

SONDAY INFORMER

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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.

Go, therefore, and *make disciples* of^l 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)*

How's Your Heart?

"How's your heart?" This is the question he asked me almost every time we talked, which was often. But I will not hear these words from him anymore in this life.

Recently after a multi-year battle with cancer, Ron- my friend and former coworker - went to be with Jesus. I miss him, and selfishly, I need to hear his loving question: "Boyd, how is your heart?"

To me, Ron was a spiritual doctor who cared about my heart's condition. He knew the quality of my life depended on the health of my heart. He reminded me of my need for the Great Physician.

Today's key verse says everything flows from your heart - your hopes, your dreams, your fears, your anxieties, your anger, your forgiveness, your humility, your peace, your greed, your generosity, and your love. Yes, everything that makes you who you are is in your heart. So above all else, your heart needs a guard - and God is your guard.

When the Holy Spirit fills your heart by faith, He flushes out sin and leaves enough room for the Fruit of the Spirit. Only a heart guarded by God can bear up under the influence of ungodliness. A heart submitted to Christ in prayer is protected by Christ with peace. *"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 4:7, NIV).

Unhealthy heart conditions include:

- Faintheartedness
- Loss of heart
- A broken heart
- A foolish heart
- A hard heart

The remedy for these spiritual ailments is a whole heart for Jesus.

You may feel fainthearted today - weary in your faith and work. If so, take time to slow down, rest and allow the Holy Spirit to restore your heart to wholeness.

A loss of heart is a reflection of hope deferred, which creates a sickly soul condition. But hope in Christ gives your heart peace and reassurance.

Perhaps your heart is broken by past hurt or present rejection. Seek your heavenly Father to be forgiven and to forgive.

Be on guard! A foolish heart forgets God or even stops believing God. Excessive worry can act like a form of atheism. When we are paralyzed by fear and anxiety, we sometimes behave as if God does not exist. So, we must guard against a foolish heart by gaining a heart of wisdom.

Most disturbing is a hard heart - someone jaded by injustice and/or the lack of integrity in others. Fortunately, by faith in Jesus a hard heart can be replaced by a heart born from above. A heart *from* the Lord gives us a heart *for* the Lord.

So, let me ask you, friend, "How is your heart?"

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PRAYER

Our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) would like to encourage the church to remain in a season of prayer as we, as a church, seek the man God has for us as our new pastor. This prayer and scriptures are being sent out by Remind messages daily at the request of the Pastor Search Committee. This week's prayer and scripture is below. Take time each day to pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we praise You and thank You for Holy Spirit that is in the every believer's life in this body. Thank You for the conviction that we receive from Holy Spirit. Lord, help this body be convicted and let go of any relational sin that is holding us back. Help us to turn it all over to You that we would grow in our salvation and long for You. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Scripture Reference : 1 Peter 2:1-3

1) So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. 2) Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3) if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Weekly Church Announcements



Women's Ministry Bible Study
 Sunday Night, March 1
 5:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
 Childcare Provided

Women's Ministry Brunch
 Saturday, March 14
 9:30-11:30, Fellowship Hall
 No Childcare Provided
 Sign up by scanning the QR code below.

Let's Pray!

SUNDAY NIGHT Bible Study
 Sundays at 5:00pm

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!

Join us in room 105 (GRMC) for a new Bible Study beginning February 22, 2026 @ 5 PM

"What Does the Bible Say About..."

A topical study on Baptist/Protestant Beliefs and how we walk in them.

Sign ups are available this week on the tear off in the bulletin.



A weekly **REACH, TEACH, & MINISTER** schedule

9:00—9:10	9:10—9:20	9:20-10:00	10:00—10:15
Fellowship & Announcements	"REACH" Spotlight	"TEACH" People God's Word	"MINISTER" in Care Groups/Prayer Time