



September Birthdays

- 9-15 Frances Butler
Tommy Robertson
- 9/16 Carlos Aguilar
- 9/17 Cole Gordon
Aimee Lynn
Jessica Martin
- 9/19 Mike Pritchett
Joyce Shoup
- 9/21 Bob Lindstrom
Janice Plummer
- 9/22 Edmond Stephens
- 9/23 Odean Nichols
- 9/24 Ed Abernathy
- 9/29 James Brigance
- 9/30 Marcia Bull

UNABLE TO ATTEND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

George Statham

(Please reach out to him this week)



**FALL BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 22**



- 9/15 Prayer Ministry Meeting – 4:00 p.m.
- 9/16 Online Streaming of Wednesday Night Bible Study at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Troy will teach Unit 8 “Adjusting Your Life to God” of *Experiencing God*.
- 9/17 Pickleball - 6:00 PM



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SEPTEMBER MEMORY VERSE

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

From the Pastor

It was great seeing several new faces in our congregation on Sunday as people are inviting friends and relatives to come to be a part of our church. Since I have been here, I have friends and relatives of mine ask me what it takes to help a church grow and reach people for Christ. My response has been this: people will come when they know that they can get what they need to have to experience the power of God and see Him move. How does that happen? When the people of God get serious about knowing Him and doing what He is asking them to do. We talked about this on Sunday as we looked at obedience and what that entails. Having Jesus be the Lord of your life means that you are a slave to righteousness and not to sin or self. It means that you ask God what you need to be doing instead of doing it and then asking Him if it was O.K. to do that. Obeying God must become the first priority of your life instead of a lower one as you seek to do His will not your own. How are you doing in that area?

The days of casual Christianity are in the past as the Lord is telling us that the days are growing shorter in reference to when He is coming again. We are closer to the end than we have ever been and God is giving us opportunities to touch our communities for His will each day as we see people and are able to show them who Jesus is by what we do as salt and light for His kingdom. We should be reflectors of His light as we make decisions to give of ourselves to help others to know Him through a personal relationship – a love relationship that we have been studying in *Experiencing God*. When people see a real love relationship as we have with our Lord, it makes an impact on them. They may be sad that they do not have it or mad because they want it and can't have it unless they give themselves to Christ wholeheartedly. Either way, we need to model what it means to be obedient to our Lord and Master, Jesus, and show them that doing what He asks is what we want to do anyway. It is the best thing we can do and should do because God designed us to enjoy doing His commands even when the world thinks that obeying is out of date and not in vogue in our world today. It is wonderful to do what He created us to do as we will see in the upcoming weeks.

I will be starting a new series this week with the book of *Genesis* going 8 weeks of what God did in the beginning, and then how He used the people to accomplish His purposes. There are many questions asked about the way the world was made and how God meant for the world to work, but the answers that are given are not based in Scripture or in the way that He would want us to look at them. I hope that you will plan on coming each week as we move through the fall time period with an excitement over what God has for us in His Word as we come together to worship and study His Word together. Thanksgiving and Christmas are not that far away, and I cannot wait to celebrate both with my church family as we look toward this incredible time of the year. Remember the Edna McMillan offering that we are starting to give toward as we look to meet our goal of \$2,000 to support state mission work.

We will see this Sunday a video that will show you part of what that money is helping to accomplish in our prisons around the state. We still have pickleball on Thursday nights for those who want to enjoy a little low stress recreation in our Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m., and I challenge any doubles team to play Carlos and myself to a game. See you there!

In Christ,
Pastor Troy

Sunday Life Groups

FBC 9:15 A.M.
Casa de Restauración 11:00 A.M.

Sunday Worship Services

FBC 10:30 A.M.
Casa de Restauración 12:15 P.M.

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