

Sermon Notes:

It's All About Jesus

1 Corinthians 3:1-13

I. We Must Grow in Grace

II. We Must Model Meekness

III. We Must Pursue the Prize

Missionary Spotlight

Randall & Esther Brown — Missionaries to Japan

Our final conference of the year took place at First Baptist Church of Eaton, OH, under the guidance of Pastor Stensaas. We were moved by the testimonies shared, especially regarding how God orchestrated the acquisition of their new building through a property swap with another organization in Eaton. It was a testament to God's providence and the faithfulness of the congregation. As the year drew to a close, we cherished what might be our last Thanksgiving with Esther's family in OKC and Randy's family, alongside our sending church, First Bible Baptist Church in Bakersfield. The time of fellowship, service, and reflection on God's goodness provided a meaningful close to the year. Looking forward to the coming months, we are eager to resume our deputation trail in January. Your continued prayers and support remain invaluable as we press on in the journey the Lord has set before us.



Sunday, January 7, 2024

As we enter into a new year, we may feel the weight of uncertainty, but I remind you of Paul's admonition to the church in Corinth, "For we are labourers together with God..." We may not see all the details and the minutia of how things will work out, but what we can see is that we have a God that labors together with us!

As D.L. Moody said, "If God be your partner, make your plans big!" We move forward with confidence because God is our co-worker. Where we cannot see, He knows the end from the beginning. When the path is uncertain, He goes before us. Let us continue in this new year to trust in Him.

Pastor John M. Brigh



2024 Bible Reading Guides have arrived

Be sure to pick one up today!

Be sure to pick up your Christmas cards in the foyer

Today's Schedule: Vision Sunday

10 am—Connection Groups

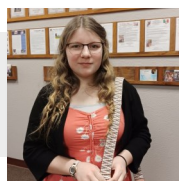
11 am—Worship and Message from Pastor Bingham

6 pm— Evening Worship and Vision Message

This Week:

Wednesday **Mid Week Service** at 7 pm in the Sanctuary
Discipleship at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday **True North Baptist Church**— Sunday School at 9:30 am
 Morning Worship at 10:30 am



Altar Results

Cara Way comes by Salvation desiring Baptism

Congratulations to Barbara Harrison on the birth of her granddaughter, Livanna Faith Harrison. She was born on January 2nd measuring 5 lbs and 18 inches long. Congratulations also to Mom and Dad, Jennifer & Curtis Harrison.



A Look Ahead:



Tuesday, January 9 **GO Night** at 6 pm in the Chapel

Fri-Sat, January 12-13 **FOCUS Award Overnight Activity** 6:30 pm—9:00 am
 See Travis Whitcher for more information.

Thursday, January 18 **Fellowship Lunch** at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Church Wide Family Roller Skate Activity 6-8 pm at Skateland—5163 S Campbell Ave—\$7 per person even if you don't skate. Pay at the door.

Sunday, January 21 **Combined GUST and Teachers Meeting** following the Evening Service; in the Chapel.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 **Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers**
 We need your nominations for Deacon, Church Clerk, Assistant Church Clerk, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Please submit them in writing to the church office **today**.

Wednesday, Jan. 31 **Master Club & FOCUS Restart** at 6:45 pm

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Carol Price and family on the homegoing of her sister, Priscilla Ragsdale.

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to Annette Schorle and family on the homegoing of her grandma, Maxine Scott.

Attendance, Offerings and Missions

Attendance Last Week		2023 Missions Goal	
		Missions Received (wk 9)	250,000.00
Wednesday, Dec 27	64		47,901.95
		Last Week's Totals (12/25/23 -12/31/23)	
Sunday, Dec 31		Tithe/General Offering	22,912.28
Connection Groups	136	Missions Giving	6,769.00
11 am Worship	225	Other	31.10
6 pm Service	110	Total Offerings:	29,712.38

Mark Your Calendar for the

Living United Couples Retreat

February 16-17, 2024

(begins Friday at 2 pm and ends Saturday at 3:30 pm)

At the Chateau on the Lake in Branson

\$230 to \$325 per couple depending on accommodations

Early registration is due by January 24, 2024

Use the QR code to register at your convenience

