FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Damascus

LOVING GOD • GROWING TOGETHER • SERVING OTHERS



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY – 10/11/26

Morning Worship	188
Sunday School	142
Evening Worship	n/a

WEEKLY OFFERING

SUNDAY – 10/04/26

Total Offering $

Designated Offerings

- *N/A*

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/17	Adult Median I Fall Gathering
10/18	Lifeword Sunday
10/28	FBCD Fall Fest
11/1	*Daylight Savings Ends*
11/3-5	Celebration! SR Conference
11/8	Veteran's Recognition Day
11/11	*Veteran's Day*
11/11	Community Meal – 5:30PM
11/12	Prime Timers Meeting
11/14	MeGee/Eddings Wedding
11/22	Church-Wide Thanksgiving
11/26	*Thanksgiving Day*
11/26	FH Reserved – *Palmer*
11/28	FH Reserved - *Ritchie*

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY – 10/18/26

GREETERS

Earlene Brecheen & Kathy Harrison

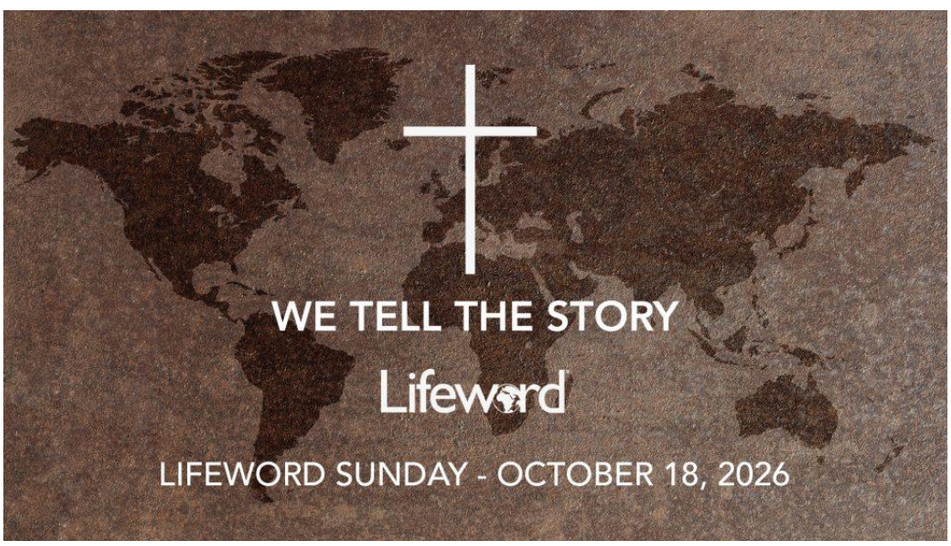
NURSERY

Kimberly & Sofia Couvertier

We were so blessed to have three different families here Sunday as first time guests and that gives me the opportunity to remind us all to be diligent about our Christian hospitality. You may have noticed last week that Jessica responded to a lady on Facebook who was looking for a church home. This lady had visited a church three Sundays in a row and no one had even spoken to her on those visits. I would consider it a dark day if someone visited here even once and no one talked to them. Most of the time all a visitor wants is for someone to just smile at them and say, "It's so nice to have you." One act of friendship can make all the difference in the world. You guys are great at that, so keep up the good work. I'm just giving us a reminder so that we never take it for granted that God sends people here so that He can minister to them.

I pray that you are blessed this week by the constant awareness that God is with you. Seek Him with your whole heart. I love you guys!

Bro. Daniel Williams – FBCD Pastor



Join us this Sunday, October 18, as we celebrate Lifeword Sunday! **If you purchased a Lifeword shirt, be sure to wear it to church to show your support**! We will also be taking up a special offering to help Lifeword continue sharing the Gospel around the world.

Evening worship will be dismissed so everyone can participate in our Walk for the World event!

We will meet at **5:00 PM** for a group photo and prayer before heading out for our walk on the church grounds. A hotdog supper will be served.

Not up for walking? No problem! Bring a lawn chair and join us for prayer, fellowship, and a wonderful evening together. If it rains, we will be in the gym.

Thank you for helping us support Lifeword and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ around the world!

The new FBCD website and app is ready!

See the 3rd & 4th pages of the newsletter for more details.

When you plant a seed, you expect it to grow. When you plant your gardens in the spring and bury squash seeds in the ground, you do not expect peppers to grow in their place. You can count on a squash plant beginning to show within 5–10 days of planting.

I get excited about my plants. Once I put seeds in the ground, I look at them every day to ensure that nothing has disturbed their beds, and I check for signs of life, knowing the plants will be arriving soon. If a plant does not sprout, another seed gets planted. It's pretty simple work, but it's rewarding.

You and I are like plants. The Holy Spirit plants the spiritual seed within us, and as it takes root, it begins to grow. The Holy Spirit waters, cultivates, adds nutrients, and ensures that we have everything we need to grow into the version of ourselves that He desires us to be. However, unlike the seeds in a garden, we can reject the Spirit's water. We can reject His cultivation, we can reject His nutrients, and we can reject His efforts to ensure our growth. This is why you may meet a younger Christian who is fervently faithful and then turn around and talk to someone who has been saved for decades but is still a spiritual infant.

In 1 Corinthians 3:6, Paul gives us a good example of how a Christian grows: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."It is not just one individual who is responsible for growth. Many people pour into a soul over the years of an individual's growth. God's Word is preached every day all over the world, and we are lucky enough to live in a generation where we can watch it via the internet. God's Word is preached faithfully at least three times a week here at FBCD. There are many radio stations that proclaim God's Word every single day. You have Bibles, and you have books—or at least access to books (you are welcome to borrow one of mine anytime you'd like; just say the word). We have the nutrients, the water, and the cultivation needed to see us grow. All we have to do is take the growth process seriously.

Plants may sprout overnight, but their full maturity is gradual. We are less like a vegetable that sprouts in a season and wilts when the cold comes, and more like a hardy oak tree that began as a small acorn yet grew into a mighty specimen. The growth may be gradual, but over time, it is certainly noticeable.

Take in the water, absorb the nutrients, accept the pruning when needed, and grow to be the great pillar of faith that God is calling you to be.

Bro. Colter Hall – FBCD Youth/Missions Pastor



FALL FEST REMINDER:

We are still collecting individually wrapped candy and small prizes for the Fall Fest games! Donations can be dropped off in the church foyer under the mailboxes or at the church administrative office.

**Each Sunday School class is also asked to decorate and host a table at Fall Fest. Please begin making a schedule for your class so there will be volunteers available to hand out candy throughout the evening.*

Thank you for helping us make Fall Fest a fun night for our church family and community!



The Adult Median I Sunday School Class (Bro. Dan's class) and their families Fall Gathering will be at Jamey & Roxanne Riddle's home this Saturday at 5:30 PM!

The Riddles will provide hot dogs, buns, and s'mores. Please bring drinks for your family and anything else you'd like to share.

**Please RSVP on our class GroupMe so we know who's coming!*



There's still plenty of room on the sign-up sheet for chili, all the fixin's, and desserts for our Fall Fest Chili Supper!

A big thank-you to everyone who has already signed up to bring something! We appreciate your help in making our Fall Fest a success.



The altar flowers for October are being provided by Charles & Deanie Riddle. They are in honor of :
Bro. Daniel & Gwenda Williams and
Bro. Colter & Olivia Hall



They're here! Our new church website and app have officially launched!

We're excited to have a new way to stay connected with everything happening at First Baptist Church of Damascus. You can find church updates, events, sermons, giving, and more all in one place.

Please keep in mind that we're still working on a few things, but for the most part, everything is ready to use! Ignore the stock photos until we can get some pictures of our church and people. 😉

How to Download Our Church App → **Scan Here**

Our new church app is powered by Tithe.ly!

1. Download the Tithe.ly Church App from your phone's app store. (It's a blue & white icon)
2. Open the app and search for "First Baptist Church Damascus."
3. Select our church to access the FBCD app and its features.

Need help getting started? Jessica Hall will be available in the foyer before and after morning worship to help you download the app, sign up, log in, and learn how to use the website and app.

Members will need a login password to access the Members section, so be sure to ask Jessica about that!

Stay Connected Through Text Messages and Emails

We want to make sure everyone stays informed about church announcements, upcoming events, and important updates! Please stop by the foyer, fill out a Church Text Message/Email Sign-Up form, and return it.

You can also conveniently complete the form online using the link below:

https://firstbaptistchurch9718.breezechms.com/form/722c70

Prayer Requests and Our New Prayer Wall

We are also still learning and training on the prayer request sections of our new website and app, so we appreciate your patience as we work through those features.

Audrey Raines will continue to be your contact for prayer requests. They will be TEXTS or Push Notifictaion style only, no calls. New feature--You can also use the new Prayer Wall in our church app to submit your own prayer requests for others to see and pray over! Once a request has been approved, it will be visible to those using the app.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue learning and making our new website and app the best they can be for our church family! We're excited to make staying connected with our church family easier than ever!

See the next page for the FBCD Website & App Guide!

FBCD Website & App Guide

First Baptist Church of Damascus

1. Visit Our Church Website

Go to **www.fbcdamascus.com** using your phone, tablet, or computer.

Our website is a place to find church information, upcoming events, sermons, ministry details, online giving, and more.

2. Download the FBCD App

Our church app is powered by Tithe.ly!

1. Open your phone's camera.
2. Point it at the QR code provided.
3. Tap the link that appears on your screen.
4. Follow the instructions to open or download the app.
5. Once the Tithe.ly app opens, search for **First Baptist Church Damascus**.
6. Select our church to access the FBCD app.

If scanning the QR code does not work, visit **www.fbcdamascus.com** and use the app link provided there.

3. Create Your Account or Log In

1. Open the app and select First Baptist Church Damascus.
2. Look for the profile or sign-in option.
3. If you are new, follow the prompts to create an account.
4. Enter the requested information and complete any email verification.
5. If you already have an account, sign in using your existing login information.

Keep your login information somewhere safe. If you forget your password, use the "Forgot Password" option, if available.

FBCD Members: A password is required to access the private Members section. Please ask Jessica Hall for assistance in getting access.

4. Explore the App

- **Sermons:** Listen to messages and grow in God's Word.
- **Giving:** Access online giving.
- **Bible:** Access the Bible feature.
- **Connect:** Find ways to connect with our church family.
- **Events:** View upcoming church activities and events.
- **More:** Explore additional features and information.

Some features may require an account or member access.

Need Help?

Jessica Hall will be available in the church foyer before and after morning worship on Oct. 18th to help you download the app, create an account, log in, and learn how to use the website and app. Or, you may drop in at the admin building to see her Tuesday-Thursday.

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