Coats for the City



Collection Dates: Last week to donate coats!!

New or gently used heavy coats that can withstand a New York City winter. No holes, tears or stains. Zippers should work and all buttons should be present. Men's, women's and children's coats (preferred sizes are S, M, L and XL). Monetary donations can also be given to help purchase new coats.

If you would like to donate, please drop off coats in the box under the bulletin board in the church office hallway.





Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, November 8th
8:30am Worship
9:45-10:45am Bible Study for All Ages
9:30-10:50am Media Center
11:00am Worship

Sunday Evening, November 8th
4:00-4:45pm Youth/Praise Team Practice
5:00-5:30pm Children's Handbells (Grades 3-6)
5:00-5:30pm Children of Parents attending Bible Study or Prayer Time at 5:00pm will go to the Large Children's Room and will be taken to Children's Choirs at 5:30pm. (4 yr olds-6th grade)
5:00-6:30pm Adult Prayer Time (FLC)
Apologetics Bible Study (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:30pm Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area)
1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room)
6:30-7:30pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday Morning, November 11th
10:00am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, November 11th
5:15-6:00pm Churchwide Fellowship Meal
6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr.olds)
6:15-7:15pm **Mission Friends**
- Mission Friends (4 yr.-K) Preschool Hall
- Girls in Action (1st-3rd) Children's Hall
- Girls in Action (4th-6th) Children's Hall
- Royal Ambassadors (1st-6th) Lg Rm 222

6:15-7:30pm Youth Bible Study (7th –12th)
6:15-7:15pm **Business Meeting** (Sanctuary)
6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice
7:15-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice





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"For I gave you an example
that you also should do as I did to you."
John 13:15

A letter from the Pastor

Hello First Baptist,

I cannot believe that we are in the first week of November; Christmas will be here before we know it. This is a busy season for First Baptist, and I am excited about the things the Lord is doing here among our people. We have families that are joining our church body as well as other members who are stepping up to volunteer in areas of ministry. Each week I see new faces of people who are coming to worship which is always a blessing. Please speak to people you do not recognize, we are a very friendly church, and I want to make sure we extend that curtesy to everyone who shows up.

I also want to provide you with an update on how our youth activities are going. I have been meeting with the Youth Leadership Council, which is made up of 4 adult volunteers. We are planning activities and curriculum for the students through the Christmas break, as well as long term opportunities for the upcoming calendar year. I am grateful to the youth parents who have stepped up to help during this season of transition, and I know our kids appreciate it as well.

I am overwhelmed with the positive response to the Sunday evening apologetics course that we have been hosting. We are seeing lots of people turn out to learn about the art of apologetics and we have had some wonderful fellowship time each week afterwards. There are several people who have volunteered their time, money, and resources to provide refreshments each week and that is much appreciated. Looking into next year, we may try to spend some time learning how to evangelize our culture as well as look into what it means to be "Baptist".

Look forward to seeing everyone Sunday.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt



Come to Our Shoebox Packing Party

DATE: 11/18/26
TIME: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Family Life Center

samaritanspurse.org/occ

Operation Christmas Child
Ways to Donate!

- Drop off new items in the big red and green shoebox in front of the church library. Gift ideas:
  - Toys: Barbie dolls, baby dolls, stuffed animals; Hot wheels, Matchbox cars, pre-school type cars; soccer, playground, and pre-school type balls
  - School supplies, small books, coloring books
  - Toothbrushes
  - T-shirts, underwear, jewelry, bandanas
  - Anything the Lord puts on your heart!
- Give money through your offering, just designate it to "OCC", which will enable us to shop in bulk for the boxes.
- Volunteer to help during our church OCC Packing Party on November 18th in the FLC at 6:15pm.
- Pray for the children God intends to receive the Gospel through these boxes.

Thank you so much for your support!

Fruitful Hands / OCC Ladies

Serving the Week of November 8, 2026

**Nursery Workers, please include Sunday night, let's make sure we have at least 2 people per service.*

Nursery Workers ~ Debbie Harris, Jimmy Harris, Jeannie Yount, Ashley Taylor, Gabe & Ashley White, Pauline Taylor, Clara Mayo

Children's Church ~ 8:30am ~ Amanda Barnes
~ 10:30am ~ Emma Williams

Deacon of the Week ~ Jackie Tyndall

Deacon Team Members ~ Steve Burnette

Benevolence Helper ~ Tuesday, November 10 ~ Gale Fitts

Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Luke Alligood, Fred Anderson, Emerson Asby, Chandler Bradley, Jesse Davis, John Davis, Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Jimmy Harris, Carla Mitchell, Wyatt Renfrow, Levi Setzer. **We are always looking for folks interested in serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry, call Jesse Davis (946-8074) or Carol Evans (946-1724) and ask them about the specifics of the different areas available.** ***COME JOIN OUR TEAM!***

WMU Red Box

Thank you so much for helping us reach our goal of collecting 100 tubes of toothpaste for the women's prison ministry!

APOLOGETICS...

Bible study FOR ALL!

Next class: **November 8th**

- Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Sanctuary.
- Social with refreshments to follow in the FLC!



ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals...

Cost: $7.00 Adult Plate
$5.00 Child Plate

Sign up on the church office hallway bulletin board, or call/text to get on the list by Monday at 4pm.

November 11th

Chicken & Pastry
Sweet Potatoes
Crackers
Tea
Dessert