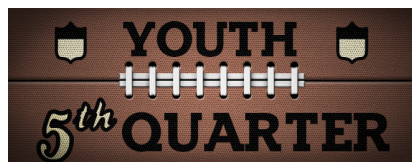


### Offering for Pastor Peter's Orphans

The youth are being challenged to raise \$500 from the months of October through November to help the orphans who live in Kenya. The money will be used to help provide Christmas gifts for the children. A special box is provided in The Harbor to give.



### Friday, October 15: 10-12pm

A 5th Quarter is a time to hang out with your friends at FBCTC play games and enjoy free hamburgers, chips & a drink!



### Pier 7: Sunday Afternoons!

We have a recreation time outside from 4-4:45pm & then a Sermon Based Bible Study from 4:45-6pm. Bring your Bible!



### The Gospel Project Series: From Creation to Chaos

**Youth Community Groups: 9am in  
The Harbor!**

**Worship Service in the Sanctuary  
at 10:30am.**

### Family Fall Carnival: Wednesday, October 27; 5:30-8:30

Sign up to help in the evening with the carnival games, serve food, pass out candy and prizes and set up/clean up.

### Youth Costume Party: Sunday, October 31 from 6:30-8:30pm

We will be in The Harbor for games, prizes & candy.



### FBCTC Chick-fil-a: Tuesdays from 5:00-10pm

Tell the drive thru person to put your receipt in the First Baptist Church Box as they will give a percentage to the church budget.



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# THE HARBOR



## Vision

**Wednesday,  
October 6, 2021**



### Friday & Saturday: October 29-30; Cost: \$65

Register & pay online. The retreat is at Mt. Lebanon for all youth & parents. We plan to leave Friday at 5pm and return Saturday at 10pm. You can still attend even if a parent doesn't come. Friends are welcome! There will be Bible Study, worship, recreation time, and a lot of fun! Sign up now! Registration packets are online and you can pay online.



### LIFE: Wednesdays at 7pm in The Harbor

There is a time of worship & message. You get LIFE Points for a friend coming, participating in the games, memorizing Scripture, bringing 1-2 non-perishable food items & having 80% attendance.



**Everyone is challenged to  
"Bring Your Bible to School" on  
this Thursday, October 7.**



### STOP Human Trafficking Walk Saturday, October 16

Walk begins at 10am.  
Arrive early to register in the foyer.

## **“Growing in Faith: 3 Directives for Believers to Stand Firm”**

### **1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

#### **1. God directs other believers to strengthen our faith. Vs. 1-5**

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5, “Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, 2 and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, 3 that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this. 4 For when we were with you, we kept telling you beforehand that we were to suffer affliction, just as it has come to pass, and just as you know. 5 For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain.”

Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

Philippians 1:29, “For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,”

Is there a messenger that God has sent to you to strengthen your faith? If so, who? And how have they helped to strengthen your faith?

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Are you in a trial that is affecting your faith? If so, what is that trial and what is it doing to your faith?

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Are you genuinely concerned for the welfare of other believers like Paul had for the Thessalonians?

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#### **2. God directs other believers to encourage us in our walk. Vs. 6-10**

1 Thessalonians 3:6-10, “But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you— 7 for this reason, brothers, in all our distress and affliction we have been comforted about you through your faith. 8 For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord. 9 For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, 10 as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?”

2 Timothy 2:2, “and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

Philippians 2:19-23, “I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. 20 For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. 21 For they all seek their own

interests, not those of Jesus Christ. 22 But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. 23 I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me,”

Do you have a person that is encouraging you in your walk with Christ? If so, who is that person? Do you take time to thank God for them?

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Are you taking time to encourage others in their walk with the Lord?

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#### **3. God directs believers to pray prayers that are God-dependent and God-glorifying. Vs. 11-13**

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13, “Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, 12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 13 so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

1 Samuel 12:23, “Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you, and I will instruct you in the good and the right way.”

Acts 6:4, “But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”

Acts 20:32, And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

Luke 22:31-32, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

Do you pray prayers that are God-dependent and God-glorifying?

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Have you prayed for others to be blameless and holy? If not, then will you begin to pray in this way?

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Are you praying for strength from God to help you in your faith?

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#### **Think About It:**

2 Corinthians 5:20, “Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”

How can you and how can we as a youth group be ambassadors for Christ?

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