



# GRANDVIEW

## First Baptist Church

*Transforming Lives Through The Gospel*

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First Light—January 28, 2016

Grandview MO

### First Saturday

10:00 AM Saturday, February 6  
in Room L-5



All women and girls are invited to join us for a fun time of fellowship as Trisha and Faith Neal demonstrate how to make Valentine's Day themed party poppers.

Please bring a snack to share as well as small, individually wrapped goodies to put inside our poppers. The goodies will replace our regular suggested donation, so please bring enough for everyone.

For more information and the sign up sheet, see the bulletin board

### Women's Bible Study Monday, February 1, 2016

**9:30 AM and 6 PM in Room L-5**

Bible Study: The Armor of God (7-weeks)

By Priscilla Shirer

Cost of Book: \$13 per person

The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

It isn't too late to join our study!

### ~Mark Your Calendars~

6 PM Wednesday, February 3  
Church Council Meeting

4:30 PM Sunday, February 7  
Deacon Meeting

7 PM Thursday, February 18  
Sisters in Service Meeting

6:30 PM Tuesday, February 23  
Trustees Meeting

~So the older women may teach the younger~

Titus 2:3—5

### Prom is Right Around the Corner

And there are many young ladies in need of dresses!

We would love to have your gently used prom items including:

- Prom appropriate or formal dresses in good condition, cleaned is preferred
- Gently worn shoes appropriate for formal dress
- Jewelry, handbags, or accessories appropriate for formal wear

If you have any of these items to donate to our Prom Exchange or if you would like more information, please contact Amy Blankenship via phone/text at 816-813-1879 or email at [blankenshipclan@hotmail.com](mailto:blankenshipclan@hotmail.com) .

The dates for the actual giveaway will be posted after items are organized.



## A Word From Our Pastor

In Joshua chapter 1:10-18, Joshua assumes command of the Israelite army. It had been over 400 years since God first promised their patriarch Abraham a land for his descendants and it had been 40 years since the Israelites escaped from Egypt. As Joshua was likely a bit hesitant to take command, following the great and powerful leadership of Moses, God reminded him of his divine charge in verses 1-9 and called him 3 different times to be strong and courageous. So then in the power of the Lord, Joshua stands before this nation and prepares to lead them into the Promised Land. As we saw last week, a major component of Joshua's call to the Israelites was to be united in their fight for their new land.

In 1:12-15, the Reubenites, Gadites and half of the tribe of Manasseh were specifically addressed by Joshua. They were called to remember a command given to them from Moses back in Numbers 32. After defeating the two kings of the Amorites, Sihon and Og, the Reubenites and the Gadites asked for this new acquired land, located east of the Jordan river. This was technically outside the Promised Land, but the Lord gave these tribes their request and allowed them to settle this land. The only stipulation was that the Reubenites and Gadites were required to fight with the rest of Israel for the land of promise, west of the Jordan River. Here are two striking aspects of this call to unite and fight with the rest of Israel:

First, the call to be united did not affect all of the tribes in an obvious way. The Reubenites and the Gadites already had their land apportioned to them. Their enemies had been destroyed, their property was settled and their livestock and families were already home. Even though this was the case, these two tribes committed themselves to the conquest and said in Numbers 32:31, "As the Lord has said to your servants, so we will do."

Second, the call to be united was not for the purpose of defeating the enemy. God already owned the land. In fact, in Genesis 15:16, God indicated that He would kick the Amorites out of this land because of their wickedness and in Deuteronomy 4:21, Moses says that this land is Israel's inheritance from the Lord. What this means is that the land would be taken by Israel, but it would not be their force that would take it. It was the Lord gifting it to them through their conquest. That means that Israel only needed to be obedient, not powerful to actually take the Promised Land.

So the question remains, why the need for unity? If the Reubenites and Gadites already had what they wanted and there was no need for extra force, why was it such a big deal for them to go with the rest of Israel into the land? Well, it mattered to God that they be unified in their mission because taking the land was much bigger than simply finding a place to live. Conquering the land was about taking hold of the promises of God. It was about being committed. It was about seeing the faithfulness of God and striving together to trust in Him.

This aspect of unity is not only present with Old Testament Israel, but is very clearly presented throughout the New Testament. As believers, we are called to be united together as Christ's church, striving together in our faith to trust in the Lord. Usually when we talk about involvement in a church, we talk about how it benefits us. We mention the friendships, the encouragement and the help that we receive. But uniting together as the people of God is so much bigger than how it benefits us. If Israel were to look at taking the land as only something that benefited the individual tribes, then there would be no reason for all of them to go into the land. But Christian unity is not only about uniting together for our benefits. It is about coming together to display a bigger purpose and to take hold together of the eternal land, which we will receive when Christ returns. At First Baptist Church, let us strive to be united. Not united so that we might only benefit ourselves, but united so that we might faithfully walk together in this life as we look to the life that is to come.

Serving Him with You,

Pastor Michael Nelson

## Regular Weekly Schedule

### Sunday

8:30 AM Traditional Worship  
9:45 AM Bible Study  
11 AM Contemporary Worship  
5:15 PM Awana Meal  
(for workers and children only)  
5:45 PM Awana Club (Sep thru May)  
6 PM Worship Service in Sanctuary,  
Iglesia Pan de Vida Sunday School  
7:15 PM Iglesia Pan de Vida Worship Service

### Wednesday

5:30 PM Praise team practice  
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7 PM Prayer Meeting/Bible Study,  
GA's, RA's, Mission Friends, ESL, and  
YOUTH for 7th—12th graders in  
The Warehouse  
8 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
Men's Basketball in Faith Center



### Preschool Workers and Deacons for Sunday, January 31, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

**Childcare at 8:30 AM:** Jack Jewell and  
Gail Cheatam

**Babies-2's:** David and Paula Hutchison

**3's-K:** Clint and Amy Blankenship

**Deacons For Sunday Visitation:** Donnie Sims  
and Bill Smith

### Preschool Workers and Deacons for Sunday, February 7, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

**Childcare at 8:30 AM:** Mari Spratt

**Babies-2's:** Pam Parisse and Veronica Dominguez

**3's-K:** Mary Wood and Hannah Brizuela

**Deacons For Sunday Visitation:** Clint Blankenship  
and Martin Hall

### Preschool Workers and Deacons for Sunday, February 14, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Childcare at 8:30 AM:** Carolyn Wilson and  
Sheriann Kessinger

**Babies-2's:** Cheryl and David Rude

**3's-K:** Jerry and Sandi Malone

**Deacons For Sunday Visitation:** Darin Harris  
and David Hutchison

### Preschool Workers and Deacons for Sunday, February 21, 8:30 and 11:00 AM

**Childcare at 8:30 AM:** Laura Cornwell and  
Paretta McMullen

**Babies-2's:** Betsy Graham and Cindy Jackson

**3's-K:** Scott and Trisha Neal

**Deacons For Sunday Visitation:** Charles Kurtz  
and Scott Neal

## ~FBC Family Ministry Events 2016~

**May 21:** Deanna Rose Children's Farmstead

**July 11—15:** VBS

**July 16:** KC Zoo

**July 18—22:** CentriKid

**September 24:** Apple/Berry Picking

**October 15:** Pumpkin Patch

**December 10:** Kaleidoscope

**Deadline to sign-up** for CentriKid is **February 24**

**Deposit is due** by the same day **\$50/child**

CentriKid camp for kids is held in Bolivar MO.

This camp is for children completing  
the 3rd—6th Grades.

Please email Adam McCampbell at  
[pastor\\_cy.fbcgv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastor_cy.fbcgv@sbcglobal.net) for more  
information about CentriKid camp or  
any other family events.