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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

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God's Will Is Our Action

Ephesians 5:15-17 "Be very careful, then, how you live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

In his book "Just do Something" Kevin DeYoung brings some challenges to our thinking about God's will. I only wish I had read it when I was in my twenties, it would have saved me a lot of trouble. He makes the point that the Apostles did not sit on their hands and fret over what God's will was for their lives. They lived lives of action and only as they went out in His name did they get direction from the Lord. On the flip side many of us, myself included, have spent much time sitting and waiting for God to direct us to act when He has already given us the freedom to act. Waiting on the Lord to reveal to us His secret plan has some negative consequences:

1. It implies that we have a sneaky God: If God has a secret will for all of us that he has failed to tell us about, He seems to be playing hide and seek. This is especially true if He holds us accountable for "not" following His will.

2. It undermines personal responsibility, accountability and initiative: Waiting on God may cause a passivity that God never intended. We may even want to avoid responsibility for our actions by blaming God's will for poor choices or inactivity.

3. It focuses almost all our attention to non-moral issues: Often when we try and seek God's will it has little to do with morality or God's focus. It has to do with life decisions, like "Where will I live" or "What car should I buy". (Obviously God wants you to buy the red one!)

According to the passage above it is God's will that we make the most of every opportunity to bring glory to God. As we look at the lives of believers like Peter and Paul, we can see that we should never let the fear of acting for Christ stagnate our lives. We have the freedom to act, make plans, and pursue things for God's glory. When we do this, walking by the spirit the whole time, we will see what the Lord can do through us.

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At CFBC, we exist to:
WORSHIP the Lord
WALK with Believers
WORK in the Church
WITNESS to the World

Weekly at First Baptist

Sunday:	9:00am - Time of prayer before Worship Service 9:30am Worship Service - Communion is the first Sunday of every month. 11:15am Sunday School for all ages
Monday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Choir at 6:30pm
Tuesday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Ladies' Bible Study in Fellowship Hall 10:00am - Studying "Mark" by Warren Wiersbe Men's Bible Study in Room 106 at 10:00am - Studying "Exodus: Be Delivered" by Warren Wiersbe Men's Bible Study in the Library at 6:30pm - Studying "Psalms: Hymns for God's People"
Wednesday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm Youth Bible Study at 5:30pm; Youth Group at 6:30pm Ladies' Bible Study in Room 106 at 6:30pm - Studying "Foundations" (New Testament) by Rob and Kandi Gallaty
Thursday:	Office open 8:00am-2:00pm The Elder Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.
Friday:	Office closed; Pastors' and Staff day off "First Friday Prayer" meets the first Friday of every month at 7:00pm

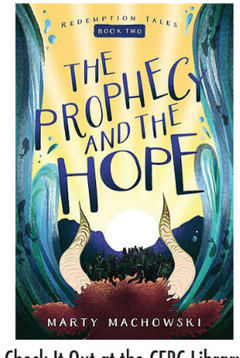


Off Our Rockers is back for the Fall!

The senior adult fellowship potluck will be Monday, November 16th, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Please join us and bring a dish to share.

Library "Kids' Corner"

Recommended Reading

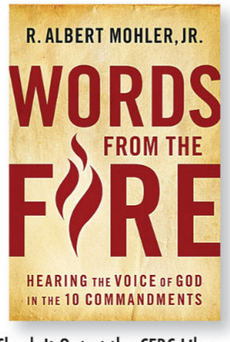


Check It Out at the CFBC Library
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November Events

November 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 3	Election Day - CFBC is a polling place Precinct 2311 only
November 6	First Friday Prayer at 7:00pm
November 14	Men's Breakfast at 9:00am
	Aidan Lorenz 25th Birthday Party 3:00-7:00pm
November 16	"Off Our Rockers" potluck lunch at 11:00am
November 26	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Decorate the Church for Christmas at 10:00am
November 29	First Sunday of Advent

Recommended Reading



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Ministry/Missions Spotlight: Operation Christmas Child

Every year CFBC partners with churches around the world to join Samaritan's Purse in filling shoeboxes with gifts to be sent to needy children around the world. As Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham states, "Every gift-filled shoebox is a tool for evangelism and discipleship for a local church around the world. At Operation Christmas Child outreach events, boys and girls hear the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ and receive a tangible expression of God's love through one of your prayerfully packed shoeboxes."

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children participate in the Samaritan's Purse follow-up discipleship course, "The Greatest Journey." Through trained local teachers, children learn to follow Jesus and to share Him with friends and family. Since 2009, more than 26.5 million boys and girls have enrolled to learn how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. This evangelism and discipleship effort has expanded to many remote areas and hundreds of churches are planted each year.



You can participate in this exciting evangelistic event! Simply pick up a shoebox or shoeboxes from the table in the Lobby. Fill it with gifts (you can pick up a list of suggested items when you pick up your box), and return it by November 22, along with a check for $10.00 per box to cover shipping costs.

Shoebox Dedication Sunday is November 22!!







Devotion

Poetry from our Church Family

Stuff (A Thanksgiving Poem)

By Diane L. Nevers 10-21-26

I stopped and thought about all the stuff
I have gathered over the years.
Some has made me laugh out loud,
Some has brought me to tears.
I have books that sit upon a shelf,
Others are stored away.
I have DVD's all over the place,
Because we might watch them again someday.
I have some Knick-knacks from days gone by,
I have saved the ones I like best.
Many boxes contain treasured photographs,
While frames on the walls hold the rest.
I have clothes hanging in my closet,
And folded neatly in dresser drawers.
I have shoes that I like and shoes that I hate,
And socks to wear with them galore.
I have comfy furniture to rest in
And to offer our guests a place to relax,
Along with plenty of food in the kitchen,
For breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks.
I have plenty of room for all this to fit in,
As well as acreage to roam outside,
And plenty of vehicles to go around,
When any of us long for a ride.
I am thankful for all of the stuff that I have,
I am certainly abundantly blessed.
But even more than all this, my family and friends,
I must say are the absolute best.
A lot of this stuff we can do without,
And there's a lot of course that we need.
But the thing we believe we can't live without
Is something on which this household agrees.
The love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ
Is our greatest possession indeed.
So when you celebrate Thanksgiving
And sit down to your table to eat,
Be thankful for all of the things that you have,
And be sure Jesus makes that list complete.