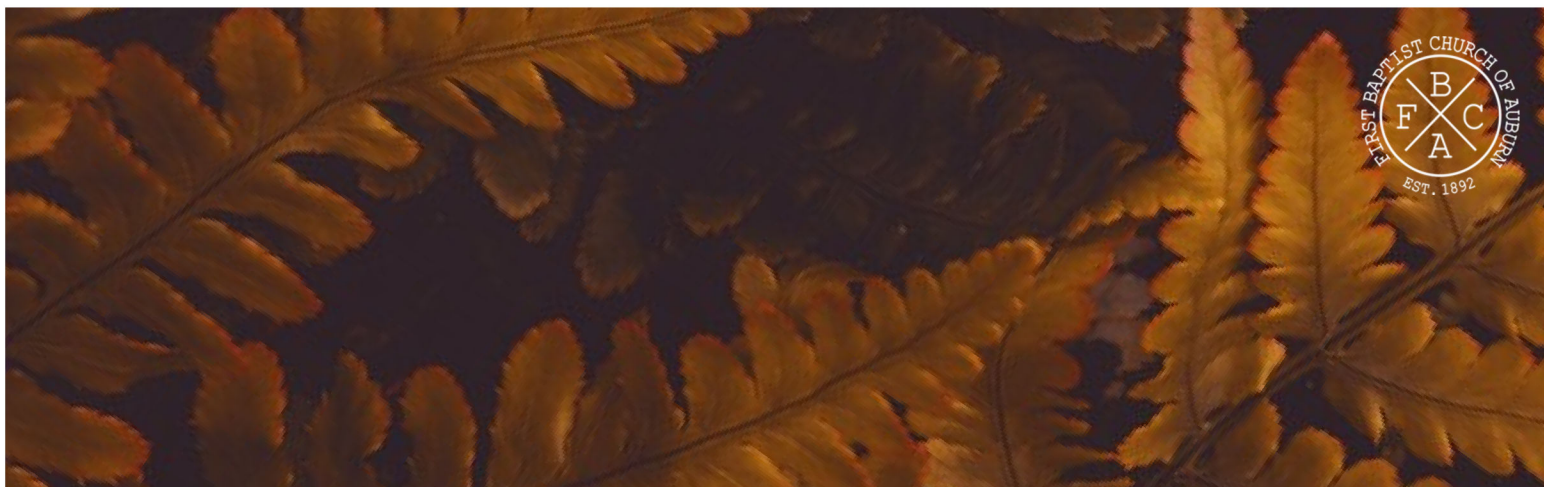


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WEEKLY CONNECTIONS

- **TUESDAYS-**
11:00AM
WOMEN'S PRAYER HOUR, FBC
- **6:30-8PM - YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP, FBC**
- **WEDNESDAYS-**
10-11:30AM - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, FBC
- **6:15-8:30PM - MOVEMENT YOUTH, FBC**
- **6:30-8PM - MEN'S/WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES, FBC**
- **THURSDAYS-**
ADULT SMALL GROUP HOME BIBLE STUDY (MEN'S/WOMEN'S) 6-8PM
- **FRIDAYS-**
8:00AM - MEN'S 10:24 PRAYER HOUR AT MISSIONS COFFEE

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
2 Timothy 3:16-17

At First Baptist Church of Auburn, our hope is that you'll find a place to call home and a community that becomes family. As a family of believers, we are committed to upholding biblical standards, cultivating the faith of our community, and addressing the spiritual issues of the world today. Whether you have believed in Jesus Christ all of your life or are simply seeking to find out more about Him we want to welcome you to our church. We are passionate about proclaiming the Good News, that Jesus Christ has come to seek and to save lost sinners from judgment and give them eternal life (Luke 19:10; John 3:16; Rom 5:8; 6:23; 2 Cor 5:21).



JOIN US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:15AM AS PASTOR STUART PREACHES THROUGH THE BOOK OF ROMANS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 12 Church Family Prayer
- 15 Youth Group- Apple Hill
- 16 Cookie Sunday
- 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 30 FBC Christmas Decorating & Lunch



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FBC MEN'S MINISTRY



“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.”

1 Corinthians 16:13

Men live in difficult times where following the Lord can be challenging and even dangerous. Our hope at First Baptist Church of Auburn is that men feel compelled to take up the mantle of leadership in their culture, community, and families. We want men to be what God has created them to be: leaders!



Current Bible Studies:

Wednesday Nights- Beginning
September 10, 2025
6:30-8:00PM, FBC
James, David Jeremiah Bible
Study Series
Led by Mike Carlin

Thursday Night Adult Small Group
Home Bible Study (Men's/Women's)
6:00-8:00PM
Auburn CA
*Call Church office for more
information.

Friday Mornings
Men's 10:24 Breakfast, Prayer
& Study, 8AM
Mission's Coffee
2405 Grass Valley Hwy,
Auburn CA

Last Saturday of the Month
(every other month)
FBC Men's Breakfast & Bible
Study
8:30AM, FBC



FBC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

"She is clothed with strength
and dignity..."
Proverbs 31:25

The Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church desires to share the love of Jesus through outreach and minister to the needs of women. This ministry hopes to help women develop their God-given potential as persons of value in their homes, church, and community, and aspires to encourage them in creative service under the Holy Spirit's leadership.



Current Bible Studies:

Revelation Wrap Up + 2
Peter. Led by Maria Paiz &
Becky Anderson.
Wednesday Mornings
Beginning September 10,
2025
10:00-11:30AM, FBC

The Life Of David, Audio
Teaching Series by R.C.
Sproul.
Led by Linae Calkovsky.
Wednesday Nights
Beginning September 10,
2025
6:30-8:00PM, FBC

Thursday Night Adult
Small Group Home Bible
Study (Men's/Women's)
6:00-8:00PM
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FBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Our mission here at FBC is to see children come to know Christ, consistently grow in Christ, and develop a Biblical World-view. We count it an awesome privilege and responsibility to reach and teach these little ones for Him!

We offer child-care and children's classes during the main service for infants, preschoolers, and 1st-6th graders.

- Infants & toddlers under 3 can be checked in with our nursery staff prior to the service.
- Preschoolers 3yrs+ - Kindergarten may be checked in to their class upstairs before the service begins as well. They will have a great time singing, hearing a story from the Bible, and doing various crafts!
- Children in 1st - 6th grades begin in main service and are dismissed at 10:45AM to head upstairs for their Sunday School class. They will enjoy a worship time, Bible story, games and crafts!



FBC YOUTH JH / HS MINISTRY



MOVEMENT YOUTH

SUNDAY MORNINGS

9-10AM

DOWNSTAIRS

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

6:15-8:30PM

DOWNSTAIRS

OUR VISION IS TO EMPOWER THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH THE REALITY OF WHO GOD IS AND WHO HE HAS CALLED THEM TO BE, SO THEY CAN PASSIONATELY LIVE FOR HIM AND IMPACT THE WORLD AROUND THEM WITH HIS LOVE. WE BELIEVE THAT A DEEPER LOVE FOR GOD WILL LEAD TO A DEEPER LOVE FOR HIS PEOPLE. OUR GOAL IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS TO PLAY GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP AND STUDY GOD'S WORD. WE DESIRE TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS THAT LAST LONG AFTER THEY HAVE LEFT OUR MINISTRY AND HOPE FOR THEM TO HAVE THEIR OWN AUTHENTIC, PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD.



COMING EVENTS:

11.15-

APPLE
HILL

12.17-

CHRISTMAS
PARTY



SCAN ME

"LET NO ONE LOOK DOWN ON YOUR YOUTHFULNESS, BUT RATHER IN SPEECH, CONDUCT, LOVE, FAITH AND PURITY, SHOW YOURSELF AN EXAMPLE OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE." - 1 TIMOTHY 4:12



MARK & DEBBIE CHRISTOPHER

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Friends,

How time flies when you are doing ministry and trying to navigate life! Before another week slips into the rearview mirror, Debbie and I want to quickly update you on life and ministry here in our corner of the vineyard.

It was a cold, wet, and eventful winter here in the southern hemisphere. As I wrote in the last update, my South African colleague, Tiny Coupar, had major back surgery and was bed-bound for the whole winter. I had to take up much of the slack his absence left. I used the occasion to utilize some of our key men. There were three men I had worked with in the past in the area of homiletics. I relied on them to preach every other week. I guided them through the process of sermon preparation and then gave them each post-sermon critiques after they preached. Other men, I mobilized for shepherding tasks while I handled the crisis situations. The men helped me immensely and were used of the Lord to minister to the flock at large. I am happy to report that as of 4 weeks ago, Tiny resumed ministry in the church. He is almost back to full strength.

No sooner was Tiny removed from the ministry equation than life threw a few surprises our way. The week of Tiny's surgery, a beloved dog of ours was diagnosed with terminal cancer. In the month before we euthanized her, I made 10 trips to the vet. Many tears were shed as we said our goodbyes to Aggie for the final time. We had both of our kids on a video call, as we all said goodbye to her before heading to the vet. While this brought great sorrow to us, we rejoice for the 10 years we had with her. We praise God for all creatures great and small and how He uses them to enrich our lives and bring glory to Himself (Psalm 104!).

Soon after Aggie's cancer diagnosis, I made my annual pilgrimage to the dermatologist for a check-up. I received the news that I had skin cancer on my scalp. Fortunately, the pathology revealed it was a basal

Praise & Prayer!

- We praise the Lord for his sustaining grace and for good health. We both made it through the winter season without any colds, flu, or other illnesses. We both feel great but are more conscious of our age and mortality. So, we do not take our current health and strength for granted.
- We praise the Lord for Pastor Tiny's full recovery and the fact that he is back in the saddle of ministry.
- Please pray for my 3 Mentor Model students: Regard, Mike, and Rudi. All three are currently studying online at The Master's Seminary, and I meet with them every week to disciple them as they navigate the challenges of family, church, work, and studies.
- Please pray for me as I speak at the Equip Conference next week (October 17-18) and then speak at a mission's conference the first weekend in November.
- Debbie would appreciate your prayers for two upcoming year-end ladies' functions she is speaking at on November 22nd and 29th.



“AND WE PROCLAIM HIM...” COLOSSIANS 1:28-29

cell carcinoma, so it was non-life-threatening. The surgery went well. I opted for conscious sedation and walked out of the hospital 30 minutes after the hour-long procedure. I came home, ate a full dinner, and resumed regular duties the very next day. Outside of having my whole head bandaged for 10 days, I never had any pain or discomfort and felt 100%! The Lord was exceedingly gracious through the whole ordeal. The surgeon did such a fantastic job that the 4-inch incision is completely healed with no scarring. The pathology report revealed that all of the cancer was removed, and no further treatment is necessary. Now, instead of an annual dermatological check-up, I need to go every 6 months to be safe. I guess 51 years of running and cycling in the sun finally caught up with me, so extra precautions are now in order.

Please pray for me as I try to finish a 100-page chapter on my dissertation. I hope to finish by this time next week. I have a defense of the chapter on December 3rd. My advisor needs time to go through it, and then I need time to make the necessary revisions. The goal is to finish the whole dissertation by December 2026. Until then, I will continue to juggle ministry, life, and writing.

For her part, Debbie is busy with teaching, discipling, and counseling the ladies of our church. God has given her a very effective ministry with several of the women. Amidst all she does, she had to take some time out to fly 900 miles east of us to help her mother, who has dementia and was recently diagnosed with COPD. I am thankful Debbie was able to sort out all of her mom's affairs and finances. Her mom is doing a lot better now and has a full-time carer to help with the day-to-day matters.

The political and economic situation here in South Africa continues down the spiral staircase. Every day, more corruption and fraud are revealed in high places. As a distraction, the Marxist government proposes more draconian legislation. The latest proposed legislation is a law seeking to mandate licensure for pastors. They have taken a page out of the Chinese Communist playbook here. The proposed law still has several hurdles to surmount before it becomes law. They have a real uphill battle to pass this, but never underestimate those blinded by the cult of Marxism. Please pray for us as we contest this bill and pray that it goes down in flames. As we reflect on the last 4 months and all that has happened, we have much for which to praise the Lord! I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord!"

May you take as much encouragement from these words as we have!

Yours for the Master's Use,

Mark & Debbie Christopher



FROM THE DESK OF

NOVEMBER 2025

PASTOR STUART FRASER

Dear FBC Family,

November reminds us to give thanks, but the believer's gratitude should not be confined to a single season. Scripture calls us to "give thanks in everything" (1 Thess 5:18), because thanksgiving is a reflection of our trust in the God who rules over all seasons of life. Gratitude is not a fleeting feeling. It is a settled conviction that God is good, wise, and faithful in every circumstance. When the Apostle Paul wrote to the Philippians, he was imprisoned in a Roman jail. Yet he declared that he had learned to be content in whatever circumstances he was in (Phil 4:11-13). His gratitude did not depend on comfort or abundance, but on the unchanging sufficiency of Christ. He had learned that joy is not found in what one possesses, but in the God who possesses us. He declared, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13). This was his confession of deep reliance on Christ. Gratitude is the mark of a believer who has learned to rest in God's providence and trust His purpose even in hardship.

Every season of life offers an opportunity to practice gratitude. In times of abundance, we thank God for His provision. In times of scarcity, we thank Him for His presence. In moments of clarity, we thank Him for His guidance, and in moments of confusion, we thank Him that His wisdom never fails. Gratitude shifts our focus from what we lack to what we cannot lose: our salvation, our standing in Christ, and our hope of glory. This kind of thankfulness is not naïve about suffering. It does not ignore grief or deny pain. Instead, it views every trial through the lens of faith, believing that even affliction serves God's redemptive purpose and will one day turn out for our good (Rom 8:28). The mature believer understands that God often does His deepest work in the soil of difficulty. When we learn to thank Him there, our gratitude becomes worship,



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and our worship becomes a witness to the unbelieving world.

As Thanksgiving approaches, let us make gratitude more than a date on the calendar. Begin each day this month by naming specific reasons to thank God. Perhaps you could write a note of appreciation to someone who has encouraged you in your walk with Christ. You could offer words of encouragement to someone in your neighborhood, workplace, school, home, or church. A thankful heart is evidence of maturity because it is anchored in the character of God rather than the circumstances of life. It reflects a faith that sees beyond the immediate and rejoices in the eternal.

We have much to be thankful for in our church. I am thankful for those faithful servants who serve in different ministries each week (worship, sound, youth, coffee, greeting, men & women's ministries, ushers, deacons, and elders). The Lord has blessed us with such kind and giving people, and for that I am truly grateful. Furthermore, God has been slowly adding new people to our church, something for which I am greatly appreciative to the Lord. Additionally, I am grateful to Ryan for his leadership in our worship and youth ministries. I am also very thankful to my wife and family for all their help in the ministry. All of these people are an invaluable part of this church body, and make regular sacrifices to make things happen in our church. I hope your Thanksgiving is filled with gratitude for all that God has done for you. May we say as the Psalmist says, "the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations." (Psa 100:5)

In Christ,

Pastor Stuart Fraser

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NOV BIRTHDAYS

17 - Anna Dobbins
17 - Wendell Witt
18 - Alayna Fraser
29 - Linda Walker

NOV ANNIVERSARIES

15 - Bert & Pearl Moll