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*Mission Statement:
Sunday School is FBC's primary
Great Commission strategy for
reaching, teaching, and ministering
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)



It's back-to-school time, when parents either breathe a sigh of relief or reach for the tissue box. Likewise children will either be bursting with excitement to catch up with their buddies, or there may be tears and tummy aches as they nervously wait to see if they can make new friends.

In fact, going back to school is the perfect time to teach your children something new. Given that children will spend half of their days this year at school (which is half of the year), it's a good time to talk to them about behaviour and heart attitude. Because the Bible tells us it's parents, not school teachers, who have the ultimate responsibility, and privilege, to educate their children about God and what it means to live as a follower of Jesus.

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 says "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." As Christians, we know the importance of spending time in God's Word each day. However it's equally important to share God's Word with our children every day.

As well as sharing the wisdom of the Bible, you may want to discuss with them how to be a good Christian witness to their friends at school. You could talk about being kind and caring in the classroom and playground, how to serve others by sharing pencils, rubbers and rulers, how to overcome anxieties and fears by praying to God, and how to show respect to, and obey their teachers.

After school, I found it helpful to ask them what was the highlight of their day, and the least favourite part of their day. This leads to more opportunities to teach them about behaviour, schoolwork, and being a friend, all within the context of God's word. It's also a good time to encourage them to find solutions for their least favourite part of school.

While as parents we do our part in training them up in the Lord (Prov. 22:6), when they are at school we need to trust them to the Lord and His care. When we do that, we'll experience the joy and peace of knowing that God loves our children more than we do.

"Start children off the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." – Proverbs 22:6

A Note from Pastor Tom

*David Henry
Minister of Education / Youth*

This week our focus is on **A Regular Practice of Generous Giving** to be a healthy church.

Healthy = Faithful + Fruitful

Probably the phrase I hear most when it comes to giving in a church is the phrase, "God loves a cheerful giver." This comes from the last part of 2 Cor 9:7 and is actually a statement of the reason behind Paul's philosophy of financial giving. The entire verse is "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Paul's philosophy is that each person (or household) gives according to what he has decided in his heart not because someone told him that he must give a particular amount. That is, while giving is a duty, it is not to be a burden. And what God loves is not merely fulfilling a duty but doing it with a happy heart.

As a church, our giving should reflect our joy for God's provision in our lives, including His financial provision. We are to be wise stewards of our finances, managing them as God intends so that the kingdom of God can advance and the mission of the Great Commission can be accomplished. Ultimately, this means each one of us (and each married couple together) must examine our own hearts to ensure we are giving as God would want us: cheerfully (2 Cor 9:7; Exod 25:2; Deut 15:11) and generously (Psa 37:21; 2 Cor 8:20; 1 Tim 6:18).

I am grateful I have already seen this church's financial generosity at work through such things as our weekly benevolence and our annual auction for the children and youth. I want us to continue with such generosity both in our giving for special occasions and in our regular weekly offerings. Everything we have, God has given us; it all belongs to Him (Job 41:11; Psa 89:11; Jam 1:17). Therefore, let us be generous in how we steward it for God so that God will be known and glorified by more and more people (1 Pet 4:10-11).

Eight areas of Focus for Being a Healthy Church

1. An Enduring Esteem for Jesus Christ
2. A Discernable Spirit of Repentance and Reconciliation
3. A Relentless Devotion to the Word of God
4. A Joyful Interest in Theology and Doctrine
5. A Persistent Practice of Prayer
6. An Evident Love for God and Neighbor
7. A Regular Practice of Generous Giving
8. An Active Proclamation of the Gospel

Weekly Announcements

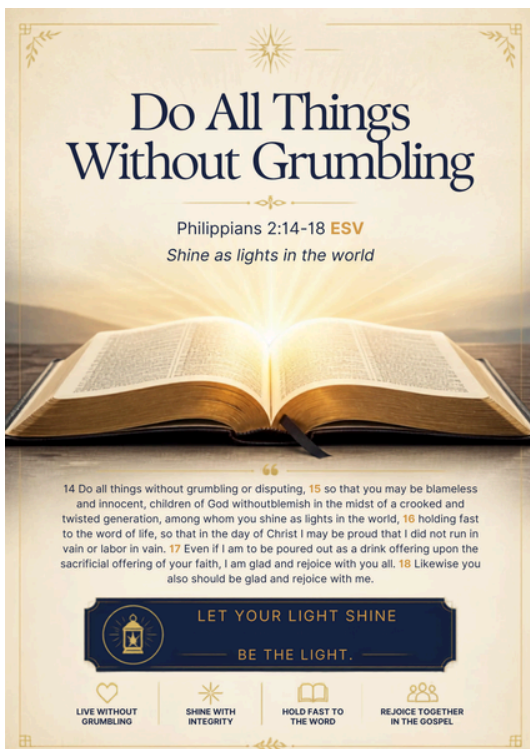


August

- 11 - Patricia Price
- 12 - Faith Jongsma
- 13 - David Busby
- 15 - Sue Hamm
- 16 - Jimmy Hamm, Clint Harris



In our prayer garden located on the west side of the sanctuary, commemorative bricks are available for purchase in memory/honor of family/friends to your family or the FBC family. Please contact the church office or David Baskin 817-247-5038 for additional details.



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*

*Prayer
Changes
things*

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!

**LET'S PRAY
TOGETHER
FOR OUR SCHOOLS!**



Winnsboro
Independent School District



TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH



3 PM ... STARTING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

WE'LL BREAK INTO GROUPS AND PRAY OVER CLASSROOMS AT ALL 4 CAMPUSES BECAUSE PRAYER MATTERS.



LIFE DEVELOPMENT

Mark your calendars!

Fall is quickly approaching and a new set of Life Development classes will begin soon

(Wednesday, August 12)

Details in this week's bulletin!