



# First Baptist Church

## Discover the Love of Christ

Frostproof, Florida

January 2021

Dear Church,

What a year 2020 has been! It has been a challenge in many different ways, largely in part because of COVID-19. I have not heard anyone who is sad to see the year go. We pray and trust that this new year will be better to us. Even though we do not understand everything that has happened, nor do we like it, we can be assured that God was not caught off guard. He still has a purpose and plan for everything.

I came across this article by Thom Rainer a short time back. I agree.

### My COVID Manifesto for My Church

- I love my church, and I will not stop believing God has full control of this congregation.
- When everything seems in COVID chaos, I will remember He is always in control.
- I love my church, and I will pray for my pastor every day. Pastors are confronted with decisions and conflict daily. I will pray for them regularly.
- I love my church, and I will not get into fights and feuds over masks and similar issues. When I act like Christ, I always put others before myself.
- I love my church, and I will attend faithfully. Now is the time for the body of Christ to come together. I will be a part of that reunion.
- I love my church, and I will continue to support her. I will give abundantly and serve joyfully. My commitment will not wane in trying times.
- I love my church, and I will point others to my congregation. I will invite people enthusiastically and be a gospel bearer every week.
- I love my church, and I will not engage in gossip and negative conversations. When others attempt to engage me, I will walk away or offer positive words instead.
- I love my church, and I will be an encourager to others. I will intentionally encourage through spoken words, notes, and social media.
- I love my church, because Christ loves my church. My commitment is firm in good times and in the stresses of COVID. I truly believe God has a better future for my congregation. In His power and strength, I will be a part of it.

My prayer is that we, as a church body, would be all that God desires us to be. It is not so much about doing church as it is about being the church. Let's be found faithful in this new year! Wishing you a Happy New Year!

**Bro. Darrol**



*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."  
Jeremiah 29:11 NIV*

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## New Year Goals



Five keys to setting successful spiritual goals for the New Year:

**Seek God First:** Our heavenly Father had told us in the word that He knows the plans He has for us, but God also goes further and tells us to seek Him with all our hearts, and in doing so, we get to know what plans He has for us and how to accomplish them. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

**Sincerity:** Be sincere with yourself. Look for an area that you need to improve, one example is setting a goal to spend more time in the Bible daily and allowing Jesus to lead you. This will enable you to share the word with others.

**Set Specific and Realistic Goals:** *Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? (Luke 14:28 NIV)*

We all want to grow closer to God, but not all of us will do that because most people are not specific when it comes to that goal. Growing closer to God will take the rest of our lives. We need to come up with something more measurable or specific, like daily reading a Bible verse.

**Set Yourself Up for Success:** Create your goals for the New Year, determine in your heart that you're going to achieve the goals set. Next, get rid of things or people which will derail or block you from achieving your goals.

**Expect Difficulty and Be Flexible:** *You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. Hebrews 10:35-36 NIV*

The enemy is going to fight you so he can prevent you from achieving your goals. The flesh will resist, especially the first time. Keep going even in those challenging seasons when the last thing you want to do is open your Bible and read. Daily Bible reading and prayer is essential.

**God's grace** is sufficient for you to accomplish your goals. Your heavenly Father is with your every step of the way leading and guiding you to places He wants you to be. He will lift you when you fall. Turn to Him, not to people or self in those difficult moments, and when you're disappointed in yourself, allow Him to work in you because even in such times, God will use the bad for good to help you achieve your goals.

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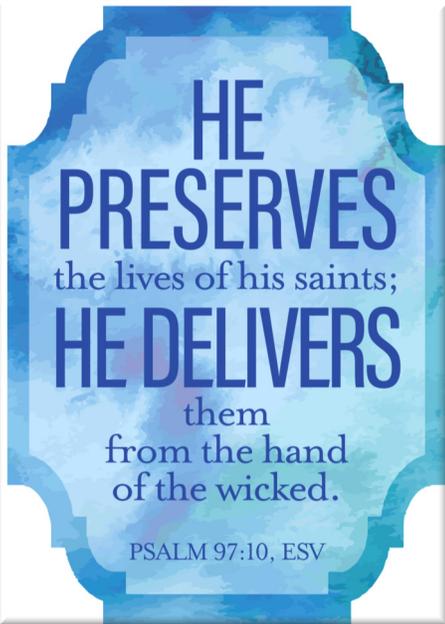


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Deacons serving: Dale Williams Doyce Cotton	4	5	6 Awana & Student Refuge 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Prayer Team 12:30 pm Smith Bldg.	8	9
10 Deacons serving: John Cavanaugh Larry Blackwelder	11 Young Adult Bible Study- 6pm Fellowship Hall	12 WMU 9am Fellowship Hall	13 Awana & Student Refuge 6:30 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Prayer Team 12:30 pm Smith Bldg.	15	16
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31 Deacons serving: Garry Talley Dale Williams						

Visit our Church Library, we are open on Sundays 12:00-12:15 pm.



<p>2 Keith Walters 4 Samantha Davis 7 Ruth Johnson, Trevia Morrison, 9 Nancy Miller 10 Jade A. Wise Jensen 11 Racheal Talley, Sam Van Hook, Sidney Smith 12 Virgil Ullom, Gene Schwiddee 15 Elias Rivas 16 Caleb Sharpe 17 Deanna Norris</p>	<p>19 Lois Anderson 22 Matt Collins 27 Brandon Bennett 29 Brittany Dixon 31 Joel Campos</p>
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HE PRESERVES

the lives of his saints;

HE DELIVERS

them  
from the hand  
of the wicked.

PSALM 97:10, ESV



*Discover the love of Christ!*

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**Connecting with God!  
Connecting with Others!**

## First Baptist Church Ministry

**Vision For FBC:** He desires us to be a church that impacts our community with the Gospel.

**Mission For FBC:** Making disciples, leading believers to become fully devoted followers of Christ.

**Strategy For FBC:**

- **Connect** with God through worship and with others through relationships.
- **Grow** spiritually and numerically through small group Bible study.
- **Serve** others by joining a team engaged in ministry.

## Service Schedules

### Sunday

Life Group Classes 9:45am  
Celebration Worship Service 11:00 am

### Wednesday

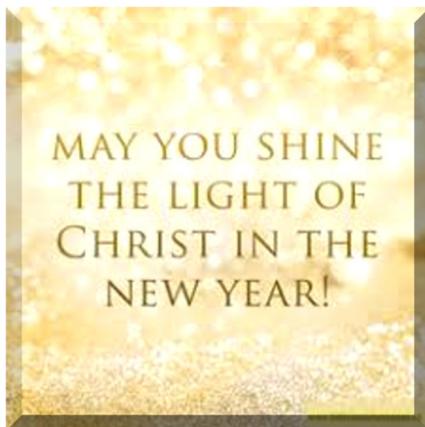
Student Refuge & Adult Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Awana 6:30 pm (Sept. - May)

## Thank You Note

A special "thank you" to all the ladies for the delicious meal following Clifford's service. We appreciate your generosity and dedication.

Love in Christ,

Charles Bradley and family



## New Adult Bible Study

### "In A Brief Survey of the Bible"

by John Walton & Mark Strauss

Wednesday, January 6 - Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Smith Building - (Workbook \$10.00)

In "*A Brief Survey of the Bible*," Bible professors John Walton and Mark Strauss give you the background you need to successfully understand even the difficult parts of the Word of God. They provide an overview of the Bible's key themes, show what the teachings meant to the people at the time, and explain how those teachings apply to your life today. By the end, you will have a greater understanding of Scripture, know how all the books work together, and understand what God has done to make a way for you to come to him.

Facilitator, Doug Armstrong