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First Baptist Church January 2021 LINK

*Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19*

# LINK JANUARY - 2021

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Dear FBC family,

Happy New Year! It is a new year but some remnants of 2020 will come with it and there is nothing we can do about that. Or can we? Chuck Swindoll has a great answer to that question:

*Life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it.*

So, the question is how will you as an individual and how will we as a church family react to whatever comes our way in 2021?

I can't answer for you but I can give you a couple of suggestions. One way to make it through times is to focus on what good things are going on in your life. Too often in tough times we focus on what we don't have or in the case of this past year, what we can't do. Let's focus on what we can do in the coming year. We have far more than most countries even in the pandemic. We have greater access to food, shelter and medical care. I am guessing most of us have access to technology even if we don't know how to use it! We can connect with loved ones via Facebook, email, and phone. You could live in the mountains of Mexico or in the bush of Papua New Guinea where access is either extremely limited or nonexistent. We can shop on line and have our groceries brought out to our car, call in to our favorite restaurant and have them bring food out to us while we wait in our vehicles. Try that in the bush of Liberia or Kenya!

Do this. In the morning - every morning in 2021 - spend 15 minutes writing out and saying a pray of thanks for everything you have to be grateful for.

As a church, we can focus on others. I have been sharing some ideas with our Missions Core Team about what we need to focus on in the coming year. That includes doubling or even tripling our outreach efforts in local outreach. Jesus' command to be witnesses started locally. There are plenty of needs in our community that involve more than financial assistance. They need our time. We need to be out in community where we can better identify needs. The PFRS, the Augusta Community Caring Center, and Core Communities are three places that come to mind immediately. I have asked the Missions team to look at joining the Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Augusta Inc. so that we might have better insight into what is going on in our community, what events are coming, and what difficulties need to be addressed. We will also need online missionaries and missionaries for the homebound in the new year. More to come on these a little later.

I am excited to announce that we are going to initiate a city-wide prayer effort. The Missions Core Team will be working out the details but it is our hope to let every home in Augusta know they are being prayed for. We will iron out the details before mid-January and then we will launch out into our community to pray for the approximately 3500 residences in our city. Talk about a BHAG- big holy audacious goal!

As individuals and as a church family we have the PRIVILEGE of being called to SERVE our community in a time such as this. Let's not make light of it but be INTENTIONAL in answering our call to SERVE in 2021 and beyond.

*Pastor Rick*



12/20/20 Chloe Susan Henman



Dear First Baptist Family,  
We'd like to thank you for the wonderful Thanksgiving box of food & Dillon's gift card. What a wonderful blessing it was!  
Blessings to all,  
Jaymie, Lane, Will & Rylie

First Baptist Church,  
Wishing you a holiday season filled with hope and joy. Thank you for your commitment to a safe, secure blood supply.  
Merry Christmas,  
Lori  
American Red Cross

First Baptist Church,  
May your Christmas be joyful peaceful & bright...and filled with the love of that very first night. **MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
Your friends at the Senior Center thank you again for all your support-your van for outings and boxes for lunches.

We just wanted to take a moment and say thanks for the Thanksgiving box we received. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is much appreciated! We are living through some difficult times and when kindnesses and generosity are shown, it shows that the Spirit of the Lord is still alive and working in us.  
Thank you so much,  
Don, Shari, Eric & Matthew

## First Family News



12/3/20 Charles Wilcox, father of Paul (Jacque) Wilcox, grandfather of Bret (Andrea), Neil (Sheila), Ryan (Mandy)

12/3/20 Virginia McCrary, mother of John (JD) (Charlotte) McCrary

12/6/20 Dr. Sam Beltran, husband of Michelle Rice-Beltran

12/11/20 Mark Alley, husband of Virginia & father of Kristin (Mike) Martin

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the staff love gift this Christmas. Your kindness and support mean so much! I'm looking forward to what 2021 has in store for our ministry.  
Happy New Year and God Bless,  
Ty & Melissa

Dear Church Family,  
I am grateful for the God-appointed opportunity to serve in the office at FBC! The blessings have flowed each day as we strive to share the hope of Christ as a team. Please accept my thank you for the love gift from ya'll. I am blessed.  
Love & Joy in Christ, Cindy

From a very grateful Mother in Augusta,  
Thank you all so much! The girls were both so excited to shop. They are both so thankful as am I and our mother. Truly thank you all from the bottom of my heart!! Again thank you so much for helping the girls out like this. (this note is from a family whose two girls would not have had Christmas gifts were it not the generosity of each of you giving to our Benevolence fund)

## Our Mission at FBC

To help people:

- **Belong**-feel welcomed, valued & connected in the church community.
- **Believe**-develop a relationship with Jesus by grace through faith.
- **Become**-passionate followers of Jesus who live out our faith in every aspect of life.

## First Baptist Church Information Central

You can keep up with all things FBC through our web page and social media platforms.

Pastor Rick Neubauer

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### Youth

Pastor Mac Martin, Students



First Baptist Students AK



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### Children

Melissa Rebel, Children's Ministry

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FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

February monthly NEWSLETTER by  
January 22nd.

Thank You, Cindy

Administrative Assistant



## Women's Ministry

*When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. Romans 1:12 (NLT)*

### The January Deacons Minute

The end of the year is a time for reflection on what was accomplished and what to look forward to in the new year. That is true for us at First Baptist Church also. With God's leading much was accomplished in 2020 despite the obstacles thrown in front of us. In 2020 several long-term items were addressed and completed. The two largest visible accomplishments were the new carpets in the Sanctuary, Office area and Friendship Room, along with completion of the west parking lot and the parking lot lighting. Behind the scenes God provided all the monetary needs to accomplish these things with no debt, while growing the General Fund at the same time. Many outreach plans were canceled by social distancing rules because of the COVID-19 virus, but we were able to reach out in ways we had not planned. When it became necessary to suspend in-person worship, we updated our equipment to begin streaming our services over the internet and social media allowing us to share our services with our members and others throughout the country and world. In June we were able to restart in-person worship. We have been able to maintain our in-person worship services since restarting despite the ever-changing state of the pandemic. This fall we were able to have a few smaller than normal events for outreach. A few highlights for me are the restart of AWANAs, the Trunk or Treat event the end of October, and the children's Christmas program in early December with a cookie reception for the children and those that attended.

Let us look ahead by praying and listening for where God is leading in the year ahead. There are still several parts of the Next Generation Project to complete. The exterior doors are now equipped with electronic locks (a project started several years ago). Once a key policy is finalized the old key locks can be removed. This task is underway to improve the security of our church. We know there are people in our community using keys to the buildings who at a minimum are not active members. Most likely none of these people intend any harm to our building, but it just is not good practice in today's world to have uncontrolled building access. Another update is replacing the old Church Management Software system with one more user friendly and efficient that includes a safety process of checking our children in and out of activities. All of these improvements will guide First Baptist Church in how to reach out into the community and share Christ. I ask that we all pray and ask God to show us his direction for our church. If God lays a ministry idea on your heart please share it with a Deacon or other church leader.

I praise God as he continues to provide spiritual leadership through Rick, Mac and Melissa in each of their specific ministries. I also thank him for each of you as through you God provides for the needs of our Church and the missions, we help support.

Jim Beadle, Deacon Chair

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11

January Deaconess  
 8:30 a.m. Service Mari Beadle  
 11:00 a.m. Service Cindy Meinecke

Let your Secret Pal know you care today!

A Phone Call  
 A Card  
 An encouraging word

I  
 my  
 Secret Pal

### Augusta Community Caring Center

- All volunteers will be required to wear a mask. (we will provide gloves).
- No clients will be in the building during these hours.

Working hours: **Monday - 1:00 to 4:00**  
**Wednesday - 9:30 to 12:30**  
**Friday 9:30 12:30**



- Week of 1/11/2020 First Baptist Church Volunteers**

**Free Food**  
 (fresh apples, oranges, canned peaches, peanut butter, beef, canned chicken, orange juice, vegetable soup, tomato sauce and more!)

for low-income individuals in Butler County  
**January 16th 8:30 - 11:30 am**  
 at The Augusta Community Caring Center  
 Commodities Distribution Center  
 208 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Boxes of food will be passed out the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month

- No paper work to fill out
- No appointments need to be made

*Proof that you are from Butler County is required!*

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

FBC Share a Shawl Ministry

We have Beautiful Shawls made with Love that are prayed over & ready to share with someone who is in need of a reminder that Jesus cares for them.

Contact the Church Office at 775-5466 for more information.

## Children's Ministry Events



 FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

Melissa Rebel, Children's Ministry Coordinator

fbcakids@gmail.com

620.546.4680

- ⇒ Sunday School we will study the New Testament and Parables.
- ⇒ Kids Connect will resume during the 8:30 AND 11:00am services for preschool-5th grades.
- ⇒ Nursery is available for all services and Sunday School time.



January Schedule:  
13th....Pajama Night  
20th...Regular Club  
27th...Regular Club



# DECIDE TO RISE

## MOPS 20-21 at FBC Info.

- In-person meetings meet in the Friendship Room.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.
- 9-11am/Friendship Room
- Nursery provided
- **3 Additional Nursery Workers needed**
- **Two Monitors for Homeschool room needed (18 & older)**

New safety measures will be provided: Temperature checks for adults & children required. Masks not required but OK to wear.

Call or email the church office to volunteer!

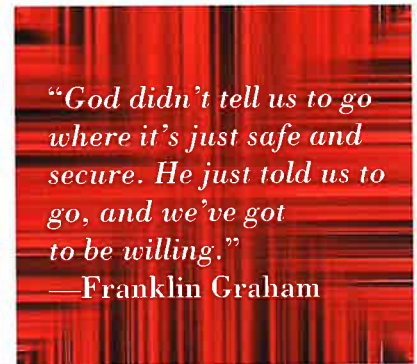


Saturday, January 9th starting at 9:00am  
Planning our First Baptist Church  
Vision for the Year 2021!

## Upcoming Events:



Will Resume Thursday  
January 7th At 7:00pm



## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

January 9th 7:30am,  
Augusta Prayer Breakfast  
In the Friendship Room



## American Red Cross

**BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO FBC**

**FEBRUARY 5TH, 2021**

**10:00am until 5:00pm in the CLC**

**Appointments can be made online!**

**[www.redcross.org/giveblood](http://www.redcross.org/giveblood)**



I am convinced and convicted!  
that we cannot afford to wait until things "return to normal" to resume ministry. We can't afford to wait for kids and families to come back to church. We have to actively, urgently, seek out new ways to meet them wherever they are and make disciples. Our mission is too important.  
The gospel is too urgent.

Melita Thomas  
Religious Products News December 2020

## Augusta Christian Counseling Center

First Baptist Church  
1501 State Street  
Augusta, KS 67010  
(316) 775-7545



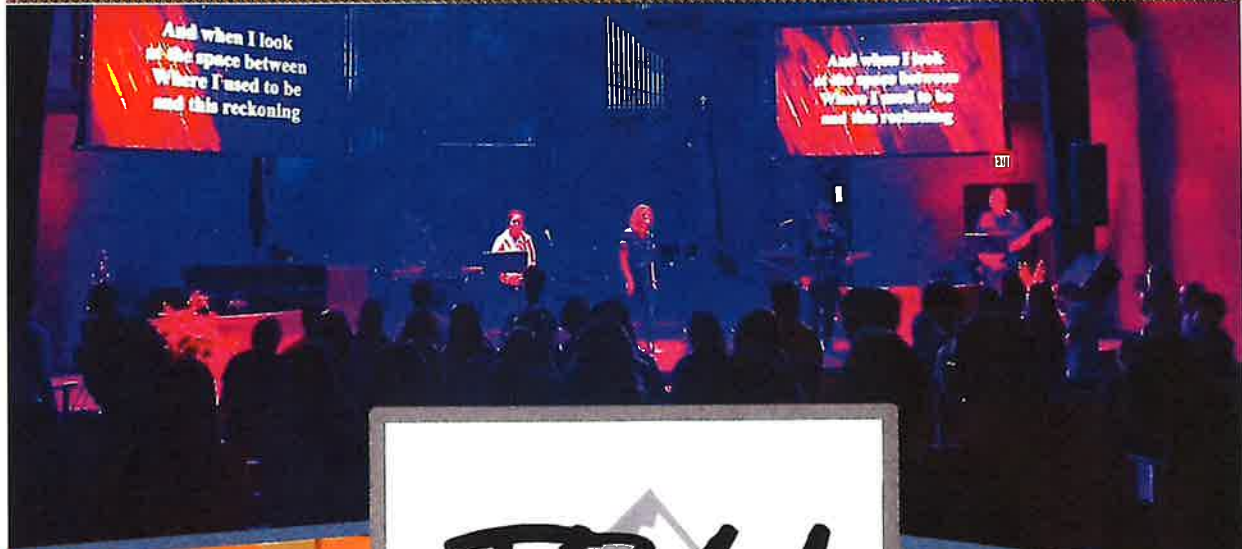
The Augusta Christian Counseling Center:

- ◆ Located in our FBC building.
- ◆ Ministry is supported by the church.
- ◆ Provides quality counseling services.
- ◆ Provides a scholarship fund for clients who cannot pay the full fee for counseling services.
- ◆ Offers a lifeline to many folks who are struggling.
- ◆ Please support by making a donation to the fund!
- ◆ Mark you check or donation "Counseling Center."

# The Well, a study for High School Students

Starts January 17th - 5-6:30pm

Joe & Kristey Williams home, 506 Stone Lake Ct., Augusta



# FBCLA YOUTH



2021 is here and that means a new year ahead of us to gather and grow! We'll be kicking off this year right with a focus on creating a habit of scripture reading. Join us for MDWK to get more details and stay connected with us on social media to follow along with our reading plan! God moved in crazy awesome ways last year but I'm hopeful that 2021 will be even more amazing! I love you, but Jesus loves you more - Mac



# FBCLA YOUTH WORSHIP

Listen with us on Spotify  
FBCLAY Worship

Follow  
Us  
On  
Social  
Media!



@FBCLAY

First  
Baptist  
Students  
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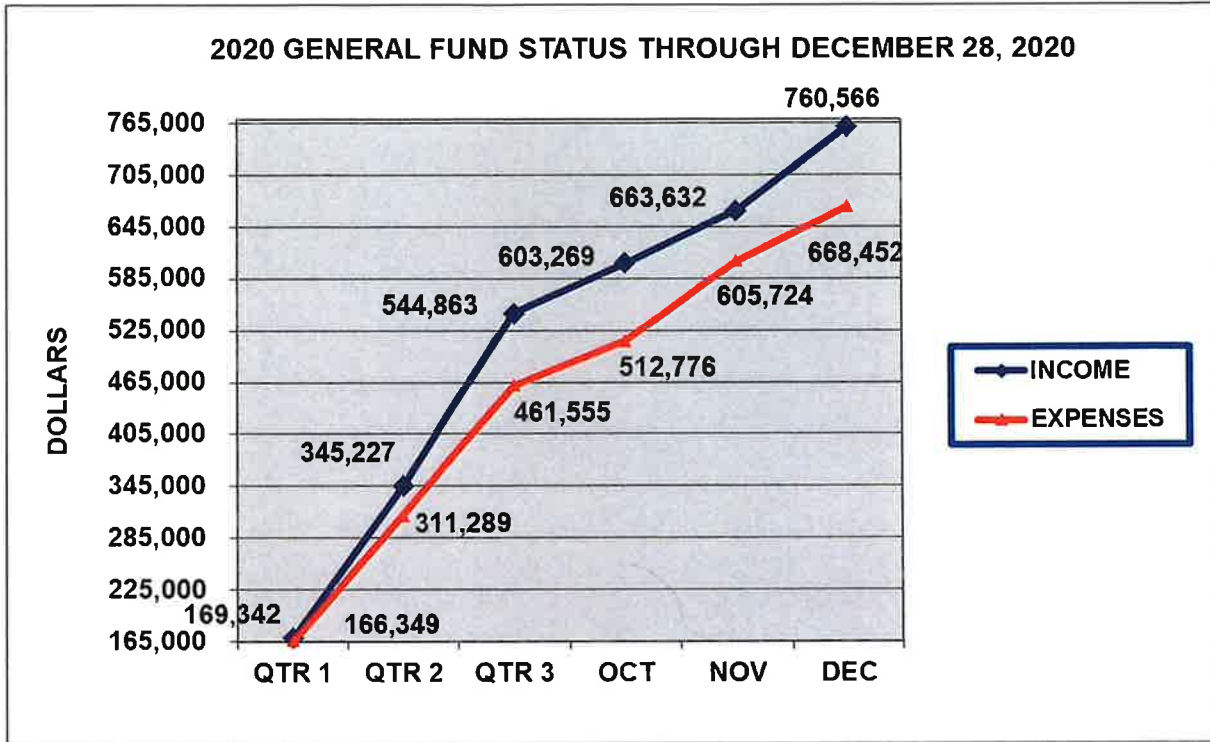
## Our Gathering Times

Wednesdays  
6:30pm-8pm

Sunday School  
9:45am-10:30am

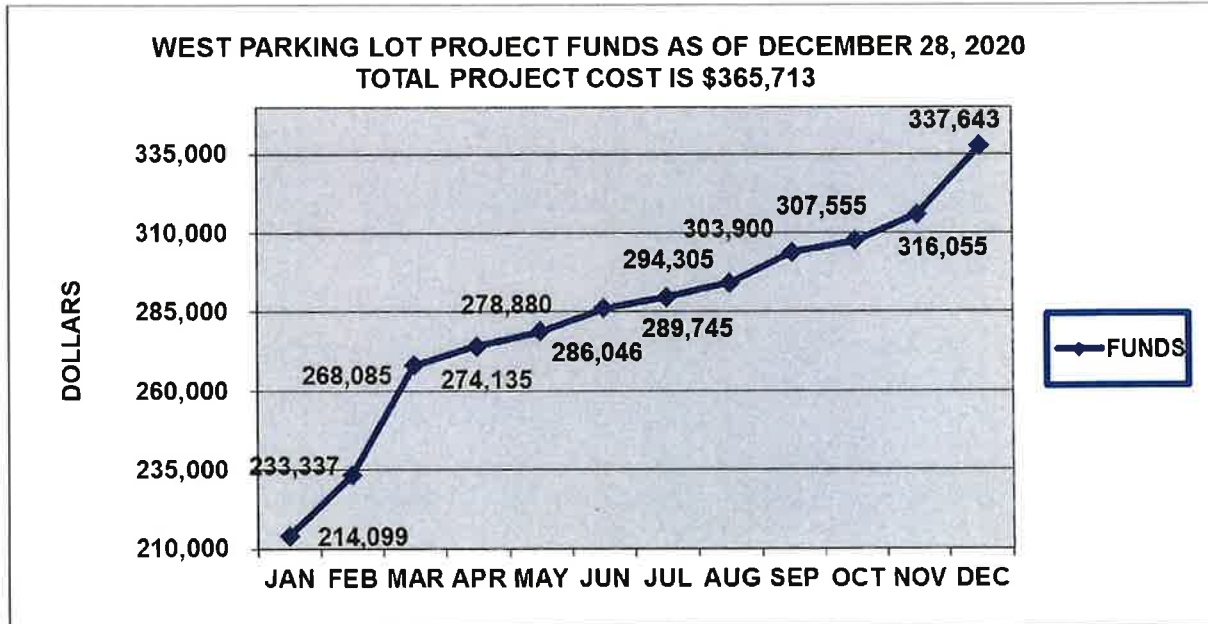
The Well Bible Study  
Sunday 5pm-6:30pm

## FINANCE SPOTLIGHT



THE CHART ABOVE SHOWS THE ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME COMPARED TO ACTUAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES FOR JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2020.

THE CHART BELOW SHOWS FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF DECEMBER 28, 2020 FOR THE WEST PARKING LOT PROJECT. THE WEST PARKING LOT FUND WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 31, 2020.





## First Baptist Church Missions

Adult Mission Trip

Community Ministry Projects

Counseling Center

Deacon's Benevolence

Missions Discretionary

Personal Growth Scholarship

Augusta Wyldelife

Central Kansas Prison

Community Caring Center

First Baptist Preschool

Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

Sunlight Children's Advocacy

Bacone College

Bethel Neighborhood Center

Murrow Indian Home

Union Rescue Mission

AWANA-Tyler O'donnell

Avant-Lee Svanda

Discovery Ministries-Leah Fuller

Ethnos360-Walter Spicer

Ethnos360-Jeremiah Markley

International Ministries-Gutierrez

Koinoneo Inc-Jennifer Hill

One Collective-Michael & Whitney Bryant

Navigators-Brandon Crouch

YWAM-Ariel Tatum

Sunday, January 10th at our 8:30 & 11:00am Services

The Markleys will share their ministry with us!



Merry Christmas Dear Friends @ FBC! Thank you so much for your faithful support of our family and the ministry in Papua New Guinea! We are so blessed to be a part of the team bringing the Good News to those who have never heard, and so blessed to be able to partner with you all in this work! You are such an encouragement to us! And THANK YOU for the use of the parsonage. What a tremendous gift to our family it has been! God Bless! Love, The Markleys



A THRIVING CHURCH FOR EVERY PEOPLE  
Ethnos360, 312 W. First St., Sanford, FL 32771-1231  
863-547-2460 (toll-free)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for partnering with us as we strive to share Christ with people groups around world. Despite the challenges of 2020, we have continued to reach people groups such as the Amdu, the Pei and the Wantakia of Papua New Guinea and the Ga'dang people of the Philippines even while staying within the pandemic guidelines.

In Him, Larry M. Brown CEO, Ethnos360



Dear Friends of PFRC,

- You stood with us through the Pandemic!
- You prayed for us as we ministered to over 237 families in 2020 with 34 mothers choosing life for their babies after seeing a sonogram at our centers.
- We are not just "Pro-Life", we are "Pro-Abundant Life"! We count it a privilege to share the Good News of Christ.
- Our Great Beginnings boutique/store will be having a Grand Opening at 103 N. Main in El Dorado soon!
- We are moving our Augusta center directly downstairs from our current location making it more accessible to our clients and those coming for the first time.
- We have been blessed to get a new sonogram machine!
- We are bustling and growing with phenomenal new staff and supporters.
- Please pray for 2021 to be a year of great wisdom and courage. Pray we will be even more fruitful as we plant the seeds of Christ in each life. We have true HOPE to offer.
- We have two ways you can make a donation. Mail your donation to P.O. Box 547, El Dorado, KS 67042 or give online by going to pregnancyandfamily.org and clicking on the donation button then following the directions.

Kimberly Fross,  
Executive Director,  
Pregnancy and Family Resource Center

*Isaiah 9:2 "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."*



# FITNESS CLASS

## SCHEDULE - Winter 2020



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30					
8:30					
9:15					
9:15	SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS
9:45		OPEN WALKING	OPEN WALKING		OPEN WALKING
4:00					
6:00					

Take advantage of having a fitness program right here in Augusta.

Classes are designed for all fitness levels from beginner to advanced.

**No sign up fees. Open to the public. Only \$1.50 per class.**

**Christian Life Center**

**First Baptist Church \* 1501 State \* Augusta \* 775-5466**

# January 2021

## First Baptist Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				31 OFFICE CLOSED 	1 OFFICE CLOSED 	2  5:00pm Volleyball w/ Pastor Mac CLC
3 Communion 8:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. Classes 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect	4 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg.	5 9:45 Open Walking	6 9:15am Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth AWANA	7 9:45 Open Walking  7:00pm Adult Choir	8 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 12:00pm Home-school in CLC 7:00pm AA-CLC	9 7:30am Augusta Prayer Breakfast Friendship Rm  9:00am Deacons Retreat 5:00pm Volleyball w/ Pastor Mac CLC
10 Markleys Both Serv. 9:30am S.S. Classes Facilities Team mtg 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 12:30pm Discipleship Mtg. 2:00pm Deacons Mtg. 4:30pm Deaconess Mtg. 4:00pm Implementation Mtg.	11 <b>Preschool Resumes</b> 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Missions Team Mtg.	12 <b>9:00am MOPS</b> 9:45 Open Walking	13 9:15 Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth AWANA	14 9:45 Open Walking 7:00pm Adult Choir	15 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise  7:00pm AA-CLC	16 <b>8:30-11:30am ACCC Food Box Distribution</b>  5:00pm Volleyball w/ Pastor Mac CLC
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