

The Lighthouse

*First Baptist Church, Giddings
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus*

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*Honor her for all
that her hands
have done,
and let her
works bring her
praise at the
city gate.*

PROVERBS 31:31, NIV



From the Pastor...

FBC Family,

“Missions exist because worship doesn’t”. Read that one more time. Pastor John Piper wrote this years ago, and it still bears weight on my heart and mind today.

Often, when people think about missions their eyes glaze over, and their minds go to a couple speaking in church concerning some over seas events that may or may not be blessed of God. That is unfortunate for sure and is an incredibly enormous myth to missions.

Missions is not a trip, it’s not an experience, and it’s not something you have on a spiritual checklist that you mark as completed. Quite simply, missions is a way of life. The key to ensuring this mentality and lifestyle is through relationships.

The reason we do missions is simply because God is a missional God and He has called us to His work (Psalm 67:1-3; 46:10; Matthew 28:18-20, 9:37-38; 24:14; 25:31-46). In fact, He has been on mission since the beginning of time. He is at work now, and we have the privilege of joining Him in His work.

There are two things I want to state unequivocally in this article concerning missions and our responsibility as a church in an every day way —not just a foreign get on a plane concept.

1) The need is great.

There is a critical need for Paul-type missionaries, whose calling and passion is to take the gospel to peoples where there is no access to the gospel at all.

John Piper helps me understand the distinction between the Paul-type missionary and the Timothy-type missionary when he writes this,

“I am distinguishing Paul-type missionaries from Timothy-type missionaries. Timothy left his home and served cross-culturally in a city (Ephesus) different from his own (Lystra). But Paul said in Romans 15:20, 'I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named.'”

There is a great need for both types. The I’m going across the street missionary (Timothy) and the I need to start thinking about the people who have never heard the gospel type missionary. (Pauline)

God puts it on all of our hearts to be missionaries wherever we are when he says that the fields are ripe for harvest but the workers are few. (John 4:27-42)

2. The Mission Cannot Fail.

The global cause of Christ cannot fail. And nothing you do in this cause is in vain. Jesus said, “All authority in heaven

and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go, make disciples” (Matthew 28:18). Not some authority. All. He cannot be defeated. “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18). “This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

Nothing can stop the mission of God from moving forward. I would like to plead with you to be on mission, all the time.

And as our church continues moving forward, these two objectives and thoughts of truth need to come and take root in the hearts and minds of all the readers who call First Baptist Church Giddings home.

The need is great, and God’s mission cannot fail.

So I want us to think about this statement as I close, “missions exist because worship doesn’t”. Who is it that God has placed on your heart to build a rapport and relationship with? Has God laid on your heart a People group from another country to begin seeking opportunity to invest our lives in?

As we are on mission to show God’s love to the city of Giddings, The two statements that I’ve given to you that the need is great and God’s mission cannot fail should be the driving force for us to begin showing the difference to our great city.

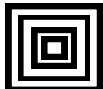
It really is as simple and as complex as our neighbors, our friends, the businesses that we frequent, and the loved ones that we call family.

Our friends and such should be our beginning place but we should not end with just being okay that our immediate circle of relationships know Christ. It really should be that we go to the masses and to the nations as a church. It is both, to the city of Giddings and to the nations.

God has a special plan for us as a church body and missions is at the forefront of that. I am so thankful that the vision that God has given to us is to “build a family of Christ followers”.

We are FBC

Pastor Johnny



BBQ LUNCH
SUNDAY, May 22nd
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Pulled pork sandwich, chips & drink



Eat in or take out

Dessert items available at bake sale

All Proceeds benefit Youth/Children



Food Pantry

Next Food Pantry
Thursday, May 12th
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 13th
7:30-9:30 a.m.
Saturday, May 14th
7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!

Contact # 979-540-6310
for more information

Baby Dedication



Mother's Day
May 8th
Birth to 2 yrs.
You can sign up
at the Welcome Center

**FREE FRESH FOOD
FOR FAMILIES
& HOPE**
May 27th
9:30-11:30 a.m.



Volunteers Needed

Deacon Election May 1st

Nominees are:

- Tim Cruise
- Warren Jatzlau
- Marty Lindner
- Mike Thamez



Summer Splash
May 18th
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Pre-K - 5th grade
Bring a towel
and extra clothes

See Marcy or Beth for
more details

Last Wednesday event until August

Business Meeting

Sunday
May 15th
6:00 p.m.
Please make plans
to attend



- May 3 Kelley Gable
- May 12 Norma Jean Sharp
- May 16 Willie Olivarri
- Hannah Spray
- May 20 Cindy Booth

- May 23 Mary Stork
- May 26 Nellene Spacek
- May 27 Betty Olney
- May 28 Kristin Simon
- May 30 John Booth

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill

Mission: Dignity

Giddings Area Food Pantry

First Baptist Church Deacons

John Booth
Vance Bradford

Billy Gillum
Billy Higgins

Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp

Ronnie Doggett

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for May

5:30 p.m.

May 4 - King Ranch Chicken

May 11 - Sloppy Joes

May 18 - PIZZA PARTY
(last meal until August)

Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00

Total April giving:
\$23,512.57



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