

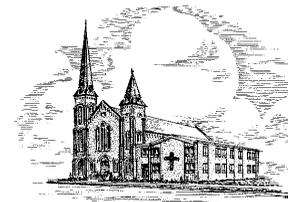
Fathers Day Word Search

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The Men's Breakfast will now be meeting at 9:30 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m. until further notice. It will still be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Hope to see you there!



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Greetings to all,

There is an exciting event coming up in June. It is for everyone in the church and I hope you will be an active part of it. On Saturday, June 10, we will gather in the fellowship hall of the church to continue the transition process. At a previous meeting, we identified the five developmental tasks of a church as it prepares to call a new pastor. These five tasks were identified as: heritage, leadership, connection, vision/mission and future. We will be looking at the task of understanding our heritage and what it means as a new pastor is searched for.

Dictionare.com defines "heritage"¹ as: 1. something that is handed down from the past, as a tradition: *a national heritage of honor, pride, and courage.* 2. Something that comes or belongs to one by reason of birth; an inherited lot or portion: *a heritage of poverty and suffering.* 3. Something reserved for one: *the heritage of the righteous.*

This church has a heritage both in terms of what has gone before that has now been passed down to us and in terms of what we will pass on to those who follow. Our heritage is an important part of the process of selecting a new pastor. This meeting will help us to clarify our heritage.

In preparation for this time, I want you to think of when you became active in the church and when you actually became a member of the church. Sometimes the two things happen at the same time; at other times they are different events. Also, be thinking about the things that you remember as being significant events in the life of the church.

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I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, June 10, from 10:00 in the morning until 2:00 in the afternoon.

Peace,

Pastor Ross

¹<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/heritage>

A CALL FOR LOCAL MISSIONARIES

Dear FBC Family:

Now that we are in spring and summer is fast approaching, it is time to plan for FBC greeters for the Jackson Personal Care Ministry (JPCM) for the second half of 2017. This ministry is vital to the community as it provides personal hygiene products free of cost to those who need them. Personal hygiene products are not available at the various food banks in the area, nor from other sources of assistance.

The JPCM is housed at FBC and an FBC member is always present as a greeter for the pantry. The greeters' tasks are to welcome and greet clients and be a representative of both Christ and First Baptist Church to those clients. The greeter schedule is currently filled through the end of June 2017. July is now fast approaching and the time to make the schedule for the second half of 2017 has arrived. For those who have accepted the call to serve as greeter in the past, I thank you and ask again for your service. For those who have not, I strongly encourage to give of your time. Be assured that you will find it very rewarding and the duties light.

There are 27 pantry dates in the second half of 2017. Some of us will be more available than others and will therefore work a few more dates than others. Some may only be able to serve on a single date or maybe two. That's OK - please do not shy away because your availability is limited or seasonal. All I ask is that you give what you can. The intention will be to spread the load as evenly as possible. On past schedules, greeters work between two and four times over the six month period. We schedule around school

THE MODEL FATHER by Rachel Lovingood

God Almighty is your Heavenly Father, and He is the perfect example of what it means to be a dad. Looking at each of the letters that make up the word "father," consider some of the characteristics that set Him apart and provide a model for our human dads.

F -Forgiveness is a huge part of your relationship with your Father. He is willing and able to forgive you of any sin you commit if you will only ask Him. It's comforting to know that nothing you do is ever so bad that God won't forgive you (Romans 8:38-39; 1 John 1:9). Now, that's unconditional acceptance.

A -He is active in your life all the time. God is always at work around you. Ask God to show you what He is doing. You will be amazed at all that is going on. More important, the invitation is open for you to get involved with Him. You never have to wait for your turn to be active with God (John 5:17).

T -Time for you. While humans get too busy to do this or that, God always has time for you. Whenever you feel lonely, struggle with a problem, want to share a thought, or need to deal with a concern, He is there for you. You can't find a time in your day when He is too busy to talk or listen to you (Jeremiah 33:3).

H -The heart of the matter is that God knows your heart, and He loves you anyway. Proverbs tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things. Many people don't like to be around you if you aren't in a good mood or if you make mistakes. God wants to hang out with you anytime, and He alone is able to change your heart to be all you were created to be (1 John 4:9-10, 19).

E -Everywhere sums up God's place in your life. If you're a Christian, there is nowhere you can go where He isn't with you. It can be encouraging to realize that when you are in a tough place in your life, He is right there with you. Whether other people are there or not, God is by your side (Romans 8:35-39).

R -Rest and Read. These are two areas where most people could use a little work. Rest is important to you because it's easy to become so busy that you don't take time with the Lord. He wants you to set aside daily time to rest in Him and to read His Word. The Bible is His letter to His children. The best way to get to know your Father is to spend quality time resting and reading all about Him in the Word (John 14:21; Psalm 46:10).

This Father's Day, be thankful that God is there for you and wants to meet the needs in your life. Let God know how much He means to you.

JACKSON PERSONAL CARE MINISTRY (JPCM)

FBC GREETER AVAILABILITY WORKSHEET

JULY THRU DECEMBER 2017

Greeter Name: _____

Phone: _____

For each date, please mark 'yes' if you are available to be a greeter for the JPCM, 'no' if you are not.

	Yes	No
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13-Jul		
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27-Jul		
3-Aug		
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12-Oct		
19-Oct		
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11-Jan		

activities, summer vacations and migrations south for the winter. There are those who don't like to drive after dark. That's OK - we can schedule them for the long days of summer and early fall. If you want to participate, whether a little or a lot, you will be included.

As followers of Christ, we are compelled to make our love of God actionable through service. This is where the rubber meets the road. This is where we are the face and hands of Christ to people who have real needs. This is a ministry that shows the community that Christians do care and that First Baptist Church does walk the walk.

I have included a form for you to complete if you chose to answer this call to service (see page 6). You will put your name and phone number at the top and then indicate your availability for each Thursday through early January 2018. You are not picking days to work. You are only telling me when you are available. If you're available only once or twice, that's OK - we'll work with that. Once I have received everyone's sheet, I will assign each of you the dates that you will work.

If you are new to this ministry and want to serve but are uncertain or nervous about trying, I can pair you with another experienced greeter so that you can learn how it's done. Just put a note indicating as much on your sheet when you turn it in.

Please fill out your form and either mail it back to me or give it to me on a Sunday, put it in the offering plate on a Sunday or leave it with Nicole at the church office. I look forward to hearing back from you. I need all forms returned no later than Monday, June 12, 2017.

Let's do this with joy, compassion and gratitude. We've got this.

Troy White of the Spiritual Life Team

