

The Lighthouse

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

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*God is able
to provide you with every
blessing
in
abundance,
so that by always having
enough of everything
you may share abundantly...*



2 Corinthians 9:8, nrsv



From the Pastor...

Are you in need of spiritual renewal?

Exhaustion. Doubt. Despair. Discouragement. Grief. Trauma. Transition. All of these things can make us feel like we're wandering in a barren wilderness, bringing us to a point of desperation for renewal.

Sometimes it's less dramatic. Apathy has set in. We still have faith, but we feel uninterested, indifferent, unmoved, detached. Sometimes we simply don't desire God.

Periods of spiritual drought can happen for countless reasons.

What Is Spiritual Renewal?

The dictionary defines "renewal" as:

- An instance of resuming something after an interruption
- The replacement or repair of something

When something is renewed, restored, or resurrected, it's never the same as it was before.

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Our longing for renewal is sometimes actually a longing for what was. We want things to go back to the way they were before.

But God has a different way. When Jesus brings renewal, He gives us something better than what we had before!

Think of the Israelites wandering in the wilderness after God delivered them from Egypt. After desiring freedom for years, God finally sets them free only to embark on a long journey.

Throughout that season of transition, God's people complained and continually looked back to the way things were. Their past seemed better than their current circumstances.

But they didn't have the Big Picture. God had something much better in mind for them! His Promised Land was full of richness and life, beyond anything they'd ever experienced!

God's provision of that Land could have happened much quicker. There was a faster route to get there. And when they finally arrived at the Promised Land, they had to take it by force. They had to fight for it. Their possession of the promise was not automatic or instantaneous.

God was doing a work in them during their journey and their battles. His work couldn't happen any other way. It was for their good and His glory.

And so it is with our own spiritual renewal.

Our God is a God of renewal. It's His heart for all of us. His desire for us is better than what we've experienced so far. He has more for us, far beyond what we can imagine (Ephesians 3:20).

Love ya,
Pastor Johnny

Business Meeting

Next Business Meeting
Sunday, October 8th
6:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend



**FREE FRESH FOOD
FOR FAMILIES
& HOPE**

**October 26th
9:00 a.m.**

Volunteers Needed



FBC LOVES OUR COMMUNITY Giddings

WEEK 1:
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
BUSINESS APPRECIATION

WEEK 2:
TEACHER APPRECIATION
BEAST FEAST

WEEK 3:
RETIREMENT COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY

WEEK 4:
RELAY FOR LIFE
FIRST RESPONDER APPRECIATION

WEEK 5:
CANDY & SNO CONES

October

WANT TO BE A PART OF LOVING
ON OUR COMMUNITY IN
OCTOBER - SIGN UP FOR MORE
INFORMATION

First Baptist Church Giddings

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT 28 **Worship Night**
Join us for a night of worship. All are welcome! 7:00-8:00 (no childcare)

OCT 10 **Women's Worship Night**
Join us for a time of reflection, renewal, and rejoicing in the company of fellow incredible women. 6:30-7:45 (no childcare)

OCT 14 **Men's Beast Feast**
A night for men to gather, eat well, and win manly stuff. 12+ Make sure to register. Tickets \$10/ea

OCT **Community Month**
FBC is loving our community this month! We have several outreach opportunities planned.

600 Sunrise Ave - Giddings, Texas

FBC - GIDDINGS

A night for men, ages 12+, to gather, eat well, and win manly stuff.
FBC is bringing men Afron Giddings and the surrounding areas to encourage and feed their flesh & spirit!

MEN'S BEAST FEAST

OCT. 14TH
5-7PM

Register Today!
\$10/Ticket

Saturday,
October 28th
At Veterans Park
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For more information see
Peggy Berry at the
Welcome Center

Food Pantry

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

Volunteers needed!

Contact # 979-540-6310
for more information

	Oct 2	Ricky Woods	Oct 8	Paul Smith	Oct 30	Brenda Cornwell
	Oct 4	Cathy Siegeler	Oct 10	John Conley	Oct 31	Elijah Caballero
		Owen Thamez	Oct 17	Brigette Biskup		
	Oct 5	Kennedi DiGerolami	Oct 20	Journey Jatzlau		
		Jared Parks	Oct 22	Doyle Perkins		
	Oct 6	Noah Hilmo	Oct 24	Ezekiel Hilmo		
	Oct 8	Betty Lawrence	Oct 25	Jeremy Royal		
		Mike O'Toole	Oct 29	Ellie Caballero		

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill	Mission: Dignity
Tejas Ministries	FIRM
BGCT	FCA
Giddings Area Food Pantry	

Monthly Giving Needs: \$27,300.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$6,300.00

Total September giving:
\$28,606.50

First Baptist Church Deacons

John Booth	Mike Jatzlau
Vance Bradford	Warren Jatzlau
Tim Cruise	Marty Lindner
Billy Gillum	Michael Thamez
Billy Higgins	

Retired Deacons at FBC

Bob Sharp

Wednesday Night Kid's Menu

October 4 - King Ranch Chicken
October 11 - Hot Dogs/Chili Dogs
October 18 - Pulled Pork Sandwiches
October 25 - Breakfast Tacos

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER

Our church body is reading through the Bible together each day. Learn with us. Join the journey.

Week of October 2

Monday	Acts 2
Tuesday	Acts 3
Wednesday	Acts 4
Thursday	Acts 5
Friday	Acts 6

Week of October 9

Monday	Acts 7
Tuesday	Acts 8
Wednesday	Acts 9
Thursday	Acts 10
Friday	Acts 11

Week of October 16

Monday	Acts 12
Tuesday	Acts 13
Wednesday	Acts 14
Thursday	Acts 15
Friday	Acts 16

Week of October 23

Monday	Acts 17
Tuesday	Acts 18
Wednesday	Acts 19
Thursday	Acts 20
Friday	Acts 21

Week of October 30

Monday	Acts 22
Tuesday	Acts 23
Wednesday	Acts 24
Thursday	Acts 25
Friday	Acts 26