

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



Sanctuary dedication tentatively set for Oct. 13

“But He gives greater grace. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (Hebrews 4:6) Whatever we are facing, God’s grace is sufficient. May our prayer for one another be that we all be drenched in the grace of God. Can you begin to imagine what could take place in our very midst if this became a reality? What else would we rather have? Is this the desire of our heart?

Keep praying for progress to be made on the renovation in the sanctuary. If things go smoothly, we could be in there this Sunday. Plans are being made for special services on Sunday, October 13. Tentative plans include lunch after the morning service with a special dedication service to follow around 1:30 p.m. Oct. 13. Invite your family and friends to this special day. I will inform you as soon as possible if anything changes or as we get more detailed information. Make sure to come this Sunday because we may be able to worship in the remodeled sanctuary, but if not, we still will worship together in the FLC.

On Monday, Oct. 21, we will be hosting our Fall Meeting of the Webster Baptist Association. You might get a call about helping with a meal that will follow the meeting. Thanks for all you do as part of FBC Eupora. It is great to be part of His church!

*In Christ’s Love,
 Bro. Travis*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Oct. 5 **Bill Yates**
- Oct. 5 **Neva Doler**
- Oct. 6 **Don Gary**
- Oct. 7 **Andy Hughes**
- Oct. 7 **Henry Ross, III**
- Oct. 7 **Tripp Boatman**
- Oct. 8 **Joyce Yates**
- Oct. 8 **Bailey Stewart King**
- Oct. 9 **Dr. William S. Stewart**
- Oct. 9 **Sherry Hays**
- Oct. 9 **Hallie Ashley**



Sale to benefit College/Career Class trip to PASSION Conference in January

Members of the AGAPE Sunday School class and friends would like to invite you to a special garage sale set for Oct. 5 at the Laundromat building. Proceeds from the garage sale will help fund the PASSION CONFERENCE trip in Atlanta in January for the College/Career class. If you have items you would like to donate for the garage sale, please contact Kevin Barnette at (662) 414-5632 to arrange for pick up or help with delivery at the “Mat.” We hope to see you there — Oct. 5 at the “Mat!”

What matters is that we are focused on the Gospel

I heard a pastor the other day make a striking comment that I think speaks volumes about the state of our churches today. He said, “The problem with our churches today is that we have perverted it by our personal preferences.” It may be preferences over decorations, building layout, musical style, take your pick of any number of frivolous things. In the grand scheme of everything, none of this matters. What matters is that we are focused on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The pastor’s

point was that everything we do as individuals AND as a church should be solely centered around the Gospel. Unfortunately, we are selfish people by our sin nature, and we desire to have things as we see fit, based on our own preferences.

The fact is, our opinion doesn’t matter. What matters is that we are centered around the Gospel of Christ. If we are deep in His Word and seeking His will, He will make it clear what His desires are for us as individuals and as a church.

Through the teaching of the Gospel, we are to engage with God, grow as Christians, connect with other believers, serve others, and go and tell the good news of salvation with others. I pray that the Word of God would be our main focus as a church. Everything else will fall into its proper place if we allow God’s will to be done.

*Have a blessed week,
 Bro. Jason*

It is important to apologize and ask forgiveness from people and God

Hey everybody! I hope you’ve had a great week. We had such a wonderful time in G-Force last week. We had some visitors and we were so glad they were there.

This week we will be learning that it’s important to apologize and ask for forgiveness from people and God.

Our Bible story will be from the book of Luke and will be about the Prodigal Son. The Bible verse will be “But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” — I John 1:9. I hope to see all of you this Sunday. Mark your calendars for Oct. 31

when we will have Trunk Or Treat on Main Street! Adults, we still need more people willing to bring their car and pass out candy from the trunk. Hope you’ll come join the fun!

Have a great weekend!

*Love,
 Mrs. Anita*

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- Saturday, October 5**
 *** Garage Sale @ the MAT
- Sunday, October 6**
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Morning Worship in the FLC
 11:00 G-Force (Children’s Worship grades 1-6)
 4:00 Prayer Shawl
 4:45 Adult Handbells
 5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)
 6:00 Evening Worship in the FLC
- Tuesday, October 8**
 *** Area 4 WMU Meeting @ FBC Bruce
- Wednesday, October 9**
 4:45 MISSION Wednesdays
 4:45 Acteens
 6:30 Prayer & Praise Service
 6:30 Revelation (Youth Bible Study & Worship)
 7:15 Adult Worship Choir Practice

THANK YOU

Many thanks and much gratitude for all the cards, visits, calls and most of all, prayers during my surgery and recuperation. It’s a blessing to be a part of such a loving church family.
Dr. Joe L. Duncan, Jr.



OCTOBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH
\$7 SHIPPING FEE
 Bring your OCC donations by the church office or OCC Collection Closet TODAY!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult.....	142
Young Adult.....	5
College/Career.....	7
Youth.....	24
Children.....	18
Preschool/Nursery.....	18
Golden Living Center.....	19
TOTAL.....	233

FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$7,271.00
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$406,120.65
Gifts to Date.....	\$408,450.17
Over Budget.....	\$2,629.52

STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Goal.....	\$5,500.00
Gifts To Date.....	\$7,600.00

BUILDING FUND

Current balance.....	\$187,345.52
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VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Children’s Church – Carol Turner
 Sanctuary Flowers – Lauren Stewart

CHURCH STAFF

Travis Gray—Pastor
 W. S. Stewart, Sr.—Pastor Emeritus
 Jason Carson—Music Minister/Assoc. Pastor
 Kevin Barnette—Youth Director
 Anita Russell—Children’s Director
 Yvonne Hitt—Financial Secretary
 Marcelle Robertson—Custodian
 Kathy Bailey—Librarian
 Sara Hitt—Church Clerk
 Gwen Sisson—Church Secretary