FBC OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Preparing people for Wholeness in Jesus through The Word of God. Readying the remnant

Praying Against the Spiritual Evil For the Children of Our Communites

Heavenly Father,

When a people take the value of life and reduce it to what is economically feasible in decision making, or when they place at the top of their priority list what will make them happy- then, Lord, they have completely shut out the blessings and the joys of life; giving themselves over to money and pleasure and darkness fills the land!

Lord, as a nation we are that people, and ours is that land.

Lord, may the wicked that push, encourage, promote and groom the children fall into their own snares and the traps that they have set for others. Lord, may the money dry up, may the taste for power fall from them as the leaves fall from the tree at the end of a season. Lord, may they be exposed in the fullness of your light and may the words they speak be as sounding gongs without melody, rhyme or attraction.

Many, Lord, have used this venue to break up families, to weaken belief in what is good, and to capture the weak at heart; convincing them that the world needs to change, the expectations of people need to change and most tragic of all- is that you must change with the cultural needs of today.

Lord, protect the hearts and minds of our young. They are so influenced by what is the easiest today: demanding that someone else change and not seeing what they themselves can be by living what is true- rather than under the shadow of what is false! Lord, your word is clear on how to navigate the issues of today: we are to love You, Lord, follow Your commands, to remember that Your Word is near and that You has set before us the choice of life and prosperity or that of death and destruction.

The decisions that we make, whom we choose to follow will determine which of these we have chosen without even saying the words themselves. You will guide us in our choice if we will but listen to Your voice and heed Your words. You, Lord, are the past, the present and the future hope of all that have or will draw breath!

Father, may we see more and more of those who have chosen life- to stand in the gap- to defend life.
Not as man wills it, but as You will it.

There is celebration and observance this month for all things LGBTQ+ and from the shadows its followers call out to our young, they hide in plain sight, their voices are as that of a Pied Piper leading the children who know not where the road they travel will lead them.

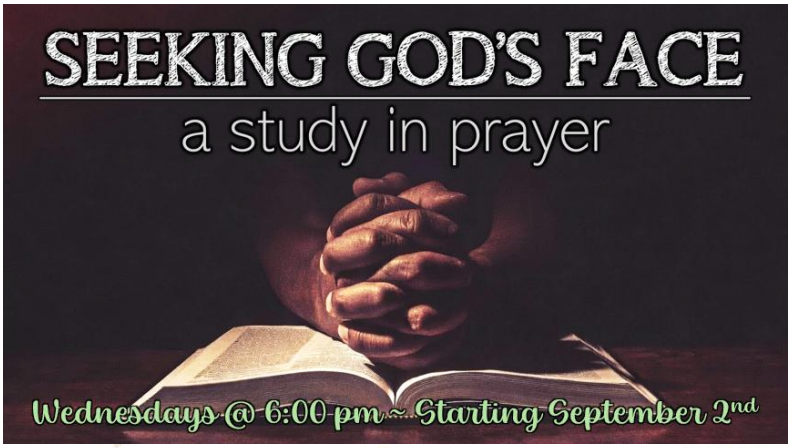
Lord, may hardened hearts be softened, may truth be sought out, and may life become something to be thankful for rather than a burden to be carried. Lord, may You hear the hearts that are crying out for help, may they accept the help that You send, and may Your light shatter the darkness that threatens them. Lord, deliver us from evil. In Your precious name, Jesus, we pray. Amen

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Need: $12,550.00

August's Offering: $12,756.08

Monthly Average for 2026 through August: $8,636.22



Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for volunteers

To decorate some church tables

For the different seasons.

Examples would be the table by the kitchen, The alter table (3 Sundays), tables by the Front door, etc.

If you're interested, please

Contact Raeleen Hill.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

23 – Doug & Raeleen Hill 1976
29 – Cody and Erin Church

October Birthdays

03 – Aurelia Cory
06 – Mary Jo Hill
08 – Raiya Sebesta
08 – Bethany Walker
09 – Thad Wengert
12 – Erin Church
22 – Brooklyn Hervey
28 -- Cameron Barnett
29 -- Todd Cory
29 – Collin Nienhaus
31 – Paxton Gartner

Upcoming Events

06 – Spiritual Ministry Meeting 6 pm
08 – Stewardship Meeting 6 pm
11 - Time For Prayer during fellowship
13 - CED Meeting 6 pm
15 - Women's Bible Study 6 pm
17 - Men's Breakfast 8:30 am @ FBC
18 - FBC Women's Meeting during Fellowship
25 - Medical Missions during fellowship
25 - Safety Meeting during fellowship
25 - Movie Night 6 pm
29 - Women's Bible Study 6pm
31 - Trunk -n- Treat 4pm – 7pm

Fellowship Hall Servers

04 – Potluck
11 – Pastor Appreciation
18 – Teresa & Sunday Kids
25 – Sally & Phyllis

Spiritual Ministry Team Letter by Mike Jenkins

Incense and a Sweet-Smelling Fragrance:

I was listening to a favorite song of mine by CeCe Winans "Worthy of it all." They end the song with a part that says "Day and night, night and day let incense arise. Day and night, night and day let incense arise." It got me to thinking, what is the significance of incense and why don't we use it in the church today? The Catholic's and other churches use it for certain reasons. In searching through the Bible, I found it was used a lot in the Old Testament. It was part of the Jewish Temple Worship and also in the worship of false gods. In the New Testament, it is only mentioned a few times, mostly referring back to the Old Testament. In Mattew it says that the Wise Men brought incense to Baby Jesus. I found what I was looking for in the book of Revelations.

Worthy Is the Lamb

Revelation 5:8 "Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." As a reference they used Psalms 141:2 "Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice."

Revelation 8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

I also noticed that in the New Testament the use of the words "fragrance or sweet-smelling aroma" was used a few times.

II Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. 15 For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not, as so many, peddling the word of God; but as of sincerity, but as from God, we speak in the sight of God in Christ.

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Philippians 4:18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

My conclusion is that our Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ love us so much that They want to hear from us in prayer. It doesn't matter what kind of a prayer, maybe you are praising and worshiping Him, or you are praying for your needs (that you need His help). You could be praying for others in intercessory prayers or just talking to Him about how you are feeling. Even though He is our Great God, He likes to be intimate with us. He also wants us to imitate Him by loving one another and loving Him, putting our faith to work helping others in there times of need.

Let's Pray:

Lord Jesus, help us be a sweet-smelling aroma like incense coming up to You in Heaven. Day and night, night and day.

We love You, Lord Jesus, Amen.