

First Baptist Church of Fredericksburg, Texas

The Encourager

Senior Ministry Mission

To provide an environment of good Christian fellowship, caring and encouragement and be a radiating source of salt and light for church members and the community.

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 19th

**FBC SENIOR MINISTRY DAYTRIP
HEB FOUNDATION CAMP, LEAKY, TX
Tour (Free) and Lunch Out (Dutch Treat)**

**Bus Departs Church: 8:30 am Bus Returns to the Church: 3:30 pm
Please sign up at the office no later than Monday, March 18**

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Sunday, March 24th at 3:00 pm

BLACKWOOD QUARTET

Appearing at the Rockbox Theater

Contact the Rockbox Theater for Tickets

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Monday, April 2, 2019 at 11:00 am

SENIOR MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Program: Marvin Daniel

The History of First Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, TX

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Thursday, April 4th
55+ DAY OF CELEBRATION
HIGHLAND LAKES CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER
Dr. Don Newbury, Philosopher and Humorist
The Akins Family, Father and Sons
Cost: \$20/Person
Signup and Payment Deadline: Wednesday, March 27th
Church Bus Departure at 8:30 am
Estimated Return Time: 4:00 pm



LOOK WHO'S HERE!



Pastor Bubba



Theresa



Charlie, Wayne, Bill



Madeline



Circle of Prayer

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**From Sun-Maid Natural California Raisins 1 oz. Box Flap WORDS OF WISDOM
for March 2019**



The Hurt of Believing and Conveying Hearsay Information

What happens when someone tells you something negative about someone or some organization? Do you just believe it and pass it on to others or do you check it out yourself to be sure it is accurate? Do you go to the involved person to be sure the information is correct?

Hearsay information (something told to us by someone else) often tends to be negative and potentially mean. Sometimes, the information is a pure lie. It can emotionally destroy the person who is the subject of the information. The hearer already does not like the persons involved or never thought much about them. It adds to the hearer's arsenal of negativity about them.

How should we as a church body deal with hearsay?

The answer is simple: Stop it. If someone tells you something negative about someone or some organization, check it out. If it is true, ask yourself if you should tell anyone else. If you pass it on are you increasing the hurt, the damage to an unsuspecting person?

Let us stop hearsay (gossip) in its tracks; go directly to the people involved; get the truth from the source, and seek to encourage them in their walk with Jesus. The Bible says: *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.* Ephesians 4:29

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23 New International Version (NIV)

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things, there is no law.

When the Lord saves us, the natural order of things brings forth the fruit of the spirit from us. The Spirit comes upon us during salvation and we are re-born, changed. We are new in Christ.

The Second Fruit of the Spirit Is JOY

James 1:2-3

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.



Luke 15:7

7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.



Romans 15:13

13 May the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



SENIOR MINISTRY SCRIPTURE VERSE

"If you walk in My ways, keeping My statutes and commandments, as your father David walked, then I will prolong your days." 1 Kings 3:14

THE ESSENCE OF BAPTIST TEACHINGS

1	Jesus is Lord	Jesus is Head of the Church.
2	The Authority of the Bible	The Bible is uniquely from God and about God.
3	Soul Competency	Following Jesus is a personal choice.
4	Salvation by Grace through Faith Alone	Salvation is solely by God's grace and our faith, not by human effort or works.
5	The Priesthood of the Believer	Believers in Jesus have direct access to God. We read and interpret the Bible for ourselves with guidance of the Holy Spirit Who is in us.
6	Believer's Baptism (1st Baptist Ordinance)	Baptism is by immersion and is a symbol of our personal salvation, not as a requirement for salvation. Baptism is a public profession of faith in Christ.
7	The Lord's Supper (2nd Baptist Ordinance)	Believers take the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us.
8	Belief in Regenerate (Born Again) Church Membership	Being born again comes about via a genuine experience of faith in Jesus as Lord & Savior, and such people should be members in a church; yet it is voluntary to do so.
9	Congregational Church Governance	Each Baptist church governs itself via voluntary cooperation of its members. No outside organization has authority over the local church. No individual is superior to another. Pastors, ministers, and deacons are servants, not governors. Members are ultimately responsible. They delegate to staff, deacons, committees, and teams the responsibility for making certain decisions.
10	Baptist Autonomy	Each congregation is self-governing. The ultimate authority is Jesus as Lord.
11	Evangelism	The spreading of the gospel is the responsibility of all church members.
12	Missions	A major commitment is to bring the message of Jesus Christ to everyone throughout the world.
13	Ministry	Jesus is our perfect example of ministry for all people and needs: physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual.
14	Christian Education	The original and best source, the Bible, provides us with what we need to know about Jesus.
15	Applying the Gospel	Set the Example Love God and Love Others
16	Champions of Religious Freedom	Freedom to worship, as called for everyone, is foundational to the Baptist way of life.

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