

Thrive Thread - 8/23/26

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Let's Celebrate!

You are invited to share in a reception for our Music Director, Dr. Katherine Thomas, in recognition of her 15 years serving us at First Baptist. She was our Principal Accompanist for 11 years and began 4 years ago as our Music Director upon Joel Marshall's retirement. Please come after the worship service on Sunday, August 30th to the Gathering Place for cookies and lemonade and the opportunity to speak with Katherine. A basket will be available if you would like to leave her a card of appreciation.

Fall Thrive Group Registration

At First Baptist on Broad, we understand that relationships are at the core of our faith journey, and that's why our Thrive Small Groups are so special. These intimate gatherings happen in the comfort of our members' homes, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Our fall term starts on September 6th and will run 8 weeks, through October 31st. Each session features engaging book or sermon studies that spark discussion and reflection on God's Word and how it applies to each of us in our daily lives.

Regardless of where you are in life—whether you're a young adult just starting out, a couple navigating the joys and challenges of marriage, or a retiree exploring new paths—there's a Thrive Small Group just for you. Through these gatherings, we hope to foster genuine connections, address life's challenges together, and celebrate the victories, big and small.

So why not take a step today? Join a Thrive Small Group and experience how your faith can flourish in a supportive community that truly cares.

[Fall Thrive Groups - First Baptist on Broad](#) Registration will be open through the month of August.

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Great Physician Sunday

We invite you to join us on the fifth Sunday of August (30th) for our "Great Physician Sunday." Pastor Chase will be closing out his sermon series on The Beatitudes with "Blessed are Those Who Mourn." We will have a special schedule this morning including:

-9am Breakfast

-10am Sunday School

-11am Joint Service

Please use this link to register for breakfast by Sunday August 23rd so we know how many to prepare for:

[Great Physician Sunday Breakfast - First Baptist on Broad](#)

Appalachian Backpack Supply Drive

During the month of August, we will continue collecting full-sized toiletry items for the Appalachian Backpacks. This includes: toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, soap, shampoo, and deodorant. We will also begin collecting toys/games! Please, no toy weapons of any kind. These items can be placed on the Welcome Center Counter.

Deacon Nominations

We are excited to announce the opening of our Deacon Nominating period starting August 1! This is your opportunity to nominate individuals for the deacon positions that will begin serving in 2027. The nomination period will run until September 30.

We encourage you to prayerfully consider making or accepting a nomination. All church members aged 21 and older can be nominated, except those currently serving as deacons or on our staff. Remember, you must get your nominee's permission before you submit their nomination. Prior to being nominated, they must agree to serve if elected.

To make a nomination, use the link below. Thank you for your participation in this important program.

[Deacon Nominations - First Baptist on Broad](#)

What's That Beeping Sound?

We are currently experiencing a malfunction with an alarm. Safety has not been compromised, but we are dealing with the inconvenience of some alarm noise. We are so grateful to everyone who has reported this. We appreciate your concern for safety and your willingness to take time to bring it to our attention.

We are currently waiting on a part that we hope will arrive tomorrow. Once we have the part, we should be able to take care of the repair. If you are in our building and hear some beeping, please do not be concerned. Jerry, our Maintenance Technician, will soon have it resolved.

Prison Ministry Men's Clothing Collection

We're collecting gently used men's clothing for the Prison Ministry! If you have items to donate, you may drop them off behind the Welcome Center desk, or you can contact Ken Barker for assistance. Please note: we cannot accept suits or sport coats. Thank you so much for supporting this ministry and helping make a meaningful difference. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes instructions are here! Pick up a box, follow the instructions, and return it for our ingathering Sunday on November 8. Donations are also welcome. We'll do the shopping for you! If you have questions, see Margaret Gurd.



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