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Checking In on the 12 Sundays Challenge

So, how is it going with the 12 Sundays Challenge? A quick glance at our worship participation numbers indicates that many of our people are on track so far! Since we started this challenge on August 19, we have averaged 188 people in worship on Sunday mornings. This number is roughly 28 people more than before the challenge began. Fantastic!

I do not know. However, I suspect we have a sizeable handful of folks who are closet challenge takers. That is, though we have 75 people officially signed up, others have decided to try and miss no more than 12 Sundays for the next year; even though they have not made their decision public to me or, perhaps, anyone else. Fantastic!

I will be pleased if this challenge in some ways reflects the challenges of physical exercise. A few months back, to get my exercise in, I used 20- to 30-minute workout routines found on the web. The leaders – a husband and wife team – exhorted me to make the necessary adjustments to their suggested practices. For example, when they instructed me to increase the amount of weight I was lifting, I was to do so only if I felt I could handle the increase. Otherwise, I was to keep the current weight in hand, or even decrease the weight.

So, wherever you are on your journey, the goal is to get us moving in a forward direction. The goal is to increase the priority we give to the church. Some of you have said, “Trey, I never miss 12 Sundays in a year.” Well, make it six Sundays then! For other people (perhaps reading this newsletter), it would be an improvement to attend only 12 Sundays in a year. If you have fallen out of the habit of worship participation, start by trying to make it to First Baptist 12 Sundays – just one Sunday a month!

I must say our sanctuary has been beautiful in recent weeks with so many (more) people gathered for the worship of God. Beyond the appealing atmosphere of a well-populated sanctuary, I hope you are experiencing the results that can come with frequent and consistent worship participation. I pray that you feel more grounded as a new week begins. I pray you find refreshment in the act of singing praises to God with other believers. And I pray the instruction that comes from the Scriptures each week strengthens your resolve to be faithful to Christ in your day-to-day living. Furthermore, I pray that your marriages are strengthened and that your children are better equipped to handle the pressures of adolescence. All of this can result from following through on a commitment to faithful worship participation!

In closing, I thank each of you for providing me with such an encouraging working environment. While I have had good experiences in my previous ministry settings, I have never served a church where I sense that pastor and congregation speak the same language to the extent that we do. As I carry out my pastoral duties each week – visiting people in their home and in the hospital, preparing sermons and Bible studies, and leading our exceptionally gifted staff – I feel your prayers and I hear your words of edification.

In Christ,
Trey



Worshiping Together

September 30, 2018

11:00 am

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Hold On

Revelation 3:7-13

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Vocal Ensemble

October First Wednesday

October 3 at 6:00 pm



Woody & Beverly Baker

will provide an update on their ministry with Wycliff Bible Translators

Menu: baked ham, sweet potatoes, field peas, pineapple salad, rolls, assorted pies, tea & water. The meal will be served family style; remember to fill up all the tables.

Cost: is \$3 for children age 12 & under, \$6 for youth & adults, a maximum of \$15 per family.

Reservation deadline is 5 pm Monday, Oct. 1.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, the Bakers' will share similar information with Women On Mission, Group 2, but anyone is welcome to attend.

You're Invited to a Baby Shower



Saturday, September 29

2:00 to 4:00 pm

Murfreesboro United
Methodist Church

Our Minister to Youth & Children, Elizabeth Villegas, and her husband, Jason, pastor of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church, are preparing for the birth of a baby girl in early November. Baby Girl Villegas will join brothers, Worth, age 4, and Phillip, 14 months.

The congregation of Murfreesboro United Methodist Church has invited us to a floating shower for the Villegas' family; it will be held in their Fellowship Hall.

The Villegas' are registered at amazon.com, and walmart.com.

In Sympathy

We offer our sympathy to the family of Burnell McKeel who passed away on Tuesday, September 25. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, October 4 at 11:00 am at Highland Memorial Gardens.

Looking Ahead



Oct. 7: World Communion Sunday

Oct. 28 am: Children's Sabbath

Oct. 28 pm: Trunk or Treat



Annual Christmas Choir Rehearsals Begin . . .

. . . the first week of October.

Sundays from 5:00 to 5:45 pm

Wednesdays from 7:00 to 7:40 pm

Adults, and students in Grades 9-12 are invited.



JOY Fellowship Lunch

October 11 at 12:00 pm

Menu: baked chicken, rice & gravy, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, & apple cobbler.

Cost: is \$5 per person. Sign up is requested by 9:00 am Tuesday, October 9.



September 23, 2018

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| Weekly Need | \$ 8,555.00 |
| Weekly Offering | \$ 7,364.67 |
| Difference | \$ (-1,190.33) |

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| YTD Needs | \$ 325,090.00 |
| YTD Offerings | \$ 314,115.05 |
| YTD Difference | \$ (-10,974.95) |

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| YTD Global Missions Offering | \$ 6,448.97 |
| YTD Hurricane Relief Offering | \$ 6,021.00 |

Thank you for your generous gifts!



Trunk or Treat 2018 Sunday, October 28

Trunk Decorators are needed. Please sign up on the second floor bulletin board, or call the church office, 332-4003.



October 2018

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| Sunday Schedule 9:45a Sunday School 11a Worship 4p Chairo 5p Youth Gr. 6-8 5p Sanctuary Choir Sunday Rehearsal 6p Youth Supper 6:30p Youth Gr. 9-12 | 1 •3pm Staff Meeting •5:45pm Girl Scout Troops 1702 & 2702 | 2 •10am WOM Groups 2 & 4 •7pm WOM Group 3 | 3 •10am Ahoskie Garden Club | 4 •1pm WOM Group 5 | 5 •9am CWJC | 6 |
| 7 20th Sunday after Pentecost  | 8 •3p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scout Troops 1702 & 2702 | 9 | 10 | 11 •12p JOY Fellowship | 12 •9a CWJC | 13 |
| 14 21st Sunday after Pentecost <i>Child Dedication: Mollie Britton</i> | 15 •3p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scouts •7p Building & Grounds | 16 •6p Missions Committee •7p Deacons' Mtg. | 17 •12p Ahoskie Woman's Club Mtg. | 18 | 19 •9a CWJC | 20 |
| 21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost | 22 •3p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scouts | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 •9a CWJC | 27 |
| 28 Children's Sabbath  | 29 •3p Staff Meeting •5:45p Girl Scouts 1702 & 2702 | 30 | 31 | Wednesday Schedule 5p Children's Music & Missions 6p Bible Study 6p Christ's Kids: Gr. 1-5 7p Sanctuary Choir 8p Vocal Ensemble | | |



1 Janet Cooke
 3 Barbara Martin
 3 Cindy Henderson
 5 Jenni Byrd
 5 Phil Sisler
 6 Sophia Sumner
 7 Lawson Marsh
 9 Thomas Leary

11 Stan Dixon
 13 Nellie Barnes
 13 Jean Dilday
 13 John Parker Jr.
 15 Rita Bula
 16 Fin Dunn
 17 Christine McKeel
 18 R.D. Matthews

19 Corbett Britton
 23 J.C. Doughtie
 23 Timothy Pierce
 26 Catherine Harrell
 27 Melanie Byrum
 30 Ronald Coburn
 31 Justin Freeman

SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Week of September 30—Oct 6

Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

Deacons on Call

Pat Byrd, 209-4301

Scott Outlaw, 287-6721

Extended Session - September 30

Babies: Kay Byrd & Sylvia Britt

Ages 1 & 2: Nancy Freeman & Gail Holloman

Ages 3-5: Lyndsay Britt & Drew Phillips

Floater: Mary Page Pierce

Ushers - September 30

Lee Byrum, J.C. Doughtie, Gloria Freeman,

Tim Frei, Duck Harrell, & Molle Frei Lamm

Balcony— Larry Freeman & Walt Pierce

Sound System - September 30

Henry Daniels

Floral Offering - September 30

JoAnn Herring

Home Delivered Meals - October 1

Joyce Leary & Noreen Hannon

Food Pantry - October 5

Sandra Pierce

Week of October 7—13

Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

Deacons on Call

James Early, 395-2163

Lee Wilson, 332-4563

Sunday School at Creekside Care

Bess Leary

Extended Session - October 7

Babies: Jenni Byrd & Betty Cooper

Ages 1 & 2: Michelle Boyd & Nancy Cobbs

Ages 3-5: Nancy Perry & Mary Page Pierce

Floater: Cheryl Slachta

Ushers - October 7

Josh Brinkley, Lanie Byrum, Gloria Freeman,

Pike Harrington, Spencer Matthews, & Chip

Rose

Balcony— Keith Rawls & Dawson Rose

Sound System - October 7

Walt Pierce

Floral Offering - October 7

Sharon Roope

Home Delivered Meals - October 8

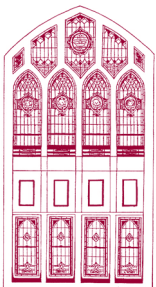
Susan & Bill Earley

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