

Weekly Meetings and Events

Sunday

- 9:30am Sunday School
- 10:45am Worship
- 6:00pm Evening Worship

Monday

- 7:00pm Men's Group

Tuesday

- 10:00am Caring Crafters
- 6:00pm Young Adults

Wednesday

- 6:30-7:45pm Adult Bible Studies
- Soakin Up The Son
- "Salt & Light" Youth

Pastors and Staff

- Frank Brand, Senior Pastor
- Weston Eckert, Youth Pastor/Admin.
- Howie Nord, Praise Team Leader
- Keith Hoffman, Men's Ministry
- Roxanne Taylor, Women's Ministry
- Stephanie Hunt, Event's Director
- Carissa Yarnell, Children's Director



- "Explore the Bible" (Adults) with Lois P. and Tom T. @ Education Building
- "The Gospel Project" (Grades 6th-12th) with Weston Eckert @ Fellowship House
- "The Gospel Project" (Adults) with Jennifer Brand @ Education Building
- "The Gospel Project" (Adults) with Mike Lasater @ Fellowship House
- "Gospel Project" with Carissa Yarnell (K-5th Grade) @ Education Building
- "Gospel Project Young Adults" with the Smiley's @ Education Building

Greeters

Anyone that would like to be scheduled as a greeter, please contact Jeanne Telesmanick.

1/7 –Wanda O'Connor and Staci Cicero

1/14 –Rebecca Nurse and Charley Wolters

1/21 –Julia Burley and Judy Smithwick

1/28 –Roxanne Taylor and Rebecca Brown



You're invited to our 2018 Organizational meeting. Come learn about this ministry and see how you might like to serve.

"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:25

January 21st
After church
Lunch will be provided.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP with Susie at 239-910-4523 or contact the church office at 239-992-0881.

The Care Ministry continues to help meet the needs of our congregation and community. Please prayerfully consider helping this ministry be the hands and feet of Jesus.



Don't forget! Online giving is now available! Log onto firstbaptistestero.com and click the online giving tab in the top right corner of the page. Once you register, giving is as simple as a click. For more information, contact Pastor Weston.

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The Connection



January Churchwide Small Group

Are you available Sunday nights in January? If so, join our churchwide small group in the sanctuary! This 4 week small group will study portions of the book of Galatians. Each Sunday will have a twelve minute video followed by a time of Bible study and discussion. If someone asked you to explain the gospel, what would you say? What is the good news of the Christian faith? Writing to the Galatians, Paul made it clear how easily we can be tempted to turn toward fraudulent gospels, especially those that teach we can earn God's love through our works. Though they may have the appearance of truth, they are lifeless and leave us empty in the end.

In this small group study, Kyle Idleman dives into the book of Galatians which contains some of the clearest explanations of the gospel in the New Testament. Through biblical study, Kyle shows that true freedom is found in surrender and not self-dependence. Because our gospel is not one based on our works, but faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Join us at 6pm every Sunday in January.

February –March Small Groups

Our next round of small groups will run on Sundays at 6pm from February 4 -March 25. Sign up in the café or on our church website. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 239-992-0881. Which small group are you interested in?

Stressed Out: A Practical, Biblical Approach to Anxiety Everyone, to varying degrees, worries. Jesus Christ understands us and knows we are prone to worry. Prepare to discover 12 biblical anxiety relievers from Jesus that will get to the root of your anxiety problem and give you the tools you need to replace your anxious thoughts with profound, settled, hopeful joy.

The Book of Revelation: Semester #2 –Revelation. It brings thoughts of terms like "apocalypse", "Armageddon", and the "Mark of the Beast". But there is so much more to the book of Revelation than just that. In a chapter by chapter, in-depth Bible study, learn what God's purpose is in giving us His final Revelation, who it is written to, and how it is meaningful throughout history, including all of us today.

You Make Me Crazy –Is a series on surviving relationships God's way. Everyone has "crazymakers" in life, whether it's a boyfriend, girlfriend, spouse, boss, or relative. This series will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just coexist; you can connect and live out your God given calling.

Lord Change My Attitude: Semester #1 -It's not about your actions. It's not about your circumstances. It's all about your attitude! You can stop the flow of negativity that causes happiness to hemorrhage, and you can start the flow of good attitudes that cause abundant godly joy to flourish. What does God think about attitudes? James MacDonald uses examples from the Israelites' journey out of Egypt to show that attitudes can affect whether someone stays in the wilderness or enjoys the blessings of the promised land. Learn how you can put off attitudes God hates and put on those He honors.

Youth Group: Join Pastor Weston as the youth group studies the book of Ephesians.

Childcare: Child care will be provided.

Missions Update:



Our ministry partner Love Inc has been serving our community since 2010. Love Inc mobilizes local churches to transform lives and communities in the name of Christ. They accomplish this by effectively connecting with church partners and the surrounding community while mobilizing the body of Christ to function as local missionaries. Verified needs of neighbors in need are primarily met through the churches, with the goal of connecting Love Inc's client with a partner church to achieve life transformation.

See below for a few highlights from 2017:

- 387 families served in 2017!
- Over 2,170 volunteer hours clocked, and 4,249 phone calls made through November!
- Negotiated over \$4,000 in reduced medical bills!
- Helped organize outreach to 100 "Irma" ladies who each had a personal stylist from national clothing company, CABI. Every "shopper" received hundreds of dollars of new, high quality clothes!
- Organized recovery meetings with FEMA, insurance and mold experts as well as partner agencies!
- One of the lead entities providing case management for our local churches long-term recovery efforts for our area and Lee County!
- And SO much more!

This was only possible because of our great God, your faithful prayer and support, as well our Amazing volunteers!

On behalf of each life who was touched through this ministry:

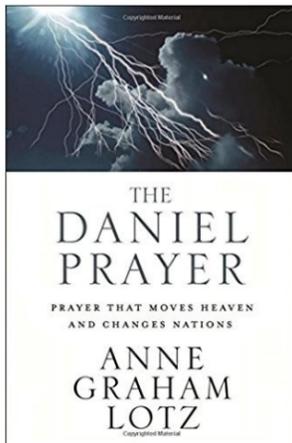
~Thank you & may God abundantly bless you!

"For God so loved YOU, that He sent His only Son..."

Women's Winter Bible Study

The Daniel Prayer
by Anne Graham Lotz

Do you ever long for a more effective prayer life? Then join us for this six-session Bible study! We will learn about the life of Daniel and the fervent prayer he prayed in Daniel 9. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm starting January 17th. Sign up in the café today!



MEN'S MINISTRY

Join our men Mondays at 7 pm in the Fellowship House for a time of prayer and encouragement. Food is served the first Monday of the month.

Deacon of the Month

January's deacon of the month is Craig Weinbaum.

Craig can be reached at 239-272-0270



Choir News

Thanks to all the choir members for their dedication and hard work to make the Christmas cantata so special. Choir rehearsal resumes January 14, and we'll begin working on music for spring and Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us Sundays at 7:15pm in the sanctuary.

Choir Plans for January

January 21 –Here I Am to Worship

January 28 –Victory Chant

Youth Ministry

January 26th –Ice Skating at Germain Arena from 9pm-10:30pm. Arrive at Germain Arena ready to skate! Cost is \$5. RSVP with Pastor Weston if your youth plans on attending.

January 31st -Afterglow from 8-9pm. Pizza will be provided. Cost is \$1.

February 16th - 21st –Whisper Mountain Winter Retreat. This is our rescheduled fall retreat. The cost is \$160. This retreat is for 8th-12th graders. If you would like further information, please see Pastor Weston.

2018 Youth Theme



I am excited to announce our youth group's theme for 2018. Our theme is PURCHASED. It is based off of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 which states that we have been bought with a price. Christ has purchased us with his blood and we should live according to his sacrifice. A merchandise order has been placed and will be available shortly.



Our annual Dessert Auction is on its way and coming in March. Start saving your money!

YOUNG ADULTS

Calling all young adults! Join the FBCE Young Adults every week as we fellowship together, disciple one another, and study God's Word.

Join us:

- Sunday mornings at 9:30am in the Education Building for the Gospel Project.
- Tuesday nights at 6pm at the Smiley's house for Taco Tuesday! We will have dinner and then study God's word.

If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have any questions, please reach out to Steve at 615-969-0402.

Church Business Meeting

January 28th during the evening service. Please plan on attending to hear all that God is doing in our church.

Hurricane Irma Assistance

If you are in need of any financial assistance due to Hurricane Irma, please contact the church office at 239-992-0881. Funds have been made available to assist those impacted by Hurricane Irma.