

Baptist Bugle

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First Baptist Church of Morris

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Pastor's Ponderings –

Did you ever have the feeling you were being watched? Well, more than likely it's because you probably were. It's not necessarily a bad thing to have people watching us. Actually, as Christians, we should want to have people watching us. It's a part of pointing people to Christ; letting them watch you live your life. In fact, quite possibly, there are more people looking at you than you realize, and they're counting on you to be faithful. They're counting on you to be at your best for Christ. They're watching to see how consistent you are in your walk with Christ and for that matter, how constant your walk with Christ is. Sure, absolutely, some are watching, looking for an opportunity to criticize, just hoping you'll mess up. It's important that we remain faithful to the Lord, and not give them such an opportunity. But there are usually other eyes upon us too. People who are looking at us, counting on us to remain faithful to Christ. Knowing we've said we live for Jesus, having made a good confession of faith, they're counting on us to remain faithful to that good confession. You cannot avoid it, it's part of living for Christ, it's part of leading for Christ.

Moses was certainly a man who was called to lead for God. He was called to lead the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. He had a lot of people watching him, and counting on him to be faithful to what God was calling him to do. Who's watching you? Who's counting on you to be faithful to what God is calling you to do, and to who God is calling you to be? I think of two people in particular who must have been watching Moses all the time; Joshua and Caleb. These two men were watching Moses from the time they were in slavery and left Egypt. They followed his leading all the way up to the time that they entered the Promised Land. Numbers 11:28 tells us that Joshua was Moses' aide from the time of his youth. Joshua was his assistant and became Moses' successor. Some things we learn from the lives of Joshua and Caleb are that many times good leadership comes from having first been under a very effective leader. A person, or persons that we pattern our lives after can affect us for the rest of our lives, for either good or bad, depending who we pattern our lives after. Finally, someone truly committed to God always provides the best model for us. Joshua and Caleb had a great role model in Moses. Moses was a great model to follow, because he taught these two young men, from the time of their youth, to follow God. Let's be clear, they didn't follow Moses because he wanted the attention. It wasn't about following Moses in order to worship him. It was about following him because he always reminded people to only worship

God. What made Moses worth following was the fact that he pointed people to God, and through how he lived his life, he demonstrated how important it was to follow God. Paul understood this as he wrote in 1 Corinthians 11:1, *“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”* It has nothing to do with following “us”, in and of itself. It has everything to do with our life demonstrating to everyone who’s watching, how important it is to follow Christ.

So who’s watching you? Who’s looking to your example of what it means to live for Jesus? Who’s counting on you to be faithful in your walk with Christ? When Joshua got to the end of his life, he challenged the children of Israel to, “hold fast to the Lord your God.” In Joshua 23:8 and in chapter 24:15 he declared, *“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”* He watched Moses live and declare the same thing. Long after Moses was gone, the life of Moses left a lasting impression on Joshua. Who is watching us? Who are we leaving a lasting impression on? When we live our life for Jesus Christ we leave an indelible mark on those who are watching. Now I ask you, is there any greater legacy for us to leave than for people to say about us, “truly, they held fast to the Lord their God.”

Will those who come behind us find us faithful, will the fire of our devotion light their way? May God give us the boldness, and the confidence in Christ to be able to say with Paul, *“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”*

Blessings to you,
Pastor Steve

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the ways you have loved and supported us over these past couple months. Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent to the funeral, but most of all, for all the ways you have loved Alberta for the last 4 years. It has been a joy to bring her to church and know that she was always loved and welcomed to heart after heart. These have been challenging years for Alberta and for us. We praise God for His faithfulness and we praise God for you all.

**We love you,
Pastor Steve and Kristi**





OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

Women of Prayer
Tuesdays at 2:00 pm



Men in Action

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm
Have begun studying "*Boundaries*"
by Dr. Henry Cloud & Dr. John Townsend
All men are invited to join us!
Please contact Stan Motter



Women's Afternoon Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm
Have begun a new study on "*Living in God's Will*"
Based on the book of Ruth
All women are invited to come
Please contact Kim Enlow at 815-931-2533



Women's Evening Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Have begun a new study on the *Book of Ephesians*

All women are invited to come
Please contact Colette Kirby at 815-942-9527



Single Moms' Group

Every other Wednesday Evening at 6:00 pm
If you are a single mom or know of one who would
enjoy meeting with others, please invite them to come with you!
Please contact Kristi Larson





Children's Church

Each Sunday - during Worship Service



Pre-K thru 3rd Grade meets during second service
in the Library classroom

Any questions, please call the church office at 815-942-0812

Boards to Meet on Tuesday, September 14

3:00 pm -Board of Diaconates

4:00 pm -Board of Christian Education

5:30 pm -Board of Trustees

“Look to the LORD
and His strength;
seek His face always.”
1 Chronicles 16:11



UNIFIED GIVING

Month

Monthly Amt. Needed

Monthly Amt. Received

September 6-19

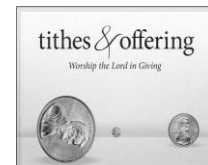
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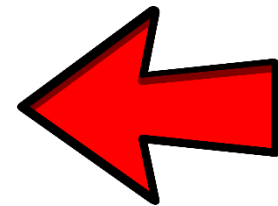
Church Mortgage is Paid in Full!

Thank you for your generous and faithful giving!!!



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15 – 10:15am



Teachers are - Pre-K Chris Phillips
1st thru 5th Grade..... Steve & Denise Rylander
Jr. High/ High School..... Kristi Larson
Young Adult..... Rick Enlow
Adult..... Jeff & Claudette Swiggett

OUR YOUTH OUTREACH



Awana Club
First Baptist Church
Ages 4 yrs. to 8th grade

We are very excited to have an Awana Club here **at First Baptist Church!** Awana Club is held the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at **4:00 – 5:15pm** You may register by calling the church office @ 815-942-0812 Registration is required

Awana Club mtgs. this month...

October 3
at church

October 17
at church

Questions –
call Cheryl Johnson or Kristi Larson

We meet outside if weather permits.

We allow parents to choose if you would like your child to wear a mask.

We are looking forward to seeing you!



Youth Group
Ages 5th – 12th Grade

Sunday, October 10
At the church
5-7 pm

Saturday, October 23
11 am – 1 pm
Drive-Thru Pork Chop Dinner
Fund Raiser
At the church
Together with
Men of Action

Sunday,
October 24
Pumpkin
Carving
4 – 6 pm

Questions -
Call Leslie Meloun



GOD'S TOP TEN

1. Put God First
2. Worship Him Only
3. No Bad Words
4. Work 6, Rest 1
5. Obey Your Parents
6. Harm No One
7. Don't Cheat
8. If It's Not Yours, Don't Take It
9. Tell the Truth
10. Don't Be Jealous of Other People's Stuff

**We
were made
for
WORSHIP!**



PLEASE JOIN US.....

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 8:00am
(masks are required for this service)
Offering plate will be available
Practice social distancing (if not family)

Sunday Morning Worship Service - 10:30 am

Offering plate will be available

Sunday Morning Children's Church (preK-3 grade) during this Worship Service

***Would you be willing to occasionally help in the Nursery during the
10:30am Worship Service Message?
If you're interested, please let the church office know.**



Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 am

Meeting in the Sanctuary.
This class is taught by Jeff and Claudette Swiggett.
Looking forward to seeing you!



Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday Mornings from 9:15-10:15 am

This class is specifically for young adults, and is being taught by Rick Enlow. The class offers "questions and discussions" based on Bible scripture and world events, allowing students a vocal platform. Sound interesting? Come check it out!



Shhhhhhhhhhhh it's a secret!!

SURPRISE "70th" BIRTHDAY PARTY
Nancy Krug
Sunday, October 24
1-3 pm

At the church.....Hope you can come and celebrate with Nancy!

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

October Birthdays

1 Lauren Emmons, Haley Ripplinger
3 Kim Marx
5 Tracey Steffes
6 Claudette Swiggett, Chris Phillips
8 Debbie Ritke
10 Peyton Chapman
11 Bob Udstuen, Ashlyn Punke, Dorothy Fannin
12 Rylie Linn
15 Gayle Conrod
17 Grace Alford, Rita Briley
18 Amanda Carlson
20 Jeff Carlson
21 Tim Applegate, Nancy Krug
23 Shirley Myre, Kaylee Cromer
24 Greg Kuntz
26 Shirley Love
30 Diane Alford, Jackson Shannon, Pat Hunter, Nikki Shannon

October Anniversaries

12 Bob and Cindy West, Patrick and Monica Zavala
18 Drew and Kayla Hamilton



Live Nativity
Friday – Dec. 10
Saturday – Dec. 11
5-8 pm

Live Nativity Meeting
Thursday, October 7, 2021
7:00pm

We will have our first meeting for this year's "Live Nativity". All who are interested, please attend.
Any questions, please contact Stan Motter.

Looking for Coordinators

We are looking for someone who would be interested in coordinating either of these 2 ministries –

- SOWL Food
- Adopt-a-Highway

If you feel you might be interested and want to hear more about it, please contact the office.

Drive-thru Pork Chop Dinner



Youth Fundraiser
Saturday, October 23
11 am – 1 pm

This event is sponsored by the Men of Action and Youth Group of First Baptist Church of Morris. This event will be a drive-thru pork chop meal. **Online/Pre-orders are strongly encouraged.** We will have limited amount sold at the door. This dinner will be catered by ***5 B's Catering.***

Pork Chop Dinner \$13

Includes – 2 center-cut pork chops (grilled)

Applesauce

Baked beans

Cole slaw

Any questions, please contact the church office at 815-942-0812.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP TEAM

Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing?

Would you like to assist in worship sometimes?

Please call Kristi at 815-370-2395



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

(Restrictions apply)

November 6, 2021

11:30 am - 1:15 pm

We are able to volunteer again at the
"Feed My Starving Children" facility in Aurora.

Check with Jen or the church office for further information.

This is the 7th year we will have gone, and it is
an amazing day of packing meals to
feed children around the world!

Any questions, contact Jen Goebel

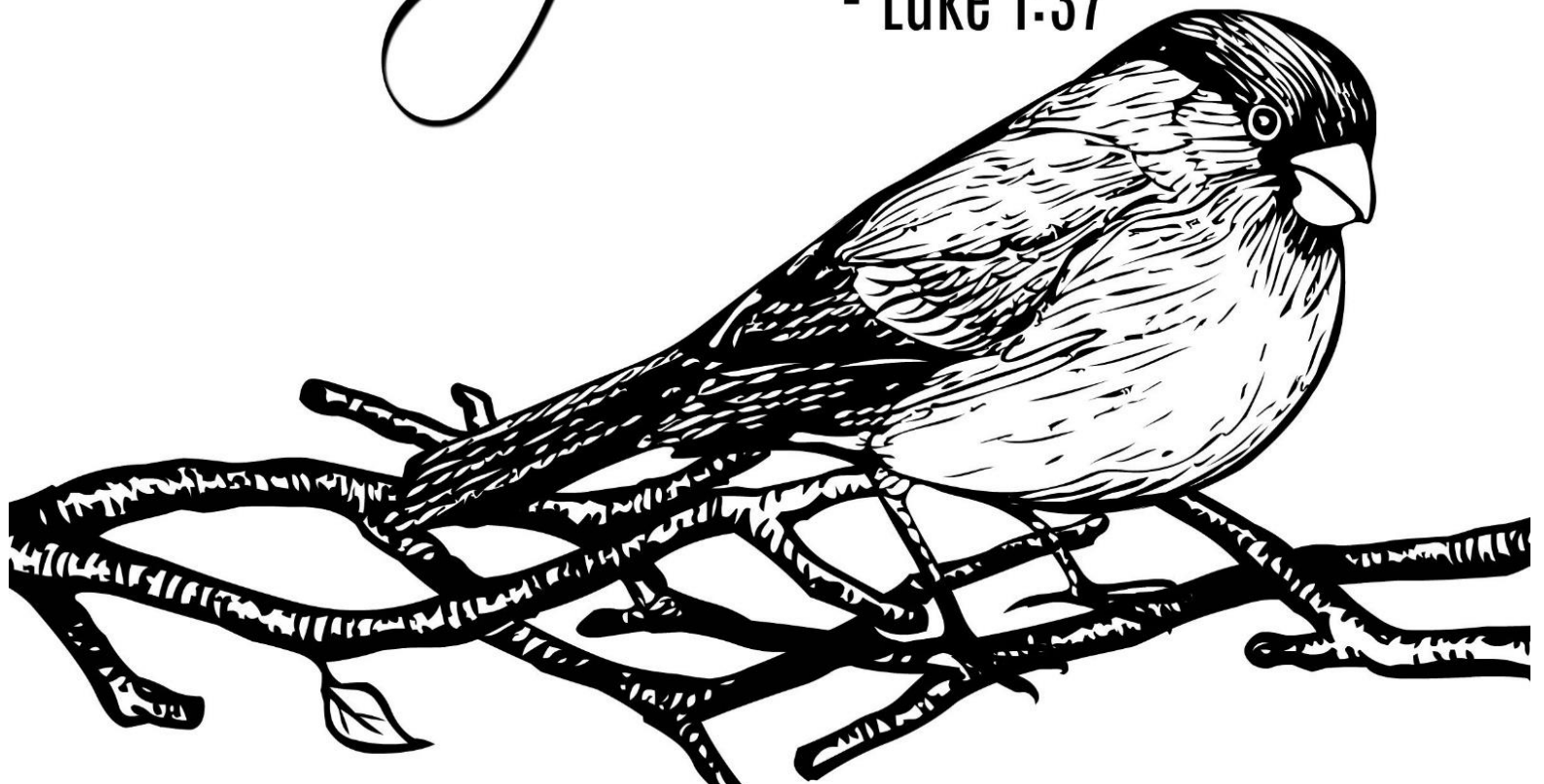
WORLD MISSION OFFERING
"We've been surprised by God's glory"
October 17, 24 and 31



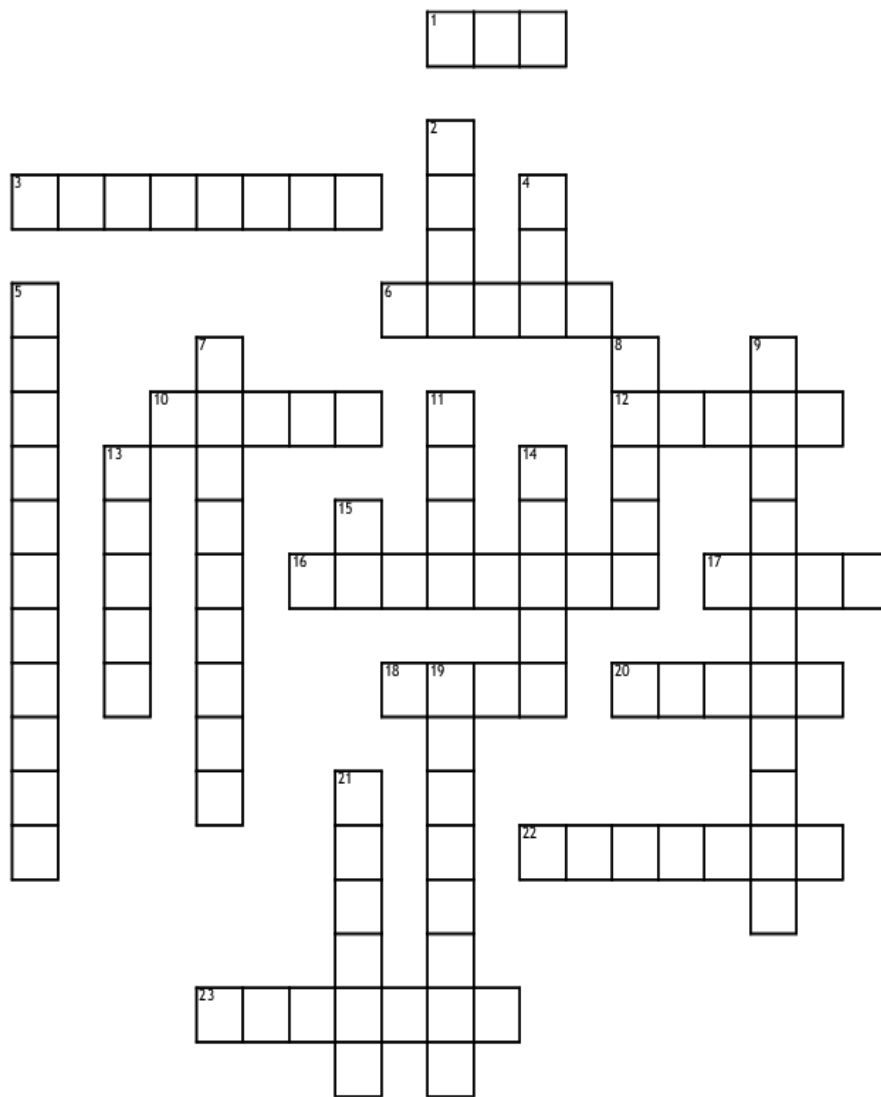
For with

God Nothing
Shall Be
Impossible

- Luke 1:37



David Chosen and Goliath



Across

- 1. Samuel used anointing _____ to show who would become the next king
- 3. David looked good, healthy, and _____
- 6. What weapon did David use?
- 10. Saul put his armor on David, helmet and sword-but they were too _____.
- 12. How many sons did Jesse have?
- 16. God chose David, Jesse's _____ son to replace Saul as King.
- 17. how many stones did David take?
- 18. What did David use to help Saul feel better?
- 20. How many days did Goliath shout?
- 22. When Goliath saw David coming to fight him what did he do?
- 23. Who was the giant Philistine man that stood and shouted to Israel, "Send someone out to fight me?"

Down

- 2. Whom did God reject as king of Israel because he sinned?
- 4. What did the Philistine army do after David killed Goliath?
- 5. When David heard Goliath shouting, he _____ to fight him.
- 7. Where did Jesse and his sons live?
- 8. What part of us does the Lord look at when choosing us for a job?
- 9. What nation was fighting against the Israelites?
- 11. David told Saul he had killed a _____ & a bear to rescue his sheep.
- 13. Father of the next king
- 14. What was David tending, when Samuel wanted to anoint him?
- 15. Did Saul quit being king immediately?
- 19. David said "you come against me with sword..., but I come against you in the name of the Lord _____.
- 21. Saul and the other Israelites were _____ to go fight Goliath.

