

The Lighthouse

First Baptist Church, Giddings
Helping Others Say "Yes" To Jesus

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...so in Christ we,
though many,

FORM ONE BODY,
and each member
belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:5, NIV



Love Jesus Passionately

Grow Together Relationally

Serve One Another

Reach the Broken Relentlessly

Have you ever been to a large event with a huge crowd of people, and suddenly felt overwhelmed with the thought that most of these people do not have a personal relationship with Jesus? With so many people who need Jesus, how can I make a difference?

So he {Jesus} told them this parable; "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. (Luke 15:1-7)

Jesus tells us how to make a difference. Find the one. Do not become overwhelmed by the enormity of all of the lost, focus on one. Each of us has one person that we have a close relationship with who needs Jesus. A family member, a neighbor, a co-worker. The shepherd left all of the sheep to go tend to the one. Notice it was the shepherd who took the initiative and deliberately went out to find the lost sheep. Identify your "lost

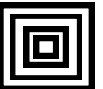
sheep". Who is the one God wants you to bring the good news of Jesus?

Next, the shepherd looked until he found the sheep. Be persistent with your one. Look for opportunities to show the love of Jesus to your lost sheep. God will open the doors, but we need to be paying attention and ready to act. Simple acts of kindness. Encouraging notes. Kind words. Helping hands. Your one is lost, you have the only answer. Lead them to the Savior.

Then, the shepherd found the lost sheep. He rejoiced! He called his friends together to celebrate with him. There was even rejoicing in heaven. So many Christians are somber and serious. We should be the most joyful people on the planet. We know this earth is not the end, but just the beginning of something truly glorious. There is rejoicing and celebrating every time a person comes to know Christ as personal Savior. When your one comes to know Christ, share that good news with others, especially your church family. God has answered your prayers. A lost sheep has been found.

God sees us as individuals. He did not send us to bring the gospel to the masses. He calls us to bring the gospel to one person at a time. Who is your one?

Your Ministry Team



**FREE FRESH FOOD
FOR FAMILIES
& HOPE**
September 24th
9:00 a.m.
Volunteers Needed



Food Pantry

Next Food Pantry

Thursday, Sept. 10th - 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 11th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 12th - 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Volunteers needed!

Contact # - 979-540-6310
for more information

First Baptist Church will be hosting 3 men from September 13th to October 8. These men will be preaching 2 Sundays in a row so we can get to know them. The deacons will be prayerfully considering whether to recommend one of these men as our interim pastor. The deacon's recommendation will include the man to be our interim, his responsibilities (example: preaching, office hours, visitation, guidance) as well as the church's responsibilities for the finances. Please be in prayer as we worship together and seek God's guidance for the man He wants us to have as interim.

CHURCHWIDE VISION PLANNING MEETING

There will be a churchwide vision planning meeting after church on September 13th and September 27th. Lunch will be provided! We will also have childcare available.



At Silver Wings Skating
Rink in Brenham

Sunday, September 20th

Meet at the church at
12:30 p.m.

Skate from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

We will return to the church immediately
after to be picked up by parents.

Permission slips must be completed
and signed by
parents before kids can get on the bus.
(located in the foyer)

See Marcy or Troy
with questions



Sept 1 Norma Buck
Sept 4 Bob Sharp
Sept 8 Thomas Goodson
Sept 9 Terry Boriack
Sept 10 Vance Bradford

Sept 15 Josh Namken
Sept 16 Sharon Buck
Sept 17 Yvonne Gillum
Sept 18 Daniel Sundeen
Sept 19 Billy Gable

Sept 21 Kaylee Lind
Sept 29 Ray Cannon
Sept 30 James Barnett

First Baptist Church Deacons

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| John Booth | Ronnie Doggett |
| Jimmy Boriack | Billy Gillum |
| Vance Bradford | Billy Higgins |

Retired Deacons at FBC

Herbert Michalk
Bob Sharp

Missionaries We Support Monthly

Go Drill
Mission: Dignity
Feed the Need

Monthly Giving Needs: \$20,800.00
Weekly Giving Needs: \$5,200.00

Total August giving (thru 8/28)

\$16,633.00