendly. As a Church, we have numerous ways that you can serve as a part of the Fall Festival.

First of all, you can donate candy. There is a container by the Church Office that is specifically designated for Fall Festival Candy drop-off. We all know you can never have too much candy...

Second, your Small Group, can host a Carnival-type Booth. We will provide the space at the park, and your Booth is only limited by your imagination. Third, you can decorate the trunk of your car and be a part of the Trunk-or-Treat. This is new to us as a Church, but is a lot of fun and you can be as creative as you desire. In everything, just remember that the goal is safe and family friendly.



Fields of Faith...

Every October, thousands of students and adults join together in Football Stadiums across the United States with one common goal: Worshipping the Lord, Jesus Christ. The stands are filled with Christians from every denomination praising God and being challenged through the preaching of God's Word.

Every year, lives are changed, as students and adults hear the Good News and respond in faith, or they are challenged to a new understanding in their Faith Journey. This is the third year for Fields of Faith to be hosted in The Mustang Bowl. Our first year, we had over 700 in attendance, and last year we had over 1,100 in attendance. Schools from Snyder to Rotan to Blackwell and beyond will converge on The Bowl on October 14 to Worship Jesus together in unity.

How can you be a part? Here are three ways:

1. Pray for Fields of Faith and what God has in store.
2. Attend Fields of Faith
3. Call the Church Office to be an Usher, Data Input Coordinator, Shirt Distributor, Hotdog Distributor, or Volunteer Check-In Host



Becoming an Inviting Church...

Over the last few Sundays, we have met a number of first time guests through our morning worship service. Our desire each week is to create an inviting culture at FBC where guests feel welcome.

In our current Conversation Series, UnStuck, we have designed a new Worship Program where you can tear off the top portion with our current worship series theme and use it to invite others to Worship.

Extra cards will be available at the Information Table in the Worship Center Foyer. We encourage you to carry a card or two with you or take a few extras to place at your business.

What happens here matters, and we want to be a Church that invites others to join us on the Faith Journey.

