



# Church Newsletter

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WHAT WE ARE DOING? AND WHAT WE SHOULD DO?

IN THIS ISSUE

## WELCOME

Welcome to Volume 2 of the FBCN Newsletter or the “current new normal” editions.

Pastor Myers continues his sermon series on Sunday, January 10 titled “Wisdom for the way-Family.”

### REMINDER:

As we seek to live more wisely under the Lordship of Christ and make the most of every opportunity with the precious time he has granted to us, we will train for godliness and learn of wisdom from God for the journey-the way we are on.

The text of the sermon this week will be from the book of Proverbs, Chapter 1, verses 8-19.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,<sup>9</sup> for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck.<sup>10</sup> My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

<sup>11</sup> If they say, “Come with us, let us

lie in wait for blood; let us ambush the innocent without reason;<sup>12</sup> like Sheol let us swallow them alive, and whole, like those who go down to the pit;<sup>13</sup> we shall find all precious goods, we shall fill our houses with plunder;<sup>14</sup> throw in your lot among us; we will all have one purse” —

<sup>15</sup> my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths,<sup>16</sup> for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.<sup>17</sup> For in vain is a net spread in the sight of any bird,<sup>18</sup> but these men lie in wait for their own blood; they set an ambush for their own lives.

<sup>19</sup> Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

We invite you to Join us for a virtual prayer meeting on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

Wednesday Bible Study ([Click Here](#))

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Church Business Meeting
- Church Membership Class watch for an email from pastor with details. He encourages everyone to make time in their schedules to attend whether you are a recent or long-time member or considering joining our community.
- Saturday, January 9, 2021 we will gather at 9:00am to remove the Christmas decorations. This is an open invitation.

January 6, 2021

Happy New Year brothers and sisters in Christ and friends of First Baptist!

As we enter 2021, let me offer you some bulleted words of encouragement from 2 Peter to help you “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

First, realize that as Christians we are privileged to grow in grace. What is grace exactly? Grace in Scripture is God’s undeserved favor toward sinners. Grace is God the creator’s unearned kindness. Grace is what God has generously poured out upon us through Jesus Christ and by His Holy Spirit. We could never earn or deserve God’s grace even in a thousand lifetimes. But we are in the grace of God and we are to live under grace (Romans 6:14). As Christians, saved by God’s grace in Christ alone, all the spiritual disciplines we pursue by faith are not for God to give us grace. Rather we strive and work not *for* God’s grace but *from* God’s grace. In 2021, may we as a church grow in grace in these ways:

- That we might increasingly ask God for more knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord and that he might multiply our grace and peace (2 Peter 1:2).
- In understanding the precious and very great

promises of God (2 Peter 1:4)

- Be all the more diligent to live faithfully and confirm our calling and election (2 Peter 1: 10)
- Like Peter that we might make every effort to instill in those who will remain after we are gone, the ability to recall the truth of God and the character that pleases our Lord and Savior (2 Peter 1:15)
- Greater confidence in the Scripture’s authority, sufficiency, clarity, inerrancy (2 Peter 1:16-21; 2 Peter 3:15-17)
- Deeper discernment and a glad willingness to appropriately avoid, rebuke content with false teachers and lawless people (2 Peter 2)
- An increased knowledge of Scripture and of living in light of the Lord Jesus Christ’s return (2 Peter 3:1-7)
- An enlarged burden to preach repentance and share of the refuge God has generously provided in Christ crucified and risen (2 Peter 3:8-10)
- A grander sense of the new heaven and new earth promised to us (2 Peter 3:11-13)
- Diligence to be found in Christ and an ability to stand

firm amidst lawless people bound for destruction (2 Peter 3:14,17)

Let us pray for these things and may we do this together church family! Not on our own as islands but together as one body. Who have you not seen for a while who are concerned about? Reach out to them! Tell them they are loved and add a lot and you miss them. Invite them to grow together with us! Encourage them to remember the wise warning of Proverbs 18:1:

“Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire, he breaks out against all sound judgment” (Proverbs 18:1 ESV)

In 2021, through all your spiritual disciplines and pursuits, remember God—your gracious Lord, savior, sustainer, redeemer and king—he is the one who holds you. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen (2 Peter 3:18) You are all in my prayers and I praise God for you!

In and for Christ,

Brandon



## PRAYER LIST

- ✓ Continuing Prayers for comfort for the families that have lost loved ones this past year. Including the family of Juanita Cariaga. On her recent loss couple weeks ago and of our fellowship in particular—daughter Virginia and her daughters Rebecca and Jackie and Jackie’s son Rauol, and Wilma and Hermie Cariagal and Albert and Imelda Caraiaga as well as other family.
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for physical needs: Gloria-Lynn Fernandez, Kaiti and Haddon Myers
- ✓ Pray for our shut-ins Betty Matson, Rita McManus, Maria Hatfield, Nancy Yatabe
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Ministry Needs: Pastor Brandon Kaiti, Eva, Audrey, Patrick and Haddon Myers, Our Deacons, Continued Financial support
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for our Sister Ministries: BIEM Ministries, Orchard Church, Pastors Davis, Billow, Eddy, Vitel, Ebi and Esther Perinbaraj, Gaetano and Krista Paolino
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for Spiritual Needs: Leonard Hatfield, Carol Pelfrey’s family, Daniel Ruehlman, George Bizadellis
- ✓ Continuing Prayers for: The spread of the Gospel, Our Government, Our Nation, Our Community, Our Neighbors, Our Families, Pray for our members that have lost employment and for those who still have jobs and need to interact with others on a daily basis. Pray for those still working that God will protect. Pray for safety for those who are attending schools during the Pandemic. Lift up all our health professionals and their families who are on the front line of this pandemic. Erwin and Elizabeth Lickmann pray for successful adjustment in their recent move to a new Senior Living and memory care facility. George Sargis.

### PRAISE

Remember Mylin and her mother and brother as they continue to recover from the effects of COVID 19.

Pray for our upcoming sermon series and consider inviting friends and neighbors as we look into the book of Proverbs in our series: Wisdom for the Way

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