



The Proclaimer

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God is always at work around you.

That is the first principle of the *Experiencing God* Bible Study we will begin in October. He has been working all summer! At the beginning of the summer we baptized 5 and now have 10 more preparing for baptism. Several families have also come forward to join our church family.

I always think it interesting when and how God works. The summer is when many of us seek high ground in Payson and Showlow. We take a break from summer heat and regular activities. In the Kingdom "God is always at work around you." So the church is growing and eternal decisions are being made all the time. Wow! God is awesome!!

Krystle Andersen has been appointed Youth Assistant for this next year to assist Pastor Dave Jenkins who has taken over the youth ministry as Roger Robinson has accepted a new job. Krystle will develop a youth band, lead the band and teach the Jr. Highers, under Dave's guidance. Krystle has been raised in our church, has completed the entire Awana Program, has been on mission trips and helped lead VBS. She will be a tremendous asset to our ministry.

Progress is being made on moving the church office to the B Building. We currently are painting, fixing a light switch, changing plumbing and patching holes. The new offices will be where Faith School had their offices. The cost is low as we are using mostly volunteers.

The Men's ministry, Ironmen, have selected Sunshine Acres for their 2010-2011 work and service project. We hope to remodel a home and do some painting. We will involve the church when we can. We are busy:

- Sept. Bring a friend Sunday
- Oct. Judgement House
- Nov. All church Thanksgiving dinner
- Dec. Christmas program
- Feb. Revival
- Mar. Mission Trip
- Apr. Easter Services

We will be busy proclaiming Christ, serving our community and loving one another.

Pastor Rod

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life. Remove the have nots, the can nots and the do nots that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, Dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the 'am nots' that I

have allowed to hold me back, especially the thought that I am not good enough.

Author unknown

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:5-6

The Revised Standard Version

Ministry is Good!

If someone were to ask me how ministry is going I would have to give them two thumbs up. Ministry has been good and we have the good Lord to thank for it. First, let's start with the college/career group that has been meeting every Tuesday at 7 PM at Lavon Schaffner's House. All summer long we have been studying the book of Romans. While doing this study all the participants have grown to understand God's Word and each other more deeply. At the college/career group we have averaged 8 to 11 participants so we have a good base already started. It is my hope that in the future we will grow ministering to many more college students in the area.

With the youth group we are in the middle of a five week study on 'grace'. Last week was especially moving when we watched and listened to a woman's powerful testimony about 'grace' told by Louie Giglio. Truly, doing a study on 'grace' is a amazing thing. It never gets old focusing on how God loves us and what he was willing to do to save us. In addition, the youth group has some other exciting events planned: on October 2nd the boys will join the men at *Men at the Cross*, October 8-9 there will be a 30-Hour Famine, October 16th many in the youth group will see a comedian together, and there is much more that's happening that you will hear about in the future. One special note for parents is that there will be a 'Parent-Youth Pastor Meeting' after the 2nd Service on September 12th. We will be discussing fund-raising, up-coming events, and ways to volunteer.

The first week of October the L3 (leadership training course) will begin. This year we will be having three classes that I will lead. There will be one second year class and two first year classes. Already for this class I have recruited a full second year class and two almost full first year classes. I have been so excited for L3! Those who participate in this ministry are truly going to grow as disciples of Christ. There are still a few opening for the first year class so let me know if you are interested in joining. The course can be quite demanding and there is a \$150 fee, but believe me it is well worth it.

Finally, many small groups will be starting back up soon after taking a summer break. They all are excited to be doing the study *Experiencing God* in early October. This study is fantastic and I look forward to what God is going to through it.

Pastor Dave

FBCC NEWS

First Baptist Children's Center had a fantastic summer! A big thanks is warmly extended to all of you who donated items to use for crafts.

We are in full swing for this Fall! Curriculum for the Pre-K from Alpha-Omega publications is now being implemented. We are lower in attendance in the 4-5 age bracket, but we have a healthy attendance in all the other ages. We have a wonderful and varied program developed that includes chapel, puppets, music, and exercise, as well as personal, social, and academic development.

September 25th we will have our first ever family picnic to help families connect and become better acquainted.

We will be designing classroom quilts to auction at our annual Fall Festival Fund Raiser, so if you have scraps of material, muslin, or flat sheets that you could donate for this project, please see Juanita Miller.

Soon, we will also be able to collect paper products to recycle which will help us earn money towards playground equipment. So keep all your newspapers, cereal boxes, and other paper items and keep your eyes open for the bin that will be in the East parking lot. Your donations can help keep America beautiful and FBCC and Mesa Academy children active and healthy.

How Much Shall I Give?

This is a question which comes up in every Christian Church especially in times of economic downturns like what we are experiencing now. All our families are hard pressed to make ends meet. In our minds we tell God that we cannot give more to the church or even tithe without cutting food from the table or cutting an education for our children or some other important item. Throughout the centuries families, and primarily the man, who was chosen by God to be the head of his family, have been asked by God in Scripture to give back the first fruit of his labor or income to God to show his love to Him or to worship God in sacrifices. And God says "**Test me**" "**Let Me show you and I will bless you so that your cup overflows**".

Nearly nine months ago as Chief Financial Officer of First Baptist of Mesa I approached you as a congregation, from the pulpit in both services, with a Commitment Card concerning the donating of monies to

the operation of the ministries of this church. I believe that most of you have faithfully taken the first step of that commitment which was to sincerely humble yourself before God and ask the Holy Spirit in prayer to give you a figure of monetary value which you were to commit to HIM and to the ministries of this church. I thank you for being honest with God and following through on your commitment.

I come before you again to explain the second step and a further explanation of a complete commitment to God and the ministry of the First Baptist Church of Mesa. I have found that our church is not as mature as we should be when it comes to answering the question “How much shall I give?”. I would like to perhaps make some suggestions so that you could be more intimate with the **Holy Spirit** and really experience the **joy** and the **intimacy** with the **Holy Spirit** in this world that is withdrawing from even the words “God” or “Jesus” and the Scriptures.

The second step is: Leave room for faith—in other words –“Do you need God in order to make and fulfill your commitment?” Many of us quit praying at this point because we think **we** can resolve the problem in our own strength or just give up saying it is impossible for us and also for God. But the Scriptures state: “all things are possible” for our Holy God. One must be willing to be totally dependant upon God in all areas of one’s life and obey what the Holy Spirit directs you to do. You must pray to seek financial direction, and with faith, believe that God will help you complete this financial question. If you do as the Holy Spirit directs—God will provide the answers to your financial needs. Again a reminder that God has said: “test me”.

I believe that God has brought our church to this point in our finances for a purpose. He wants us to be unified in individual prayer as well as corporate prayer so that He can be glorified in His answer to our church. This will take everyone’s commitment. If we have faith, and are fervent in our prayers, God will open the doors of all our hearts and provide a financial solution to our personal and our church’s needs. I prayerfully submit this to all at First Baptist Church of Mesa.

Ron Dissly CFO

Hello all!! This year Ashleigh Dunn and I took Brandon Clodfetter, Kasey Rosholm, Taitum Galloway, L'Eana Allen, Evelyn Leiva, Dara Boydston, Elizabeth Collins, and Elisa Holguin to United Christian Youth Camp (UCYC).

UCYC lived up to their standards once again!! The camp had great worship, awesome activities, exciting games (like The Amazing Race), and a fantastic speaker, Reggy.

Reggy not only read the book of Jonah, but also gave visuals. For example, he mixed vinegar, tuna fish, seaweed, and anchovies in a huge bowl as an example of what Jonah would be sitting in for three days while he was in the great fish. Reggy made the Bible come alive and taught two very important lessons: There are two types of people who do wrong - 1) The people who do wrong but do not realize that what they are doing is wrong, such as the Ninevites or 2) The people who choose to do wrong although they know what God's

directions are, such as Jonah when he attempted to run away from God. Just like Jonah, as he was thrashing in the water, we know that God is with us and we can cry to God for HELP. We cannot live and become like Christ without God's help!!

We had church groups after the sessions and because the kids felt comfortable with each other, they opened up and shared concerns, worries, or just questions that had been on their hearts. It was really cool to be able to teach and pray with them.

For me personally, the week at UCYC was the best one yet. All of the UCYC staff and counselors were on fire for Christ and were there to minister and counsel the children. We encouraged one another and each other's children and built lasting relationships. It is amazing and a pure joy to see what God is doing to change lives and further His kingdom!!

Stacie Self

Get Your Kids Ready Spiritually for a Great School Year



A new school year is here. This means you've already probably been shopping for supplies to prepare your children for the start of school.

Are they prepared spiritually, too?

Here are some ideas to get your kids—and yourself—off to a great start this school year – and not just academically.

Educators offer these first month back-to-school tips for parents:

- **Clear your own schedule.** Postpone trips, meetings and extra projects. Be available to help your children acclimate to the school routine and overcome the anxiety some experience at the start of a new school year.
- **Set alarm clocks.** Have school-age children set their own alarm clocks to get up in the morning.
- **Leave plenty of extra time.** Make sure your child has enough time to get up, eat breakfast and get to school. For young children taking the bus, pin an index card to their backpack with pertinent information, including their teacher's name, bus number and your daytime contact information.
- **Be patient.** It's natural for your children to be a little nervous anytime they start something new.

Make church and Awana a priority in your family's fall routine

- Take your family to church on a regular basis.
- Sign up your kids for Awana.
- Prioritize God's Word in your home.

Set academic, spiritual and relational goals

What measurable goals can they strive to achieve in each area? To be a better friend or to make wise decisions about friendships? To set better study habits or to remain on task with school work? To memorize portions of the Bible that promotes good character?

Encourage your kids

Your kids take a lot of notes during the school year. Surprise them with some notes from you!

Be your child's biggest encourager and [use words](#) to communicate love, value and support.

Tuck a [note in your child's lunch box](#) or put one on his pillow before bedtime.

- Write an encouraging Bible verse on a piece of paper for your child to read at breakfast or on the bus.

Prayers and blessings

[Pray](#) for and with your children to ease their fears at the start of the new school year.

Develop a regular pattern of [prayer for your kids](#).

Besides praying individually, consider praying regularly with your spouse and with other parents. You could start your own prayer small group, or some schools have [Moms in Touch](#) groups.

- **Bless your children** before they leave for school each day. Try these verses and insert your child's name into the blank:

"The LORD bless you, _____, and keep you; the LORD make His face shine upon you, _____, and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you, _____, and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Equip your kids to shine Jesus' light

Do your children have a personal relationship with Christ? Help them take advantage of opportunities to be an example to classmates and others – and point others to Jesus.

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IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!



For more details contact: Ginger Sickels at 480-577-3223 or awana@fbcmesa.org



GAME TIME

FUN, FUN AND MORE FUN!

HANDBOOK TIME

Immersing Kids in God's Word

Basic truths about God, Jesus Christ, salvation and the Bible.

A clear & consistent presentation of the gospel message.

An emphasis on Scripture memory, many of which cover salvation and key Christian doctrine, establishing a foundation of biblical wisdom.

*Thursday Nights 6:00-8:00pm
3 yr olds - 8th grade*

*Sunday Nights 5:00-7:00pm
9th - 12th grades*



for all High School Students

**We are starting our Journey 24/7 Group on
Sunday, September 19th @ 5:00pm**

**Come join us as we Study God's Word
together. We meet in the Youth Room.**



We Need You...

Every year God uses Judgement House to bring people into a relationship with Him. This is your opportunity to be personally involved in evangelism. We need around **150 people** to help with setup, tear down, tour guides, prayer warriors, parking lot attendants, refreshments, cast, extras, counselors, in other words if you are available **we have a place for you**. Please contact either Pastor Dave or Ginger Sickels to get involved today.



The most important thing we need is for people to be invited who need to meet God!!!



Unexpected.

The Endicott's are a typical American family with busy schedules and people going in every direction. Work, school, football practice, and church, are just a few of the things that Carol, mom and scheduling coordinator for the Endicotts, plans for in order to keep the family running on all cylinders.

Carol's day planner never leaves her side and it seems like she has made plans for everything, but Carol is about to find out that even her trusty day planner can't help her when it comes to the unexpected.

Mark Your Calendars

On Sunday, Sept 19 at 2:00pm there will be a Scene Directors & Props Meeting

Judgement House Tour Dates

**Wednesday, October 27th,
Friday, October 29th &
Saturday, October 30th**

**Tours will be departing from
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

**Admission is Free
Group Reservations available
Invite a Friend**

Her Name was Honor:

Finding the True Will of God

A Novel by James Bailey



Based on the life of a real ancestor of mine, Honor O’Flynn was fourteen in 1699 when she was kidnapped from Ireland and brought to Colonial Maryland to be sold as a bride. She believed that God’s will for her was to be a nun in Ireland. She was extremely pious in her beliefs about Catholicism and chastity. Honor, therefore, had to be stubbornly dedicated to both remaining chaste and finding a way home.

A Christian Woman’s Love story
and a great weekend Read

If you would like to be contacted when this novel comes out early next year, call or E-mail me at J.Bailey@asu.edu, (480) 720-4843.

HAPPENINGS

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Have you noticed the clarity and brighter colors on the front screen? Our old projector died the final death and thanks to an anonymous donor we have a brand new projector. PRAISE THE LORD.

Practice for the Christmas musical is going well. There is still room for more singers, so come join us. Speaking of singers, the choir has started practice again and welcomes anyone who would like to sing. Practice is every Wednesday at 6 pm in the choir room.

Are You A Ding-a-ling? If so, and you like Hand Bells, we are interested in starting up the hand bell group again with our 3 octave set. Contact Judy Andersen, the church office, or write on your Connection Card if you're interested. We would love to have you join us!



September 12th, during the Sunday School hour, we will be starting a New Member's Class. It is a 5 week class for those who have recently joined the church or become Christians, or those who would like to. Contact the office (981-9684) or write on your Connection Card if you are interested.

The next Baptism Sunday is scheduled for October 10th. We already have 4-5 people interested, how about you? Please call the office (981-9684) or write on your Connection Card if you would like to be baptized.

Attention Ironmen! Come and learn to be a better disciple for Jesus. A core part of our Ironmen Ministry is to teach men to become more like Jesus everyday--to be the servant-leaders in their home and to become an impact player for Jesus. On Saturday, October 2, 2010, we will be attending the Men at the Cross Conference at Cornerstone Church in Chandler. The event will last from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will focus on how to disciple another man, whether in a small group or one on one. The tickets for the event are \$29 for adults and \$10 for youth. The motto for the weekend is "Love a man to Jesus until he is ready to love another man to Jesus." You can learn more about the conference at www.menatthecross.org. We hope to see you there! To sign up or get more information, contact Dave Williams at 480-570-3076.







A new thirteen-week session of GriefShare will begin on Saturday, September 18, at 10:00 AM, in Room 218 of the Education Building. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. If you have questions, call Lenora Turner at 480-980-8888 or Sandy Miller at 480-962-1574.

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Smart cookies

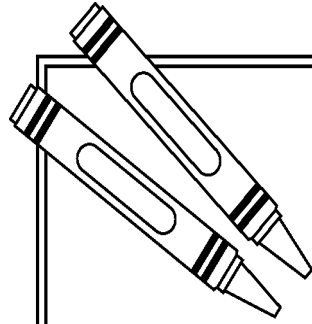
September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear) 
- 1 lid 
- 4 photos or drawings 
- Scissors 
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional) 
- Cookies 

What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



Just for **KIDS**

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young _____ death _____ cold _____ come _____
 1 2 3 2 6 7 8 4 1 5 9 1

sweet _____ can't _____ no _____ later _____
 10 1 11 12 13 14 15 16 8 10 15 1 17

"H _____
 4 1 2 3 1 15 5 1

_____ / _____
 6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15 3 1

_____ ; _____
 15 1 5 2 8 5 6 5 9 1

_____ ' _____
 9 11 14 12 3 6 5 17 8 2 2 7 1 12

_____ " _____
 6 5 6 10 16 1 11 12 2 6 7 8



"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."
 (Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now

September Birthdays

3 Lawrence, Jamie	15 Martin, Janet
3 Syrus, Geraldine	16 Pallone, Jean
3 Tenney, Robert	16 Thresher, Donald
4 Culver, Gerald	17 Beaver, Charles
5 Row, Evelyn	17 Handley, Elaine
6 Copeland, Audrey	17 Miller, Josephine
6 Hughes, Kristina	17 Rosales, Brian
7 Spinks, Ruth	18 Cumbie, Bill
9 Parlette, Charlene	20 Fraser, Joan
10 Miller, Sandra	21 Predmore, Lionel
10 Swanson, Ashley	24 Douglas, K. Richard
12 Cunningham, Bea	24 Haden, Gary
12 Miller, Cyndee	25 Collins, Elizabeth
12 Shaw, Evelyn	25 Dissly, Ron
12 Younker, Alexis	27 Hill, Ivan
13 Hardaway, Janice	27 Rosales, Curtis
14 Bradford, Zoe Sarai	30 Simpson, Jewel
14 Jensen, Janice	30 Younker, Taylor
14 Sumpter, Julie	



September Anniversaries

Bert & Ida Mae Sweeney Sept 13
Roy Smith & Doris Boswell Sept 14

HAPPENINGS...

Sept. 12th - Women's Sunday, Puppet Bake Sale, Youth Parent Meeting after 2nd service, Amazing Grace movie and homemade Ice Cream at 6pm

Sept. 13th - Monday Night Women's Bible Study Begins

Sept. 18th - Men's Breakfast

Sept. 19th - Ministry Team Leader's meeting after 2nd service, PROCLAIMER ARTICLES DUE

Sept. 26th - Bring-a-Friend Sunday

Dr. Paul Patrick has resigned as Senior's Pastor * Vicki Swanson is our new Children's Coordinator *
Krystle Andersen is our new Youth Staff Assistant

September 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6pm Choir 6pm Contemp Praise Team 6:30pm Youth 7pm Christmas Choir	2 6pm Awana	3	4
5	6  Labor Day Office Closed	7 9:30am Staff Meeting 7pm College	8 6pm Choir 6pm Contemp Praise Team 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Trad Praise Team	9 6pm Awana	10	11
12 Women's Sunday Puppet Bake Sale Youth Parent Mtg 6pm Movie & Ice Cream	13 6:30pm Women's Bible Study Begins	14 9:30am Staff Meeting 7pm College	15 6pm Choir 6pm Contemp Praise Team 6:30pm Youth 7pm Christmas Choir	16 6pm Awana	17	18 7:30am Men's Breakfast 10am GriefShare
19 Ministry Team Leader's Mtg Journey 24/7 Begins Proclaimer Articles Due	20 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	21 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Lit 'n Latte 7pm College	22 6pm Choir 6pm Contemp Praise Team 6:30pm Youth 7:30pm Trad Praise Team	23 6pm Awana	24	25 10am GriefShare
26 Bring-a-Friend Sunday	27 6:30pm Women's Bible Study	28 9:30am Staff Meeting 7pm College	29 6pm Choir 6pm Contemp Praise Team 6:30pm Youth 7pm Christmas Choir	30 6pm Awana		



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Read the Bible in a Year — September, 2010

Date	Morning	Evening
1	Psalm 148-150	1 Cor. 11:16-34
2	Proverbs 1,2	1 Cor. 12
3	Proverbs 3,4	1 Cor. 13
4	Proverbs 5,6	1 Cor. 14:1-20
5	Proverbs 7,8	1 Cor. 14:21-40
6	Proverbs 9,10	1 Cor. 15:1-32
7	Proverbs 11,12	1 Cor. 15:33-58
8	Proverbs 13,14	1 Cor. 16
9	Proverbs 15,16	2 Cor. 1
10	Proverbs 17,18	2 Cor. 2
11	Proverbs 19,20	2 Cor. 3
12	Proverbs 21,22	2 Cor. 4
13	Proverbs 23,24	2 Cor. 5
14	Proverbs 25-27	2 Cor. 6
15	Proverbs 28,29	2 Cor. 7

Date	Morning	Evening
16	Proverbs 30,31	2 Cor. 8
17	Ecclesiastes 1-3	2 Cor. 9
18	Eccles. 4-6 2	Cor. 10
19	Eccles. 7-9	2 Cor. 11:1-15
20	Eccles. 10-12	2 Cor. 11:16-33
21	Song of Sol. 1-3	2 Cor. 12
22	Song of Sol. 4,5	2 Cor. 13
23	Song of Sol. 6-8	Galatians 1
24	Isaiah 1-3	Galatians 2
25	Isaiah 4-6	Galatians 3
26	Isaiah 7-9	Galatians 4
27	Isaiah 10-12	Galatians 5
28	Isaiah 13-15	Galatians 6
29	Isaiah 16-18	Ephesians 1
30	Isaiah 19-21	Ephesians 2