

# First Baptist Church



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It is back to school for our students! It may not feel like it, but the chance to learn really is a gift from God.

I was visiting with someone no longer able to attend church. Despite their hardship, they talked about all they were learning about God, and the ways God was helping them grow. After a long life, God still had more in store for them.

Most of us may not be headed back through school doors this September, but I pray that each of us continues to hear what the Spirit would like us to learn. I encourage all of us to make use of the opportunities being provided this fall for discipleship.  
With Love, Pastor Joel

## Congregational Care Backyard BBQ



**Barbecues are at 5:00 p.m.**

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages, and desserts are provided.

Please remember to bring a lawn chair, and a friend.

**Donation** to cover the costs gratefully received.

***Please*** notify the office if you will be attending.

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**September 3:** John & Debby Nelson **3454 Parkland Drive East**

### **Kick-off Sunday--September 10th, 11 a.m.**

Our church choir is back!

The Organ will be playing and inaugurating the new Oboe pipes!

Children's programs resume.

Learning for Life begins at 9:30 a.m: "The Reformation" with Mark Anderson.

BBQ following the service.

Invite someone to join you for our Kickoff Sunday - September 10th, 11 a.m.

## Learning for Life

**September 10 to November 19, 2017**

**The Reformation, taught by Dr. Mark Anderson**

In 1517, the great reformer Martin Luther produced his 95 theses, which articulated his objections to perceived corruptions in the Roman Catholic church. This year Christians around the world celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that seminal occasion that forever altered the next six centuries of church history. Join us as we examine the celebrated, intriguing life of Martin Luther, and discuss the defining moments of the Reformation, including the political and social realities that allowed Luther to succeed when so many other would-be reformers paid with their lives. Most importantly, perhaps, we will contemplate together the relevance--if any--of the Reformation to the contemporary Christian church (including First Baptist, Regina), and will ask ourselves the critical question: Is Christianity in need of another Reformation?

## Tuesday Nights Together

Tuesday Nights Together (or T.N.T.) begins on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> and occurs every Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Bring your own supper and some food to share. An adult study group begins at 6 p.m. Come out to discuss possible topics.

## **Missions**

### **First Steps - On the Road to Indigenous Reconciliation**

The Canadian Baptists of Western Canada and Canadian Baptist Ministries are partnering with First Baptist Church Regina to offer three events to help foster further education, conversation, understanding and healing.

Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> “Blanket Exercise” is an interactive teaching event that helps people understand Indigenous history in Canada.

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be various presenters and times for discussion, as we hear about themes like residential schools, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

On Saturday night is the Cheryl Bear concert, a multi-award-winning Indigenous songwriter and leader from northern BC; she will offer an evening of “Stories and Songs.” As an Indigenous Christian, Cheryl attempts to help churches understand Indigenous issues relating to faith.

There will be more details on this event to follow, such as costs and registration. One of the important issues facing Canada today has to do with Indigenous people. These issues can often be polarizing and difficult, sometimes increasingly so as we consider the role of the church regarding such issues.

Thanks for saving these dates, for putting out the word, and for planning to attend.

## **Praise in the Park**

Mark your calendars for the 4th annual Praise in the Park Christian music concert, coming Saturday, September 16. This free event will run from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Victoria Park downtown. We again have local artists and worship bands, and our headliners for the evening are The Color (<<http://thecoloronline.com/>> <http://thecoloronline.com>), with The Informants (<http://www.informantsmusic.com>) as the opening band.

All afternoon there are also the Children's Fair, a Ministry Fair, and an Artists' Fair! We are excited to be working together with World Vision in producing this concert.

Bring a blanket or lawn chair, and come for part of the day, or the whole event! For more info call Alex, 306-999-4111 or Charles, 306-530-9678.

## **Financial Report**

To the end of July we are just over half way through our fiscal year. We are in a strong financial position. Our revenues are still down slightly from this period in 2016; however our expenses continue to be even lower than budget. The decreased revenue is mostly in offerings. The decreased expenses are mostly in personnel, however there were also small decreases in property and administration. It is noteworthy that our spending on missions has increased, and this is a good thing!

Our net operating position is that we have money in the bank and no debt on our operating line of credit. This has us well positioned to plan for the future and develop the 2018 budget.

Below are some figures to the end of July.

Approved Operating Budget (prorated): \$261,000

Amount Received: \$239,000

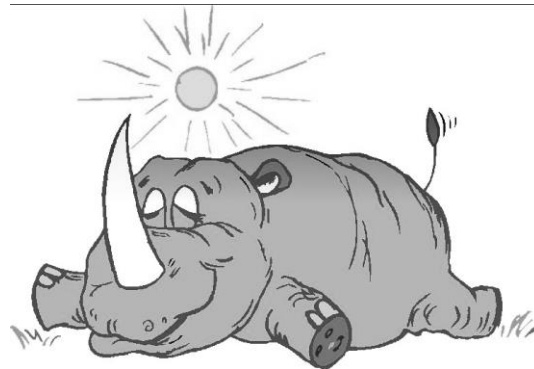
Operating Expenses: \$197,000

Restricted Reserve Balance: \$171,500

Note: The new Organ Fund is \$110,000 of the reserves.

## 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fundraiser Update

The summer has been slow for donations. With 4 months to go on the fundraiser, we are close to our initial goal of \$125,000. Let's exceed it by year-end!



### Rhino 125<sup>th</sup> Cartoon by Collin Carbno

Oh -- What a beautiful day. It is 125 F in the shade; I've been sleeping for 125 minutes; I'm 125 miles from home; there are 125 flies around my head; 125 whiskers on my chin, and I've wagged my tail 125 times. Oh why am I dreaming of 125? Heat stroke? Nope, I remember now -- FBC is 125 years old!

## **Music@First**

### **First Baptist Church Music Ministry Programme- A Notable Place to Belong!**

Music at First Baptist Church is focused upon PEOPLE rather than on PROGRAMMES.

The FBC music ministry desires to attract not only talented and experienced people, but also to encompass all who love music in either a performing or listening capacity. We understand that music speaks to each of God's people in a distinctively personal manner, so we choose a variety of music styles. The intent is that musical offerings, ranging from traditional/classical/gospel/jazz/contemporary, will serve as a medium of expression and creativity for the congregation and community.

September 3 First Karen Baptist Church Choir & Becky Findlay  
Becky Findlay will be at the piano for June 25- September 3.

### **The Sanctuary Choir**

The First Baptist Sanctuary Choir is a dedicated group of twenty singers. They enjoy harmonious fellowship, while preparing GIFTS OF MUSIC to present in the worship services during September to June, as well as in very special seasonal presentations. The Sanctuary Choir is the longest serving "small group ministry" at FBC with over 100 years of dedicated service. The choir is regularly enriched by new members who join this "caring choir community." YOU would certainly be welcome.

High School Age and Adults: Thursday nights at 7:00- 8:30 p.m.

## JuBELLation Adult Handbell Choir

JuBELLation is a 3-5 octave handbell/3 octave handchimes choir that rehearses on Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This choir endeavours to play monthly and is featured more frequently during the festive seasons of the church year. JuBELLation has an experienced and dedicated core ensemble, but is ALWAYS ready to include new ringers of high school age/adults. Interested ringers must be able to read music and be faithful participants. The first practice for JuBELLation is Tuesday, September 12 at 6 p.m.

### Calling All Singers

The First Baptist Sanctuary Choir is *recruiting* singers for 2017-2018!

Spiritual Requirements: This is considered a church ministry group, implying a strong commitment to Christ and to the service of His body, the church.

Musical Requirements: Choir members must commit themselves to learning their music well. Though the ability to read music is ideal, choir members must at least have the ability to match pitch--to follow a part. The director reserves the right to give counsel in these areas and to advise members about this.

Rehearsal Schedule: The Sanctuary Choir rehearses every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary choir loft. The Fall 2017 ministry season begins on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. A consistent commitment to the rehearsal/performance schedule of the choir is expected of all those “called” as “ministers of music” to this music ministry group.



Performance Schedule: The Sanctuary Choir sings in the regular Sunday morning worship services. The choir also prepares extended seasonal presentations appropriate to the church calendar. December 17, 7:00 p.m. is the Christmas Glory concert featuring the entire musical family of FBC, plus guest artists and Seasonal Singers.

Note: Although the choir requires committed “regulars,” additional SEASONAL SINGERS are invited to join the choir for special music ministry events.

Prayerfully consider your involvement in the Sanctuary Choir! Although there is no formal audition, the director reserves the right to interview candidates and have them “try out” for a couple of Thursday rehearsals and Sunday performances. First rehearsal will be Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary choir loft.

If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact Pastor John Nelson as follows:

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*In God's service, our abilities begin with a HUMBLE attitude of  
AVAILABILITY.*

*Will you make yourself AVAILABLE? We have a KEY place of ministry  
for you!*

## Shared Prayer Times

It is important for God's people to gather for corporate prayer. Please join us for Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. for a light breakfast, short Bible study and prayer for the needs of our church and the wider world. On Sundays, come to the east side of the sanctuary near the piano right after the service to pray for the service, family concerns, and church needs. There will also be a deacon available after the service, on the west side of the church, to pray privately with you for your personal needs.

## Achievers

### Achievers' Luncheon Group

Anticipation- Celebration- Humor- Inspiration- Enlightenment- Vibrancy- Excitement- Reconnection- Spirituality

An exciting group for those who are 55+ years of age. This group meets the fourth Thursday of the months of September-November, and January-April, at 11:55 a.m. in the church basement to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. The luncheon is catered by Chef Dean Gilchrist, who provides a tantalizing meal. The meal cost this past year was \$10.00, but this price might increase slightly for the coming year. A guest speaker is invited to each luncheon, and special music is added on occasion. The luncheon begins with a warm welcome, announcements, humor, a devotional, and prayer for the meal. This luncheon is open to both church communities and the community at large.

## Dates and Speakers

September 28	Eleanor Friesen
October 26	Carolyn Ward
November 23	David Kaiser
January 25	Dennis D. Henriksen
February 22	Joel Russell-MacLean
March 22	Jennifer Holtlander
April 26	Tim Coleman

For more information on the speakers and topics to be discussed, visit the Achievers' website:

[www.achieversregina.ca](http://www.achieversregina.ca)

### **Achievers Bible Study**

Attention all those ages 50+ (if you are younger and are free on Wednesday mornings we will not turn you away.) The Achievers' Bible Study begins on Wednesday September 13 and occurs again on Wednesday September 27. We meet in the First Baptist Church Board Room at 10:00 until 11:00 (a.m.) and are continuing to study the Book of Acts starting at chapter 16.

If you need the elevator, let me know ahead of time.

This Bible study is a time for open discussion and questions. Nothing is censored - well, within reason!!

If you need clarification please call me:

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## VOICE

Voice is a group for all women who enjoy reading, and all are welcome. On a bi-weekly Wednesday evening we meet to discuss a book, and/or other written material, which has an emphasis on spiritual growth and discipleship. This material will be chosen on September 20th, 7:15 p.m. at 77 Motherwell Crescent. Voice is also a support group with an emphasis on prayer for one another. Occasionally, Voice sponsors a Novel Study usually held on a Saturday morning together with a potluck brunch at a home of a volunteer. Novels are also chosen by the participants. More specific information will be forthcoming in the next Newsletter. Call 306-586 7015 for further information.

## Mens' Breakfast

Our first Saturday morning together will be on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30-10 a.m. at Nicky's Café. Let Pastor Joel if you plan on attending. Mark your calendars and invite someone to join you. All ages welcome.

## Library

Recently, I discovered a book in our church library: *Reaching out without Dumbing Down* by Marva Dawn. While the book is getting a little dated in terms of some of the issues, Marva Dawn has some interesting insights. She starts with a quick review of "Worship Wars" and asks the question, "Can we think along the bold lines of both/and in regard to different styles?" This is just a jumping-off point for her to look at the bigger questions of what is worship, and why do we go to church on Sunday? Dawn says, "When the congregation becomes the audience and its worship a vaudeville act, then the church itself is at risk." She then leads slowly into deeper waters saying,

Believers in Jesus are called to live in this world, while simultaneously we struggle to be not of this world; we must reject its values and stay outside its temptations and idolatries. To maintain being in but not of, the church's worship must be upside down turning the culture's perspective often on its head, and its teaching often giving an opposite set of values, all the while embracing what is good and true in society, and equipping believers to make an authentic difference in their world.

Although the book covers all kinds of issues such as technology, culture, evangelism, liturgy, music, preaching, and attracting newcomers, of primary importance, says Dawn, are worship and building community.

Collin Carbno—Church Librarian

## **Children and Youth**

Nearly 40 children are set to take part in our children's program, from the nursery through to Oasis. They are invited to go downstairs most Sundays.

### **Godly Play - ages 3 - 6**

Godly Play is a method of Christian education and spiritual direction offered by First Baptist Church for children aged 3-6.

The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language, parable, sacred story, silence, and liturgical action to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence around them and in their lives.

During the month of September, Esther Maeers will be leading the children in their worship downstairs. During this next month, the children will be reviewing the routines and rhythms of Godly Play.

### **September Stories:**

- Sept.3 Communion Sunday- the children will be upstairs
- Sept.10 Kick Off Sunday-Orientation to the Worship Centre
- Sept.17 The Good Shepherd and the Lost Sheep
- Sept.24 Creation

We are in need of leaders and shepherds! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Esther Maeers at [emaegers@yahoo.ca](mailto:emaegers@yahoo.ca)

### **Oasis - students ages 7 - 11**

Our students spend 3 to 4 weeks reading through one Bible story. Every Sunday is different: after reading from their bibles, the children explore the passage through painting, drama, quizzing games, cooking, science experiments, and any other way we dream up.

### **Youth**

It is exciting to kick off FBC Youth this September and we are looking forward to an exciting year! One of the main areas we want to look at this fall is encouraging youth to identify ways they can connect with the Church and their local community. We will use some of our events and Bible study times in September to envision what we believe, what that looks like for us, and think about ways we want to serve.

Dates:

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| September 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Kickoff BBQ                        |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup> | Bible Study - Vision for FBC Youth |
| September 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Youth Event                        |
| September 29 <sup>th</sup> | Bible Study                        |

## **A Warm Welcome to Chris Senger**

We are pleased to announce a one year contract with Chris Senger to oversee our youth ministry. Chris has been a full time teacher with jr. and sr. high teens in Saskatchewan, Kuwait, and Nigeria over the past 10 years. He also brings years of experience of ministering to teens. Before teaching, Chris worked with youth at Hillsdale Baptist and Westhill Park Baptist. He also helped create and run Urban Adventure Camps and was a Program Director and an Executive Director at Katepwa Lake Camp.

Chris enjoys spending his time with family and friends but also has an entrepreneurial spirit and likes to keep busy. He is an experienced hiker and has a passion for theology and reading going back to his days at bible college.

Chris and his wife Christie, an RN, have a son named Kaleb and are expecting another child this fall. They will balance maintaining their connection in their own Regina church while Chris attends First Regina several times each month with our teens.

Chris will be ensuring that discipleship, service, and fellowship among our teens continue on a weekly basis over the coming year in coordination with our volunteers and parents. Thank you Chris for sharing yourself and your strengths with us in the coming year. You and your family and your ministry will be in our prayers.

### **Why have we hired someone to oversee our youth ministry?**

1. God has given us an opportunity to serve our young people and their families.

There will be 24 jr. and sr. high teens in the coming year, plus others that have not yet become involved over the past few years. We will also have around 40 young people under the age of 12 continuing to take part in our children's programs.

We want to ensure that our teens are disciplined during these formative years towards baptism and a lifelong, active faith within the church. We also want to continue to provide regular times and activities where teens can build caring and prayerful relationships.

2. To better manage the staff's ministry workload.

The growth of our congregation in young people has come at the same time staff changes. There has been a significant and unsustainable increase in John and Joel's workload and other important areas have lacked greater attention.

We will continue to seek volunteers and lay leaders as much as possible in every area. Let us know if you would like to help!

3. We have the financial means.

We have run our operations without debt this entire year and can afford this position.

4. This idea was considered at a leadership retreat including deacons, the finance committee, commission chairs, and pastors in June. Our chair and treasurer then brought it to the congregation in June, inviting folks to share their concerns or questions. This one-year position will give the congregation and leadership time to continue to understand and discuss together the opportunities and needs God is placing before us ahead of any long term decisions.

## **Katepwa Lake Camp**

### **First Baptist Church Fall Retreat**

We have booked Katepwa Lake Camp from September 15-17, for an all-ages, church-wide weekend retreat. Previous weekends have included a mix of reflection sessions, free time, and gathered worship in the Qu'appelle Valley. They have been great times for



friendship, rest, and spiritual renewal. Anyone interested in attending or helping to plan this weekend, please speak with Pastor Joel as soon as possible.

## **Diaconate: Rosemary Ward**

To me, September is the beginning of the year- the most exciting month! Excitement seems to come from knowing, in part, but not completely.

This year promises to be exciting at First Baptist! With significant reductions in staff, we know that things will be different - and we need to be intentional about our decisions. FBC has had multiple pastors and support staff for decades, and in order to continue our ministry as we know it, we need more bodies. Some tasks can be done well by volunteers, others need specific qualifications and a specific commitment. We are very pleased to welcome Chris Senger to work with our youth. Chris brings a wealth of experience with teens and a passion for his faith. Traditionally at FBC, the congregation chooses only the senior or lead pastor, but we did not want to hire any permanent staff without involving the congregation in the discussion from the beginning. This led us to hire Chris on a one-year contract so that this valuable ministry would continue while our entire congregation makes a decision about long-term direction and staffing.

This fall the wider leadership team will be meeting to plan for 2018 and to set a budget. If you want to be part of the decision making, please contact one of the pastors or deacons!

## Esther Wiens interviews Pastor Joel Russell-MacLean

1. *For years we at FBC knew you as our children's pastor, but your ministry has broadened greatly since then. Now that you are our lead pastor, we would like to know more about you.*

*Tell us something about your background, particularly your childhood and your growing-up years.*

My childhood was split in two. My early years were in Toronto's suburbs, its rows of small new homes and lots of children, playgrounds, and people new to Canada.

Later we moved out into cottage country. My folks found an idyllic, scenic spot and built a home along a small river valley. I, along with my brother and sister, could fish, swim, and canoe in mild weather, then skate and toboggan in the winter. But I was pretty lonely there for a few years.

We were a close-knit family of faith and went to church to worship several times a week.

2. *I know you came to Canadian Bible College as a young man. Tell us about that experience and about the education you have received since attending CBC.*

Despite my parents' genuine faith and my years at church, I still wondered if there really was a God. I wondered how I could ever sincerely say that I loved God as Jesus demanded. I knew what it meant to love friends and families, but how could anyone love an invisible, silent being? I came to the Bible College in Regina. I



imagined there were bound to be fewer distractions in Regina than Toronto. If their God was real, this could be a chance to hear God speak.

I was particularly impacted during my first year. What I learned in the classes seemed so beautiful and profound. And in hours of silent prayer, God condescended to answer my doubts and longings and met with me. One year at Bible College changed my life. I continued my studies and graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree and then took some classes at the Seminary. More recently, as I've had time, I've been taking classes towards a Master of Divinity degree at Carey Theological College.

*3. When and by what means did you hear the call of God into pastoral ministry?*

After graduating, I knew what I cared about: encouraging people in their relationship with God and providing pastoral care. Wherever I worked, I often found myself in conversation with people around faith or care. I was also in a church without a pastor, and several of us shared all the responsibilities.

*4. How did you happen to become the children's pastor at FBC? What has been most significant to you about that ministry?*

Rev. Jennifer Holtlander was on staff at the time. She asked me to apply to fill in for her while she went on maternity leave, and I was given the chance. Mind you, Jennifer is so gifted, I couldn't really make up for her absence. I tried to tackle some tasks she didn't like, so they would be done when she came back - such as getting Godly Play and Oasis started.

Since then, we've had the church picnics, retreats, Faith and Culture events. It has all been fun. The best times for me are when I know

the children are engaged in a Bible story or prayer. Those moments are precious. God speaks to them and through them to me. I've heard insightful questions and insights from them that have amazed me.

*5. You now wear the mantle of lead pastor, a garment that is known to be sometimes light and sometimes heavy. What is your experience of this?*

Well, it has only been a year and people are being patient while I learn. I know that the past few years in our church have been confusing and hurtful. The hardest things have been seeing no perfect answer in some dilemmas and knowing good people will be affected.

*6. You have encouraged us all to cultivate the habit of Bible reading and prayer. What are your own devotional practices?*

There are a few things that mean the most to me. Setting aside time for silence and listening in prayer has continued to be important for me since my days at Bible College. Walking outside in forests or parks, I often think of God walking in Eden, or Jesus walking in Galilee, the Spirit hovering over the water. I'm never alone. Heaven is all around us.

Some evenings with my sons and my daughter, we sing and pray together, and I enjoy telling Bible stories. We list the things we are thankful for. Prayer transforms already good moments into the most special and memorable times.

I've really come to enjoy the Book of Common Prayer; I know it isn't for everyone. A close friend and I have met once a week for 8 or 9 years now to sing morning prayers together. And then Rob Sentis gave me his grandmother's 19<sup>th</sup>-century copy of the Book of Common

Prayer! So, I pray with it most mornings and read the daily scriptures assigned.

Also, a few friends and I have met every Tuesday for five years to meditate on scripture, to confess, and to pray for each other. This has also been life changing.

Dr. Barbara Mutch, who was a pastor here in the 1980s and 90s, encouraged me to take up prayers around daily activities. I've found praying for others while I'm doing routine tasks and chores is great.

*7. In your daily work, and particularly in situations that are intense and even critical, you need to be prepared to give counsel and encouragement. I know this can be draining. But do you ever experience the opposite: having entered into a pastoral situation, you come away strengthened and encouraged?*

Almost all the time! I've lost track of the number of times God's grace has come to me through the person I'm visiting. Of course, if I were to name names here, I'd be scolded by those people!

*8. When you walk about the church before Sunday worship, you habitually exude a positive energy. What fuels that energy?*

I have thought on occasion that Lead Pastors should all have to spend a few years running children's programs. When you have several busy programs with people to coordinate, rooms to organize, questions to answer, children tugging at your sleeve, and the worship service approaching on top of the programs, you have to have energy!

But my friends could tell you the greatest part of my week, without fail, is talking with people and listening to them. Sunday morning is a joy. I get to see lots of people I care about and enjoy. And what's

more, together, we get to share the experience of God speaking to us in worship.

*9. What is the most challenging for you? How can we, as your flock, support you better?*

There is no more supportive congregation than ours. Period. I mean it. We have been transitioning over the past year and that always means lots of work - but it's been work shared among many people.

Still, I am aware that I need to continue to grow in my new position. This means many things: although we have programs for the youth, for children, for seniors, I don't want to be driven by them. As pastors, we need to focus on praying together, on sharing responsibilities and inviting the congregation into a prayerful relationship, each responsible for his/her own personal walk with God. Also, I want to grow in my preaching. And finally, I want to do my part in keeping our finances in order.

*10. I know you have a lovely family. How do you balance the work of the church with the responsibilities at home?*

Not as well as I would have liked over the past few years. Heather's work keeps her busy too. She has done very well and is in demand! We have a cabin now where we retreat and we also enjoy our annual road trip. I try and watch my own moods and my children's to gauge when it is time to slow down for a bit.

*11. When you think about the coming months and years at FBC, what do you hope for? What is your dream?*

First Baptist has played an important role in our city and our denomination. There is still so much we can do. We can continue to lead the way in music, children's programs, liturgical worship,

missions and service projects, and adult teaching. We can work at embracing our increasing diversity and look for ways to be witnesses downtown and in our communities.

I think churches that can provide teaching with depth, churches that have lots of prayer resources, live out genuine love and find ways to serve others will always be havens for people in our world. We have all those pieces, so I'm excited about the coming season at First!

*12. I have noticed that you often sign your notes/letters "with love." That gives me, and I suspect many others, a warm feeling. According to I Cor. 13, love is the greatest gift of all. In closing this interview, I would just like to say to you that love begets love and has already done so.*

## **First Baptist Church Staff**

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## September Calendar at a Glance

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Wednesday 6	8 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
Friday 8	7 p.m.	Youth Event
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Learning for Life</b>
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tuesday 12	6 p.m.	JuBELLation Practice
Wednesday 13	8 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
	10 a.m.	Achievers' Bible Study
Thursday 14	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday 15	7 p.m.	Youth Event
<b>Sunday 17</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Learning for Life</b>
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tuesday 19	6 p.m.	T.N.T.
Wednesday 20	8 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
	7:15 p.m.	VOICE
Thursday 21	7 p.m.	Choir practice
Friday 22	7 p.m.	Youth Event
Saturday 23	8:30 a.m.	Mens' Breakfast
<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Learning for Life</b>
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tuesday 26	6 p.m.	T.N.T.
Wednesday 27	8 a.m.	Prayer Breakfast
	10 a.m.	Achievers' Bible Study
Thursday 28	11:55	Achievers' Lunch
	7 p.m.	Choir Practice
Friday 29	7 p.m.	Youth Event