

Vision with a Mission

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations. ~ Matthew 28:19

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NYE Bonfire

It has been the tradition of First Baptist Church to have a New Year's



Eve bonfire. We decided to carry on this tradition. Unfortunately, the county would not let us have a full-fledged bonfire but we managed celebrate the event with a nice firepit. We roasted hotdogs and marshmallows. Quite a few from both churches attended including a gang of children. The evening began at 5pm and was over by around 6:30pm and was complete with some fireworks. It was a really fun event and a wonderful way to say goodbye to 2024 and welcome in 2025.

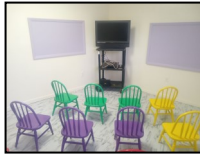
Ladies' Bible Study



The Ladies' Bible Study is going strong with an average of eight each week. We are still working through our study on Joseph, which we will be completing soon.

Our next study will be on the Book of Esther and we will use a study guide by Kelly Minter entitled, "Esther ~ Daring Faith for Such a Time as This." If you want to join in with the study and would like this book, please let Linda Burbridge know. They will cost \$20 and she will be ordering them soon.

Children's Block



The work continues to make the rooms in the children's block usable for our children's ministry. The picture here is of our multimedia room. It looks wonderful and it, along with the main Sunday school room and nursery, has been decorated with beautiful bright and cheery colors. With the new tile floors that were put down, the rooms are really welcoming to the children. We are grateful to all who have contributed to this effort, both physically and financially.

Q&A to Pastor Ian



The Church Council and Pastors of Grace met recently and, in view of Pastor John's retirement at the end of June this year, discussed the future leadership of the church.

As Pastor Ian has been co-pastoring with Pastor John for two years, it is being considered that he could continue from July 1st as the full time pastor of the church. There will be a vote on this matter by the membership at a future date.

In the meantime, to assist the members (and rest of the congregation) with this decision, there will be a Q&A session after the service on January 12th. Members of the congregation will be able to ask Pastor Ian questions regarding his view on the vision and mission of the church. Questions can relate to this, doctrine, Ian's views on church life, etc.

If you are unable to attend the meeting and you have a question you would like Pastor Ian to answer, please send it to one of the members of the Council who will ensure it is asked on the day. If you are able to attend, do think of the questions you would like answered. This is your opportunity to ask those questions about Pastor Ian's vision of the church going forward!

Pastor John will be back in the pulpit in January and February and will be continuing his series on, "Passages of a Lifetime."

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