

# **The Baptist Breeze**

**First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN**



## **January 2023**





### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

Deacons: Tues. Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7pm

Christian Ed: Tues. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Trustees: Tues. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

GBW Board: Tues., Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **JANUARY GREETERS:**

Parking Lot Entrance: Kathy Naphew

Carport Entrance: Bill Sanders

### **JANUARY WELCOME CENTER**

Sonya Austin

### **JANUARY FOOD COMMITTEE**

Kathy Naphew

### **TREKKERS CHURCH**

Sheila McCloskey

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

Jan. 1 – Brooke Miller

Jan. 8 – Christy Thompson

Jan. 15 –

Jan. 22 –

Jan. 29 –

### **LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY**



Lighthouse Ministry is visiting again. If you know someone in need of a visit, please contact the church office @ 574.699.6243 or

Marj McCoy: 574-336-1476  
Judy Stroud: 574-699-6831

### **MUFFIN MINISTRY**

Jan. 1: June Cotterman

Jan. 8: Katie Morgan

Jan. 15: Brooke Miller

Jan. 22: Kathy Naphew

Jan. 29:

### **DOOR USHERS**

Jan. 1: Don Ellmore

Jan. 8: Neal Rouch

Jan. 15:

Jan. 22: Mike Clark

Jan. 29: Brian Riley

### **SUMMIT MEALS**

Jan. 1:

Jan. 8: Joe & Mary Johnson

Jan. 15: Penny Yeakley

Jan. 22: June Cotterman

Jan. 29: Katie Morgan

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

November 6	\$4,989.00
November 13	\$4,036.00
November 20	\$4,249.00
November 27	\$4,976.00
	<b><u>\$18,250.00</u></b>
Jr. Church Renovations/Love Gifts	\$1,352.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$19,602.00</u></b>

### **Treasurer's Report**

November Disbursements	<b><u>\$38,428.69</u></b>
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**THE BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: [www.galvestonfbc.org](http://www.galvestonfbc.org)

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online.

### **WORSHIP TEAM:**

Thursdays @ 6pm

### **CHOIR PRACTICES:**

Thursdays @ 7pm

## **LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies' Praise The Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. There will be no Bible study the month of February. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Contact Shirley Finney

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574-699-6394

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

Email: [secretary@galvestonfbc.org](mailto:secretary@galvestonfbc.org)

**Deadline** for the *December Baptist Breeze* is **Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

### **"REMIND"**

Anyone wishing to get text updates and information from the church on your cell phones, please contact the church office. 574-699-6243

**GBW**

The Ladies will start meeting again in January 2023. Jill Jones will step in as the new president of the Galveston Baptist Women and Karen Troutman will fill the position of vice-president.



**MOB**

**MOB** breakfasts have been such a blessing! Our **Men Of Breakfast** monthly gathering is the last Saturday of each month at 8am. All men of the community and beyond are invited to join in a morning of great food and even better fellowship. Each month, a guest speaker gives his testimony to the group. God has truly blessed us with this ministry.

They will meet again on **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Please see Keith Roberts, Deacon Chairman, if you have any questions.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Quarterly Business Meeting: January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**MOB Breakfast: January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8am**

**Pacers Game/Concert Outing: Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

***Galvestonfbc.org***

The church website ([galvestonfbc.org](http://galvestonfbc.org)) has gone through some changes over the last month or so. You will notice some familiar faces under the tabs for different groups that we have here at the church. We encourage you to check out the website! Links for our weekly bulletins as well as our monthly publication, *The Baptist Breeze*, are posted on the website as well as well as youth activities. You can stay up to date on different functions the church is involved with. If you have any information you would like added to our group links, please contact the church office.





**PATHFINDERS** is our bi-weekly meeting for children in grades K-5. Each week, the children are told a story from the Bible and then participate in activities that relate to the story they just heard. Our ladies prepare a light supper for the children before each meeting.

**SUMMIT** has several activities coming up:

1/6- Pacers game and concert

2/11- Winter Jam

6/25-30, 2023- Teen Extreme Summer Camp

The SUMMIT Youth Group joined us for a wonderful Christmas Dinner & Auction on December 4<sup>th</sup>. A great time was had by all and funds were raised to send the youth to a Church Camp later this year!



# Soles to Souls

Well, as I am preparing for the 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Breeze of the new year, we will read about some end of the 2022-year news:

Austin Keisling and his new wife, Katie, came to visit on December 18<sup>th</sup> with news of their wedding and the happenings with Campus Outreach in Washington, DC.

## **CEF – Child Evangelism Fellowship**

Six County Chapter

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Peru, IN 46970-3727

Email: [cefsix.co@gmail.com](mailto:cefsix.co@gmail.com)

Janis Nye, Local Director

## **CPC**

We have 4 Christmas Party Clubs on the calendar. We are invited to share the gospel with the children at this time of year. This is made possible by our amazing CYIA youth who donate their time and talent to reach children.

Last month, we had a teacher training at East Point Bible Church for 13 missionaries. We had 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Pumpkin Party Club at Liberty Baptist in Sweetser, and 53 children attended. We are so blessed to be able to work for the Lord.

Thank you for your support!

**And how are they to hear without someone preaching?** -Romans 10:14 ESV

Please join us in prayer for:

Christmas Party Clubs that happened in December

More schools to open and more volunteers to join our team

Praise God with us for:

The 54 children who have made a decision for Christ in 2022.

The 29 volunteers who teach our Good News Clubs. We praise God for you!

Thank you for your faithful support of His mission to reach the children of the Six County area.

God Bless,

Janis Nye, Local Director

## **Joel & Jennifer - News From France**

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church of Galveston,

Is there a more powerful message than God coming near to all of us? What a salvation! What a message to share!

May the Lord grant you a precious Christmas Season and blessed New Year 2023

Christmas: 60<sup>th</sup> birthday and family in the USA for Christmas!

(It is only the second time in 26 years).

Our children wanted to celebrate Jenni's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this month with a big family gathering. The wonderful news is that Jenni was actually able to make the trip. (She is a little better health wise, although she just had the flu and some back problems). So, I am working from here this month and will be enjoying family like never before. 😊 We are ecstatic!

#### Church Christmas outreach:

Please pray for our church in France. We are currently in the best season for outreach opportunities, wrapping gifts of homemade cookies and Bibles to give to everyone in the church neighborhood, along with invitations to the church programs.

#### Bible Institute & Mission Conference:

God has called many French Christians to be missionaries to other countries. There is a growing concern for the future as French missionaries who are close to retiring are having difficulties finding replacements. At the end of October, the Bible Institute students came to our camp facilities to attend their regular classes for a week, mixed with a mission conference. Students looking for God's specific calling, interacted with missionaries presenting God's work. It was also rewarding to see many children and adults joining Bible Institute courses.

#### Interpersonal Skills Workshop:

We received very encouraging feedback from our early November workshop. That week helped them Biblically realign their inner belief and remodel their lives with new perspectives.

Coaching Training: Develop a coaching culture to maximize ministry impact.

One of our trainers remarked that it is not easy to build a plane while flying it. "If your vision does not scare you, it is that your vision and your God are too small." (Quote from Brother Andrew) 3 – navigate current changes in requirements for certification if that is even possible. 2 – make the training known in France. 1 – We just completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> coaching introduction workshop. In total, we have had almost 50 Christian leaders participate and about 10 of them are continuing towards certification. We are facing challenges.

Our vision is to greatly impact the ministry culture of the French speaking world, giving leaders powerful tools, thus laying the ground to let God work more effectively. This training has taken away the burden of always needing to say the right thing at the right time as if God's work depends on my performance. "Learning to depend on the Holy Spirit and value the resource that each child of God brings is really exciting!" (Quote from a participant)

Thank you for your partnership and Merry Christmas!

Joel (for all of us)

**Paul, Rachel, Anna & Sarah Weber**  
**– Serving in Australia**

Back in the States visiting family, our sons and parents, preparing for the holidays and relaxing with our sending church, Victory Baptist of Whiteland,

IN. Our sons will be coming to Indiana to spend Christmas with us.

We are truly thankful for the paths the Lord has led our boys on and in their continued commitment to His service. We only have a year to be home, so we'll make the most of these precious moments together with them.

Words cannot express our thankfulness for the faithful prayers and support of people like you, without which we would not be able to do what we do.

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear, our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger, and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways... the God-conscious way.

Love & Blessings,

Marcia Shaw

GBW Missions Coordinator





## **7 Scriptures to Pray for Your Pastors**

by Tonja Taylor

It is a form of love and humility to pray, especially for other people. When we pray, we are asking the LORD to get involved in specific ways in our lives and others', and He hears and answers our earnest prayers!

The LORD prompts me very often to pray for my pastor, and early this morning, He gave me specific Scriptures to pray for him.

Speaking the Word over others and ourselves always causes a positive reaction--although it may be unseen for a while--for the Word of God is always at work (Isaiah 55:10-11), accomplishing His perfect will in the earth!

The LORD has chosen to limit Himself, overall, to His actions being a response to our faith-filled prayers. What an honor and privilege and responsibility we have--to affect the course of things and people in the earth, with our words!

I'm so glad the LORD taught me to "personalize" the Scriptures, for most of the verses in the Bible can be applied to one's own life, and the lives of those we cover.

Praying for any spiritual leader in the earth is good but praying for one's own pastor(s) is even more targeted.

First, start off by thanking the LORD for your pastors. They are gifts to the church body! (I have personalized these and the following in this writing.) I Thessalonians 5:12-13 is a good place to start:

1. Thank You, Father, as You say in I Thessalonians 5:12 and 13 (AMPC), 12 we know and thank You for our pastors, who labor among us [We recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all]—our leaders who are over us in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort us. 13 And we hold them in very high and most affectionate esteem in [intelligent and sympathetic] appreciation of their work. We are at peace among ourselves.
2. To personalize the Scriptures, you can put your pastors' names there, and put it in the present tense. For instance, you can take Colossians 4:12 (AMPC) and do that: [I am] always striving for Pastor (name(s)) earnestly in my prayers, [pleading] that he/they may [as persons of ripe character and clear conviction] stand firm and mature [in spiritual growth], convinced and

fully assured in everything  
willed by God.

secrets] in the [deep and  
intimate] knowledge of You.

3. Thank You, Father, as You say in Ephesians 1:15-19 (MSG), we praise You that we 15-19 hear of the solid trust our pastors have in the Master Jesus and their outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, so we can't stop thanking You for them—every time we pray, we think of them and give thanks. But we do more than that. We ask—ask You, God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make them intelligent and discerning in knowing You personally, their eyes focused and clear, so that they can see exactly what it is You are calling them to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life You have for Your followers, and oh, the utter extravagance of Your work in those who trust You—endless energy, boundless strength!

So, we thank You that You are giving them endless energy and boundless strength in doing Your will!

4. Thank You, Father, as Ephesians 1:17 (AMPC) states, [For we always pray to] You, God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that You may grant our pastors a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and

5. Father, all of Psalm 119 is excellent, for every one of us Your people. For our pastors, we pray Psalm 119 (AMPC), especially these: verse 1: 1 Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are our pastor(s) the undefiled (the upright, truly sincere, and blameless) in the way [of the revealed will of God], who walk (order their conduct and conversation) in the law of the Lord (the whole of God's revealed will); verse 18, that You would 18 Open his/their eyes, that he/they may behold wondrous things out of Your law; verse 38: 38 that You would establish Your word and confirm Your promise to them Your servant(s), which is for those who reverently fear and devotedly worship You. Thank You, Father, that, also as verse 47 says, he/they delight himself/themselves in Your commandments, which he/they love.

6. As Romans 15:29 (KJV) says, let him/them be sure that, when he/they come(s) to us, he/they come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ.

7. As Ephesians 3:18 (AMPC) says, that he/they may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of Your love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

We ask all of these things for our pastor(s), in the glorious, victorious, all-powerful Name of Jesus Christ, the King!

Hallelujah! What an honor and privilege to come before the God of Heaven and earth and have a personal audience with Him; to be heard and answered by Him! He is such a personal, amazing, darling Father God!

The best way, in my opinion, to pray Scriptures for your pastor(s) is to pray them for yourself and your spouse and family at the same time! The Word of God is for everyone, praise Him!

After all, we are--as true Believers in what the LORD Jesus Christ did for us on the cross by shedding His blood to pay for our sins and give us eternal life, Hallelujah!--all in the same Royal Family of God!

Even if you only use the pastor(s)' name(s) when you declare these Scriptures, you will still be sowing the living, eternal, unchanging, all-

powerful Word of God into your own heart and mind and expanding and strengthening your arsenal--and your knowledge and delight in the LORD!

There are so many more I could list, but let it be a treasure hunt for you to ask the LORD to lead you to more to pray for your pastor(s), others, and yourself!

If you don't have a current pastor, pray for pastors and other spiritual leaders around the world. They need it!

Also ask the LORD where your Bible-believing church is, for you need to be part of a body, that can cover and help encourage and strengthen you, and help you otherwise in time of need. King Jesus is coming soon! Hallelujah!

Meanwhile, He world is not getting any better, and you need a covering!

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.—Hebrews 10:25, KJV

Go for it and spread the Word! Help others do the same, for it's a win-win!

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**Sunday Schedule:** Sunday School – 9am  
Sunday Worship – 10:15am  
Trekks Church – During Sermon  
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am  
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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