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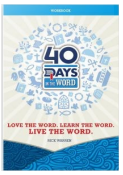
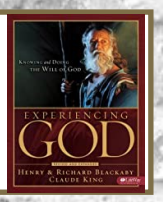
BUILD
DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

New Session Begins Jan 23, 6:00 PM



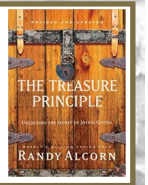
40 Days in the Word ($10) led by Thomas Muir
An essential resource that takes participants through six easy to learn methods of Loving, Learning, and Living the Word. These teachings will guide you through what it means to not just be "hearers" of the Word, but also "doers" of the Word! Reignite and strengthen your passion for God's Word together with these inspirational teachings.

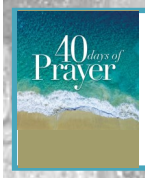
Experiencing God ($20) led by John Guerra
Shows believers how to know Him intimately while encouraging them to step out in faith and join Him in His work with miraculous results. Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God.



I Am a Church Member ($5) led by Grant Bowles
Find out what is expected of those who join a body of believers. It will address how to operate as a unified church body with consistent biblical and healthy members concerning matters of giving, serving, and more. Learn what attitudes and responsibilities are expected of church members -- rather than just the functional and theological issues .

The Treasure Principle ($7) led by Dennis Dillon
Discover a joy more precious than gold! Priceless treasure is within your reach. Some try to motivate giving out of guilt—this isn't one of them! You'll unearth a radical teaching of Jesus—a secret wrapped up in giving. Once you discover this secret, life will never look the same.





40 Days of Prayer ($15) led by Phyllis Sanders (women's class)
Sessions include: The Purpose of Prayer, How to Pray with Confidence, The Pattern for Prayer, Praying for a Breakthrough, How to Pray in a Crisis, Why Doesn't God Always Answer the First Time I Pray?

Committees Fellowship
This Sunday, Jan 9, 6:00 PM, FLC

All committee members, please join us for our yearly event where we get everyone together for a time of orientation and fellowship. You will look at your committee's job description and elect a chairman for your committee. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Pastor's Pen

2022 has started much like 2021. On the first Sunday of the year, we had numerous people home with illness. Some had tested positive for COVID, others had been exposed, while some likely just had typical colds or allergies. That gives me the opportunity to reflect on our Preschool and Children's ministries health policies. They boil down to a very simple statement: if you are sick, stay home. Specifically, they ask parents to keep their children home if they have run a fever in the last 24 to 48 hours. I won't go into the other details, but you get the picture. We need to do everything we can to help each other stay healthy. That includes staying home when we are not well.

I know it is sometimes hard to stay home when you really want to be with your church family worshipping our Savior. I experience sadness when I have to not be in attendance due to illness, but staying home can help others stay healthy. Remember to catch the service on either YouTube or Facebook. We now stream to both platforms live on Sunday mornings.

Our BUILD classes start soon. Make sure you have signed up for your choice. We have some great leaders and topics that will help you in the process of becoming a disciple. Check our website to see the choices if you missed the last few weeks and get signed up. God has called us to be disciples, not just believers.

This Sunday evening, we have our annual Committee's Fellowship. This allows all of our committees to start the year on a good note. John will give instructions at the beginning of the meeting on what needs to be accomplished that night. Then each committee will meet to begin bringing new members up to speed on their assignment and plan out their work for the new year. Pastoral Staff members will meet with each committee to give guidance. Join us Sunday evening if you have been agreed to serve on one of our committees.

Pastor Grant Bowles - **Senior Pastor**

New Year's Resolution

2022 is here! Many of us look to the new year as a new beginning or a fresh start. We see it as the perfect time to finally make the changes we've been thinking about but haven't been able to muster up the energy or willpower to make it happen. The list of resolutions almost always includes one or more of the following: exercise more, lose weight, get organized, save money or spend less money, spend time with family and friends, travel more, and read more. These are all admirable and important resolutions that we hope will spark positive change in our lives.

I think these types of resolutions are great so if you want to do one of these, I say go for it. But there is something that is even more important. I believe as Christians, we need to take some time and do a self examination and see where we are in our relationship with God. The Bible even tells us to examine ourselves, our mind, heart, and our ways.

"Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD!" Lamentations 3:40

According to the dictionary, "examine" means to inspect, test, and investigate. We are called to really look into ourselves and see what is hindering us from truly serving God. Here are a few questions that I think we should ask to examine ourselves:

1. What is hindering me from truly spending a daily quiet time with the Lord?
2. Could I study and look into the Word a lot more than I have in the past? What is preventing me from reading His Word?
3. Could my prayer life improve?
4. Is there somewhere I can serve at First Baptist Church? (We definitely could use some teachers and helpers in our children's department :-))
5. Am I being discipled? How can I be discipled?

If you are being honest with yourself, these are the true New Year's resolutions we should be addressing. Honestly, you don't have to wait for January to examine yourself. But since this is a month where people decide to make changes in their lives for the better, I felt now would be a great time to encourage our church to examine ourselves.

The pastoral staff at FBC Sanger truly wants our members to have a deep relationship with God. We want to encourage you to grow in your faith. This month, we will begin our next round of BUILD classes. Here is a great time for discipleship. I pray that you would really consider attending one of the five classes we are offering. We also have BUILD classes for our children and youth so there are discipleship opportunities for everyone. Let's make 2022 a year for the Lord and grow in our faith.

Happy New Year!

Pastor Frank Wardlow - **Family Pastor**

Our Goal: $20,000
Received to Date: $20,601

Thank you for your generous giving!

Women and High School Girls Bible Study
***"Elijah"* by Pricilla Shirer**

More details to come

Coffee Chat @ Jus a Cup
Second Saturday of each month

Saturday, Jan 8, 9:00 AM
All women welcome!
Address: 308 Bolivar

For the Record

Dec 26, 2022 Receipts	$11,308
YTD Budget Receipts	$905,777
YTD Budget	$912,105
Dec 27-31, 2022 Receipts	$14,557
YTD Budget Receipts	$920,133
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Where Moms Connect resumes next Wednesday, Jan 12 at 6:00 PM

SSM
SANGER STUDENT MINISTRIES

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Sunday Morning: CBS - 9:15 AM
SSM resumes tonight at 6:00 PM
Doors open at 4:00 PM

Upstream

DNOW
JAN 14-16, 2022
COST: $35

See Trey for registration forms
Forms also available tonight during SSM

RA's GA's and Mission Friends resumes tonight at 6:00 PM!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tonight, 6:00 PM: Bible Study, SSM and Children's Activities Resume
Saturday, Jan 8, 9:00 AM: Women's Coffee Chat at *Jus a Cup*
Sunday, Jan 9, 5:00 PM: Deacons' Meeting in FH
Sunday, Jan 9, 6:00 PM: Committees Fellowship
Wednesday, Jan 12, 6:00 PM: Where Moms Connect Resumes in CR
Wednesday, Jan 12, 7:00 PM: Worship Choir Practice Resumes in WC
Friday, Jan 14 - Sunday, Jan 16: DNOW Weekend
Tuesday, Jan 18, 9:00 AM - Noon: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry
Sunday, Jan 23, 6:00 PM: BUILD Classes begins
Thursday, Jan 27, 6:30 PM: Women & High School Girls Study Begins
Friday, Jan 28, 9:00 - 11:00 AM: MOPS meets in FH

Lottie Moon Mailboxes

The mailboxes will be up for one more week. Please check the boxes for cards for you or your family.

Thank you for the Christmas stocking full of goodies and the visit! I miss being able to be with you all! Ya'll are very much appreciated!

In Christ - Sue Trego

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