

**October
2021**

**First Southern
Baptist Church**



The Voice!

**Our Fall
Worship & Ministry
Schedule**

**Masks are strongly encouraged
if you haven't been fully
vaccinated**

Sunday

**9am ~ Bible Study for All Ages
10:30am ~**

**Worship Service
with Children's Church**

Wednesday

2-6pm ~ Prayer Time

3-5pm ~ Grief Share Class

5pm ~ Fellowship Meal

6—7:30 pm ~ AWANA ~

(AWANA follows

School Calendar)

6pm ~ Youth &

God's Masterpiece Class

6pm ~ Pastors Study—

Worship Center & on

FaceBook

Thursday

11:30am ~ God's Masterpiece

Lunch Bunch

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Your Staff

**Dr. Ed Tropp**

Transitional Pastor

**Andrew Denton**

Worship Leader

**Thoughts from Pastor Ed Tropp**

**News and Family Celebrations**



Photo by Beth Ann Chambers

**Thoughts from Pastor Ed**

Our Pastor Search Committee is making great strides in selecting our new Senior Pastor. They have received over 60 resumes and they are analyzing each one carefully. They have narrowed their selection down to possible just two individuals. Continue to pray for them as well as the man God selects for us.



I recently ran across an interesting devotional. I want to share with you. Many of us like to work picture puzzles. Gloria and I do when the winter weather sets in. Some puzzles have 500-1000 pieces, some even more. Puzzles are very fascinating to put together and watch the picture gradually come into focus.

The puzzle of an individual life is much the same. The border seems to go together pretty fast. That is our basic personality which is in place. Psychologists say, by the time we are three years old we have developed our personality. But the pieces from there on are a different matter.

It goes one piece at a time. Some pieces are in vivid color. Others are soft, warm, earth tones. And still others are black. What we don't realize is that we need the black ones to make the colored pieces have more contrast. Color pixels on television are made vivid through the use of black surrounding all the pixels of color. So it is with our puzzle of life.

Sometimes we think a certain piece would fit nicely here or there or that a certain piece needs to be in place before another. We try to tell God what is the best event for our lives at the time. Oh, how we need to be patient and let the Master Designer build our lives.

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All the varied things about us are there for a reason. They all fit if we allow the Lord to work the puzzle. Our part is to watch the pieces fit together and enjoy the results.

I want to share this poem I've used on several occasions during a memorial service. It's entitled

**"The Weaver".**

***My life is but a weaving between my Lord and Me.***

***I may not choose the colors, He knows what they should be.***

***For He can view the pattern from His, the upper side,***

***While I can see it only on this, the under side.***

***Sometimes He weaveth sorrow, which seemeth strange to me;***

***But I will trust His judgment and work on faithfully.***

***'Tis He who fills the shuttle, He knows just what is best;***

***So I shall weave in earnest, and leave Him with the rest.***

***Not till the loom is silent and the shuttle cease to fly,***

***Shall God unroll the canvas and explain the reason why;***

***The dark threads are as needful, in the Weaver=s skillful hand,***

***As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.***

I'll see you this Sunday with a Bible in my hand and a message in my heart.

Because He Lives,  
Ed

### October Birthdays

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|------------------|---------|
| Mary Jane Gilman | ~ 10/01 |
| Terry Privette   | ~ 10/06 |
| Toni Autry       | ~ 10/07 |
| Keith Loyd       | ~ 10/08 |
| Craig Denton Sr. | ~ 10/12 |
| Paula Fish       | ~ 10/13 |
| Josiah Denton    | ~ 10/13 |
| Brayden Schlager | ~ 10/17 |
| Carolyn Hull     | ~ 10/18 |
| Michael Jaumott  | ~ 10/20 |
| Leslie Leonard   | ~ 10/26 |
| Nate Alvarez     | ~ 10/29 |
| Jodi Calvert     | ~ 10/29 |
| Octavio Mendez   | ~ 10/29 |
| Dave Willson     | ~ 10/31 |

### Praises and Prayer Requests

Pastor's Search Committee  
Bill Bo Mosley ~ Health  
Sunny Cabell ~ Upcoming Back Surgery  
Burlin & Harriet Fayne ~ Health  
Rosie Miller ~ Health  
Ed & Shirley Hernholm ~ Health  
Hal Seagraves ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle ~ Health  
Dorothy Merkle's grandson Bob ~ Tumor  
Beverly Wright ~ Health, fall  
Mary Slayter ~ Back surgery recovery  
Jeanne & Charles Ransom ~ Health  
\*\*\*\*\*Peggy Kelly's son—Kenneth ~ Cancer Free  
Margaret Lovett ~ Back issues  
Becky Roberts ~ Broken Collar Bone  
Teresa Chambers ~ Complications from Auto-immune Disorder  
Our Nation and our leaders  
Our First Responders

# Fall Schedule

Wednesday night fellowship meal at 5pm

**Meal Prices:** FREE ~ 0-3 years of age, \$4 ~ 4 years - 13 years old

\$7 ~ 14 years old - Adults , **\$22 per family**

## Menu for October

Oct 6 ~ Tacos, refried beans, chips & queso, Pina Colada Cake

Oct 13 ~ Ritzy Chicken, rice, green beans, rolls, salad, eclair cake

Oct 20 ~ Lasagna, garlic bread, salad, brownies

Oct 27 ~ Baked potato soup, rolls, salad, jello cake

Nov 3 ~ Baked chicken, chili relleno casserole, green beans, rolls, ice cream sundaes

Nov 10 ~ Ham, company potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, salad, banana pudding

Nov 17 ~ Brisket, baked beans, coleslaw/potato salad, rolls and Choc cake

**You must sign – up for meals at the table by the church office!**

Then Join Us for: 6-7:30 PM

**AWANA**, Youth, & God's Masterpiece class

or 6pm ~ Pastor Ed Tropp's teaching

Grief Share Class ~ 3-5pm, Rm 205



**Wow ~ we blinked and another YEAR has passed!**

## Operation Christmas Child

Once again, our church has been given the amazing opportunity to serve as a shoebox drop off location for **Operation Christmas Child**. **November 15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**, our church will be open for members of the community to drop off shoeboxes they have packed. We are in need of **volunteers each day** of this week. Volunteers will be asked to greet all people, help count shoeboxes and record how many boxes are brought in. If you have any questions, talk to

**Annie Wade.**

**Please mark your calendar as we will have volunteer training here at the church on Sunday, Nov 7th at noon**

**Please sign-up to volunteer on the Sheets by the Office.**



**Remember this is OUR opportunity to make a difference in the World! Giving a Shoebox opens a Child's eyes to the Love of Christ!**

**You can build a box on-line.—Follow this link:**

**<https://build-ashoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/5a5d9a23-55d9-442d-a678-363a662ab957>**





## Let's Be A Praying Church!

Every Wednesday

Please join us for Wednesday afternoon

### Prayer Time.

Sign up for 30 minute time blocks on Wednesdays between 2-6 PM, praying in Room 103

(the Brides Room).

You can come individually or with a friend or a prayer group.

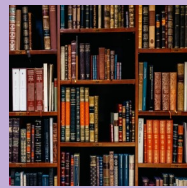
### Please remember to Pray daily for

Our Pastor's Search Committee as they narrow down the list of Resumes and

Pray for our Church family during this time.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Thoughts of Psalm 19.

*"Earth is crammed with heaven, and every common bush aflame with God, but only those who see take off their shoes, the rest sit around it and pluck blackberries."*



### Closing our Church Library!

Our World has now become an Internet Instant Library! Anything we want to look up, read or research is available on our phones, our computers or our Kindles. Please feel free to come this week & take a **book** or a **box of books** for your private library. All books leftover will be donated to a local used bookstore.

We plan to use the Library space for meetings and a computer resource center.



### Grief Share Class

**Wednesday, 3-5 PM.**

Facilitated by Margaret Lovett and Wendy Snook

We meet in Room 205



Don't Forget **AWANA**  
Wednesdays, **6-7:30pm.**

**SOMETIMES A DELAY IN  
YOUR PLANS IS  
GOD'S PROTECTION**



### COLORADO MISSIONS OFFERING

In Memory of Nicy Murphy

It is time for our  
**Nicy Murphy Colorado Mission Offering!**  
Our Church goal for this year is **\$1000.**  
Received to date: \$386.25

Remember if you or  
your family have a need,  
Contact **Pastor Ed at 719-648-1886**  
or the **church office at 719-633-4625.**

Andrew Denton ~ 719- 208-9678

Or Beverly ~ 719- 466-1766

