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# Words from the Wise

God's Wisdom from the Book of James

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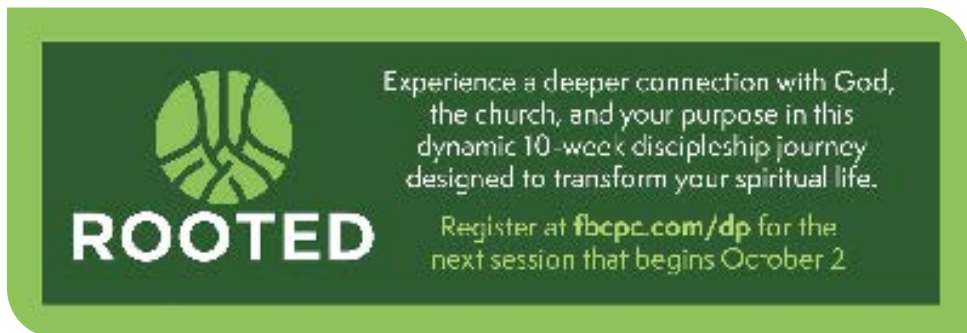


**FALL FESTIVAL** **OCTOBER 30** **5-7 PM**

Sign up now to be part of the Fall Festival trunk team.

Register at [fbcpc.com/events](http://fbcpc.com/events)

- Great Music
- Snitches
- Trunk or Treat
- Games
- Prayers



**ROOTED**

Experience a deeper connection with God, the church, and your purpose in this dynamic 10-week discipleship journey designed to transform your spiritual life.

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**Small Groups**

Each week we offer opportunities that encourage learning about the Bible, our beliefs, and the daily difference Christ makes in our lives. They're not just for knowing more, but for growing into mature followers of Christ.

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**SERVE**

Find your place to plug in! Our hope is that you discover your God-given gifts and use them to glorify God, minister in His name, and equip others for God's work.

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For more info on upcoming events, please visit: [FBCPC.com/events](http://FBCPC.com/events)

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Night to Shine  
**Volunteers Needed**  
 Be a buddy to our guests serving food, assisting in the karaoke room, greeting on the red carpet, helping with registration.  
**EVENT DATE**  
 February 7 | 6 - 9 PM  
 To be part of our volunteer team, register at [fbcpc.com/events](http://fbcpc.com/events)

**REACH**  
 COMMUNITY OUTREACH  
**Mondays | 6 PM | The Commons**  
 Childcare is available on request.  
 Contact Julie Falls ([JFalls@fbcpc.com](mailto:JFalls@fbcpc.com))



## Vitals

### IN MEMORY OF:

#### BOB CAUSEY

Buddy & Susan Raburn  
 Judy Bray

#### RAY YOUNG

David & Susan Sullivan

## Giving

### STATISTICS (09.15.2024)

Budget Rec'd: \$ 93,917.25  
 Budget Req'd: \$ 93,434.00  
 To Date Budget Rec'd: \$ 5,095,103.85  
 To Date Budget Req'd: \$ 4,765,134.00  
 Building Debt: \$ 795,145.22

### IT'S TIME

IT'S TIME RECEIPTS: \$ 6,288.00  
 Pledges: \$ 5,009,529.00  
 Receipts to Date: \$ 1,536,219.24



*Our love for God shows in many ways, including how we use the resources He has given us. You can give in the receptacles at each Worship Center entrance, on the church website ([FBCPC.com](http://FBCPC.com)), or through the church app ([FBCPC.com/Get-App](http://FBCPC.com/Get-App)).*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **is more important than** \_\_\_\_\_. vv 1-7

- A. Favoritism toward certain others cannot coexist with a genuine faith in Christ.
- B. The soul of every person is invaluable to the Lord - and they should be invaluable to us as well. When we get more interested in the outside of a person than the soul of the person; that's a sure sign of a prideful heart in us.

2. **One** \_\_\_\_\_ **separates.** vv 8-11

- A. And everyone is guilty.

We're too busy bragging about what we haven't done to realize the enormity of the sin we have done.

- B. You can never strut when you're at the foot of the cross.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **triumphs over** \_\_\_\_\_. vv 12-13

- A. How we respond to those around us determines how God will respond to us.
- B. A wonderful way to know that you are not prideful but humble is that you are willing to forgive those around you; that is, you are willing to extend to others what was extended to you. Mercy.

**How you** \_\_\_\_\_ **will determine how you are** \_\_\_\_\_.

### **One step further**

In my walk with Christ I will,

1. Daily remind myself that I desperately need the mercy of God.
2. Daily surrender my lips, longings, and living to the Lordship of Christ.
3. Surrender my soul to Christ NOW.

### **In my walk with others I will**

4. Work diligently to see each person (rich or poor, friend or enemy, like me or different than me) as a precious soul for whom Jesus died.
5. Watch my mouth and my motives.
6. Extend mercy because I desperately need mercy. I will start the process of forgiveness.

## *Our Pastor*



Dr. Brian Stowe came to First Baptist in 2013. He and his wife Bonnie have four children: Sarah, Hannah, Andrew, and Elizabeth. Pastor Brian earned his Doctorate in Ministry from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology.

# This Week

## SUNDAY 09.22

8, 9 & 10:30 AM | Small Groups  
9 & 10:30 AM | Worship Services

## MONDAY 09.23

6 PM | REACH | The Commons

## TUESDAY 09.24

8 AM | Seniors in Motion | The Commons  
6 PM | The Hill | The Landing

## WEDNESDAY 09.25

5 PM | Kids Choir | 200

6 PM

Preschool

Awana | The Commons

Student Ministry | The Landing

Griefshare | M6

6:15 PM

Core Beliefs for Daily Living | 113-114

How to Read the Bible | 109

Women's Bible Study | 111-112

Men's Ministry | Mod 2

Spiritual Disciplines | M7

Rooted | M9

Orchestra Rehearsal | Mod 1

6:30 PM

Worship Choir Rehearsal | Worship Center

## THURSDAY 09.26

8 AM | Seniors in Motion | The Commons

6:30 PM | English Bible Study | (John Foxx)

## FRIDAY 09.27

8:30 AM | Moms Ministry | 212

9 AM | Women's Bible Study | 111-112

## **MINISTERIO HISPANO**

### **LOS DOMINGOS:**

9 AM | Servicio en Español\*

11 AM | Escuela Dominical\*

### **LOS MIERCOLES:**

6:15 PM | Estudio Biblico en Español\*

\* = 105 E. Baker St. (El Aposento Alto)

## *Connect*

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*"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching." 1 Tim 5:17*

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