

The Baptist Record

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EUPORA



JESUS needs to be first on the 'list'

How many of you make to-do lists? I have to have them. I have an app on my phone right now that has a list of things to do, and I'm constantly updating it, especially during this time of year! I'm so paranoid about forgetting things, I even have the same app loaded on my office computer, and I have my phone synchronized to my computer so that my list is always current! Every year I get this way, and every year God has to remind me that JESUS needs to be the first thing on our "list." He needs to be at the top of any other priorities we may have. A good way to keep things in perspective is to ask, "Where is Jesus on my list?" I'm afraid that for far too many of us, He is near the bottom - the parties, programs, gifts, family dinners and community events seem to fight for the very top.

We can even let church activities take priority over Him. I think sometimes we get so busy with "doing stuff" that we forget He is the reason we are doing it in the first place! Where is Jesus? He's quietly at the bottom of that list, or even not on it at all.

We should all re-evaluate our priorities today - we should put Jesus first, and everything else will find its proper place.

One of the scribes came and heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" Jesus answered, "The foremost is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' Mark 12:28-30 (NASB)

*Have a blessed week,
Bro. Jason*



**@ 6 p.m. HALLOWEEN IN DOWNTOWN EUPORA
@ THE FBC EUPORA FAMILY LIFE CENTER IN CASE OF RAIN**

Sunday should prepare our hearts and minds for the week

This past week during youth Bible study on Sunday night we talked about being the body of Christ. The way that people view church today is they come on Sunday mornings and get their church in and they are good for the rest of the week. In all actuality, "getting your church in" isn't being the church. The Church is a body of believers that live life together and share the gospel to those who are lost. That's right, I said it, LIVE LIFE TOGETHER! Church shouldn't just be some social gathering that we can come and sing pretty songs and hear a guy talk for thirty minutes before lunch to make us feel better about ourselves. Our meetings on Sunday mornings should be us preparing our hearts and minds for the upcoming week and the huge task at hand, saving our world.

To become a Christian means that you are now a part of the church. This is how we now identify ourselves. Our identity is not found in some building that will pass away but our identity is found in Christ, who is the eternal king of the universe. Inviting people to come to church is not sharing the Gospel. Yes, you read that right. Inviting people to come and sit in church is not

sharing the Gospel! Sharing the Gospel is openly talking about Christ and what he has done. We should be overly excited every single day to wake up and take the good news of Jesus to the world. This is why we are the Church. David Platt says this, "The Bible portrays the church as a community of Christians who care for one another, love one another, host one another, receive one another, honor one another, serve one another, instruct one another, forgive one another, motivate one another, build up one another, encourage one another, comfort one another, pray for one another, confess sin to one another, esteem one another, edify one another, teach one another, show kindness to one another, give to one another, rejoice with one another, weep with one another hurt with one another, and restore one another." Does this sound like a Sunday morning service? Or is this laying down your life everyday to better the Church? Think about these things as we continue to grow together as a body of Christ.

*Blessings,
Kevin Barnette*

Children are learning what it takes to play on God's team

Hey everybody! We had a wonderful worship time in G-Force this past Sunday. We started a brand new set of lessons called "Super Star Spectacular." In this series, we will be learning what it takes to play on God's Team. This past week, we talked about giving God 100 percent

in everything. This week we will learn that we should follow God's instructions in the Bible. Our Bible story will be about Jesus and the Greatest Commandment. Our Bible verse will be "But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise you are only fool-

ing yourselves." — James 1:22 (NLT). I hope to see you there!

Also, don't forget about Trunk or Treat on Main Street Thursday night starting at 6 p.m. Hope you'll join us! Have a great weekend.

*Love,
Mrs. Anita*



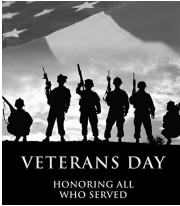
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 31 Lauren Stewart	Nov. 2 Hayden Embry	Nov. 5 Scott McGarr
Oct. 31 Kevin Hawk	Nov. 3 Ann Strickland	Nov. 6 Sherry Johnson
Oct. 31 LeAnn Miller	Nov. 3 Mike Reed	Nov. 6 Suzanne Graham
Nov. 2 Collin Carroll	Nov. 4 Anita Russell	
Nov. 2 Melinda Wooten	Nov. 5 Anna Morgan	

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Thursday, October 31
6:00 Trunk or Treat
Sunday, November 3
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship
11:00 G-Force (Children's Worship grades 1-6)
4:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:45 Adult Handbells
5:15 Ignite (Bible study for youth)
6:00 Evening Worship
Monday, November 4
2:30 Stella WMU
Wednesday, November 6
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

If we do not have a photo of your favorite veteran, please bring to the office by 4:30 pm November 5!!!



NOVEMBER ITEMS OF THE MONTH
\$7 SHIPPING FEE + 150 PLASTIC BOXES
Bring your OCC donations by the church office or OCC Collection Closet TODAY!
PACKING PARTY WILL BE NOV. 10!

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD

Adult.....	167
Young Adult.....	4
College/Career.....	7
Youth.....	20
Children.....	16
Preschool/Nursery.....	13
Golden Living Center.....	0
TOTAL.....	227

FINANCIAL

Weekly Bud. Rec.....	\$4,526.95
Weekly Bud. Need.....	\$10,413.35
Budget Needs to Date.....	\$447,774.05
Gifts to Date.....	\$451,063.23
Over Budget.....	\$3,289.18

BUILDING FUND

Gifts to Date.....	\$50.00
Current balance.....	\$187,430.52

VOLUNTEERS THIS WEEK

Sanctuary Flowers — Sara Hitt
Children's Church — Carol Turner

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 Robertso n—Custodian
Kathy Bailey—Librarian
Sara Hitt—Church Clerk
Gwen Sisson—Church Secretary