

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Poor Richard's Café
9:00 a.m.	JVP Quilters, Fellowship Hall
9:15 a.m.	ESL, B209
10:00 a.m.	Friendship Club, Great Hall
11:00 a.m.	Sunshine Singers, Choir Suite

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

4:45 p.m.	Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall
6:00 p.m.	Preschool/Children Aftercare, D104
6:15 p.m.	Wednesday Night Bible Study, Great Hall
	<i>Goliath Must Fall</i> Bible Study, B205
	The Homework Room, D122
6:45 p.m.	Orchestra Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	Spanish Bible Study, B219
	UPG Ministry Team, B102
7:15 p.m.	Plano PM, The Foundry
	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:30 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study, B202
10:00 a.m.	Information Session, Great Hall
6:30 p.m.	ESL, B211
7:00 p.m.	Information Session, Great Hall

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1**

9:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:05 a.m.	Bible Study (all ages)
11:15 a.m.	Contemporary Worship, Great Hall
	Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel
	Forest Community Baptist Church, The Foundry
11:30 a.m.	Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218
2:30 p.m.	Casa De Restauración, The Foundry
3:00 p.m.	Children's Choir, C Bldg Upstairs
3:45 p.m.	Childcare, C102
4:00 p.m.	AWANA Clubs, C Bldg Upstairs
	Ladies' Bible Study, Gathering Hall
5:00 p.m.	Student Life Groups, The Foundry
5:30 p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Night of Prayer & Worship, Great Hall

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT: THROUGH SEPTEMBER 17**

Planned giving: \$133,078 — Actual giving: \$103,460 (22%)

**CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT: END OF FISCAL YEAR 16/17**

Planned giving: \$2,350,612 — Actual giving: \$2,172,075  
 Planned expenses: \$2,350,612 — Actual expenses: \$2,174,495

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### **Strategic Planning Team Update**

The past two weeks we have introduced the purpose of the Properties and Facilities Strategic Planning Team and taken a broad look at the key needs identified by this team. For a review of these updates please check out [www.fbcplano.org/strategicplanning](http://www.fbcplano.org/strategicplanning).

We are experiencing an exciting movement in the life of First Baptist Plano! Over the past several months we have baptized new believers, welcomed several new families to our fellowship and enjoyed meeting numerous guests along the way. Wednesday night has been revitalized and our new Sunday night schedule has allowed for expansion of the Awana program as we seek to connect with new families. In addition, we continue to serve the community through Love Where You Live, disaster relief, and support of our local elementary campuses, even as we aid the spread of the gospel through mission efforts to the Rio Grande Valley, Mexico, and the upcoming student ministry trip to South Africa.

As we celebrate and give thanks for these and many other victories we also ask for God's direction as we consider the future of our facility. Rising facility maintenance costs continue to steal valuable ministry dollars at an increasing rate each year. Over the past decade, we have seen HVAC expenses and building repair costs rise to levels that require a significant portion of our budget to maintain. Very soon, we will need to replace the entire a/c system; a cost that could come close to one million dollars. Thankfully church volunteers and new maintenance practices have reduced some of these expenses, but much more must be done going forward to have the necessary resources for our current and future ministries.

Overall church membership has declined since 1992; however, our budget giving has remained strong which is a credit to the faithfulness of God's people. Currently, church members who are age sixty or greater make up 69% of the church membership and give 72% of the monetary gifts. These numbers provide a great foundation from which to build, but will, in time; begin to decline as more of our people graduate to heaven.

We believe that God is giving us some momentum and will help us overcome any of the obstacles that we face, including those that we face with our facility. The church authorized the creation of the Properties and Facilities Strategic Planning Team to look at these obstacles and consider what could be done to make our facility an asset for us and for future generations.

Join us for one of our upcoming information sessions. The Properties and Facilities Strategic Planning Team will share an in-depth review of past and projected trends, as well as, provide a thorough overview of our facility options.

### **Welcome New Members**

Russ & Jill Allor - Statement

Laura Allor - Statement

Helena Allor - Statement

Kimber Eiland - Baptism

### **Deacon Nominations**

Nominations are being accepted by the Deacon Nominating Committee through Sunday, **October 8**. Please prayerfully consider nominating individuals you believe are qualified and suited for this ministry of service to our church.

### **Important Meeting for Preschool/Children's Ministry**

Who: Parents, Volunteers & Leadership in all programs for infants through 5th grade  
When/Where: **TODAY** at 5:30 p.m. in Electric Ave (2nd floor of Children's Building)  
\*Childcare will be provided.

### **The Art of Neighboring Church-wide Emphasis**

*The Art of Neighboring*, including the book, online videos, and group study guide, will be our church-wide emphasis/study in our Sunday School Classes and Worship for six Sundays, **September 24 through October 29**. Block parties will be our follow-up and culmination to *The Art of Neighboring* emphasis. We are encouraging our Sunday School classes to host block parties to reach out and connect with our neighbors throughout the area by hosting a block party, or partner with another class in hosting one on **October 31**. Please contact Tommy Shumate or Kristie Osborne at 972-424-8551, [tommys@fbcplano.org](mailto:tommys@fbcplano.org) or [kristieo@fbcplano.org](mailto:kristieo@fbcplano.org).

### **Widow/Widower Banquet**

Join us Saturday, **October 7**, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Great Hall for an evening of fellowship hosted by the deacons of First Baptist Plano. Make your reservation in the Church Office; **reservation deadline is TODAY**. Transportation will be provided upon request. Childcare available by reservation only. Email [cathyh@fbcplano.org](mailto:cathyh@fbcplano.org) by October 4 for childcare.

### **Friendship Club (55+)**

Join us on Tuesday, **September 26**, in the Great Hall for games at 10:00 a.m. and lunch at noon, followed by the lively music of vocalist/pianist Doc Gibbs. Call 972-424-8551 or stop by the Church Office to make your reservation. Also, CVS Pharmacy will be offering flu shots onsite (free with Medicare card/\$25 without Medicare card).

### **Family Caregiver Symposium**

- For anyone caring for a parent, spouse, partner or family member with dementia
- Friday, **November 3, 2017**
- Location: Richardson Civic Center, 411 W. Arapaho Rd., Richardson, TX 75080
- Register at <https://caregiver-symposium.eventbrite.com>
- Call 844-790-5667 with questions

### **STUDENT MINISTRY**

#### **Cards for a Cause**

Plano Students are going on a mission trip to South Africa in Summer 2018. To seek your support to raise funds for the trip, there is a table in the West Lobby to view samples and order cards (\$30/box of 30 cards). Last day to order will be **October 1**.

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

#### **Children's Choir Begins TODAY**

For children 4 years old-5th grade; 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Building upstairs.

#### **Parents Night Out — September 29**

Children (babies-5th grade) will play games, make crafts, etc. from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Blue PNO envelope with fees enclosed must be returned to Cathy Hacker in the Children's Ministry Office **by TODAY**. Cost is \$10/child (max \$25/household). Pizza is available for \$2 per child; payment is required upon registration.