



First Baptist Church Sun City

What's Happening

October 2025



From the Desk of Pastor Doug



This past month has both been challenging and exciting for the First Baptist Church family. The Lord is at work and we need to keep our eyes focused on Him instead of the flesh.

I would encourage each of you to "Keep up the good fight." God is moving in our church. We need to remain faithful to Him.

"A faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent." Proverbs 28:20

We live in an impatient world, yet God expects us to be faithful even if results are not immediately apparent. Faithfulness is not a nice accessory to the Christian life—it is an absolute essential. Paul wrote, ***"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful"*** (1 Corinthians 4:2). The reason faithfulness matters so much is that despite what some prominent television preachers like to proclaim, God did not promise us an easy life where everything goes the way we want it to go.

Instead, God expects us to trust and follow Him just as much in the dark as we do in the light. When things go well we sometimes say that God has been good to us, but the truth is that God is good all the time. Faithfulness in His love allows us to remain consistent through the ups and downs of life.

Application:

When we faithfully serve God and patiently trust Him, our lives will be filled with His blessings.

Pastor Doug

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SOUNDS OF THE SOUTHWEST SINGERS
60's & 70's MUSIC

Sunday, October 19th at 4:00 pm



Sunday, October 26th at 4:00 pm



Every Monday at 4:00 pm for 12 weeks



Thursday
October 2nd
4:00 pm

Everyone is invited to our second Church Council meeting and dinner. We had a great meeting in September and filled most committees. But we still have room for more to serve our ministries. Pastor Doug will be cooking something "world famous" for dinner.





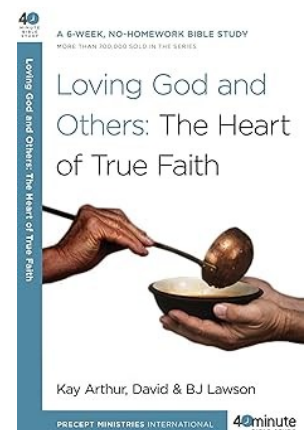
A new Ladies Bible study begins soon and there are two options:

- **Tuesdays** starting on **October 14th** at 10:00 am and will be led by Carol Truelove.
- **Thursdays** starting on **October 16th** at 10:00 am. and will be led by Ruth Wilson.

Both sessions will meet here at the church in the Fireside room (old library).

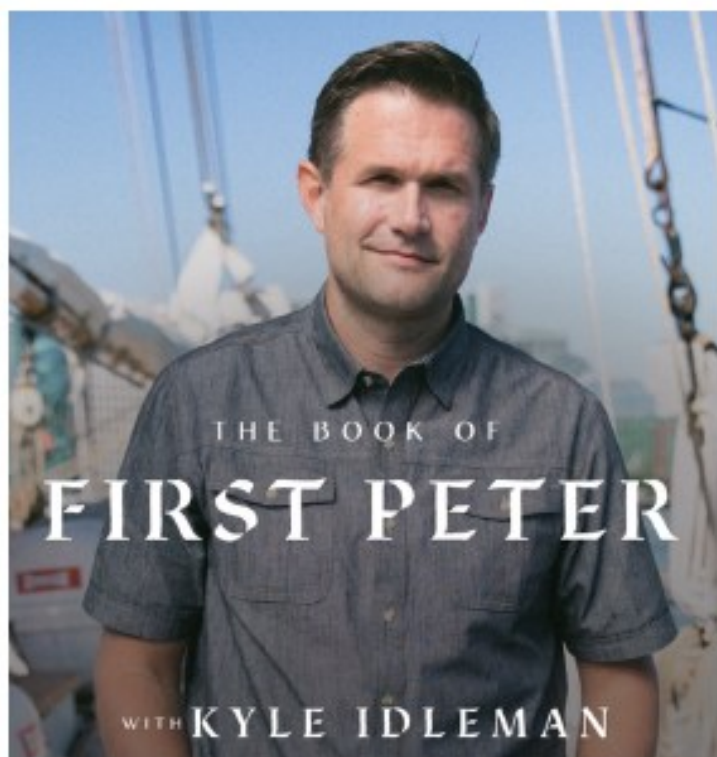
This 6 week study is a Kay Arthur book entitled "Loving God and Others: the Heart of True Faith". This book is \$8 and will focus on the first and second commandments, "Love the Lord your God..." and "Love your neighbor...", with lots of discussion and NO homework.

Please sign up at the Member Services table in the Foyer if you plan on attending.





SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH, AT 8:00 AM



The Book of 1 Peter

This world looks nothing like the promised perfect kingdom of God. And yet we as God's people must live in it every day. In *The Book of 1 Peter*, Kyle Idleman walks through the short letter and unpacks the importance of our witness in this world.

The world's not as it should be. Until the day that God rights all wrongs, we have a job to do. Let's be about the business of the kingdom.

Come and enjoy Pastor Doug World Famous "Sausage gravy and Biscuits" along with some great fellowship as we study Chapter 2 of 1 Peter.





WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

4:00 PM

We are bringing back our Fun, Food & Fellowship Wednesdays. Bring your favorite potluck dish to share and we will have a fun activity. These have always been a lot of fun in the past.

This is a great time to invite your friends and neighbors!!



FINANCIAL REPORTS

MONTH OF AUGUST 2025:

BUDGETED

\$25,806.66

CONTRIBUTIONS

\$18,990.83

DEFICIT

(\$6,815.83)

YEAR TO DATE:

BUDGETED

\$206,453.36

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\$181,821.56

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SEATED EXERCISE

Our seated exercise class is still in full swing during the summer. We meet **every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00 am** in Fellowship Hall. We have the air on so it's nice and cool for you to come exercise. We've had several people from outside of the church join us.

All men and women are welcome. Go at your own pace.

Bring a bottle of water and wear some comfy clothes and come join us for a fun time of exercise and fellowship. The class lasts about 30 minutes.

We use recorded DVD's that we follow that are specifically for seniors.



Mission Moment

Transitions:

🌿 A Season of Change & Gratitude 🌿

Ethnos360

New Tribes Mission-Papua New Guinea

September 2025

🙌 Praise & Progress

We are thrilled to share that the **Kaul New Testament** is nearing completion! After years of hard work and prayer, the final stages are underway. Currently, it is being typeset. After we read through the typeset copy and make final changes, it will be printed and shipped to PNG.

- Your prayers and support have carried this work forward, thank you for being part of this journey.
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🏠 A Personal Transition

This season brings a bittersweet shift. After decades of living and serving among the Kaul and Loko people, we will be stepping away from the tribe on **September 22**, entering a new phase in our lives. We're returning to the States to care for **Diane's mother**, who is currently battling cancer. While the thought of leaving fills our hearts with sorrow, our commitment to serving PNG remains strong. We'll continue working remotely and itinerantly, with plans to travel back to PNG for a few months each year.

We are not retiring, nor are we leaving **Ethnos360/New Tribes Mission**. After a six-month home assignment, we'll begin work on a revision of the **Loko New Testament**. The Loko church has run out of Bibles from the original printing over 25 years ago, and they've asked Wayne to assist with a revision before the next printing. Lord willing, this will be our focus in the coming years.

🏠 From the heart of Papua New Guinea to Life in the States

We will be settling into an apartment in **Phoenix**. Pray for us as we adjust to life outside the village and living in the States again. This transition is an emotional time, but we're grateful for the peace and provision that God is giving us. We are looking forward to reconnecting with family, friends, local churches and mission partners.

📖 An Exciting new opportunity

Jefri, a leader in the Kaul church, has started teaching **RI (Religious Instruction)** classes in one of the local schools. This class is scheduled for once a month, as there is a rotation allowing other religious groups to teach also. However, the school is so pleased with Jefri's Bible teaching, that they have waved the other groups from participating for a while to allow Jefri to teach every week.

Prayer Points

Kaul Church

- Spiritual growth, faithfulness and unity
- Wisdom for the church as we appoint 2 elders (Awil and Jelem) next week
- Continued discipleship and outreach

Loko Church

- Outreach to other villages
- Wisdom for the translation team working with us on the Loko New Testament revision

Personal Transition

- Grace and strength as we care for Diane's mother
- Adjusting to life in the States
- Wisdom as we seek to serve PNG remotely and itinerantly
- Opportunities to serve and encourage others

A Difficult Moment

Recently, our home in PNG was broken into. While the loss of personal items is hard, the deeper pain comes from knowing that the thieves are probably people we know. We're praying not only for justice, but for their hearts to be changed by the love of Christ.

Stay Connected

We'd love to hear from you! Your encouragement means the world to us.

 Email: Wayne_Baker@ntm.org

 Website/Blog/Support: <https://blogs.ethnos360.org/wayne-baker/>

Thank you for walking this journey with us. Your prayers and support continue to be a lifeline.

By His Grace, Wayne and Diane



CHURCH

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

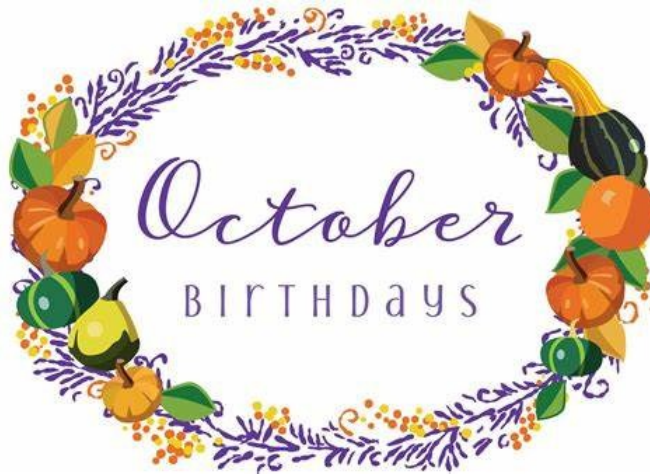
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The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 5 Kenny Edwards
- 22 Nancy Horst
- 24 Pastor Doug Peirce
- 25 Terry Hunt
- 29 Jerrie Jones

DID YOU KNOW?

As the Roman Empire expanded, the tradition of celebrating birthdays with cakes spread. Romans baked cakes from flour, nuts, yeast, and honey, primarily for the wealthy. Birthdays were celebrated for family members and notable citizens, marking a shift from religious figures to ordinary people. However, women's birthdays were not celebrated until the 12th century.





	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 10:00 am Nominating Committee 4:00 pm Corporate Prayer 5:00 pm Ensemble	2 9:00 am Seated Exercise 4:00 pm Lasagne Dinner and Church Council Mtg	3 OFFICE CLOSED	4
5 LORD'S SUPPER 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	6 9:00 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am Mission Cmte 4:00 pm GriefShare	7 9:00 am Seated Exercise	8 3:00 pm Prayer Warriors 4:00 pm Bible Study 4:00 pm Ensemble	9 9:00 am Seated Exercise	10 OFFICE CLOSED	11
12 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	13 9:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm GriefShare	14 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	15 9:00 am Finance Cmte 4:00 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm Ensemble	16 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	17 OFFICE CLOSED	18 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
19 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service 4:00 pm SOUTHWEST SINGERS	20 9:00 am Staff Meeting 4:00 pm GriefShare	21 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	22 4:00 pm Bible Study 5:10 pm Ensemble	23 9:00 am Seated Exercise 10:00 am Women's Bible Study	24 OFFICE CLOSED	25 8:30 am Deacon Mtg
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SUNDAY

9:00 am Bible Study for All Ages
10:30 am Worship Service

WEDNESDAY

4:00 pm Bible Study



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