



## "A Little Child Will Lead Them"

In light of our emphasis on children this Sunday, I share with you an abbreviated sermon by Will Willimon that I found particularly inspirational.

One day Jesus was interrupted by some children. One disciple said, "Can't something be done about these children?" Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me. Grownups have difficulty getting into a kingdom with such a small door." We think children are a distraction; but Jesus puts them at the center of His Kingdom! Children were on the bottom of society, less than full human beings. Jesus performed no more radical, countercultural act than when He put children at the center of His Kingdom. A distinguishing mark of a "Jesus church" is the presence of children.

I preached at a church where the first four pews were packed with children and youth. "Only four are related to anybody in the congregation," the pastor said. "Whose children are they?" "They belong to Jesus. He's loaning them to us to help turn this thing around. When police bust up a meth lab, and there are children, they call us, and we rescue them. Those children have given us more than we've given them."

God has blessed many of our congregations with older people who have talents and time to lead children's ministries: starting soccer leagues, after-school tutoring, and "Parents' Night Out" every Friday night. Their children's ministry doubled in one

year, confirming that, "The easiest way to grow a church is with children."

I appointed a woman to a declining church with a median age of sixty. Her first Sunday there she announced, "I am here to see if God can give this church a future." She told them that the only way for a church to have a future is to be hospitable to children; the theological test for a church's fidelity is how well it embraces the "least of these."

So, a team of painters refurbished the children's Sunday school rooms. The next Sunday, the pastor asked for people who had gifts for children's ministry. Three older women came and the pastor led them to prepare a great lesson and be present to await God's children. If no children showed up, they were to sit in the Sunday School room in prayer that God would lead the congregation to the children who could lead the congregation to Jesus. Then she charged each person in the congregation to bring at least one child with them next Sunday.

A year later, that church is being reborn, confirming, in the pastor's words, the truth of the biblical promise, "A little child shall lead them."

*Pastor Leonard*

## ADULTS

### Newcomer Fall Tailgate Fellowship Sunday, October 7 11:45 a.m.

This is a fellowship event to welcome visitors and newcomers to BBC.

### Celebrating 15 years

Fifteen years ago a group of men from our church met at 7:00 a.m. for a prayer breakfast; October 17 will mark the 15 year milestone of that event. We have learned much from one another about our faith, and look forward to many more years of bible study, discussion and prayer.

-Gary Ter Haar

### Family Gathering Sunday, October 21 11:30 a.m.

2019 Proposed Budget and Bylaws Revision vote.

### BBQuilters

The group meets each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. to work on quilting ministry projects.

### Stagg-Tolbert Forum Saturday, November 10 Alexandria, Louisiana Guest Speaker: John Pierce "A Jesus World View"

### Wednesday Night Family Dinners 5:15 p.m., CAH October 3

Pulled Pork with Buns, Potato Salad, BBQ Beans, Brownies  
October 10  
Chicken Tenders w/ White Gravy, Oven Baked Potatoes, Broccoli, Green Salad, Cookies

### LLL to Pensacola October 22-23

Departing at 8:00 a.m. This will be an overnight trip to visit the National Naval Aviation Museum and watch the Blue Angels. Staying at the Hampton Inn Pensacola Beach (breakfast included), and travel by Hotard motor coach. Cost is \$150. Please register in the church office.

### "A Missing Piece" Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m. Church Parlor

The group meets weekly on Tuesdays and is for anyone who has experienced grief or loss.

### Yoga Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Fridays at 9:00 a.m. Upstairs in Room 221

## MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### Home from the Hospital Alice Steele Carol Ann Henderson

**In Appreciation**  
Words of sincere appreciation have been received from:  
Charles and Alice Steele  
Barbara Broome  
Mr. Benton Preslar

**In Loving Memory**  
Mrs. Betty Windham *united with this church on February 20, 2005 and departed this life on September 24, 2018.*

Mrs. Helene Preslar *united with this church on January 7, 1968 and departed this life on September 25, 2018.*

## Blood Drive

**Wednesday,  
October 24  
4-7:30 p.m.  
Room 102**



**Please register for a time slot in the church office**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CHOICES

### October 3 & 10

Bible Study with Dr. Ezell, *The Miracles of Jesus*, CAH **or** "I Was Sick and You Visited Me" led by Pat Davis, SDR

### October 17

Bible Study with Dr. Ezell, *The Miracles of Jesus*, CAH **or** Social Media Help Desk with Dr. James Gilley in the Conference Room

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, October 7

- 9:00 A Library Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship, World Communion Sunday

### Extended Teaching Care

Faye Futch, Emily O'Quin, Lauren, Paul, and Ryan White

- 11:30 A Newcomer Fellowship, Activities Hall

- 5:00 P Youth Choir
- 5:45 P Belles and Beaux
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

### Tuesday, October 9

- 11:00 A "A Missing Piece", Church Parlor

### Wednesday, October 10

- 7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:15 P Church Family Dinner
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study Children's Programs
- 6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH Choices, SDR

- 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 P College Bible Study

### Sunday, October 14

- 9:00 A Library Opens
- 9:15 A Sunday School
- 10:30 A Worship

### Extended Teaching Care

Carolyn Cate, Janet Pace, Angie Miller

- 5:00 P Youth Choir
- 5:45 P Belles and Beaux
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study

### Monday, October 15

- 6:00 P Trustees Meeting

### Tuesday, October 16

- 11:00 A "A Missing Piece", Church Parlor

### Wednesday, October 17

- 7:00 A Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 5:15 P Church Family Dinner
- 6:00 P Youth Bible Study Children's Programs
- 6:15 P Adult Bible Study, CAH Choices, CCR
- 7:00 P Sanctuary Choir
- 8:00 P College Bible Study

## YOUTH

### Fall Schedule

#### Wednesday Nights

- 5:15 p.m. Dinner
- 6 p.m. Bible Study

#### Sundays

- 5 p.m. Youth Choir
- 6 p.m. Bible Study

### Fall Retreat

October 26-28

Depart at 5 p.m.

Feliciana Retreat Center

Retreat fee is \$50

\$25 due at sign up

## YOUNG FAMILIES

### Parents & Kids

#### Campout

November 9-11

Judson Retreat Center

Deadline to sign up is Thursday, November 1

### Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 24

Set up-5:45pm

Let's Pack the Parking Lot! Our goal is to have 57 "trunks" giving out candy! There will also be inflatables, hot dogs, popcorn, a pumpkin patch & more! Invite your friends and family! Now collecting donations of small/medium pumpkins in the church office.

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WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY

October 7  
10:30 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate together



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