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First Baptist Church February 2021 LINK



For **God** loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16



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First Baptist Church Augusta, KS - January Newsletter

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Dear First family,

Here we are in month two already for this new year. If you were hoping for 2021 to be all new and exciting... sorry. Our world is still faced with much uncertainty over so many things that it is hard to get a grasp on what's going on. While the world is wrought with uncertainty, we have a God who is anything but uncertain! The Lord God tells us that he "does not change" (Malachi 3:6) and that He "always does what he says He will" (Numbers 23:19). That is why we do not put our hope and trust in man:

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.
Psalm 20:7*

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. Psalm 118:9

Let's keep our eyes fixed on the One who was before everything existed. Let's trust that He has a plan in all of this. We need to pay attention to the task at hand, the one handed down by our Commander in Chief – Jesus! Go and make disciples He said and that's what we are going to focus on.

We can best do that by serving our church and our community. Again, it is my desire that everyone serve somewhere. So, here are some opportunities to do just that with some being inward focused on ourselves and others being outward focused on those outside the walls of the church and our church family.

The Community Wide Prayer - see the page included on how we are going to do that. About 50 opportunities to serve on this alone. Pick an area and pray!

On-line Connect Team – we need people to actively engage those who are watching our live stream services so that they do more than say "Hi!" Ask questions, call for responses to thoughts, songs, etc. I have a suggestion sheet for you if you would like. I have 2 of the months 8 services covered right now.

Homebound Connect Team – we will give you a list of names of those who for whatever reason are not coming to church and/or Sunday school and have you contact them a couple of times per month to see how they are doing.

Wednesday Night Life – volunteer with Youth or Children's Ministries on Wednesday nights. If you have never been here on a Wednesday evening, it's a whole new ball game!

Core Communities Host/Hostess – We are currently hosting Augusta Core Communities. This community ministry is designed to help people struggling in life below the poverty line to rise-up and above. We could use people to help the deaconess team in providing services and helping with the children while their parent is in class.

Tech Team... TECH TEAM – desperately need help running the technology aspect of Sunday mornings. Learn to live stream, run the screens, lighting and sound board.

Augusta Caring Center – we have one week each month where we are scheduled to serve and need volunteers to help there.

Pregnancy & Family Resource Center – various opportunities but always a need for men to mentor young men.

There are probably many more that some of you know about. Share them with me so that we can all "diakoneo!"

Pastor Rick



The family of Larry Hart would like to thank our church family for all the prayers, cards, calls, food and flowers that were sent our way during the loss of Larry. He is still with us, his family and his church, in our memories of all the wonderful times we shared. God bless you all for your kindness! A special thank you to the Crusaders Sunday School Class and Deaconesses for the wonderful meal. Bea Hart, The family of Candy Thompson The family of Kay Williams

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the Bibles donated in Jim's memory. That was a very sweet thought.

Love,
Jim Criger Family
Eric & Roxann Erickson

*Merry Christmas!
Thank you so much for supporting Augusta WyldLife. We are grateful for your enthusiasm and generosity. We look forward to what God has planned for our community in 2021. Augusta WyldLife*

First Baptist,
Thank you so much for your support and prayers! Michael & Whitney Bryant

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for sending two Bibles in Mark's name to the Gideons for distribution to share the Good News! We appreciate your kind words, actions and prayers on our behalf in recent weeks.

Love, Virginia Alley and family

There are not enough words of thanks to express the amount of love and support we received after the passing of my dad, Larry Hart. The messages, cards and numerous in person hugs and conversation have made the grief felt much easier. We are truly blessed.

Candy, Clare, Seth and Cole Thompson

First Family News



1/14/21 Wilber A. Koster
Grandfather of Madison (Tyler) Brandt

1/15/21 Walter R. Stumpf
Father of Richard (Evan) Stumpf

1/17/21 Maxine Roberts
Aunt of Barbara (Evan) Middleton

1/18/21 Max Munson
Wife Ruth Munson, daughter Megan (Bryan) Holmgren

1/21/21 John Gilliland, Brother of Janet Gilliland and Harry (Chris) Gilliland

1/30/21 Ross Fuller, Brother of Bill (Marcia) Fuller.

Augusta Christian Counseling Center

First Baptist Church
1501 State Street
Augusta, KS 67010
(316) 775-7545



The Augusta Christian Counseling Center:

- ◆ Located in our FBC building.
- ◆ Ministry is supported by the church.
- ◆ Provides quality counseling services.
- ◆ Provides a scholarship fund for clients who cannot pay the full fee for counseling services.
- ◆ Offers a lifeline to many folks who are struggling.
- ◆ Please support by making a donation to the fund!
- ◆ Mark your check or donation "Counseling Center."

Our Mission at FBC

To help people:

- Belong-feel welcomed, valued & connected in the church community.
- Believe-develop a relationship with Jesus by grace through faith.
- Become-passionate followers of Jesus who live out our faith in every aspect of life.

First Baptist Church Information Central

You can keep up with all things FBC through our web page and social media platforms.

Pastor Rick Neubauer

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Youth

Pastor Mac Martin, Students



First Baptist Students AK



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Children

Melissa Rebel, Children's Ministry

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FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

February monthly NEWSLETTER by
March 26th.

Thank You, Cindy
Administrative Assistant



Where did January go? It seems like the months keep coming faster. In January, the Deacons had a 2021 Kickoff Meeting to review what was accomplished or left undone in 2020 and to discuss priorities for 2021. Our primary focus for 2021 is to build on those things already started, support the Staff and Core Teams and to lead our church in two efforts. We will organize four corporate prayer events, where we come together as a church body both in person and on live stream to pray about specific needs, goals and/or ideas for ministry within and outward of our church. This also presents an opportunity to pray for our community, country and world. The second effort is to create a caring ministry within our church using the Stephens Ministry materials and training. This ministry hopefully will enable us to better engage and minister to those who are in a time of need. We will provide a lay person that is willing to walk beside a person or family that is struggling through a tough period. Last year the Deacons started supplying our church members who suffered the death of a loved one a series of four books to help them work through the grief process. The books are from the Stephens Ministry and are presented one at a time over the course of that first year following the loved one's death. Those that received them so far appear to be thankful for them. By the time you receive this we will probably already have had our first prayer event for 2021. One item on the list for prayer is an effort to pray for every residence in Augusta, going street by street and door by door, not necessarily making a direct encounter with the resident but leaving a card that tells them that someone has prayed for them. I bring this up as the Deacons support for the Missions Team that is putting this effort together. Rick's current message series is on serving. While a small group or Core Team may put a plan together, the church body needs to serve to make the plan work. I encourage many to participate.

Working together

Jim Beadle

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Romans 12:11



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

February 13th 7:30am
Augusta Prayer Breakfast
In the Friendship Room

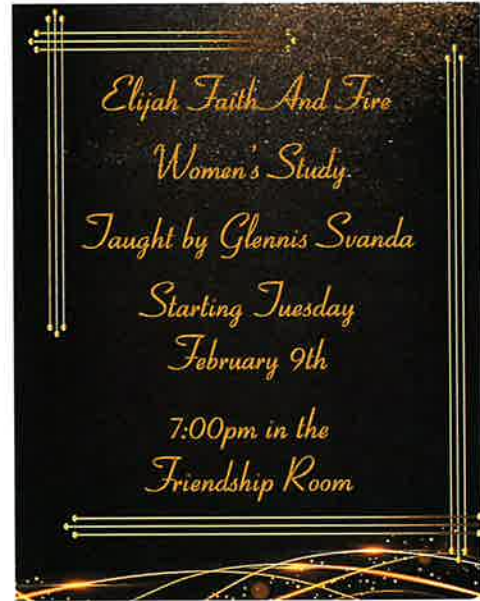


I am convinced (and convicted!) that we cannot afford to wait until things "return to normal" to resume ministry. We can't afford to wait for kids and families to come back to church. We have to actively, urgently, seek out new ways to meet them wherever they are and make disciples. Our mission is too important. The gospel is too urgent.

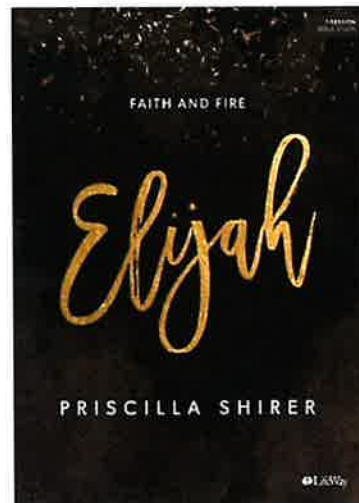
Melita Thomas
Religious Products News December 2020



When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. Romans 1:12 (NLT)



February Deaconess
 8:30 a.m. Service *Melissa Carrell*
 11:00 a.m. Service *Vonda Stueven*



Every serious believer longs to summon up the kind of boldness and faith that can stand firm on Mount Carmel and pray down heaven into impossible situations.

Yet few are willing to go through the process required to get them there. Strength of faith, character, and boldness can only be shaped in the hidden fires of

silence, sameness, solitude, and adversity. Those who patiently wait on God in the darkness emerge with their holy loyalty cemented, their courage emblazoned, and their confident belief in Him set afire.

Join Priscilla Shirer on this 7-session journey through the life and times of the prophet Elijah to discover how the fire on Mount Carmel was forged in the valley of famine. And how the emboldened, fiery faith you desire is being fashioned by God in your life right now.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY **FBC Share a Shawl Ministry**

We have Beautiful Shawls made with Love that are prayed over & ready to share with someone who is in need of a reminder that Jesus cares for them.

Contact the Church Office at 775-5466 for more information.



Melissa Rebel, Children's
Ministry Coordinator

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620.546.4680

FBC Augusta Children's Ministry (KS)

- ⇒ Sunday School: We are learning about the last days of Jesus' life. Come join us as we dive into God's Word!
- ⇒ Kids Connect is available during the 8:30am Sunday Service for preschool-3rd grades AND during the 11:00am service for preschool-5th grades.
- ⇒ Nursery is available for all services and Sunday School time.
- ⇒ May 5th will be the celebration of our final AWANA for this semester. It will be held in the west parking lot.
- ⇒ June 21-25 will be VBS week!
- ⇒ July 25-28 is Elementary Summer Camp!



New Believer's Class

If your child is interested in taking a class this spring to learn more about what it means to be a Christian, please contact:
Melissa Rebel, Children's Ministry Coordinator
620-546-4680 or emailing
fbcakids@gmail.com.



Mothers of Preschoolers
& Beyond



February Schedule:

3rd.....Regular Club
 10th.....Hats & Heart Night
 17th.....Regular CLub
 24th.....Regular Club

MOPS 20-21 at FBC Info.

- In-person meetings meet in the Friendship Room.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month.
- 9-11am/Friendship Room
- Nursery provided
- **3 Additional Nursery Workers needed**
- **Two Monitors for Homeschool room needed (18 & older)**

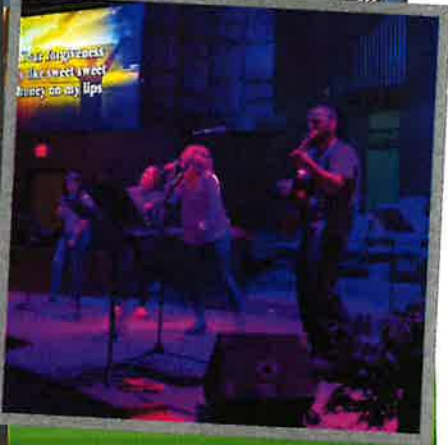
New safety measures will be provided: Temperature checks for adults & children required. Masks not required but OK to wear.

Call or email the church office to volunteer!



Each time we gather is a time God moves in some great ways! We really hope you can begin joining us if you haven't had the chance to yet! We are currently deep in a series called "Untold Stories of the OT" where we are seeing just how relatable God's Word is to our life. We would love to have you tag along for this journey!

I love you, but Jesus loves you more - Mac



Listen with us on Spotify
FBCLAY Worship

Follow Us On Social Media!



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Our Gathering Times

Wednesdays
 6:30pm-8pm

Sunday School
 9:45am-10:30am

The Well Bible Study
 Sunday 6pm-7pm



First Baptist Church Missions

Adult Mission Trip

Community Ministry Projects

Counseling Center

Deacon's Benevolence

Missions Discretionary

Personal Growth Scholarship

Augusta Wyldelife

Central Kansas Prison

Community Caring Center

First Baptist Preschool

Pregnancy & Family Resource Center

Sunlight Children's Advocacy

Bacone College

Bethel Neighborhood Center

Murrow Indian Home

Union Rescue Mission

AWANA-Tyler O'donnell

Avant-Lee Svanda

Discovery Ministries-Leah Fuller

Ethnos360-Walter Spicer

Ethnos360-Jeremiah Markley

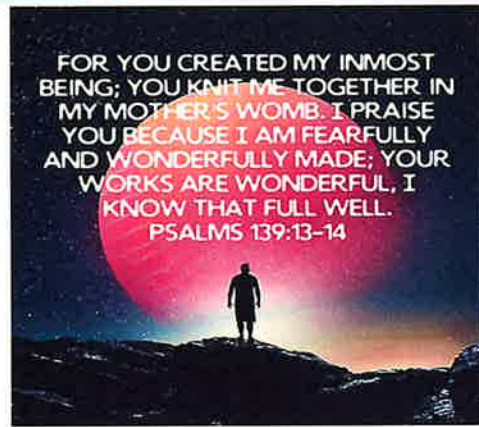
International Ministries-Gutierrez

Koinoneo Inc-Jennifer Hill

One Collective-Michael & Whitney Bryant

Navigators-Brandon Crouch

YWAM-Ariel Tatum



Just before the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, National Right to Life released a report noting that since the legalization of abortion,

62,504,904 abortions

have been performed in the United States.

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:13

pregnancy & family
RESOURCE CENTER

Dear Friends of PFRC,

- You stood with us through the Pandemic!
- You prayed for us as we ministered to over 237 families in 2020 with 34 mothers choosing life for their babies after seeing a sonogram at our centers.
- We are not just "Pro-Life", we are "Pro-Abundant Life"! We count it a privilege to share the Good News of Christ.
- Our Great Beginnings boutique/store will be having a Grand Opening at 103 N. Main in El Dorado soon!
- We are moving our Augusta center directly downstairs from our current location making it more accessible to our clients and those coming for the first time.
- We have been blessed to get a new sonogram machine!
- We are bustling and growing with phenomenal new staff and supporters.
- Please pray for 2021 to be a year of great wisdom and courage. Pray we will be even more fruitful as we plant the seeds of Christ in each life. We have true HOPE to offer.
- We have two ways you can make a donation. Mail your donation to P.O. Box 547, El Dorado, KS 67042 or give online by going to pregnancyandfamily.org and clicking on the donation button then following the directions.

Kimberly Fross,
Executive Director,
Pregnancy and Family Resource Center

Isaiah 9:2 "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light."

PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6

In this day we live in, one of the greatest ways to make the Lord Jesus known in our community is to show our community that we care and are concerned for them. One of the greatest ways we can do that is to let people know that we as a church are praying for them. We are calling on you the church family to do just that.

There are approximately 3200 homes in the city of Augusta and we want to pray for each and every one of them. The Missions Core Team has ordered 3500 door hangers with several Bible verses pertaining to prayer and a statement that we have prayed for them. For those from surrounding areas like Leon, we encourage you to take some door hangers as well. It is a BHAG (Big Holy Audacious Goal) for sure but we serve a Big Holy God!

So, here is the plan:

On the picture wall in the lobby/narthex area, there are several maps of the city broken down into areas and then further broken down into prayer areas. You will be asked to pick an area of town and write your name in that area. You will then collect a supply of door hangers and head out to your area to pray for each home. Stand out in front of the home, pray as the spirit leads, and then place a door hanger on the door. Move on to the next house. We would like to have you pray over your area within the first couple of weeks of the month because we want to repeat the process in March with different hangers, different verses.

Our door hangers have our logo and website on them. That's all the information we are giving them. We are not trying to "sell" them on our service times, our AWANA ministry or Youth ministry. We just want to show we care. This is KINGDOM business and not FBC "building" business. God will take care of that if we are faithful to show people we care. Please remember the old saying from Theodore Roosevelt:

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

Let's show them we care and earn the right to share the message of hope and joy we have in Jesus Christ.

On January 31st at 6:30 pm, we will have a "Concert of Prayer" to get us going. In this time of prayer, we want to lift up our country's leadership, the pandemic, our community's families, our schools and staff, and of course that we would make much of Jesus. Please join us as we gather. We will keep our same manner of worship – social distancing best we can using every other pew, masks in and out of the building until seated. Friendship Room will be available for those who feel uncomfortable around those without masks.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, *faithful in prayer*. Romans 12:12



Upcoming Events:



BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO FBC

FEBRUARY 5TH, 2021

10:00am until 5:00pm in the CLC

Appointments can be made online!

www.redcross.org/giveblood

Come to give at our blood drive at the First Baptist Church and as a special thank you for your time and blood donation you'll receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card* by email, courtesy of Amazon.



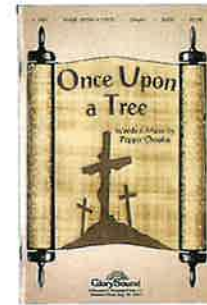
THE WELL
 BEGINNING JAN. 24, 2021
NEW TIME: 6-7 PM
 HIGH SCHOOL STUDY

PRACTICING YOUR APOLOGETICS 101
As Iron Sharpens Iron, so one person sharpens another. Prov. 27:17

Join us at Joe & Kristey's home
 506 Stone Lake Ct
 Augusta - 316-371-1044
 a First Baptist Church Ministry
 Note: New shortened time with interactive format.
 Bring a friend and hope to see you Sunday!

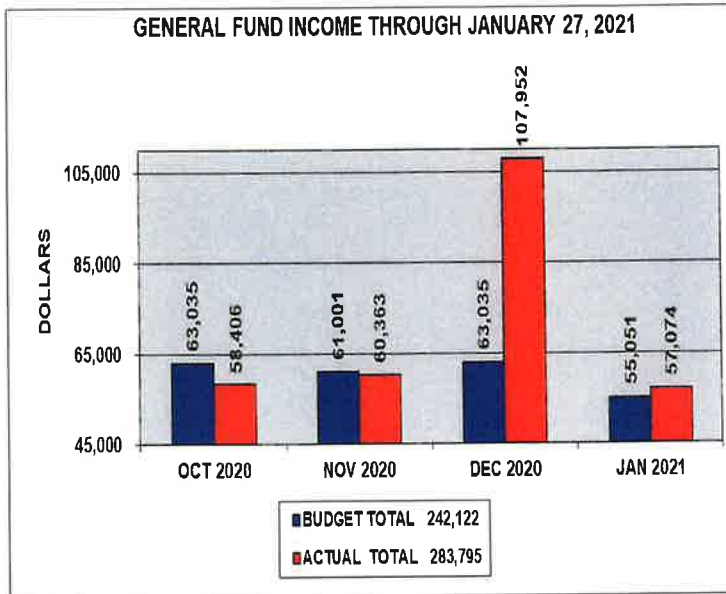


Thursdays At 7:00pm in the Sanctuary



Easter Cantata practice starting now during weekly Choir Practice.
 March 28th is the Cantata Date.

FINANCE SPOTLIGHT



THE CHART ABOVE SHOWS THE ACTUAL GENERAL FUND INCOME COMPARED TO BUDGETED GENERAL FUND INCOME FOR OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 27, 2021.

Augusta Community Caring Center

- All volunteers will be required to wear a mask. (we will provide gloves).
- No clients will be in the building during these hours.

Working hours: **Monday - 1:00 to 4:00**

Wednesday - 9:30 to 12:30

Friday 9:30 12:30



- Week of 2/13/2020 First Baptist Church Volunteers**

Free Food
 (fresh apples, oranges, canned peaches, peanut butter, beef, canned chicken, orange juice, vegetable soup, tomato sauce and more!)

for low-income individuals
 in Butler County
February 20th 8:30 - 11:30 am
 at The Augusta Community Caring Center
 Commodities Distribution Center
 208 W. 4th St.

Boxes of food will be passed out the 3rd Saturday of each month

- No paper work to fill out
- No appointments need to be made

Proof that you are from Butler County is required!

FITNESS CLASS

SCHEDULE - Winter 2020



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:30					
8:30					
9:15					
9:15	SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS		SENIOR FITNESS
9:45		OPEN WALKING	OPEN WALKING		OPEN WALKING
4:00					
6:00					

Take advantage of having a fitness program right here in Augusta.

Classes are designed for all fitness levels from beginner to advanced.

No sign up fees. Open to the public. Only \$1.50 per class.






Christian Life Center

First Baptist Church * 1501 State * Augusta * 775-5466

February 2021



First Baptist Church Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<p><i>let all THAT YOU DO, BE DONE IN love</i></p>	<p>1 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>2 9:45 Open Walking</p>	<p>3 9:15am Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth  AWANA</p>	<p>4 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>5 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 12-5:00 pm FBC/CLC  American Red Cross</p>	<p>6</p>	
<p>7 Communion 8:30am Worship 9:30am S.S. Classes 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 6-7:00pm The Well</p>	<p>8 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg.</p>	<p>9 9:45 Open Walking 9:00am MOPS</p>	<p>10 9:15am Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth  AWANA</p>	<p>11 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>12 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 12:00pm Home-school in CLC 7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>13 7:30am Augusta Prayer Breakfast Friendship Rm</p>	
<p>14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> 9:30am S.S. Classes Facilities Team mtg 11:00am Worship & Kids Connect 12:30pm Discipleship Mtg. 2:00pm Deacons Mtg. 4:00pm Implementation Mtg. 6-7:00pm The Well</p>	<p>15 9:15 Sr. Exercise 11:00am Staff Mtg. 6:00pm Missions Team Mtg.</p>	<p><i>FBC Provides Workers to ACCC</i></p>		<p>17 9:15 Sr. Exercise 2:00pm Prayer Group MDWK 6:30pm FBCA Youth  AWANA</p>	<p>18 9:45 Open Walking 5:00pm Core Community 7:00pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>19 6:00am Friendship Rm Pastor Rick 9:15am Sr. Exercise 7:00pm AA-CLC</p>	<p>20 8:30-11:30am ACCC Food Box Distribution</p>
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<p>Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5</p>							