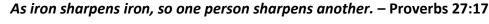
"Word from the Pastor"





Have you ever been inspired by someone else's generosity and then felt spurred on to be generous to those around you? Perhaps you admired someone else's hospitality and were inspired to imitate it, or maybe you received a large gift and suddenly began looking for ways you could give to others. It seems to me that generosity inspires generosity. This is perhaps too homely an illustration, but when Candice and I were in college, we were the recipients of quite a few meals paid for by others. Our stage in life made us ready recipients, but the generosity of others also made us eager to take up the practice ourselves. Honestly, it was quite novel and fun, so we started buying dinner

for our college friends. Soon, our friends started to notice and began buying meals for one another. These were not showy, grand displays of generosity, just small kindnesses. Nevertheless, a culture of generosity grew in our group. The fact that we each had so little made it all the more meaningful. We used to say to one another, "generosity inspires generosity."

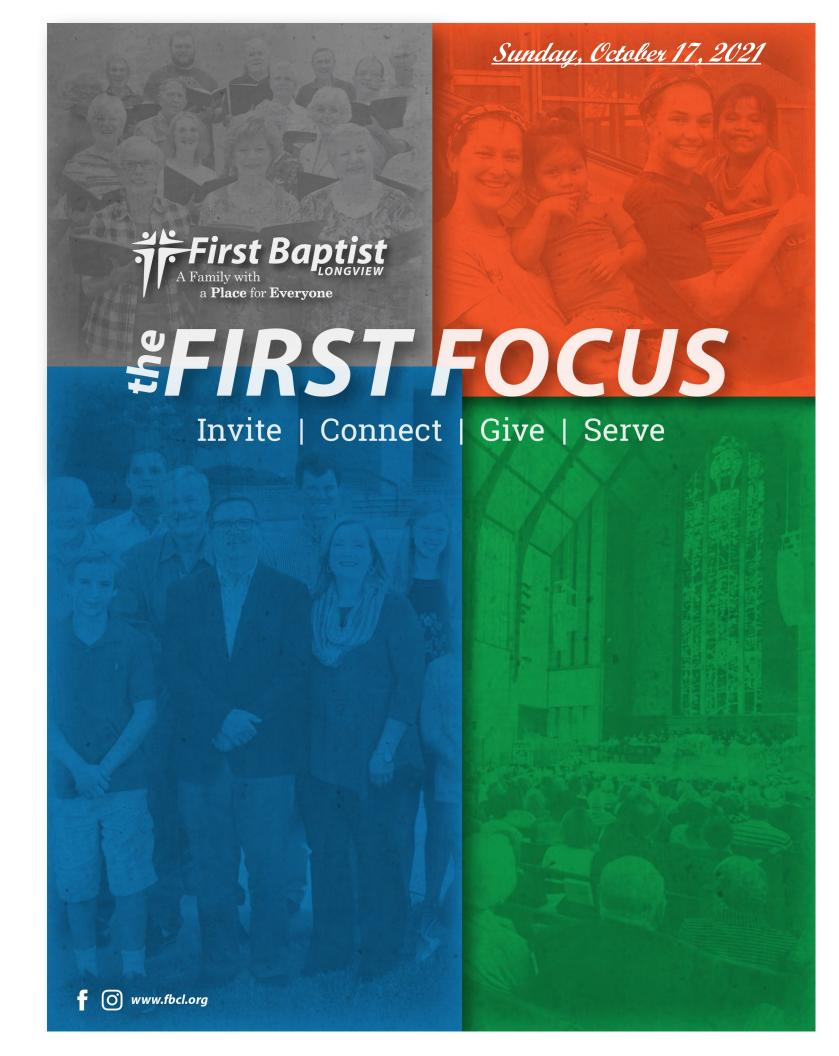
Over the past couple weeks, we have been in a sermon series called "Generous Living." As a way of capping off the series, we are hosting a special night of fellowship and testimony called a "Celebration of Generous Living" (next Sunday, October 24 from 5-7pm in the Great Hall). This is not a fund raiser. We are not asking for money at the event (no auctions, raffles, tickets, or suggested donations—not that those are bad, they're just not the purpose of this event). The goal is to fellowship and share stories of generosity so that we might inspire one another towards open-handedness in every area of our lives. There are some things that are better "caught" than taught, and this is one thing I'd love for us to get "caught up" in as a church. We will have hors d'oeuvres, hear testimonies, and hopefully inspire gratitude, joy, and generosity in one another as iron sharpens iron. See you there! (R.S.V.P. to jzeitlow@fbcl.org would be very helpful, but not required).

Sincerely,

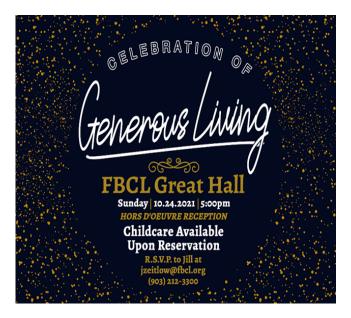
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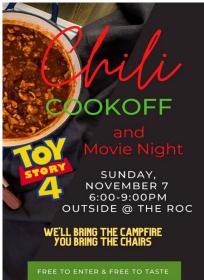


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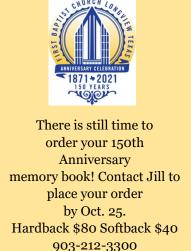




In case of pastoral care emergencies, the following ministers will be on call for the following weekends.

October 15-17 Kip Salser 903-918-2130

October 22-24 Collin Bullard 870-210-0176

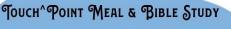






We are taking gently used and new coats to donate to Bailey Elementary. Please help us keep our community warm this winter. At the evening Mid-Week Worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the BCEB Theater on Wednesday, October 27, come hear a report from Rob Miller, Co-Founder of Catch the Vision International, about the current state of missions work in Peru and what God is doing there.





Wednesdays 11:30 am -Meal 12:00 Noon-Bible Study **Great Hall** Cost: \$5.00/person

Reserve your spot each week, please call the church office and speak with Christy by 12:00 Noon each Tuesday.

Menu:

Spaghetti and Meat Balls, Cole Slaw, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Water, Tea, or Coffee There will be no Evening Meal



The ROC is in need of dining room chairs, if you have any dining rooms chairs that you no longer need please donate to the ROC. For more information contact Alicia at 903-758-0680.







A thank you card was received from Mrs. Caroline Simmons and family.





ROC360 Basketball registration is now open!!! Fee for participation will be \$50 per child (includes cost of Jersey)

In person only registration at The ROC

Evaluations will be:

October 25th K-2 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00 October 26th 3-4 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00

October 28th 5-6 Grade between 5:30 & 7:00

Practices will begin on Monday, November 15th

For information contact 903-758-0680 (Alicia) or Agibson@fbcl.org

Exalt Worship 8:30 am | LifeGroups for All Ages 9:45 am | Revive Worship 11:00 am

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