

September 12, 2021

Welcome

Welcome to Worship at
First Baptist Atlantic Beach.
It is our prayer that you
experience the presence of
God in this place as we
worship together.

A Note from Pastor Greg

Jesus did not come so that we might live a life of superficial religion. He came so that we might receive new life through supernatural regeneration.

Superficial religion consists of merely believing certain truths and doing certain things.

Nicodemus was like many professing Christians today, possessing a measure of belief in and respect for Jesus while ordering his life around the commands of Scripture. He prayed and went to worship. He read and even taught the Scriptures. He lived a good, decent, moral life, and he was an example to others. He did all of this in an effort to honor God.

Everything was right on the outside, but something was wrong on the inside. Despite all the religious things he did, Nicodemus had no spiritual life in him.

Do you ever feel like that? Do you ever feel like your Christianity consists of nothing more than a list of truths to believe, things to do, and boxes to check to earn God's approval? In your efforts to pray, read the Bible, give, and serve in the church, do you ever feel like you're never doing enough?

Do you ever tire of trying to please God with your performance? In the end, do you feel like your faith is mainly duty with minimal delight? This is the curse of superficial religion: the constant attempt to do outward things apart from inward transformation.

Jesus responds to Nicodemus by saying, "*Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" The clear message of the Bible is that there is nothing we can do to make our hearts clean before a holy God. We can work constantly, pray fervently, give extravagantly, and love sacrificially, but our hearts will still be stained by sin.

The Bible teaches that faith alone in Christ alone is the only way to salvation from sin. Faith is the anti-work. It is the realization that there is nothing you can do but trust in what has been done for you in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Faith is the realization that God's pleasure in you will never be based upon your performance for Him.

Instead, God's pleasure in you will always be based upon Christ's performance for you.

This Week at First Baptist

Today

9:30 AM

10:30 AM

Sunday School
Morning Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM

7:30 PM

Bible Study (all ages)
Choir Practice

For a calendar of events visit our website, fbatlbch.org
Select the download our bulletin & calendar button.
Copies are also available in the vestibule.

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Our Stewardship **Expressed**

Tithes \$7,499.00
Building fund \$80.00
Designated \$100.00
Maguire State Missions
\$660.00

Total Tithes & Offerings
\$8,339.00

DEACON MINISTRY

Deacon of the week:
David Harwell 246-7225

Deacon of the month:
Jesse Abner 641-2325

CALLED TO SERVE

We have many opportunities for service in our church. In the vestibule, there are signup sheets for each ministry team, with a brief description of the team responsibilities. Please take a few minutes to review them and ask God where He would have you serve. (2-year commitment)

Thought:
God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called.

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FBC Atlantic Beach

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Bible Study for all ages 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM	Labor Day		Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Bible Study for all ages 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM			Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Bible Study for all ages 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM			Senior Adult Luncheon 11:00 AM Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
Bible Study for all ages 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM			Bible Study for all ages 6:30 PM Choir Practice 7:30 PM			
3	4	NOTES				
		<p>We are now open for in person worship of all services. If you are unable to attend, please join us via our Facebook page or online @ fbatlbch.org</p> <p>During the month of September we will be taking up an offering for the Maguire State Missions.</p> <p>State Goal \$760,000</p>				