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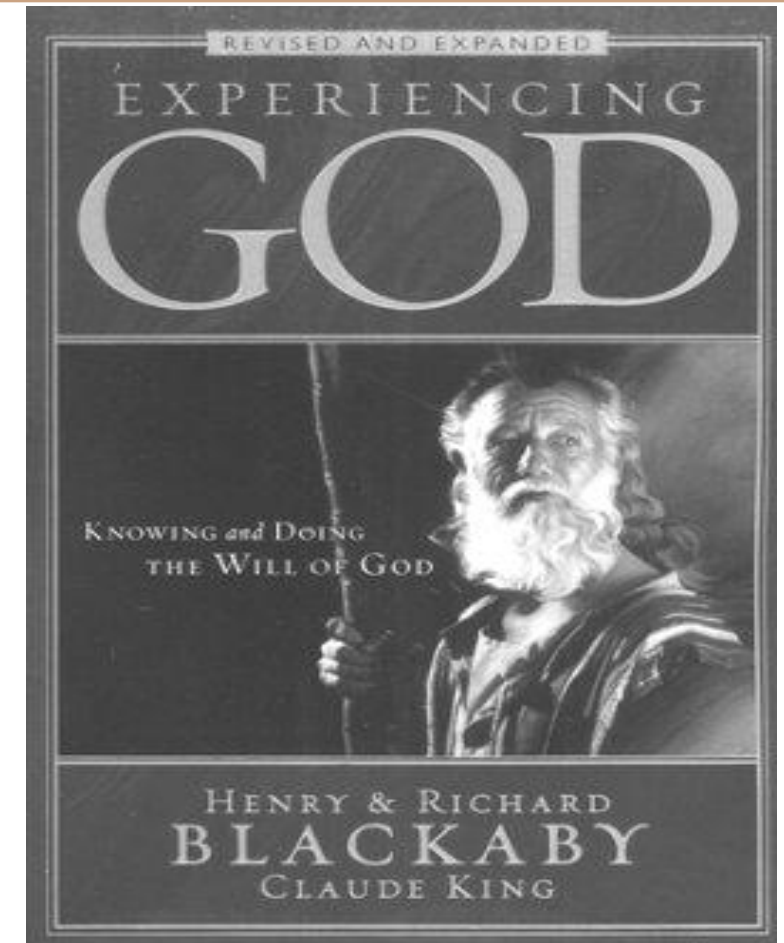
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January 3, 2018 we will begin a new study on Wednesday evenings at 6 PM in the CLC-“Experiencing God”, Knowing and Doing the Will of God! If you have not been attending the Wednesday night Bible Study, now would be a good time to begin. Everyone invited to attend as we study His Word together in this casual setting.

Looking for you there!!!

(Workbooks available for \$15.00, but they are not required)

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January

- 11 – James Ward
- 12 – Kiersten Nolen
- 14 – Wayne Haymon
 Khrystian Hoffpauir
 Travis Hillman
- 15 – Kay Brown
 Verna Jones
- 17 – Mac Waldrop
- 18 – Glenda beebe
- 20 – Tim Tuck
 Steve Woods
- 25 – Walter Corn
- 26 – Shirley Ward
- 27 – Billy R. Johnson
 Brittany Grammar
- 28 – Christopher Robertson
- 31 – Brandi Manasco

February

- 1 – Nicole Reed
- 2 – Linda Cedars
 Bro. Craig Forque
- 3 – Cady Brack
- 5 – Jessica Racca
- 6 – Elizabeth Haymon
 Jules Brown

Sunday	
Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.	
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.	
Children’s Choir 5:00 PM	
GA’s & RA’s 6:00 PM	
Sunday Evening 6 PM in the CLC	
Wednesday	
Awana 6:00 – 7:30 PM	
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.-CLC	
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.	
FBC State of Affairs	
Received December 17, 2017	9,537.13
Received December 24, 2017	11,410.00
Received December 31, 2017	3,831.33
Sunday School Report	
	12/17 12/24 12/31
Members Present	157 No SS
Visitors	15
Worship Attendance	174
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal	
\$10,000.00	

2018 Monthly Budget Required	
\$40,033.00	
Received January 7	\$16,451.76
Sunday School Report	
	1/7/18
Members Present	137
Visitors	13
Worship Attendance	172
January van Driver	
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A Note From the Pastor

As we begin a new year, there are always mixed emotions. Some look forward to new opportunities or possibilities while others begin the year with a sense of uncertainty, even dread. The unknown stirs up various feelings in our hearts. But scripture tells us that God is the source of the most powerful beginnings. A careful reading of Genesis will prove this.

But as we begin 2018, please know that God not only formed you for a particular purpose, but He has the next days and months and years planned for your good. We may not always realize that but He promises in His word to lead us well. All we have to do is submit to His will, His leading, and trust His goodness.

After all, He is the creator and sustainer of all things.

It is my prayer that we all strive to make this year our best year ever in terms of our closeness with Christ. Let's fully trust His graciousness and what He desires to do in our lives. We have so many opportunities for you to be involved in what God desires to do at First Baptist. From teaching rolls that need to be filled, to helping with children's ministries or shut-in visitation. Prayer meetings to inspired in-depth Bible studies both on Sundays and Wednesdays, we are blessed to have so many ministries to use our spiritual gifts.

Please make this the year you grow nearer to God.

Our verse to begin 2018 is Proverbs 1:7 from the Amplified Version.

The [reverent] fear of the Lord [that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly awesome] is the beginning and the preeminent part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; But arrogant fools despise [skillful and godly] wisdom and instruction and self-discipline.

From our family, we again want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you and with you here in Leesville, it is truly a blessing.

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

It doesn't seem possible that 2018 is here already. I have always heard that time flies when you are having fun. The older I get, I realize more and more that time flies whether I am having fun or not. If I am having fun while it flies, then I am blessed.

As I sit here typing away at this keyboard, the majority of 2018 lies before me. 2017 is a memory. I cannot go back and do anything in 2017... It is complete whether I like it or not. On the other hand, 2018 is waiting like a blank slate. Opportunities beckon. Can I make this year one that is better than the past? Can I complete the things that have thus far been left unfinished? Maybe so.

One thing that I am convinced of AND convicted of is that the Lord has a plan for me (and for you too) in 2018. Admittedly, from where I sit now, I am not aware of what that plan entails, but HE is aware. HE knows every minute detail of it. Therefore, I approach 2018 with Proverbs 3:5-6 on my lips and on my heart... "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not on thy own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths." Lord, help me live like this in 2018.

Thanks to those who have helped in worship the last few weeks. Elizabeth Cyr and Sean Slate have been faithful on instruments, and we were blest to have Leigh Ann Prewitt supply on the piano on December 31. Also, thanks to the Adult Choir and to Leslie Moore for their beautiful singing. We are currently signing up for the Jubilee Conference, April 22-26, 2018. Speakers this year will be Johnny Hunt and Max Lucado, Comedian is Aaron Wilburn, Music will be The Hopper's, Lynda Randal, Cathedrals Reunion, The Kingsmen Quartet, the Primitive Quartet, and Steve Green. In addition, we will attend "Samson" at the "Sight and Sound Theater". A \$50 deposit is due by Jan 21, and final pricing numbers should be available soon.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.



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Goal

\$10,000

2017 Ugly Sweater Winners



Travis Hicks & Ellen Bailey

Welcome New Members



Leonard & Bobby (Rinkie) Endris