#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 10:00 a.m. Information Session with Strategy Team, Great Hall 7:00 p.m. Information Session with Strategy Team, Great Hall TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 Men's Prayer Breakfast, Poor Richard's Café 6:30 a.m. 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, OCTOBER 25 4:45 p.m. Wednesday Night Meal, Great Hall Preschool/Children Aftercare, D104 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Bible Study, Great Hall 6:15 p.m. 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, OCTOBER 26** 24 Hour Prayer Vigil 9:30 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study, B202 6:30 p.m. ESL, B211 **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29** 9:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary Bible Study (all ages) 10:05 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Great Hall Arabic Baptist Church of Dallas, Chapel Forest Community Baptist Church, The Foundry Agape Baptist Christian Fellowship, B218 11:30 a.m. 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 4:30 p.m. Information Session, Sanctuary 5:30 p.m. Aftercare, C201 6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting, Sanctuary immediately followed by Night of Celebration & Praise

# **CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT: THROUGH OCTOBER 15**

Planned giving: \$308,471 — Actual giving: \$245,584 (20%)

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## **Strategic Planning Team Update**

Next Sunday evening, October 29, we will have a Special Called Business Meeting to consider the recommendation from the Leadership Council regarding the church properties and facilities. This meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include a vote by paper ballot.

Mark your calendars for our church-wide 24 Hour Prayer Vigil on Thursday, October 26, from midnight to midnight. We are asking for church members to commit to one or more 30-minute time slots for a dedicated time of prayer for our church family. Prayer guides will be available for this special time of prayer. You can pray anywhere you would like — at home, at work during your lunch hour, or with friends at a special location. The church will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., if you would like to pray in the Sanctuary. To sign up for a time slot, call the Church Office at 972-424-8551, or send an email to kristieh@fbcplano.org or jenniferh@fbcplano.org with your preferred time.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### October 23

- 10:00 a.m. Information Session with Strategy Team, Great Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Information Session with Strategy Team, Great Hall

## October 26

 All Day, midnight to midnight - 24 Hour Prayer Vigil, Various locations; Sanctuary open during office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### October 29

- 4:30 p.m. Information Session with Strategy Team & Leadership Council, Sanctuary\*
- 6:00 p.m. Special Called Business Meeting followed by Night of Celebration & Praise to conclude MONTH OF PRAYER, Sanctuary\*

\*note change in meeting times & location

Childcare provided for all meetings.



#### First Look

Considering membership? Want to know more about First Baptist Plano? Join us **TODAY** at 10:05 a.m. in the West Lobby for a continental breakfast.

#### Friendship Club

Join us this Tuesday, **October 24**, for games at 10:00 a.m. and a Chicken Florentine Lunch at noon. Entertainment immediately following lunch will feature Jesse Frank, a guitarist/singer who has performed with Bobbie Austin and The Cascades, Johnny Cash, Roy Clark and Winn Stewart; toured with Willie Nelson and Glenn Campbell; worked for RCA records for 12 years; and appeared in numerous television commercials, and a number of episodes of the TV series "Dallas."

## The Art of Neighboring Church-wide Emphasis

Block parties are being planned as our follow-up and culmination to *The Art of Neighboring* emphasis. Currently, there are seven block parties scheduled for **October 31**. All Sunday School classes are encouraged to offer support by donating candy and water bottles for distribution at these block parties. Donations should be brought to the Church Office. Also, it is not too late to sign up to host your own block party. Contact Tommy Shumate for more information.

# **New Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

- Beginning November 1 at 6:15 p.m. in the Great Hall
- The Literature of the Bible: Approaching Biblical Writings Through Appreciation of Their Literary Merits
- Study led by Dr. Craig Turner
- Read and discuss a variety of passages from the Old and New Testaments by examining several literary genres represented and citing non-Biblical examples as comparative types. Though not a Theological study, our approach will necessarily be informed by our Judeo-Christian perspective. Our goal is to develop a different way of reading familiar scriptures in order to enrich our understanding of the Bible.
- Craig Turner earned a PhD in Literature from Tulane University, has taught English
  at three Baptist universities, and has served as President of three different
  institutions including Hardin-Simmons University. An ordained Deacon and longtime Sunday School/Bible Study teacher, he and his wife Annette have retired and
  reside in Fairview.

#### **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, or call 844-790-5667

## **Renaissance Dinner Theater Trip**

Join us on Friday, *December 8*, as we travel by bus to First Baptist Gainesville for a four -course dinner and entertainment by the North Central Texas University Madrigal Singers. We will leave the church parking lot at 2:00 p.m. and return by 10:00 p.m. Cost is \$57/person. *Paid reservations due in the Church Office by November 1*.