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Mission Statement:
Sunday School is FBC's primary Great Commission strategy for reaching, teaching, andministering to the people of Winnsboro.

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Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20 (CSB)

A Note from Pastor Tom

Evangelism and the Necessity of Verbalizing the Gospel

There's an old saying: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." While the intent of this statement is no doubt to call us to live a life that is shaped by the Gospel, it is a misleading statement at best, if not a false statement at worse. Romans 10:14-15 make it quite clear, the Gospel message must be verbalized so that people will be saved: "14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!'"

It is imperative and absolutely necessary that we share the Gospel verbally with others. Without the verbal proclamation of the Gospel, people will not know what the Gospel is.

<u>And here are the five things that must be included as we share the Gospel:</u>
1) God - God is the Creator who designed us to be like Him. (Gen 1:26-28). We are to be holy as He is holy. (Psa 99:9; 1 Pet 1:15-16)
2) Sin - But we are not holy like God. We all sin. That is, we all rebel against God and His rule and reign in our lives. We are sinners by nature (Psa 51:1) and in practice (Rom 3:23).
3) Death (Destruction) - Because of this we all deserve death, both physical and spiritual (Rom 6:23; Matt 10:28). Spiritual death is the eternal destruction of the individual in Hell.
4) Gospel (Christ) - The good news (Gospel) is that Christ lived a sinless life and died a sacrificial death in our place so that we would be saved from eternal destruction in Hell and saved to eternal life with God ruling and reigning in our life. (Rom 6:23; John 11:25-26; 1 Cor 15:1-5; Isa 52:7)
5) Response - The way we take hold of this gift of salvation is by repenting of our sin and turning to Christ as our Lord and Savior by putting our faith in Him alone. (Mark 1:15; Rom 10:9-10; Eph 2:8-10)

As you finish reading this, you must consider:
1) Have I rightly understood the Gospel?
2) Have I repented of my sin and placed my faith in Christ alone as my Savior and Lord?
3) Am I sharing this same message and calling for this same rsponse form others?

Pastor Tom



Weekly Announcements

PRAY

Let's Pray! Join us for a time of corporate prayer for our church body. Sunday mornings, 8:00 am, in the GMRC.
Let's fill up the room with prayers to the Lord!





Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are out and available to be packed.
Our collection date is November 22.
FBC packed 223 boxes in 2005.
Let's pack 250 this year!

Give Thanks in Everything at all Times

American's set aside on day in November to give thanks. However, the apostle Paul encouraged us to be "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:20). For Christians, thanksgiving is not seasonal. The Word of God is filled with consel to give thanks to God all the time Here are just a few examples:

Give Thanks all day

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High, to declare Your lovingkindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night." (Psalm 92:1-2

Give thanks at nighttime

"At midnight, I will rise to give thanks to You, because of Your righteous judgments" (Psalm 119:62).

Give thanks for what God provides

"Since everything God created is good, we should not reject any of it but receive it with thanks" (1 Timothy 4:4, NLT).

Give thanks in God's presence

"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psalm 100).

Give thanks to God in prayer

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" (Colossians 4:2)

Give thanks in everything you do

"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17)

The concept of giving thanks expanded from the Old Testament to the New. In the Old Testament, Go's people typically thanked Him "for" things—His works, attributes, and blessings (Psalm 107:8-9). While that practive continued in the New Testament, it expanded in giving thanks "in" all circumstances. Why no do both today? Give thanks to God for His blessings, and give thanks to him in whatever conditions you are experiencing. Fill these days with gratitude to God.

A Weekly REACH, TEACH & MINISTER schedule

9:00–9:10
Fellowship & Announcements

9:10–9:20
"REACH" Spotlight

9:20–10:00
"TEACH" People God's Word

10:00–10:15
"MINISTER" in Care Groups/ Prayer Time



November Birthdays

2 - Mike Barnhouse
3 - Deborah Green, Maria Clemmons, Yvonne Lawrence, Tom Wilson
4 - Graham Davis
7 - Ariel Lopez, Bill Nowell

