

Life Signs

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What's In Your Mind? Randy Crutchfield

Our minds may not be able to record images as well as a camera, but they are incredible in what they can record. We remember not only images, but also store information from all five senses, and from our emotions, thoughts, and perceptions. God has given us an amazing ability to fill our heads with the wonderful things of his creation, the beauty of nature, memories of our loved ones, and even our academic education. Unfortunately part of living in this broken world means our minds also store images we'd rather forget as well as unpleasant and painful knowledge and memories. Since we don't have a choice about erasing what our minds have stored, it's important to recognize we can make choices about many of the things we put into them. We can take advantage of opportunities to fill ourselves with not only the good, but the best things in life.

Psalm 119 reminds us of this. It's a wonderful Psalm, written in an acrostic style. (An acrostic poem is written in such a way that the beginning letter of each line or stanza begins with a successive letter of the alphabet. Unfortunately the acrostic doesn't carry over in translation.) Verses 9-16 (see sidebar) reminds us of something very important. The writer is expressing the desire to fill his head with the wisdom of God by hiding His word in his heart.

I've extended a challenge to our church family to encourage the growth of this same desire in ourselves by reading through either the whole Bible this year, or if that's too much for you, to at least read through the New Testament.

9 How can a young person stay on the path of purity?

By living according to your word.

10 I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

12 Praise be to you, Lord; teach me your decrees.

13 With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.

14 I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.

15 I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.

16 I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.

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February Birthdays

Audrey Andrews	02/02	Suzan Duckworth	02/11
Sherry Lee	02/02	Dennie Brierly	02/13
Everett Cobb	02/03	April Frieske	02/16
Heather Chism	02/05	Kelsey Lee	02/18
Julette Frieske	02/06	Yvonna Scott	02/19
David Moore	02/06	Gaye Rippe	02/20
Linda Pettit	02/06	Bea Rusk	02/20
Jean York	02/06	Karen Wright	02/20
Sarah Anderson	02/10	Carla Goins	02/23
Hannah Maddox	02/10	Ese Taylor	02/28
Nanette Watkins	02/10	Jean Kinyon	02/29
Claude Dale	02/11		

February Anniversaries

Arnold & Ruth Curry	02/06
Louis & Beatta Jenkins	02/13
Gary & Bonnie Hopper	02/14
Tom & Pam McClelland	02/16
Bill & Mary Ellen McClelland	02/23

Church Library New Arrivals

Fiction:

Beginnings (Kim Vogel Sawyer)

High As the Heavens (Kate Breslin)

Gideon's Torch (Charles Colson)

Non-Fiction:

Mama Maggie (Marty Makary & Ellen Vaughn)

Unlikely Angel (Ashley Smith)

Divine Collision (Jim Gash)

Gospel Reset (Ken Ham)

The Dog At My Feet (Callie Smith Grant)

The Color of Rain (Michael and Gina Spehn)

DVDs:

God Grew Tired of Us

Our library is a couple of doors down from our office as you head toward the Vine St doors. To check out a book, fill out the card in the back of the book and place it in the box on the fiction shelf.

Bible in a Year

You're invited to join us in reading through the Bible this year. Daily reading plans are in the lower auditorium and outside our office.

What's In Your Mind? continued

I'm planning on taking my sermons each week from that week's reading. More importantly, we're also planning on offering small groups where we can gather to discuss that week's readings. If you don't already have one, please consider picking up a *Through the Bible in a Year* pamphlet at our church office so you can join us as we read through the Bible together. (If you're behind, don't worry. Just start with the current readings and go back and catch up later!)

God has given you a wonderful mind. Please consider filling it with His Word and joining our whole church family in this goal. My hope is that this challenge will help First Baptist Church thrive as individuals, as families, and as a whole church family. Grab a pamphlet, join a small group for the winter and let God do an amazing work in you!

FBC Kidz Kelly Rector

Creative Kidz Club and Preschool Kidz Worship made Valentine crafts for the shut-ins. We plan to deliver these to some of our shut-ins on Sunday, February 10th, during Creative Kidz Club. In December, crafts were given to shut-ins while the church caroled to them.

SAVE THE DATE!

Community Vacation Bible School will be Monday-Thursday, June 10th-13th, 6:00p-8:15p at Pope John XXIII Elementary School.

Registration begins April 1st.

We are excited as this is the first time it will be at Pope John.

Our theme this year is "Roar."



February 2019

Every Sunday
 8:45a Traditional Worship
 10:00a Sunday School
 11:00a Contemporary Worship

5:00p The Gathering
 5:30p Bible Study
 @ Lower Auditorium

Every Tuesday
 2:45p Homework Helpers
 @ Lydia Middleton

Every Wednesday
 7:00a McPrayer (Madison)
 2:45p Homework Helpers
 @ Lydia Middleton
 5:30p Bible Study
 @ Eggleston
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Every Thursday
 7:00a McPrayer (Hanover)
 2:45p Homework Helpers
 @ Lydia Middleton
 6:00p Women's Study &
 Activity @ Eggleston

Small groups start February 10th!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4p-5p Welcome Party for Josh & Elizabeth @ Lower Auditorium 5p Deacons Meeting	Josh White begins as Associate/Youth Pastor 7p AB Men @ Indian-Kentuck			5:30p Church Council @ Red Pepper Deli		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10a Deaconess Mtng 5:30p Creative Kidz Club @ Lower Aud.	5p Finance Team	6p Mission Circles Work Night 6p Property Team	5:30p Sister Church	Newsletter Deadline		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
						8a AB Men Prayer Breakfast @ New Prospect
24	25	26	27	28		
5:30p Creative Kidz Club @ Lower Aud.						