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Giving Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the back of Morgan Hall for tithes and offerings. We invite you to pick one up or ask an usher for help if you need a giving envelope.

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What does an offering of service look like?

You see a lot of smiles in the photos below, but that's no accident. Camping with KIDMIN leaders is an experience to smile about! Lori Welborn, Constance Potter, and Jasmine Garner took six elementary students to Passport Camp July 19-22 and then turned around and held a swim night the night they got back! That kind of devotion to our kids shows the love of Jesus!



Sermon Notes

Romans 8:26-39

Christ, Our Advocate

Steven Norris, preaching

The eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans represents the theological and spiritual climax of his writings. It unambiguously declares the saving power of Christ's death and the new identity of Spirit-filled believers: adopted children of God. In today's passage, Paul uses the metaphor of a courtroom to illustrate the ongoing role of Christ in a believer's life and contrasts it with the role of our Enemy.

The _____ is the one pointing the finger.
(Job 1-2; Zechariah 3:1-2)

The _____ is the one pleading our cause.
(1 John 2:1)

_____ is the final verdict.
(John 3:16; 1 John 4:8)

AMOR, ERGO SUM!

**The band, Rend Collective, has a great song entitled, “My Advocate,” that highlights many of the same truths as this passage. As you reflect on this passage throughout the week, take a few moments to listen to that song as part of your devotional time.*



Connexion Worship
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Death Was Arrested
Living Hope
See A Victory
No Longer Slaves

Kristin Jones
Adam Pugh
Harrison Pugh
Orietta Russom

Scripture Reading Romans 8:26-39 Jeff Rogers

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Childcare
Childcare for babies through age 3 is available on the preschool hall. Children in preschool through 5th grade are invited to come forward during the Time for Children. After this time, children are welcome to join the Children’s Leader in Education Room 207 for a time of Children’s Worship. Parents should pick up their children from room 207 immediately following the worship service.

What’s Happening @ FBC

Educator Recognition
As our school system prepares to return for a new academic year, we want to set aside time to recognize our educators, pray for them, and encourage them with a special gift during our service today.

Journey in Grace
Do you have questions about faith or about First Baptist Church? We would love to have a conversation with you. You are invited to join us in our next Journey in Grace class on Sunday, August 2, from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. A minister will lead this session. Light refreshments will be served.

Promotion Sunday
Our children and students will promote to the next grade level in Sunday school on August 2. Help us encourage them through prayer as they “Moove Up.” This Sunday would also be a great time to get involved in serving through our Children’s Ministry or Student Ministry. If you have been considering how you might help, please reach out to Lori Welborn or Seth Brown.

Wednesday Night Kickoff
When we gather on Wednesday nights, we are intentional about taking time to be present with our church family. Whether we are sharing a meal together at 5:00 p.m., studying the Word of God together in a small group, rehearsing for worship through the Music Ministry, or serving in some other capacity, Wednesdays afford us a special opportunity to build a stronger community. We hope you will join us for the Wednesday night kickoff on August 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center to learn more about Wednesday night activities. Supper is free that night, as is the excellent companionship you will find with your church family.

Live Generously: Pray for Our Schools
As part of our focus on generosity this month, we invite you to be in prayer for our schools, the students, the teachers, the staff, the administrators, and even the facilities. If you have not received a Prayer Guide for Schools, then you will find them in our Information displays in the Welcome Center and in the Family Life Center.

Floral Arrangements
If you would like to place flowers in the church in honor or memory of a loved one, please contact Alice Blake or call the church office.

Welcome

If you are a guest, please fill out the information below and drop it in the offering basket.
Name

How can we contact you? (email or phone)

Prayer Request

How can we pray for you?

Would you like for us to share this request with the congregation?

Yes No



Seth Brown, Minister of Students
& Community Engagement
Erin Clarke, Minister of Music
Ellee Hilley, Minister of Worship Arts
Ron Murray, Minister of Pastoral Care
Steven Norris, Senior Pastor
Lori Welborn, Minister to Children & Families