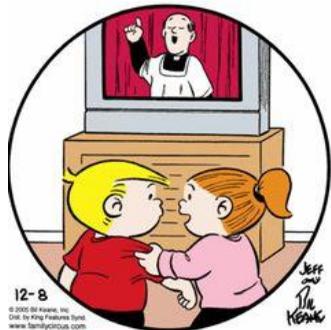


August Calendar

Sunday School: weekly, Sundays	9:30 AM
Worship: weekly, Sundays	10:30 AM
Choir Practice: weekly, Sundays	5:30 PM
Bible Study: weekly, Sundays	6:30 PM
Men's Prayer Breakfast: Tuesdays, <i>Green Door</i>	7:00 AM
Bobby Bowman Family & Lunch, 8/4	10:30 AM
Community Gospel Jam: Sr Center, 8/6	6:30 PM
Deacons' Meeting, 8/11	11:30 AM
Trustees' Meeting, 8/18	11:30 AM

August Birthdays

8/04 Mitchell Foster
8/13 Eric Keagle
8/18 John Floyd
8/22 Jennifer Davis-Keagle
8/22 Kristan Davis
8/28 Dale Fadely
8/29 Bob Miller



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

Pastor's Pen:

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Since we finished our study on the Sermon on the Mount during our Sunday main service, we are going to begin a study on encouragement. Encouragement is important, especially since our world is filled with so much negativity. Encouragement stands in stark contrast with human nature, which can make us grumble, murmur, complain and fault-find. Unfortunately, there's a lot of cynicism – even in the church. Sometimes we thanklessly take the goodness of others for granted, without stopping to comment with appreciation. Everyone today seems to want to be a critic!

But then, there is encouragement. The Apostle Paul listed encouragement as one of the gifts of grace. A person with the spiritual gift of encouragement or edification can use his gift in both public and private settings. Encouragement is useful in counseling, discipleship, mentoring, and preaching. The body of Christ is built up in faith as a result of the ministry of those with the gift of encouragement.

Encouragers cultivate. They plow and they sow seed. They prioritize—making time for the plowing and sowing and they budget for it. They let other things go, if need be, in order to nurture encouragement. For example, encouragers write notes of appreciation and affirmation. They stop in the middle of meetings and conversations to highlight good things, and they commend the commendable.

We are to live as closely to the likeness of God as possible. Even God Himself concluded each day of creation and paused to comment on the goodness of it all. Affirmation is central to God, and it should be central in our lives as well, saturating everything we do. Let us consider the positive impact that encouragement can have on our lives, our homes, our church, and this community.

In His service,
 Pastor Mark Davis

Sunday School/Jr Church/FaithWeavers

"This is for Kids – and Kids at Heart!"

This encouragement quiz is designed to teach some Biblical truths about Christian encouragement. The quiz consists of eight true/false questions. These facts about Christian encouragement make great Bible study materials by teaching the Word of God. Enjoy!

Trivia Questions

- 1) If we wait on God He will strengthen our heart. T / F
 See Psalm 27:14
- 2) God is the only one that provides comfort. T / F
 See II Thessalonians 5:11
- 3) We are to admonish each other through Psalms and the teaching of prophecies. T / F
 See Colossians 3:16
- 4) In certain situations, corrupt words can be used for edifying. T / F
 See Ephesians 4:29
- 5) Good words can remove the heaviness of the heart. T / F
 See Proverbs 12:25
- 6) A word fitly spoken is like gold. T / F
 See Proverbs 25:11
- 7) We should provoke each other unto love and good works. T / F
 See Hebrews 10:24
- 8) Judas and Silas exhorted the brethren. T / F
 See Acts 15:32

Key: #1-8: T, F, F, F, T, T, T, T

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 Return this quiz to Pastor Mark for a treat!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

General: Mark Davis; Lou Anderson; Gloria Brosius; Linda Chase; Aaron Cook; Rhonda Davis; Bertha Dean; Dale Fadely; John Floyd; DeWayne Glover; Lezlee Jones; Charity Kossin; Tanner Lewis; Carmaleta Lorenz; Michele Menke; Maci Miller; Lance Monholland; Edna Peel; Jason Pelkey David Usry; Usry Family; Gordon Willhite

Cancer Patients: Naida Carpenter; Lee Coate; Steve Cummings; Rhonda Davis; Larry Fueller; Clayalee Glover; Mary Jane Hawkins; Lou Kennedy; Jack King; Alice Papain; Ginger and John Sweeny; George Thomas

Our Senior Saints: Marlene Bailey; Naida Carpenter; Betty Ditmore, Bob Emery, Dale Fadely; Sue House; Nora Myers

Ministries & Missionaries: FBC-spiritual and numerical growth; our missionaries; lost to be saved; persecuted Christians around the world; the Nation of Israel; Pastor and family

Others: President Trump and VP Pence; world, national, state, local government leaders; law enforcement officers; emergency responders; military servicemen and servicewomen; students/teachers, school board/school administrators

Missionary: Ariel Tatum – lionofgod2003@gmail.com

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Sympathy:

Doty Family; The Hart Family; The Wallace Family



Welcome, Peggy and Donald Kunecke! Peggy, we are so blessed by you joining First Baptist Church on Sunday, July 21. The Kunecke family moved to Sedan in >>> of this year. It is with great pleasure that we welcome you, on behalf of this local body of Christ. AMEN!

Secretary's Corner In the Stillness

by [Katy Kauffman](#)

In the stillness when it's just You and me I can be candid; I can be free. To express what I'm feeling and going through. I don't have to hide anything from You

The doubts and worries slip away, my heart smiles when I start to pray. I can see Your face again and hear Your voice. I realize once more that I have a choice

I can look for the good and treasure Your work, I can help others even when I hurt, You're taking care of me every day I'm never alone, here with me You stay

In the stillness where some crave noise

I regain my strength, I regain my poise

I can stand tall on Your promises and Word

I can move forward because Your voice I've heard

So never let me get too busy not to be still

Keep me humble, mold my will, That I may follow You and serve You with all I am

That I may be useful to Your plan

You're taking care of more than just me

You have a world to love, a world to set free

From the sin and misery that capture us all

Until we believe in Your Son and answer Your call

I set my heart on You to love You forever

I want to be with Your people and serve You together

In the stillness, remind me why I'm here

As long as I'm next to Your heart, I won't fear