



Join A Home Group!

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Joy Retirees' Luncheon: Monday, August 9 at 11am!

The lunch is in the foyer. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Men's Retreat: November 12-13 at Mt. Lebanon Camp in Cedar Hill

Look for more details to come soon. Make plans to attend!

Important Youth Dates to Remember

FBCTC Homecoming Dance: Saturday, September 11

SYATP: Wednesday, September 22

Parent/Youth Retreat: October 29-30 at Mt. Lebanon

New Members Class: Sunday, August 29 at 9am!

Men's Prayer: Fridays at 5:45am in the Foyer except for this Friday due to VBS. Come join us!



Help Serve at Prairie Estates Senior Living in Frisco

The first Sunday of the month, August 1st at 2:00pm. ! Help is needed with music, leading playing, etc. You can also help by just visiting with those staying at Prairie Estates. Contact Scott Montgomery at 214-642-5800 to help.

Join a Community Group: Sunday Mornings at 9am

There are many classes to choose from to study God's Word.



Sign Up To Be A Part Of This Awesome Ministry To Your Neighbors!



First Baptist Church



FamilyNight
BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Dr. Mark L. Richardson, Lead Pastor for Preaching and Vision
John Pecoraro, Pastor for Evangelism and Students
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Thanks for being a part of Vacation Bible School this week!
Friday is our Celebration Day so come prepared to get we on the obstacle course & other games! Bring a towel & sun screen. We will serve pizza & ice cream.



On Sunday all the children from VBS will be singing two songs in the worship service so make sure you are at church by 10:15am to have a quick practice before the service begins at 10:30am!



“Three Distinctions of a Growing Believer in Christ”

Pastor John Pecoraro

1. As a believer your Christianity should be public.

Matthew 5:13-16, ““You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

John 8:12, “Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Psalms 27:1, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Are you being a light to the world by how you are living your life? _____
Has the world caused you to “lose your saltiness” so that you are no longer being an influence to others? _____
Are the people around you drawn to faith by your life? _____
Do people who cross your path recognize that there is a difference in the way you live? _____
How are you and how is our church doing at getting the Gospel out to the world? _____

2. As a believer, your spiritual desires should dominate your passions.

1 Peter 2:11-12, “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”

Matthew 23:25-28, ““Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean. 27 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.”

Are you authentic and the real deal or are you wearing a mask? _____
What spiritual battles are you being faced with? _____

What areas of the flesh are you struggling with? immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, or carousing? _____

What needs to happen in your life to no longer follow these passions of the flesh? _____

3. As a believer your witness to others shouldn't stop because of persecution.

2 Timothy 3:12-13, “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13 while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.”

Have you ever been persecuted for your faith? If so, in what way? _____

Are you willing to stand of for your faith in order to share the gospel? _____
Is the lie of CRT creeping into your thought process? What needs to happen for this lie to be stopped? _____

Think About It:

Are you shining as a bright light everywhere you go? _____
Do others know that the light in you is because of your relationship with Christ? _____

Are you having a visible effect on the world? _____
Are you too often playing the role of the hypocrite? _____
Is your salt sitting on the shelf or are you in contact with and bringing flavor to those that God has sent you? _____
Are you willing to be persecuted? _____

Because you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world...

- Then, live your Christian life in the open.
- You need to be aware that others are watching your life and some of those watching are looking for something to hope and believe in.
- I challenge you to give away five invitation cards to those you meet.
- Better yet actually share the gospel with them. It's right on the back of the invitation card.