



The Proclaimer

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Like a Rock – FBC Mesa

Through all the highs and lows and ups and downs of this crazy world, the Rock that is Jesus stands firm. The Gospel is being preached here and abroad. Our missionaries faithfully carry out their duties. Sasha, in Russia, has just returned to the USA after a summer of harvest in the old Soviet Union. The Syverson's, in Mexico, continue to plant churches and have just opened a youth center. My friend, Kelly Kosky, who just lost a leg, has already been out preaching to the tribal people in South Africa. He hopes to come to the US soon to get a prosthesis.

Here at First Baptist Church of Mesa we have received 14 new members this summer and are ready to baptize 10 or more on October 10th. We had 27 women attend the Women's Retreat in August and we already have 25 men registered for Men at the Cross on October 2nd. We have new visitors almost every week, and members and regular attenders that are making a difference in the Kingdom of God.

Outreach is certainly our theme for 2010-11. We are hosting Bring-a-Friend Sunday the end of September, Judgment House in October, a Thanksgiving dinner in November, the Christmas musical, *One Special Christmas*, in December, the 2nd Annual Car & Motorcycle Show in January, a revival in February, a

mission trip in March, and the Living Lord's Supper in April.

Attitude is everything. We cannot change the recession. We cannot change Washington overnight. We cannot change the border crisis. We cannot make the Diamondbacks win. We are only able to control our attitudes.

Be careful of your thoughts, for your thoughts become your words.

Be careful of your words, for your words become your actions.

Be careful of your actions, for you actions become your habits.

Be careful of your habits, for your habits become your character.

Be careful of your character, for your character becomes your destiny.

Author Unknown

The world is looking for real hope and direction. Let's shine our lights and lead them home. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Pastor Rod

Elder News

As your Elder of Communications I thought it both beneficial and necessary that every member of First Baptist Church be familiar with some of the various documents and policies that are used in our daily operations. Please be sure and review these before the next business meeting. These will be available on the church website, in the office and lobby, and for those on the Proclaimer emailing list you will receive them by email.

In accordance with the foregoing, we are making the following documents available: Guiding Principals Manual & Bylaws of FBC of Mesa, AZ

"Doc" Gheen, Elder

The Healing Community

I have always had a passion for God's church to be healthy and functioning at optimal levels. The church is at its finest when people within it are able to share their doubt, fear, and pain with each other. When we share our lives with one another healing can start to happen. In a church, healing can happen in many ways like being the result of an instantaneous answer to prayer or a more subtle healing from a listening ear. It is my hope that everyone that attends FBC of Mesa will feel welcome and find this kind of healing community. To accomplish this goal everyone needs to be participating in some type of small group or ministry. Normally, a person is not going to grow or be healed away from God's people.

I mention all of this because people all over our society and church are hurting. Emotional pain gets to be too much for many, and such pain can be the breeding ground for developing addictions. People, who are alone and without support, look to addictive substances or processes to stop the pain. It is no surprise that many people become addicted because they have no healthy understanding of how to deal with emotional pain. Therefore, as the church of Jesus Christ, we need to be caring for the needy and turning to the Lord for help. We need to be humble enough to seek wise counsel if we are in need. Truly, the church should be a healing community where everyone is growing and getting over past hurts. I think Jesus wants to heal us in this manner and that's why over and over the Bible speaks of the

importance of unity, service, and love within the church. These are the three ingredients that characterize the life of Christ while they also contributing to healing people and growing a healthy church.

Recently, I have been reading an excellent book on addiction called *I Can't Be an Addict- I am a Christian* by Melinda Fish. I would recommend this book to anyone in our congregation because the prevalence of addiction in our world. We need to understand addition for ourselves and for others. In this book, Melinda exposes the many different types of addictions as a road to death and destruction. She discusses the addictions that we are used to hearing about like alcohol, tobacco, and drug addiction while also drawing one's attention to other more acceptable addictions. Included among these more acceptable addictions are addictions to working, caffeine, food, shopping, and other people. In our church, we need to be in relationships where we can gently confront and lead others away from such addictions.

There is so much more to say on this subject that I cannot address now, but I would like to at a later time. Perhaps I will teach a class in the future on the book mentioned above. Let me know if I can help you connect to our church or if you would be interested in our 12-Step Program that meets every other Monday night at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall. Blessings- Contact me at pastordave@fbcmesa.org.

Pastor Dave

One Special Christmas



In only a few short months, the Christmas holiday season will be upon us. Many of the department stores are already lining the holiday merchandise up on their shelves with hopes that this will be a profitable holiday

season. Some measure how good the Christmas holidays are by the gifts they receive or by the responses they get from what they've given to those they love. It's amusing to see some people getting all caught up with preparations of the season, but never give a thought to why we even celebrate Christmas in the first place. God promised us so many years ago that the Messiah would come. And when Jesus Christ, God's only Son, was born in a humble manger that night, heaven rejoiced and celebrated his coming. And the world, as it was,

changed forever. Over the years, the view of Christmas and its true meaning by the world has changed to where great efforts are made to eliminate the Christ from the celebration entirely.

As we prepare for the holiday season this year, let's not forget the real reason for the season. There are lost souls walking the streets and living in our communities, who don't know Jesus Christ and the free gift of salvation He brings.

The choir has already begun practicing for our church's Christmas musical, "One Special Christmas". The drama cast is in place, and the performance dates are on the calendar. There is a whole community out there that needs to hear the true message of Christmas. We would like to invite you to join us in putting this year's musical together. There are many areas in which we could still use your help and it's not too late to join the choir. We have music and listening CDs available to make the learning process easier. (cont.)

Our performances will be:

Friday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 18th at 4:00 PM

Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 PM

If you would like to join us, please call or e-mail the church office or just see one of us at church on Sunday morning. We'd love to have you! We have been given this opportunity to reach out to the world and bring them the Gospel message in an entertaining way. Let's begin praying now for those who will come and hear the message of God's love for us.

The Christmas planning team:

Becky Escobedo, Judy Andersen, Leila Jo Wiebe,
Steve Wiebe, Carol Schroeder

Mom's Banana Bread

2 heaping Tablespoons of shortening

1 cup sugar

2 eggs

½ cup chopped nuts

3 mashed bananas

2 cups sifted flour

¼ tsp. salt

1 tsp. baking soda

Beat eggs and then add sugar, and shortening. Add mashed bananas and mix well. Mix in flour, salt, baking soda and nuts. Pour into a greased 9 X 5 loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for one hour.

Children's Ministries

My goals for Children's Ministries is to run a program that the kids will learn more about having a relationship with Jesus, not sure how to word all my vision but I'd like to expand on the inter action with our children with our church body. To keep the kids interested so much that they love to be part of our church. I'd like to also have them serving in our communities as well making them dynamic disciples who love Jesus with all their hearts minds, souls and spirits.

Vickie Swanson

Prayer Vigil

On Friday, October 8, 2010, beginning at 6pm and ending at 6pm on Saturday, October 9, 2010, we will be having 24 hours of continuous prayer. This is in conjunction with the Youth's 29 hours of famine, however, the prayer time is for all First Baptist Church ministries and events. The prayer and famine will end with a celebration meal on Saturday at 6pm at the church.

Please sign up for a time slot that you could commit to praying during that 24 hour of prayer. You do NOT have to come to the church, but we would like 2 -3 people praying at the same time. The sign up times will be available in the church lobby this Sunday.

As we get closer to the date, I will email out and have hard copies available of a list of items to pray over and some scripture, but as always, you should also pray as the Spirit leads you.

The celebration meal will have a separate sign up sheet because we need to know how many people will be attending.

God is constantly working in our church, and each pastor, ministry, and event is covered in prayer, but this 24 hour of prayer is a church-wide appeal for everyone to pray in earnest.

I hope you will be able to commit to a time to pray, and I know if you do, it will be a blessing to you.

Prayerfully,

Tracy Millward

Kneelers Pastors' Prayer Partners

Ministry Team Leader

Adult Bible Study Begins

Our Wednesday morning Adult Bible Study is getting ready to start up again. This time of study is for any adult who has an interest in being a part of a mid-week, morning Bible study. The starting date for this study will be Wednesday, October 6th at 9:30 AM in the B building Fellowship Hall. Come and join us as we come and study God's Word together.



We Need You...

Every year God uses Judgment House to bring people into a relationship with Him. This is your opportunity to be personally involved in evangelism. We need around **150 people** to help with setup, tear down, tour guides, prayer warriors, parking lot attendants, refreshments, cast, extras, counselors, in other words if you are available **we have a place for you.** Please contact either Pastor Dave or Ginger Sickels to get involved today.

The most important thing we need is for people to be invited who need to meet God!!!

Judgment House Tour Dates

**Wednesday, October 27th,
Friday, October 29th &
Saturday, October 30th**

**Tours will be departing from
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Admission is Free
Group Reservations available
Invite a Friend**

All-Church

Baptism Sunday & Informational Meeting

*****October 10th*****

We hope you will join us on Sunday, October 10th, for an Informational Meeting and a celebration of new spiritual birth with over 10 baptisms! Our Sunday morning schedule will be slightly changed as follows:

8:30-9:30am	Traditional Worship
9:45-10:25am	Sunday School
10:30-11:00am	Info Meeting in Sanctuary
11:00am	Baptism Celebration & Contemporary Worship



Unexpected.

The Endicotts are a typical American family with busy schedules and people going in every direction. Work, school, football practice, and church, are just a few of the things that Carol, mom and scheduling coordinator for the Endicotts, plans for in order to keep the family running on all cylinders.

Carol's day planner never leaves her side and it seems like she has made plans for everything, but Carol is about to find out that even her trusty day planner can't help her when it comes to the unexpected.



Young at Heart

We are blessed to have a senior's ministry here at First Baptist Church that gives our senior members, visitors and friends an opportunity to share special interests and fellowship with one another.

A planning team has been put into place and they have already met to share some thoughts and ideas of how to connect our seniors with one another. As we look ahead, we would like to take this opportunity to invite anyone who would consider themselves Young at Heart to join us each month for a time of fellowship. The second Thursday of each month has been set aside for us to come together for a meal, enjoy some entertainment or take a field trip together.

Our first program will be on Thursday, October 14th at noon in the B building Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be potluck, so make sure you bring a dish to share that would feed 4 or more. Beverages will be provided. We will have a special time of getting acquainted with one another, so this is what we're asking you to do. Bring a special item of interest that has a particular meaning to you that would help you tell us a little about yourself. It can be a special coffee mug, or a piece of jewelry, or a picture or anything that you can think of that would help you share with us a little about yourself. In addition, we will have an old-fashioned hymn sing.

Some future programs include going out to lunch at the Old Country Buffet in November and a special Christmas Tea in December. We will make sure we have the details of each program in the bulletin so you can plan ahead. From time to time, we will plan some additional special interest events and programs that perhaps you'd like to join. We realize that some folks are on a fixed income, so we will do the very best we can to plan outings and events that are fairly inexpensive.

God has created us to have a relationship with Him and with one another. We are looking forward to coming together and sharing in the fellowship that God has richly blessed us with.

Mark your calendar:

Thursday, October 14th at noon – Potluck, Let's Get Acquainted and Hymn Sing

Thursday, November 11th at noon – Lunch at the Old Country Buffet

Thursday, December 9th at noon – Christmas Tea

If you have any questions or would like to help in this ministry, you can contact Doc and Darlene Gheen, Bob and Betty Cleary, Peggy Staples, Gene and Larie Kelley, or Carol Schroeder.

Senior Discounts

One of the advantages of being a senior citizen is the perks that many restaurants, retail stores and places of interest offer those who are in their retirement years. Here are just a few businesses that offer discounts in our area. From time to time, we will share with you special discounts and offers that are here in and around town that you can take advantage of. Ask first when you patronize any business to see what discounts they offer.

Arby's – a 10% discount for age 55+ at participating locations

Burger King – a 10% discount for age 60+ at participating locations

IHOP – a 10% discount for age 55+ at participating locations

Kohl's – offers a 15% discount for age 62+ every Wednesday (may vary from store to store)

Fry's – offers a 10% discount for age 55+ on the first Wednesday of each month – some purchases are excluded

October 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Men @ the Cross 10am GriefShare
3 4pm Christmas Rehearsal 6pm New Member's Fellowship @ Gheen's	4 6pm Puppets 6pm L-3 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm 12 Step	5 10am Sip 'n Sew 5:30 Spiritline 6:30 Elders 7pm College	6 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6pm Choir 6pm Cont PT 6pm Drama 7:30 Trad PT	7 10am & 6pm L-3 in Library 6pm Awana: Water Nite	8 24 Hr Prayer & 29 Hr Famine	9 10am GriefShare 6pm Celebration Dinner
10 8:30 Traditional 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Info Mtg 11 Baptism & Contemporary	11 6pm Puppets 6pm L-3 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm 12 Step	12 10am Sip 'n Sew 5:30 Spiritline 7pm College	13 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6pm Choir 6pm Cont PT 6pm Drama 7pm Christmas	14 10am & 6pm L-3 in Library 12pm Young @ Heart Potluck 6pm Awana: Sock Nite	15	16 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10am GriefShare
17 Youth Camp Cookout 4pm Christmas Rehearsal	18 6pm Puppets 6pm L-3 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm 12 Step	19 10am Sip 'n Sew 5:30 Spiritline 7pm College	20 9:30am Adult Bible Study 6pm Choir 6pm Cont PT 7:30pm Trad PT	21 10am & 6pm L-3 in Library 6pm Awana: Apple Nite TRANS MIN CONFERENCE	22	23 10am GriefShare 5pm Adoption Fund Raiser 50's Dinner
24	25 6pm Puppets 6pm L-3 6:30 Women's Bible Study 7pm 12 Step	26 10am Sip 'n Sew 5:30 Spiritline 7pm College	27 9:30am Adult Bible Study NO Music Rehearsals Judgement House	28 10am & 6pm L-3 in Library No Awana	29 Judgement House	30 10am GriefShare Judgement House
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Read the Bible in a Year — October, 2010

Date	Morning	Evening
1	Isaiah 22,23	Ephesians 3
2	Isaiah 24-26	Ephesians 4
3	Isaiah 27,28	Ephesians 5
4	Isaiah 29,30	Ephesians 6
5	Isaiah 31-33	Philippians 1
6	Isaiah 34-36	Philippians 2
7	Isaiah 37,38	Philippians 3
8	Isaiah 39,40	Philippians 4
9	Isaiah 41,42	Colossians 1
10	Isaiah 43,44	Colossians 2
11	Isaiah 45-47	Colossians 3
12	Isaiah 48,49	Colossians 4
13	Isaiah 50-52	1 Thessalonians 1
14	Isaiah 53-55	1 Thess. 2
15	Isaiah 56-58	1 Thess. 3

Date	Morning	Evening
16	Isaiah 59-61	1 Thess. 4
17	Isaiah 62-64	1 Thess. 5
18	Isaiah 65,66	2 Thess. 1
19	Jeremiah 1,2	2 Thess. 2
20	Jeremiah 3,4	2 Thess. 3
21	Jeremiah 5,6	1 Timothy 1
22	Jeremiah 7,8	1 Timothy 2
23	Jeremiah 9,10	Timothy 3
24	Jeremiah 11-13	1 Timothy 4
25	Jeremiah 14-16	1 Timothy 5
26	Jeremiah 17-19	1 Timothy 6
27	Jeremiah 20-22	2 Timothy 1
28	Jeremiah 23,24	2 Timothy 2
29	Jeremiah 25,26	2 Timothy 3
30	Jeremiah 27,28	2 Timothy 4
31	Jeremiah 29,30	Titus 1