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Light of the World Monthly Newsletter

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Key Events This Month:

- 9/12—Men’s Bible Study**
- 9/13—Sunday School for all ages begins**
- 9/13- New Member Welcome**
- 9/13—Monthly Potluck**
- 9/18—Council Strategy Session**
- 9/20—Council Meeting**
- 9/20—GLOW Meeting**
- 9/22- Women’s Bible Study**
- 9/25—Family Fun Night**

What Is the Importance of Christian Baptism?

“He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior.”

Titus 3:5-6

A man lies in the recovery room after serious, life-saving heart surgery. The surgeon walks into the room and gets down on his knees beside the bed. With tears in his eyes the doctor says, “Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I can’t thank you enough for what you have done for me!”

There’s something backwards about that scene. Shouldn’t the patient be the one thanking the doctor? After all, that surgeon saved his life. The patient owes that medical man a huge debt of gratitude.

Many people get Christian Baptism backwards. They think that Baptism is something we do for God, a way of showing obedience to him. That seems appropriate. After all, parents are the ones who bring their



children to the baptismal font. However, in Baptism God is really the one who does something for us.

And what wonderful things God does for us in Baptism! The apostle Peter said, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). In those words Peter describes two of the wondrous blessings of Baptism: the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans

3:23). We are all sinners. Sin separates us from God. Sin takes away the blessings he wants us to have. Sin keeps us out of heaven. So God did something about sin. He sent Jesus, his Son. Jesus lived perfectly in our place, died on the cross to pay for all our sins and rose again to assure us of eternal life. In Baptism, God gives us this forgiveness that Jesus won for us.

The other blessing, the gift of the Holy Spirit, is faith or trust in Jesus. Faith is the hand that receives all the blessings that

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Stewardship Series

Once again September is “Stewardship Month.” This years stewardship sermon series theme is “Christian Stewardship: It’s YOUR Way of Life.”

This three week sermon series

will focus on encouraging you and enabling you to make godly stewardship (in the areas of your time, your abilities, and your finances) a normal way of life, just like getting into the habit eating healthy or getting regular exercise is all part of a healthy lifestyle or way of life.

The three weekly themes will be:

- ⇒ **Save the Best for God!**
- ⇒ **Turn Your Storehouse into a Distribution Center**
- ⇒ **You’re the “Next Man Up”!**

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Jesus won for us. In Baptism God miraculously works faith in our hearts so that we don't miss out on a single blessing that Jesus won for us. Through faith worked in Baptism, God gives us all the blessings earned by our Savior: forgiveness of sins, a new life of peace and hope, and eternal life in heaven.

Is Baptism important? Absolutely! In Baptism God is at work for us. Through Baptism God saves us.

Revel in your baptism!

Pastor Strong

Church Picture Directory

We will be working with Lifetouch to produce a picture directory of our church family here. On November 10th and 11th, from 3-7pm each day, a photographer will be at church to take pictures of our families. Lifetouch will be providing a complimentary 8x10 portrait for each family, as well as a free directory. Additional photos will be available for purchase.

There will be more information in the coming weeks, and we will be looking to start scheduling families soon!

Light of the World Mission Statement

*As a family of believers united in faith, we serve Jesus, the true Light of the World, as we **GATHER** around God's Word and the Sacraments and **GROW** together in our faith and our relationship with Jesus, so we can **GO** and share the good news of Jesus in our community and the world and **GLOW** with the love of Christ in our lives.*

G.L.O.W. Report

After a brief summer hiatus, the women of GLOW (God's Lights of the World) will be starting their monthly meetings and women's Bible study back up.

The first regular meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 20th following the worship service. This will be an important meeting as the ladies will decide on a new president, since our current president, Fay Mueller, will be leaving us.

All the ladies of Light of the World are invited to this meeting and to be a part of GLOW.

The women's Bible study will be the fourth Tuesday of September (9/22) at 6pm. The location will be announced. They will be starting a new series entitled "The Heart of Jesus." They are ordering books, which cost \$20 a piece. If you are interested, please contact Becky Strong.

On the Lighter Side...

...A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping"

...Going over our church finances I found a receipt from a local paint store signed by someone named Christian. I wasn't aware of anyone buying paint, so I called the store to point out its mistake.

"I'm sorry," I told the manager, "but there are no Christians here at First Baptist Church."

CHALLENGE: FAITH

Are you gearing up for this Sunday School year's faith challenge? Again, we're going to challenge every member to start trekking to the pinnacle of their faith lives by joining one of our numerous Bible Studies opportunities. Here's just a taste of what we'll be starting up this month:

⇒ Sunday morning Bible Class—"Indulge in the Great "I Am!" - Enjoying Jesus' "I am" statements

⇒ Women's Bible Study—"The Heart of Jesus" - Women in the gospel of Luke

⇒ Men's Bible Study—"Heroes of Faith"—Working through the 'Hall of Faith' in Hebrews 11

⇒ BBB Class (Back to the Basics of the Bible) - Reviewing the basic teachings of the Bible (contact Pastor for more info)



SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 10:30—Worship w/ Communion	3	4	5	6 6:00—Education Team Meeting	7	8 12:00—Tent Set-up @ Church
9 10:30—Outdoor Wor- ship 12:00—Church Picnic	10	11 6:00—Worship Team Meeting	12	13	14	15
16 10:30—Worship w/ Communion 12:00—Council Meet- ing	17	18 6:00—Canvassing	19	20	21 6:00—Council Meeting	22
23 10:30—Worship 12:00—Outreach Team Meeting	24	25	26 6:00—Sunday School Teacher's Meeting	27	28	29
30 10:30—Worship 12:00—Member Minis- try Team Meeting	31 6:00—Catechism Par- ents Meeting					

Church Cleaners for August
 8/2-8/8—Dolgnier/Mueller
 8/9-8/15—Kuhl/Sinclair
 8/16-8/22—McGough
 8/23-8/29—Risse
 8/30-9/5—Strong

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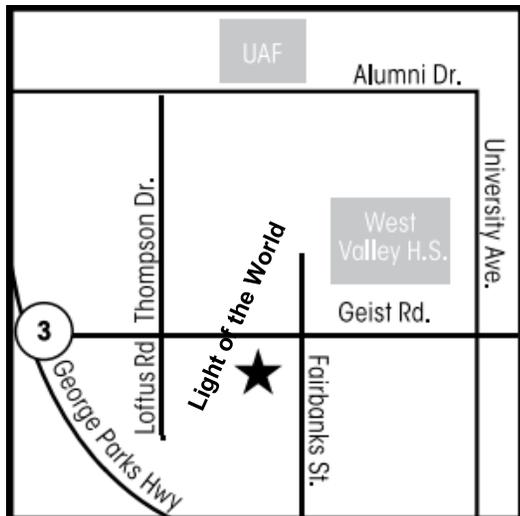
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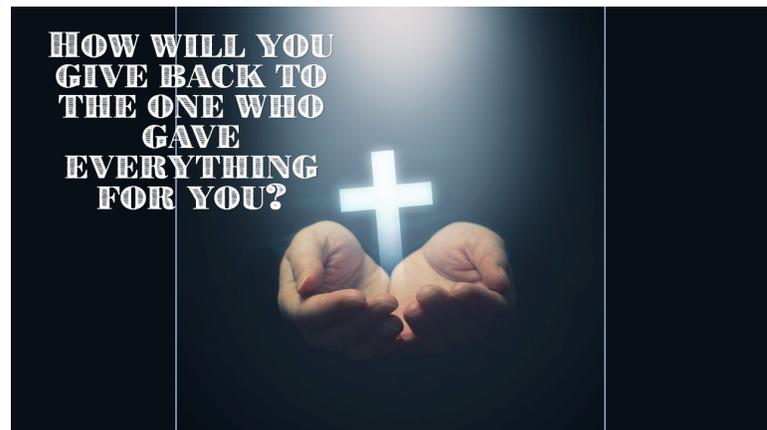
Sunday Worship 10:30

Bible Classes for all ages

9:15 am



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