



First Baptist Church Fairdale

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Dear Church,

This Sunday, the 18th, is our church's Homecoming. 93 years we have been here! And 93 years God has been faithful to His people.

There are many things that excite me about Homecoming!

The vibe and energy that Homecoming brings is contagious and inspiring.

I am encouraged seeing our church filled with more people than are usually here.

I really like gathering with everyone for the huge potluck lunch afterwards.

I love listening to and participating in the special music that is always added in to our worship service.

I really like the Annual Flag Football game that is played that afternoon (this will be our 5th straight year).

And I am thrilled to preach the Word to our church on such a meaningful day.

And with all the expectation that comes with Homecoming, especially from the Pastor's perspective, I could not help but ask the obvious question...What are we coming home to?

Well, Dictionary.com defines *Homecoming* as "an annual returning to home."

We are returning home to our church. And I do mean *our* church! This church is a church that has impacted us, influenced us, and affected us. The community of FBCF has great meaning to us. We look forward to this Sunday because this church has a significant place in our lives.

But also *We are returning home to our God.* This Sunday marks a day that is celebrated each year in which we remember all that God has done. God made us. He loves us. He has sent His son to die in our place. He has saved us. He has changed our lives and given our lives meaning. And He has given us His Word to teach us about Himself and how to live for Him and toward Him as a community. And God has been doing all of this for 93 years now. It is good for us to have a *coming home* to these memories.

This Sunday we, FBCF, are *coming home* to a renewed commitment and affection for Jesus and His Church.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Homecoming with you!

-Your Pastor, Josh Greene

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAIRDALE—FIRST NEWS

Homecoming

Homecoming is such a special time. 93 years we are celebrating. We hope everyone makes plans to be here Sunday, the 18th. There will be a big potluck lunch served. There will be no evening service.

Women's Missionary Union

FBC Ladies- We are excited to start up a Women's Missionary Union here at our church! We will have monthly meetings starting this month. We will meet in the church basement on **Tuesday, October 27th at 7:00 pm**. All ladies of all ages are welcome to come and spend some sweet time in prayer, missions focus and fellowship.

Pictorial Directory

Friday & Saturday, November 13-14

Our church is preparing an attractive new full-color directory for the membership. This is an innovative resource for the life and ministry of the church. Each family that participates will receive a complimentary copy of the new directory. You will also, on the same day of photography, have the opportunity to choose from a selection of quality family portraits at attractive, discounted prices.

We especially want your family included to help make this directory complete. Please sign up for an appointment to be photographed — and keep your appointment. Remember that the photography will feature Digital Imaging System, so you will make only one visit to the church, for your convenience.

Titus 2 Project

The weekend is designed to develop a "Titus 2 environment" within our Church, so that we can see our students become more mature in their faith. The event will take place on Saturday, November 7th, and will be a full day for our students (9:00 AM - 9:00 PM), with a special part (10:00 AM) of the morning specifically designed for the adults. All students, parents, and adults are encouraged to attend. (Lunch and supper will be provided.)

Scripture Memory

As part of our Wednesday night prayer meeting service, we have decided to start memorizing God's Word. For now, we are working on memorizing one verse a week.

We began with **Genesis 39:9**. Then we learned **Psalms 119:11**. We have also memorized **1 Timothy 2:5, John 17:17, and Psalm 119:92**.

This week we are trying to memorize **John 13:35**.

We hope that you would begin treasuring up God's Word along with us.