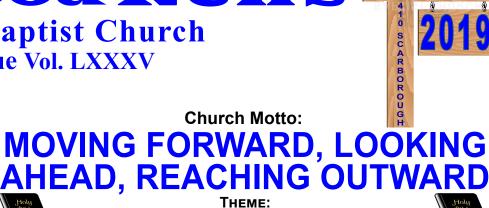
The Good News

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VENCOURAGING AND BUILDING EACH OTHER UP

"So encourage each other and build each other up. Just as you are already doing"

Uncertainty

Man's Question:

What can I be sure of when I am faced with the unknown?

In a world where anything can happen at any given time in any given place, living in uncertainty seems inevitable. One can argue that it is utterly impossible to live securely in such an unpredictable world with unpredictable circumstances. However tempting this belief may be, God's Word teaches us differently

God's Answer

"For I am the Lord; I change not..." (Malachi 3:4)

We are taught in God's written revelation that although everything around us may seem unpredictable and ever-changing, one thing for sure is that the character of God never will. He will never stop being loving, merciful, just, righteous, holy, and gracious, and instead of placing our hope in the uncertain things of this world, our hope must be placed in the character of God. When our hope is in who God is, we will have an everlasting anchor that holds us even in the uncertain.

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Daily inspiration from God's Word Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Carol Stream, Illinois

August Sermons:

It's a blessing and a joy listening to Pastor Ricks explain Scriptures. He preaches messages that seem to be forgotten by many churches today.

- 4th: When The Lord Showed Up Luke 24: 13-17, 27, 30-34
- 11th: Now Unto Him (Rev. Derrick White) Ephesians 3:20
- 18th: Praise Is What We Ought To Do Psalm 100: 1-5
- 25th: When God Gets In It Genesis 26: 12-25



I Thessalonians 5:11





936-632-2426 AN ENCOURAGING WORD Pastor William R. Ricks

THIS ISSUE: Spiritual Devotion

Activity Pages

"ENCOURAGING AND BUILDING EACH OTHER UP"

September's Birthday Calendar August's Sermons September's Events

Up Coming Events/Calendar of Events

City Wide Prayer in the Park Bible Word Puzzle/Challenge

RESPONSIVE READING Sunday School Banner Exchange

Communion following Morning Worship MSMC Rededication

Back to School Backpacks

Prayer for back to School

AKA International Day of Prayer Excessive Heat Warning

The Month of September is?

Women's Day: Virtuous Women of God!





If you require a

visit from the

Please call:

Pastor



The right angle to approach a difficult problem is the "try-angle."

> **† † †** For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37

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First Missionary Baptist Church members participated in filling backpacks at the Lufkin Pitser Garrison Convention Center for the Junior League.







Bro. Tony Cole Bro. Adam Holden Bro. Alex Alexander Bro. Jerry McCloud Sis. Dorothy Bennett Sis. Bettie Alexander Sis. Janette Edwards Sis. Anitha Clemons Sis. Carolyn Harris Sis. Lauryn Ricks Sis. Jackie McCloud Sis. Jacqueline Hale Sis. Aryn Ricks Nasir Moseley Sis. Gloria Ricks Rev. Donnie Valley Pastor W.R. Ricks prayed for the returning school & college students and personnel. FMBC members also visited Garrett and Hackney Primary Schools campuses to pray for students and personnel to have a safe and prosperous year throughout the District.







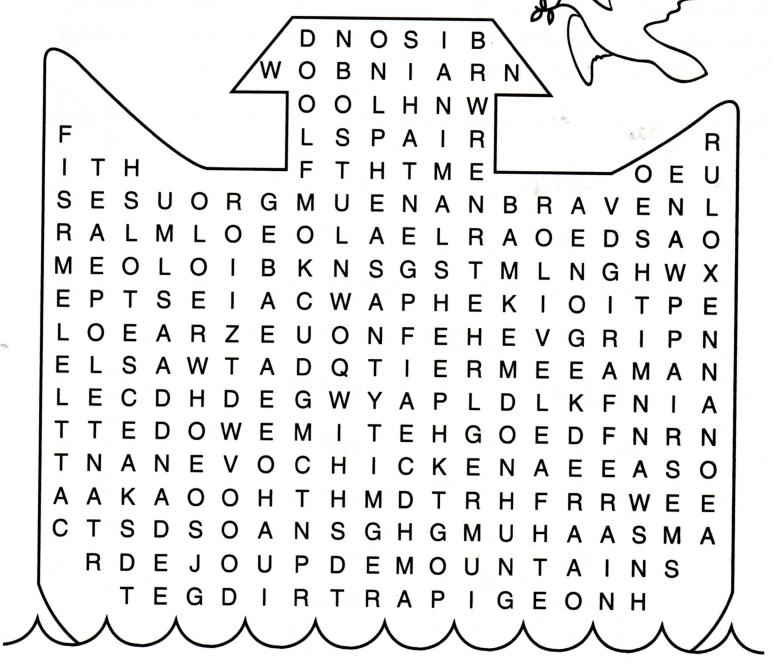
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"Noah's Ark"



Can you find the "flood" of terms hidden in this puzzle? Words can be found in a straight line horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. They may be read forward or backward.

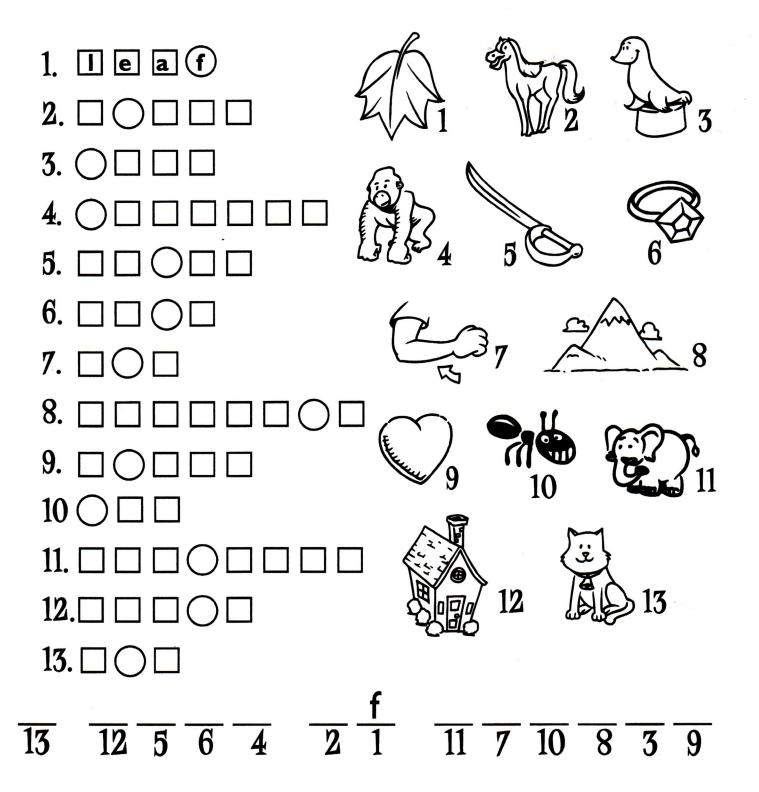
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ARARAT	ELK	OLIVE LEAF	RAVEN
BISON	FLOOD	OXEN	REINDEER
CARIBOU	GAZELLE	PAIRS	SHEEP
CATTLE	GIRAFFE	PARTRIDGE	SWAN
CHICKEN	GOAT	PHEASANT	TURKEY
COVENANT	GOOSE	PIGEON	TWO
DEER	GROUSE	PTARMIGAN	WATER

MUSIC TO GOD'S EARS!



Exodus 12-15

Find out what the Israelites sang! Identify each picture below and write what it is in the blanks. Write the circled letter in each numbered word in the matching blank.



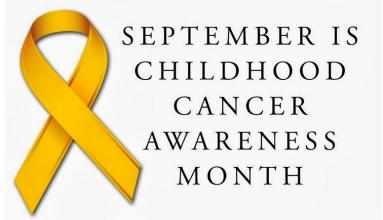
NURSING HOME

When You Pray Remember Our Members In The Nursing Home

Sis.	Ruby Scott
Bro.	Leroy Spencer
Bro.	Bobbie Cannon
Sis.	Georgia Mays
Bro.	Jumbo Davis
Bro.	L. C. Dodd
Sis.	Rose Mary Scott
Sis.	Lottie Pruitt

Southland Nursing Home Castle Pines Nursing Home Larkspur Nursing Home Southland Nursing Home Southland Nursing Home Oakwood Rehab.–Arlington, TX Southland Nursing Home





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September Schedule / Announcements

September 1, 2019 MSMC Rededication

Sunday September 1, 2019 COMMUNION FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

September 1, 2019 - 3:00pm

Reed Chapel Baptist Church San Augustine, Texas Rev & Sis Amos Horton Appreciation Guest: Pastor Ricks & FMBC

September 8, 2019 - 3:00pm

Elysian Fields Baptist Church Elysian Fields, Texas Choir Day Celebration Rev J D Ervin, Pastor Guest: Pastor Ricks & FMBC

September 22, 2019 - 3:00pm

Ebenezer Baptist Church Marshall, Texas Rev & Sis Charles Tutt Appreciation Guest: Pastor Ricks & FMBC

THE FORGET ME NOTS TEAM

Please Donate and Join Our Team http://act.alz.org/goto/TheForgetMeNotsLufkin

Artie Doggett - Team Captain 936-676-0574

OCTOBER 5TH Ellen trout 200 402 200 circle Lufkin, tx 75904

Excessive Heat Warning

From 6/21/17, 08:40 AM - 6/24/17, 11:00 PM

- Never leave children or pets in vehicles
- Drink plenty of cool fluids, avoid caffeine
- Use sunscreen
- · Wear light colored clothing
- Avoid outdoor activities from 11 am 6 pm
- · Cool down with a bath or shower

"One City Under God" City Wide Prayer meeting will be held at Louis Bronaugh Park each Saturday morning



RESPONSIVE READING Romans 12:1-5 (KJV)

Leader: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Congregation: And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Leader: For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Congregation: For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

All: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

COMMUNION FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP





September 2019 Sunday School Unit III quarterly overview

This quarter will teach how Jesus fulfilled the Law in the sense that it was given full meaning. Jesus emphasized the deep, underlying messages of the Gospel, and this same message is continued through Paul's letters and the writer of Hebrews. Relationships of faith empower us to live the covenant and spread the Gospel message.

UNIT III, "God Is Faithful"

Unit III, "God Is Faithful," contains five sessions that tell the story of God's faithfulness. In Genesis, God was faithful to Abraham by blessing his nephew Lot, and God was faithful in answering Hannah's prayer in First Samuel. In Exodus, God was faithful to the people of Israel by providing manna when they complained of hunger. In Numbers, Caleb and Joshua reminded the Israelites of God's faithfulness. Later, God heard their cries and forgave, although the people continued to rebel.

September 1	Spared! Genesis 19:1, 15-26, 29
September 8	Heart's Desire 1 Samuel 1:9-20
September 15	Where's the Food? Exodus 16:1-8, 13-15
September 22	We Don't Believe You! Numbers 13:1-2, 17a, 25-28a; 14:1-2, 5-10a
September 29	One More Chance Numbers 14: 1 Ob-20





First Missionary Baptist Church Virtuous Women of God Proverbs 31:10 Guest Speaker was: Rev. Wesley Benton Antioch Baptist Church Nacogdoches, Texas

Coming	Events
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Pastor Appreciation (January)Black History Program (February)Annual Men Day (February)Easter Program (April)Annual Choir Day (May)Annual Women Day (July)Church Anniversary (August)MSMC Rededication (September)Fall Revival (October)Annual Usher Day (October)Deacons & Deaconesses (November)Christmas Program (December)A10 Scarborough
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