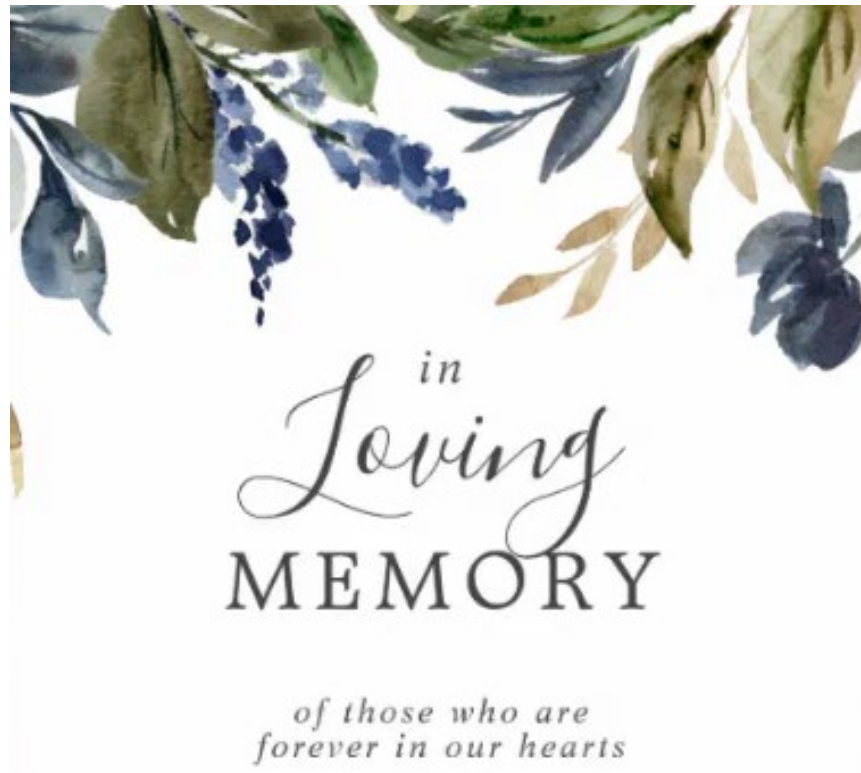




First Baptist Church Sun City

What's Happening

February 2025



Roy Cook
DOD: 1/2/25



Bob Owen
DOD: 1/3/25



Earl Shults
DOD: 1/13/25



Eva Anderson
DOD: 1/22/25

From the Pastor's Heart



The church is a very precious thing to Jesus. So precious that He shed His blood for them. In John 17 we have Jesus praying for His church.

When I say 'church' I mean His people. He is not praying for a specific church like First Baptist, He is praying for the, "ekklesia" the called-out people from among the world whom the Father has chosen to be His. We often times say we are going to church, but the reality is that we are the church. We go to an address to worship there.

Jesus prays for four things in John 17 that I believe are very important to us, so that we can be a church that Jesus honors.

The Truth of the church. John 17:8, *"For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me."* Jesus desires His people to know the truth. He told the woman at the well in John 4:23, *"But the hour is coming and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him."* This is why we preach the Word and study the Word, sing the Word and pray the Word. The Father can only be worshipped when we know the truth.

The Holiness of the church. John 17:17, *"Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth."* Jesus prays that as we sit under the Word of God being taught, we would be sanctified. That word means to be set-apart. John 17:16, *"They are not of this world, just as I am not of this world."* Setting apart means we no longer are a part of this world. We live in this world, yes, but we don't act like it or live like it. The Word of God is the only thing that will make us holy. The more we read it and obey it, we become holy and set-apart for God's use.

The Mission of the church. John 17:20, *"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."* If you think about it, that is us. We believed because someone told us, or we heard the message of the gospel. But Jesus does not want His people to stop there. We who heard the message are now to be the heralds of the message. WE all know the Great Commission in Matthew 28, *"Go into the world and make disciples, teaching them to observe everything I taught you."* We need to be mission people and mission minded. Always asking and looking for opportunities to share Jesus with others. He is the hope of the nations by the way.

The Unity of the church. John 17:23, *"I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."* This is so vital to any body of believers because the world is watching. The world sees Christians arguing, gossiping, not forgiving, and they say, "You want us to come to church? They have the right to ask that. Jesus prays that we all would be one as He and the Father are one. Think of that unity? We need to put aside our selfishness and put others before us so that we can be a church where the world would truly love to be a part of. Their eternity depends on us being in the truth, holiness, mission minded, and unity so that they can see and hear Jesus in His Church.

Pastor Billy

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

DECEMBER

BUDGETED
\$32,977.34

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$23,940.21

SURPLUS
(\$9,037.13)

YEAR TO DATE

BUDGETED
\$395,728.08

CONTRIBUTIONS
\$291,406.21

SURPLUS
(\$104,321.87)

Quarterly BUSINESS MEETING

Our next quarterly business meeting will be **Wednesday, February 19th, at 10:00 am.** Members please plan on attending.



* * * WE WILL BE * * *
CLOSED
ON
PRESIDENT'S DAY
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Monday, February 17th



2	Harold Fraze	16	Fred Anderson
5	Judy Anderson	19	Eileen Baughman
5	Shirley Berger	20	Jerry Kiel
5	Ruby Fields	21	Bud Bright
10	Ruth Peirce	22	Lois Hansen
11	Carol Penberthy	24	Corrine Eagan
12	Harold Smith	24	Deborah Watson
12	Eric Mugunda	25	Liz Martin
		27	Judy Cooksey



CAROL'S MUSIC NOTES

Well, even with sickness of all kinds, we finally sang our Christmas cantata - AFTER Christmas! I am so proud of our Sanctuary Choir!

They worked very hard to learn their music and words in order to help us all worship our Lord and Savior whose birth we were celebrating that day! And they succeeded in that effort.

His name is Immanuel, "God with Us". We lifted up the name of Jesus, and sang - our utmost for His highest!

Thank you for your commitment and dedication, choir members! And for our accompanist, Karen McCarthy!

We so appreciate our church members who came to participate in the celebration; many have let us know how they enjoyed it while worshiping God the Son.

Now that it is a new year, we are back to rehearsals on Wednesdays at 11:00am right after Bible study/corporate prayer time.

And we are looking forward to learning some new music, singing some great old hymns, and enjoying some special music during this year.

Easter celebration will be here soon, and you will hear some wonderful new music!

If you can sing, please come and see me! We are looking for more tenors and altos, especially, so if you have sung tenor or alto in school or church choirs, we need you!

CAROL TRUELOVE
Music Director





WOMEN'S LUNCHEON AND FELLOWSHIP

Monday, February 3rd
11:30 am in Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK - Bring Something to Share



We will have a presentation by Tonya Cline where she will share her testimony in Scripture, Song and Story.

Your host will be Tonya Cline. **Sign up in the Foyer so we know how many to plan for**

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES

9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Beginning the first Sunday in February, Pastor Jim Henderson will begin a new teaching series in Genesis.

CREATION Genesis 1:1-2

Why did God choose to create the universe?

Did you know that science is beginning to catch up with the Bible?

When, how, and why did time begin?

Is it likely that the universe created itself?

How does "Something from nothing" apply to you?

What is God's deepest desire?

What is happening in your life just now, as the Spirit of God moves upon your soul and spirit?

Grand Community Baptist Church presents

*Inspiring
Hope
Women's Conference*

March 22, 2025
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$20 per person

Lunch Included

Payment and registration
form due by Sunday,
March 2

Sign up at the Member
Services table in the
Foyer starting February 2



Speaker

Shelia Jones



Speaker

Simone Lake



Music Leader

Rezwanna Derbyshire



Session 1 - Identity in Christ

Session 2 - Rewriting Your Future

Session 3 - Spiritual Warfare & Spiritual Disciplines

Session 4 - Finishing Well

LOCATION: Grand Community Baptist Church
18350 N Goldwater Ridge Dr, Surprise



FEBRUARY 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Lord's Supper						
9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	3 9:30 am Staff Meeting 11:30 am Ladies Lunch	4 9:00 am Seated Exercise	5 9:00 am Missions Cmte 10:00 am Corporate Prayer 11:00 pm Choir	6 9:00 am Seated Exercise	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8
9 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	10 9:30 am Staff Meeting	11 9:00 am Seated Exercise	12 9:00 am Prayer Warriors 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Choir	13 9:00 am Seated Exercise	14 Happy Valentines Day OFFICE CLOSED	15 8:30 am Deacons Mtg
16 9:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship Service	17 9:30 am Staff Meeting	18 9:00 am Seated Exercise	19 9:00 am Finance Cmte 10:00 am Business Mtg	20 9:00 am Seated Exercise	21 OFFICE CLOSED	22 10:00 am Earl Shults Memorial
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SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 am Bible Study



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