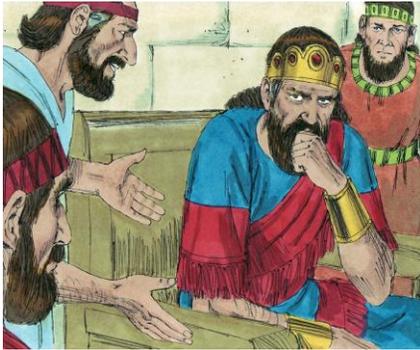




FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DAMASCUS MID-WEEK MESSAGE

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"What Do We Do Now?"

Have you ever asked yourself the question that was the subject of last Sunday's sermon? I believe many are asking that very question today. Many years ago, back in God's Word, a man named Jehoshaphat asked that very question of the Lord. He was king of Judah, and a very powerful enemy was threatening to wage war against him and his people. The first thing Jehoshaphat did was he "sought the Lord". He gathered the people together and they sought the Lord. Wouldn't it be wonderful if America did that today. If America, and its leaders would fall on their face before God in prayer. Secondly, he remembered how God had blessed them in the past. The next thing we need to do when we face a difficult situation is to not give up, even when people disappoint us or discourage us. Remember always the battle is the Lord's. We are His child and He will bring us through. Do not forget to worship God even as the battle is raging. Finally remember that God works in ways that are not our ways. He will work it out in His way and in His time. Always remember God's way is the right way.



Singers dressed in holy robes marched out in front of King Jehoshaphat's army.

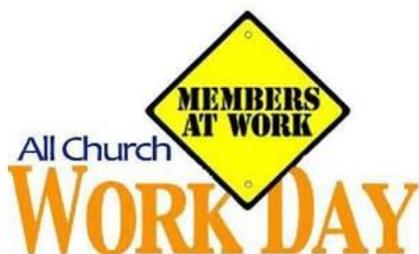


Church Council Meeting . . .

Our next Church Council meeting is scheduled for this Thursday evening, August 5, 2021 at 7 pm in the chapel. If you have an item you would like discussed by the council please get in touch with Jeremiah Hilton or call the church and speak with Pastor Shirlen. We so appreciate our church council and the work they do to keep our church operating. Please continue to pray for our church council and the decisions they must make.

Church Work Day . . .

Our next FBCD work day will take place this coming Saturday morning, August 7, 2021. We will have breakfast in the chapel at 8 am to be followed by beginning our work at 9 am. We invite all to be with us for our monthly work day. If you have any questions about our work day please get in touch with John Raymond.





What is the Faith?

Last Sunday in our 9:45 am adult Bible study we talked about faith. The Bible tells us "faith is the substance of things hoped for, and the evidence of things not seen". God's Word also tells us the just shall live by faith. Hebrews, chapter 11, is known as the faith chapter of the Bible. Faith is confidence and assurance in the promises of God. It assures us that what God tells us is true. Faith is a kind of spiritual sixth sense. With faith in our Lord we can overcome all of life's problems that we face. Faith helps us to see the invisible, believe the incredible and receive the impossible. We need a strong faith to walk with God in this life and in order to face all the challenges and problems that come our way.

School Supply Drive . . .

We will be collecting new school supplies for needy students in the Damascus-Clarksburg area as part of the annual Faith-Connection sponsored School Supply Drive. Please place your donations in the large blue bin located in the lower foyer. Lists of needed supplies are on the blue bin located in the lower foyer. Supplies will be collected through August 15. Please contact Renee' McCullough if you have questions or to make a monetary donation for purchasing supplies. (Note: if you find a good sale, buy extra for Operation Christmas Child!) Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Is There only One Way to God?

This coming Sunday morning, August 8, at 9:45 am we will deal with the answer to this question. We live in a day and age when most would tell you there are many ways to God. If you believe there is only one way then you must be a bigot or evil person. We need to know what God's Word says about this very important question. Pastor Shirlen will share what the Bible tells us concerning this subject. We invite you to be a part of this very important class. See you Sunday in class.

Community Service Project . . .

We are still collecting items to be taken to nursing homes. We are in need of travel size hand lotion, large print word search and/or crossword puzzle books, fuzzy non-slip socks and magazines, new or slightly used. Thank you for your help.

