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MEN'S SUMMIT

Today, Sunday, October 26 at 5:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall
Join us for an evening of encouragement and fellowship at our Men's Summit. Dinner will be provided at no cost. Our guest speaker will be Jimmy Page, former executive with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Colorado.

DISCOVERING FIRST

Wednesday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. in room E-213
If you're new here, we'd love for you to join us at our next Discovering First class where we will talk about our church history, what we believe, and what you can expect from being a part of our church family. Register at fbc.org/events.

GATHER

Sunday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Chipley Hall
Join us as we resume our GATHER fellowships, a women's night of dining and devotion. Dinner is \$5. Sign up at fbc.org/events by Thursday, October 30. Childcare by reservation only.

NOW WHAT

Wednesday, November 5, optional dinner at 5:00 p.m. and class from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Join us for our Now What class, where we'll dive into the second half of the membership process. What does it look like to be a member of First Baptist? We'll answer that. Register at fbc.org/events.

CHURCH TO CHURCH FOOD MINISTRY

Our next distribution is **Saturday, November 8, from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m.**, and we are looking for 45 volunteers. Register at fbc.org/events.

USS ALABAMA OVERNIGHT STAY

November 7-8
Dads & sons (ages 7+) — join us for an overnight adventure aboard the historic USS ALABAMA! Explore the ship, sleep in sailor bunks, and enjoy meals together. Register at fbc.org/events by **Saturday, November 1.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are available for pickup around the church campus. Please pick up one or more shoeboxes, fill them full with great gifts, and return them to FBCP by **Sunday, November 16.**

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

SANCTUARY - In loving memory of Jerry and Diane Norris, given by their grateful family; Lisa, Diana, Benjamin, Mark, and Grace.

KINGDOM PARTNER

First Baptist Church Blackshear
670 Main St., Blackshear, GA 31516
Pastor - Justin Gambrell

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THE Story



DISCOVERING REDEMPTION'S THREAD



We glorify the Father by following the Holy Spirit in sharing the story of Jesus.

"The Story of Unlikely Transformation"
Luke 19:1-10

1. We all have a _____.
 - a. vv. 1-2
 - b. "I am not the man I ought to be, I am not the man I wish to be and I am not the man I hope to be, but, by the grace of God, I am not the man I used to be."
– John Newton
 - c. Philippians 3:13-14
 - d. "Trust the past to God's mercy, the present to God's love, and the future to God's providence."
– Augustine
2. People are looking for _____.
 - a. vv. 3-4
 - b. Do you long for Him like Zacchaeus?
 - c. "Our world today so desperately hungers for hope, yet uncounted people have almost given up. There is despair and hopelessness on every hand. Let us be faithful in proclaiming the hope that is in Jesus."
– Billy Graham
 - d. Isaiah 55:6-7
3. Jesus meets people where they _____.
 - a. vv. 5-6
 - b. Psalm 147:4
 - c. Friend, our God knows you by name!
 - d. Jesus met people where they are...
 - i. The _____ Woman – (John 4:4-26)
 - ii. Matthew, the tax collector – (Matthew 9:9-13)
 - iii. Healing the Paralytic – (Mark 2:1-12)

4. Self-righteousness is an unnecessary _____.
 - a. v. 7
 - b. Luke 5:30
 - c. We must be a gathered people that allow anyone to come and hear about Jesus.
 - d. As a church, let's make sure...
 - i. We share the story of Jesus in our weekly rhythms.
 - ii. We are slow to dismiss and quick to _____.
 - iii. We do what is necessary to make sure all see Jesus in the church and around the world.
 - iv. We aim to become the sin ambulance, not the sin police, for sinners.
 - e. Luke 5:32
 - f. "Evangelism is just one beggar telling another where to find bread." – D.T. Niles
5. He is mighty to _____!
 - a. vv. 8-10
 - b. Upon seeing what Jesus has to offer us with eternity; repentance leads to action.
 - c. When you see a better path to walk, the other path needs to be viewed as no longer an _____.
 - d. As a Christ-follower, what changes have you seen in your life?
 - e. Zephaniah 3:17
 - f. 1 John 5:17

NOW WHAT?!

Have you been transformed by the grace of Jesus?
Are you still pursuing Him each day?
Are you a help or hindrance to Kingdom growth?