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## “Knowing Christ and Making Him Known”

### Church Services

#### Sunday Worship

Early Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Second Service 10:50 a.m.

#### Wednesday Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m.

#### Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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## Terry's Thoughts

Proverbs 1:7 says *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge...*

What a powerful idea. G. Campbell Morgan the famed British author and preacher from the early 1900's said this fear "is not Fear that God will hurt us, but instead it is the Fear that we will somehow hurt God. "This fear is a reverence for and an acknowledgement of God and who He is.

Our world, our nation is so divided today. Battle lines have been drawn. The news is filled with nothing but bad news from fires to floods, from murder to mayhem, this nation is seemingly running headlong toward its own destruction. Could it be because we have lost our fear, our reverence of God?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, the famed Russian dissident and Christian, said of the Russian Revolution, "I have spent well-nigh fifty years working on the history of our (Russian) revolution; in the process I have read hundreds of books, collected hundreds of personal testimonies, and have already contributed eight volumes of my own toward the effort of clearing away the rubble left by that upheaval. But if I were asked today to formulate as concisely as possible the main cause of the ruinous Revolution that swallowed up some sixty million of our people, I could not put it more accurately than to repeat: **Men have forgotten God; that is why all this has happened.**"

Maybe all this has happened because we too have forgotten God. How do we begin to put the broken pieces of our shattered lives back together? It begins by giving God a place of prominence in our lives. Let's not forget Him. It begins by committing our lives to Jesus Christ. Let's not forget Him. What our world needs now is not a social revolution or a political solution. What our world needs now is a spiritual awakening! Let's not forget Him!

As fall rolls around, join with me and others seeking God here at the First Baptist of Odessa. Let's revere Him and gain true knowledge for living!

Think about it,  
*Terry*

### Interested in discussing and learning more about loving our neighbors through Biblical reconciliation?

How do we treat our brothers and sisters in Christ and people outside our circle of friends? We are partnering with New Hope

Baptist Church of Odessa in

gathering interest in a five week book study and discussion on Biblical racial healing. We anticipate the study to start this fall. The discussion is based on the book "Under Our Skin" by

Benjamin Watson. Sign up for this class on the church app. Contact Joan Begemann or Brenda Whitlock if interested in learning about this important topic.



**Youth Wednesday Worship**  
Every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m.  
**For youth in 7th-12th grade.**



**2021 MMO**  
RHEURIN L. SOUTH  
MISSOURI MISSIONS OFFERING

**Week of Prayer  
September 12-19, 2021**

"They gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us by God's will." II Corinthians 8:5

Special offering envelopes will be available in the September 12 bulletin.  
**Our church goal is \$3,000**



**Fall Festival of Praise**  
**October 3 at 6:00 pm.**  
**Lots of great music and food.**

Mark your calendars for this event. Watch for details in future bulletins

**Choir Practice resumes on September 8 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Come join us!**

# Celebrating 10 years

First Baptist Church's Celebrate Recovery group will celebrate ten years of ministry on September 8! The first Celebrate Recovery meeting happened on September 8, 2011, with 16 people in attendance. Over the years the ministry added a dinner, the Landing for teens, Celebration Place for children, and nursery care.

With all of the changes in the past two years, Celebrate Recovery has made some adjustments to the scope of the ministry. Thursday nights now consist of adults, 18 years and older, meeting at 7:00 p.m. for worship and large group time followed by men's and women's small groups from 8:00-9:00 p.m.

The past year has definitely been challenging, but with all we see around us we know that the Celebrate Recovery ministry at FBC Odessa is a ministry that is necessary for the issues we face today. Celebrate Recovery believes God will do great things through this ministry in the coming year.



Our Awana club met for the first meeting of the new year on August 29. Awana will not meet on September 5 and will resume on September 12 at 6:00 p.m. Awana is for children 3 years old through 6th grade and will meet each Sunday evening through the school year. You can register on the church app. If you have any questions, see Pastor Jacob.

## Student Ministry Fall Retreat

November 12-14 at the Heartland Retreat Center  
Students can sign up and get all the details by visiting [www.fbcodessamo.org/student-ministry](http://www.fbcodessamo.org/student-ministry) or under the Student Ministry tab in the church app.

## Women's Monday Night Bible Study

**BE CONFIDENT! DEFEAT DISCOURAGEMENT!**

W.O.W (Women of the Word) will begin our fall Bible study on September 13 at 6:30 p.m. Our study will be *Take Courage* by Jennifer Rothschild—a seven week study of Haggai. On our first night we will have a "bring your own" fellowship dinner and watch the first video of our study. Nursery is available upon request. Please call the church office before noon on Monday if you need nursery care.

## WMU Meeting

Wednesday, September 8 at 10 a.m.  
In the large classrooms on the south hall.  
Gathering for local and worldwide missions. All women are welcome to join us!

## MOVIE NIGHT

7 PM, Friday, October 1



### A TRUE STORY OF LOVE, HOPE & REDEMPTION

*Unplanned* is the true story of Abby Johnson, a Planned Parenthood clinic director who became pro-life. Extraordinarily compelling, *Unplanned* takes the audience to the frontlines of the battle over abortion. Please be aware that this movie was given an "R" rating by the MPAA due to graphic abortion-related scenes. *Unplanned* contains no nudity, sex or profanity. Preceding the movie will be a Pro-Life presentation with information about "Life Chain", a peaceful, prayerful, public witness alongside other believers to be held on Sunday, October 3 from 2:00-3:30 PM.



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**Regular Wednesday Schedule:**  
6:00 p.m.-Prayer Mtg./Bible Study  
6:00 p.m.-Praise Band  
6:00 p.m.-Youth  
7:00 p.m.-Choir



**Regular Sunday Schedule:**  
8:30 a.m. & 10:50 a.m.-Worship  
9:45 a.m.-Sunday School

<b>Deacon of the Week</b> September 5-Steve Couch September 12-Chad Hubbard September 19-Gary Kratz September 26-Steve Lockhart			1	2 ▶ 10:00 a.m.-Thursday Bible Study- ▶ 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	3	4
5	6 <b>Labor Day Church Office Closed</b>	7	8 10:00 a.m.-WMU Meeting	9 ▶ 10:00 a.m.-Thursday Bible Study ▶ 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	10	11 <b>Patriot Day</b>
12 ▶ 6:00 p.m. Awana	13 ▶ 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	14	15	16 ▶ 10:00 a.m.-Thursday Bible Study ▶ 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	17	18
19 ▶ 6:00 p.m. Awana	20 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> ▶ 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	21	22	23 ▶ 10:00 a.m.-Thursday Bible Study ▶ 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery	24	25
26 ▶ 12:00 noon-Trustees Meeting ▶ 5:00 p.m.-Deacons Meeting ▶ 6:00 p.m. Awana	27 ▶ 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study	28	29	30 ▶ 10:00 a.m.-Thursday Bible Study ▶ 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery		