

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

we are Second
where *He* is first

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert Madden

**Be sure to vote on Election Day,
Tues., Nov. 8th!**

With Sympathy



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Teresa Browning in the loss of her son, Tony Hankins.

To the family in the loss of their loved one, Bill Johnson.

To Jimmy Prince in the loss of his wife, Lois Prince.

Electricity



I don't understand electricity, but I know it works. A flip of a switch brings light into a room or sends sound through a microphone.

I don't understand God's power, but I know He's the Omnipotent One. He provides power needed for every task, every situation.

When an electrical appliance fails to work, the first checkpoint is whether or not it is plugged into the source of power. So it is with our lives. If things aren't working properly, we must check to be sure we are properly connected to the Eternal Source of Power and "filled" daily "with the Spirit." Ephesians 5:18. There is never a power shortage with Him!

—Mildred Burger



Take the time to read Joshua 1:1-9, God showed Joshua three keys to rise above life's struggles and become a courageous follower of His. What can we learn from Joshua about becoming a "*Courageous Christ Follower?*"

Expect Challenges v-2, God told Joshua, "prepare to cross over the Jordan to the land I am giving the Israelites." Joshua knew that the task would be a challenge. The journey included disappointment and frustration. From battles with the enemy to gripes and complaints from the Israelites.

Disappointment and uncertainty lay just around the corner.

Interpreting life's difficulties to mean that we are out of God's will, can cause us to postpone or sidetrack our adventure with God. We forget that doing God's will creates challenges and difficulties. Moses followed God's direction and faced an insurmountable challenge at the red sea. Joseph ended up in jail. Daniel faced a Lion. John the Baptist was beheaded. When Peter refused to stop speaking about Jesus he was executed. Romans 1:17, teaches that, "God's righteousness is revealed from faith to faith." The journey with God is one step of faith after another. Each step brings challenges and frustrations. When we expect challenges, we will not run from them. Instead, we recognize that challenges are part of the adventure.

Exercise Spiritual Muscles vv7-8, A weight lifter builds his muscles by pushing them beyond their comfort zone. The same is true of "Spiritual muscles." We grow stronger in our walk with God by working our "spiritual muscles" beyond their comfort zone. In Joshua 1:7-8, God reminds Joshua to obey His commands, as well as read the Bible and memorize verses. These exercises with daily prayer, are crucial in facing life's challenges. God also mentions the spiritual exercise, "Meditating" on the Bible. The Hebrew word translated as Meditating means, "to murmur" "or speak to one's self". When I mumbled statements like: "I can't do anything right" I know that Satan has filled my meditations with his lies. However, when I take "every thought captive" and replace ungodly mumbling with statements from the Bible like: "the Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" I am following God's command. As our "spiritual muscles" grow stronger, God leads us on more challenging adventures.

Examine God's Goodness v-9, God tells us that He is with us where ever we go. The Lord is with us when we examine and remember God's faithfulness and goodness in our lives.

We dread the mountains before us, and sometimes forget the miracles behind us. One of my best friends says it like this: "God is good all the time, all the time, God is good."

Amen!

Second Baptist, God is good to us! Be a part of the blessing!

Find your spot. If you don't know where you fit in, come talk to me and I will try to show you where the blessing of a lifetime is waiting just for you! I sure do Love you! Thanks for letting me be your Pastor and Friend!

Pastor Michael & Terri



Choir Loft

In a world where terrorism, war, violence, and divorce are everyday topics, one of the most vital ministries we can have as women and men is the ministry of encouragement.

We have all known what it is like to be discouraged. And we all know people who are in great need of encouragement. Every week I hear from people who are battling hopelessness and despair. They desperately need the gift of encouragement. They need someone to give them courage, hope confidence, and comfort.

Being an encourager doesn't come naturally for most of us, but as a believer, it is not an option. Twenty-two times in the New Testament we are reminded of things we are to do for "one another." One of these commands is to encourage one another (Hebrews 3:13). When we encourage others, we are reflecting the heart of God, who is "the God of encouragement" (Romans 15:5).

The best way to experience the encouragement that you long for is to be an encourager to others. So ask God to help you see people with His eyes, to love them with His heart, to encourage them with His helping hands. As you do, God will encourage and strengthen your own heart.

In a world where so many people are sad, lonely, and hurting, how we need to encourage one another. As we do, God will use our hands, hearts, and words to communicate His heart and minister grace to those around us.

— Bro. Mike Duncan



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Being a Christian is just like a Pumpkin!

First, God picks you from the world and bring you in
...but I have chosen you out of the world. John 15:16

He then washes all the “dirt” off the outside that we received from
being around all the other pumpkins.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has
gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Then He carefully removes all the “yucky stuff” out from the inside, all those seeds of
sin, doubt, hate, greed, and fear from inside us.

*For we know our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done
away with. Romans 6:6*

Then He carves a new smiling face.

*My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to You — I whom You have redeemed
Psalm 71:23*

Now He fills us with His light.

...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds...Matthew 5:16
So you see, we Christians are really like this pumpkin! We will never be the same with
Jesus inside of us. We can say like this pumpkin, “Thy presence, my light!”



- 01 Kenneth Shoemake
- 03 Rob Fulcher
- 07 Sara Bellak, George Kennedy,
Sheila Kennedy, Tonya Davenport
- 08 Lori Davenport
- 10 Nina Biggs, Samantha Dancer
- 12 DeAnna Nolan, Nate Johnson
- 13 Shelia McPherson
- 14 Betty Wright
- 15 Thorsten Kirschner, Terry Smith,
Joshua Reyes
- 16 Dennis Martin, Kenleigh Miller,
Landon Miller
- 19 Margaret Norman, Debbie Knight,
Chris Shrum
- 20 Walter Jeffries
- 21 Kristian Carnal
- 22 Donald McPherson, Donna
Reynolds
- 23 Sara Clark, Josh Holman, Amy
Clinard
- 25 Brandon Prince
- 26 Glenn Gilliam, Will Davenport
- 27 Rita Woodall, Cindy Blankenship,
Dorris Blick,
- 29 Deborah Davenport
- 30 Robert Eston, Velda Sweeney



- 06 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 08 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 09 Brotherhood, 6pm
Business Meeting, 7pm
- 30 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news
on WRUS-AM

GO Visitation -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm, EXCEPT
on Business Meeting night

Brotherhood – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary

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| Billy & Kristen Carnal | 08 |
| Mike & Pam Duncan | 10 |
| Steve & Donna Arnold | 12 |
| Chris & Christy Blick | 27 |