

<u>Marriage Retreat</u>

Friday, Feb 17- Saturday, Feb 18



Camp Copass Tally Retreat Center & Hotel in Denton



Cost: \$200 (includes Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner) \$100 deposit due now

Just a few spots remaining! Sign up via Connection Card



This year's topic: The Crazy Cycle in Marriage Emerson Eggerichs

Dr. Eggerichs sheds light on an often overlooked, yet indispensable element of a healthy marriage—respect. Combining biblical instruction with scientific expertise, Emerson provides insight into the unique ways in which God has designed both men and women and how they can rightly embrace their differences in marriage.

Contact Pastor Frank for more information. Retreat Schedule Coming Soon

Due to inclement weather all Wednesday evening activities are canceled tonight.

Pastor's Pen



I thoroughly enjoyed our first Family Day this past Sunday. Having two families make the decision to join just solidified the joy of the day. We will continue celebrating Family Day on 5th Sundays. On those days we will focus on a doctrine or concept that is important and timely for our young families. Pastor Frank looked great sitting on the platform surrounded by children talking about baptism. As a church we took a risk in adding the Family/Children Pastor, but that decision has paid off with new families becoming part of FBC Sanger. Have you thought about how you can be part of ministering to the young families at FBC Sanger?

Last year's Marriage Retreat was a great time of fellowship and renewal. This year will also be a great time. If you haven't signed up, talk to Pastor Frank and see if there is still a spot available. We will enjoy a time of teaching and fellowship while at the same time focusing on our marriages.

BUILD classes are going strong. The GriefShare group is running almost 30 each week. This group is not a group anyone wants to join, but it blesses those who attend. In our society we have lost an understanding of how to process grief and loss. GriefShare helps us re-learn how to process the loss of a loved one. If you have not joined us, but feel you need to, make plans to come next Sunday. Unlike most of our BUILD groups, this group is one you can join at anytime.

On a personal note, I want to say thank you to all who came and helped my parents move. We had enough assistance that I wasn't even sore the next day! My parents were surprised at how many came to pay them back for all they have done for others throughout the years. Thank you!

Tastor Grant Bowles - Senior Pastor



A couple just started their Lamaze class, and they were given an activity requiring the husband to wear a bag of sand - to give him an idea of what it feels like to be pregnant. The husband stood up and shrugged saying, "This doesn't feel so bad." The instructor then dropped a pen and asked the husband to pick it up. "You want me to pick up the pen as if I were pregnant, the way my wife would do it?" the husband asked. "Exactly," replied the instructor. To the delight of the other husbands, he turned to his wife and said, "Honey, pick up that pen for me."

"Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the one who betrays You?" Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But Lord, what about this man?" Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."" John 21:20-22 NKJV

This happened right after Jesus had asked Peter three times if he loved Him. Every time Peter said, "Yes," Jesus would say, "feed my lambs," "tend my sheep," and "feed my sheep." Then, Jesus spoke of how Peter would suffer and die for God's glory and Jesus said, "Follow Me."

So why was Peter worried about John? There's something about human nature that we want to know what others are doing or what will happen to them. This obsession with others, if not kept in check, can take over our minds with jealousy and envy. The point is, when we are obsessed with what others are doing, we have lost our focus! How do we keep this in check? We remember what Jesus told Peter twice! "Follow me!"

Are we "following" Him? How do we know if we are following Jesus? Location is not the answer. We say that we go to church, that doesn't make us a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes us a car. Maybe I read my Bible or I've been baptized or say I am Christian. That's great, but Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." Matthew 7:21 NKJV

If we are following Jesus, we are obeying His Word which implies that we are listening to Him in His Word and through prayer. And that is how we can help each other as the church as we follow Him together.

Mission Trip Opportunities

We have two mission trip opportunities coming up

 ★ A mission trip to Portland, OR is being planned approximate dates of June 6-12. We will be serving Northwest Collegiate Ministries and our mission partner and former member, Turner Barnes.
We will serve an appreciation brunch to all of the volunteers, supporting churches, students and their parents. Contact: John Guerra

 ★ A mission trip to Honduras with Two-Hands Ministries and 61 Isaiah Ministries in mid July. If you are interested in going, we need to know no later than the end of February in order to purchase flights. Contact: Frank Wardlow

Sign up via Connection Card this Sunday if you want to go or need more info about either trip.





Our deepest sympathy and

prayers go out to Bob Stover and family in their loss of MaryJo Stover.



<u>Administrative</u> <u>Financial Secretary</u>

The church is seeking to fill an administrative financial secretary position. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact John Guerra at john@fbcsanger.com



Children's BUILD Class Sundays at 6:00 PM



Summer Camp 2023

3rd-5th Grades (Completed) Camp Copass, Denton Monday, July 24 - Friday, July 28 Cost: \$280 (Scholarships available)

See Pastor Frank to sign up

Sign up Deadline: Feb 5, with \$40 deposit



WEEKLY SCHEDULE Sunday Mornings: CBS, 9:15 AM Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 PM Doors open at 4:00 PM

YOUTH BUILD CLASS Sundays at 6:00 PM, FLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Feb 4, 10:30 AM: Mobile Food Pantry (S Parking Lot) Tuesday, Feb 7, 9:00 AM: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry (FH) Sunday, Feb 5, 5:00 PM: Deacons Meeting (FH) Thursday, Feb 9, 6:30 PM: Women On Mission (Nelson home) Friday, Feb 10, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH) Saturday, Feb 11, 9:00 AM: Women's Coffee Chat (*Jus a Cup*) Friday, Feb 17 - Saturday, Feb 18: Couples Retreat (Camp Copass) Tuesday, Feb 21, 9:00 AM: Peacemakers Quilt Ministry (FH) Friday, Feb 24, 9:00 AM: MOPS (FH) Sunday, Feb 26, 11:30 AM: All-church Fellowship Luncheon (FLC)

How to Download the FBC Sanger App

Our "First Baptist Sanger" app provides convenient access to up-to-date church information, videos and resources. We encourage you to take time to download the app and browse through its features.

To download the app, search your device's app store for "FBC Sanger, TX" or scan the QR code to the right.

Once downloaded, click on the three bars on the top right of your screen and create a profile to login. You can use the app without logging in, but doing so will allow you to save notes and any online payment information you add.

If you need assistance, contact the church office.

Due to inclement weather Thursday morning Bible Study is canceled.





