

The Challenger

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“Our Mission Statement is...” Everywhere we look; hospitals, schools, grocery stores, and even fast food restaurants, we often find on walls fancy little plaques telling everyone who wishes to read them what the mission statement is of that organization. Whether the organization is actually accomplishing it is usually up for debate but at least everyone can see what the goal is.

Why bother? If we were to pass out a survey some Sunday morning and it had on it one question, “First Baptist Church Winslow exists to...”, how many different answers do you think we would get? The evangelist would write in, “We exist to share the Gospel!” The one with the heart for service would say, “We’re here to do things for people what they can’t do for themselves!” The generous heart would say, “We’re here to take care of the needs of the needy!” The merciful person would say, “We’re a hospital for the hurting!” The activist would say, “We’re an army of Christian soldiers marching as to war!” The teacher would say, “We’re here to learn about God and His ways!” The self-centered life sucker would say, “You exist to take care of my needs and make this place all about me!”

Obviously, the last one is tongue-in-cheek but the others have some real validity as answers. So which is right? A church is a living organism served by volunteers and funded by volunteers’ money whose hearts have been moved by God. To what should we be dedicating these volunteers’ time, money, and energy? What would be considered a waste? Are we being obedient to God with the resources He’s granted us or are we squandering them? To answer those questions, we have to have a mission statement that we can use to keep our eyes on the goal and feet moving on the right track.

Thankfully, with our vote, we feel God gave us one. It has four facets to it:

Connect – With God and His Family.

Grow – In His Word.

Serve – God by Serving Others.

Share – His Message.

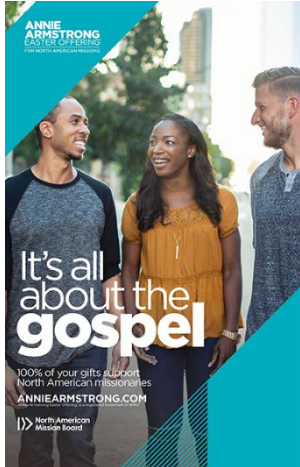


We believe everything we’re supposed to be doing at First Baptist needs to fall into one of those four categories. If it can’t fit, it’s a waste of our time, energy, and money. Our leadership teams and Quarterly Update meetings can help us prayerfully decide how to calendar and finance these four facets as a church body, but you’ll have to decide for yourself your individual part in it. The church isn’t just something we go to, it’s something we are. Just by telling Jesus we want to follow Him, we’re already on a mission. Our orders have already been given. We simply have to decide if we’re willing to live it.

In His Grip,
Pastor Fred

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Mexico Mission Trip will be November 12th thru 15th! Now would be a good time to start thinking if you would be interested in going. If you think you would, please see Pastor Ted for more information and pricing.



The Annie Armstrong Easter offering is coming up in March. Be in prayer as to how God may lead you to give. The offering supports mission efforts in North America.

"For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth". ~Acts 13:47

Fifth Sunday Family Potluck - March 29th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a main dish and a side dish or dessert to share (enough for your family and one other). Table service and drinks will be furnished. Come spend time in fellowship with your church family.



That evening at 6pm, we will enjoy a final special report by Terry & Cyndi Cirre before they return to Papa New Guinea.

Senior Adult Luncheon will be held at BoJo's Restaurant on Friday, March 27th at 11:30am.



Food Box Distribution is the 2nd and the 4th Thursday from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. If you are in need or know of someone who may be helped by receiving a box, please share this information. For more information please see Freddie Campbell.



Mark your calendar!!

- 3/12 Church Council 7pm
- 3/15 Deacon Meeting 4pm
- 3/27 Senior Adult Luncheon - BoJo's 11:30am
- 3/28 Youth Trip to Wupatki
- 3/29 All Church Potluck noon
Cirre special report 6pm in Sanctuary
- 4/1 AWANA Parent night 6pm
- 4/10 Winslow Ministerial Assoc. Good Friday Service @ Desert View Baptist
- 4/12 Easter Sunday Brunch 9:15am



Please be in prayer for Pat Barnes and family. John passed away late Tuesday, February 19th. The services for John will be held Sunday, March 8th at 2pm here at First Baptist Church.

