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Mooreland First Baptist Church

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Eight Things Faithful Christians have in common

Eric Barker recently wrote an interesting article for Time Magazine entitled, "Eight Things the World's Most Successful People All Have in Common." He said he had written a lot of strategies of very successful people over the years and discovered that there are at least eight traits they have in common. Here are the eight things a person can do to be like the best: 1. Stay busy, 2. Just say no, 3. Know what you are, 4. Build networks, 5. Create good luck, 6. Have grit, 7. Make awesome mistakes, 8. Find mentors. I have no doubt that these are true for many successful people. And they are admirable qualities to have in your life. But have you considered the "eight qualities a successful Christian possesses"? One could argue that there are more or even less than eight but here are eight strategies of successful Christians. See which ones you possess and the ones you need to work on.

Eight Things Faithful Christians have in common: **1. Spend time with Jesus in prayer and His Word daily.** *John 15:7-8, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."* **2. Give the tithe joyfully.** *2 Corinthians 9:6-7, "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."* **3. Worship enthusiastically.** *John 4:23-24, "But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."* **4. Meet with others in small group Bible study and fellowship faithfully.** *Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."* **5. Serve others lovingly.** *1 Corinthians 13:3 (NLT) "If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would have gained nothing."* **6. Share your faith sincerely.** *1 Thessalonians 1:5 "For when we brought you the Good News, it was not only with words but also with power, for the Holy Spirit gave you full assurance that what we said was true. And you know of our concern for you from the way we lived when we were with you."* **7. Pray for others unceasingly.** *Matthew 7:7-8, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."* **8. Obey the Lord wholeheartedly.** *John 14:21, "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."* Jesus isn't interested how much we know but how we live. Join with me as we continue in Christ's school of discipleship at FBCM.

Always Grateful to Be Your Pastor,

David

Ministries, Missions

In the heat of the summer, be careful not to let the rays blind you to the work of the LORD. Our church has a few opportunities for you to plug into if you haven't already done so.

The 4th of July has snuck up on us and the plans as of now are not final however we would like to minister to the people of Mooreland by handing out slices of watermelon during the softball tournament at the ball fields. If you would like to volunteer to help with this endeavor by being a friendly face, welcoming hand shake and/or giving a word of encouragement while handing out of slice of red, juicy watermelon happiness, contact Pastor David.

We will be hearing from Danielle Wilson and a couple of her helpers on Sunday, June 30th concerning the upcoming mission trip which is July 15-20. 57% of Americans live in communities like trailer parks, of those people, 97% do not know Jesus Christ. Mooreland FBC Student Ministries (and all adult ministries) will be teaming with Mobile Missions Network. This will be a great opportunity to serve in the communities and churches around North Tulsa and to experience God through serving. Mobile Missions Network exists to point to the One who "moved" into our neighborhoods (John 1:14). Mobile Missions Network currently works with six different trailer parks, seeking to leave no rock un-turned in sharing the Gospel. FBC students and adults will have the opportunity to serve at least one of these communities in July by participating in Power Camps and sharing the Gospel with children from these communities. Sign up asap with Brice.

Kid's Camp is another ministry/mission to be involved in. We have the opportunity to love on, guide and have fun with children from Mooreland and our Association. We normally take 30-40 children and we are needing to meet the 7children to 1 adult ratio. Please inquire of the Lord as to how you can be a part of camp this year. See the back page of this newsletter for more information.

The Romania Mission team will be going to Romania July 18th and will return two weeks later. This team is already set but they covet our prayers. As do all of these ministry and mission opportunities.

*Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

Prayers, Presence

Let's heat up the Fellowship Hall with lot's of praise & prayers this July! Men, you get to take the lead as you meet on July 13th for a men's prayer breakfast at 7:00 a.m. Prayer can be extremely hard work. Oswald Chambers describes it as "not a preparation for work, it is work. Prayer is not a preparation for the battle, it is the battle."

Ladies, we will see you on July 16th at 6:00 p.m. for a Ladies Salad Supper, complete with song & prayers! Bring a favorite salad and/or dessert to share, come prepared to be a blessing and be blessed as we worship together. Snips from Psalm 20-"May the Lord answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you. May he send you help...grant you support...May be remember all your sacrifices...accept your offerings...give you the desire of your heart and make your plans succeed. We will shout for joy when you are victorious and will lift up our banners in the name of our God, May the LORD grant all your requests."

Each Wednesday at 6:30, we join together for song, Bible teaching & prayer. In the lyrics of "Prize worth fighting for", "When every day is just another struggle and every choice is an act of war, Gotta pray, gotta press on To the prize worth fighting for."

Sunday, July 7th, we will be having the quarterly business meeting. This will not be your ordinary business meeting that no one seems to want to attend. The trustees have been meeting and working hard on behalf of the Church to come up with a plan to protect our workers as well as our children who attend our church programs. Due to the recent events (Houston Chronicle Sexual Abuse Report & Falls Creek incident) the Southern Baptist Convention, The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and Northwest Baptist Association are requiring child protection background checks on any person 18 and over that serves as a sponsor, cook, or helper of any kind at Falls Creek and at NWBA Kid's camp. The Trustees have been made aware of these requirements. Discussion has been on going and the Trustees are ready to bring their idea to you, the Church body, as to what our church needs to do so that all who come here are protected as well. Come at 5:30 for a light meal and stay for the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

FBC Mooreland Students

Think of a summer “love”, they happen because we meet someone new, or maybe someone that you’ve known for a while. Then suddenly, nothing but getting to know them better seems to matter. It’s not your fault, you fell for Summer Lovin. And nothing in the whole world seems as important as spending more time with the beautiful creature that you are **definitely** in love with. The question is have you ever tried acting that way with your relationship with God? Luke 10:27 states: ²⁷ He answered, “**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,**” and “**your neighbor as yourself.**” (CSB) We are supposed to love Him beyond what’s comfortable. He deserves us to love Him with all of our hearts and minds. Think about it, us guys will sit through a chick flick (for the third time that week) because the girl we like enjoys that. Or girls, you may go to a sports event or a car show because it’s something the guy likes. When you think about God and all that He did for you, how can you not be caught up in the romance of it all? If we are honest with ourselves; how could you ever think He deserves anything less than the love of your whole heart. Take time to intentionally make this summer a significant one and embrace the summer (and life long) love that God wants for you.

-BRICE RASMUSSEN

A NOTE TO STUDENTS

Many of you saw the need to dedicate to a quiet time with God but many of you have already fallen off of that commitment. Take heart, it’s okay, and it’s not always easy. Just get back at it and spend that time in the presence of our Lord. It’s immensely important and your relationship with God needs that dedicated time.



July

15th-20th: Student Mission Trip– Tulsa OK

28th-31st: upper class students assist w/kids camp

Aug

14th: back to school bash

28th: team kid registration @ the park



Sundays Mornings in July: “Summer Days”

Wednesday July 10th, 24th: “You can’t ask that”

Sundays Nights In July:

June 30th– Karaoke/game night in the student rm

7th– Stupid Movie Night at the Rasmussen’s

14th– Movie Night at the Rasmussen’s

21st –Church Wide Family Night

28th– No evening event

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NWBA Kids Camp July 29-31

Living a life of SERVICE, 1 Samuel 12:24

" Only fear the LORD and *serve* him
faithfully with all your heart. For consider
what great things he has done for you."

Kid's going into the grades 4th,5th & 6th, are eligible to attend this 3 day camp at the NWBA Vici campground. At camp, the kids will experience sessions of Bible teaching, worship, recreation which includes: target shooting bb guns, archery, swimming, inflatables and more. The cost, which includes all meals, snacks, and a t-shirt, is \$60 if turned in by July 1st, after July 1 goes up to \$70. Scholarships will be available for those needing them if registered by July 1.

The parent/camper meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall on July 17th at 7:30. The kid's will leave for camp on Monday, July 29, meeting at the church at 8:15 a.m. and return to the church , Wednesday July 31 at approx. 8:45 p.m.

We need adult volunteers to spend the 3 days at camp to encourage, assist & love on the kids. If you would like to go as a sponsor and have not filled out paperwork, we MUST have it by Monday July 1. See Bev or Brenda if you are planning to help as a sponsor. The Jr. sponsors will go to camp on Sunday afternoon July 28, leaving the church at 2:30, for a training retreat.