



NEWSLETTER, MAY, 2019

Dear SAGES,

When we began this journey in January of 2018, we had no idea where the road would lead us, but the Lord has been faithful to provide a pathway for senior ministry here at First Baptist Sweetwater. We hope you have enjoyed and benefitted from our first nine months of SAGES activities as we “explored, grew, and served” together. We will be taking a short planning break for the summer with no SAGES activities planned for June, July, and August, other than one final Game Day on June 6th, and of course on-going visitation and congregational care. It goes without saying that there should never be a break in how we care for and serve each other. Expect to receive your next newsletter in late August for our September kick-off of 2019-2020.


There is not sufficient space here to elaborate, but we are grateful and amazed at how the Lord has guided and provided in each circumstance where there seemed to be “no human way” to reach the goals set out in spring and summer of 2018. A huge thank you to all our leaders and committee members who stepped up and served the Lord to make our first year a success. We also appreciate those of you who have been faithful in attending the various activities—Lunch Bunch, movies, game days, educational events, as well as serving through visits and direct congregational care. We would be remiss in not thanking Patty Redlich again for her faithfulness in using her creative talents to design these lovely newsletters each month- another of God’s faithful provisions when we didn’t know the way.

We would be appreciative of any feedback that you would like to offer for consideration during the up-coming planning for Fall 2019 through Spring 2020. Perhaps you feel called to join one of the existing planning committees. But even more urgently we hope you will prayerfully consider how the Lord is calling you to serve and/or lead at Sweetwater. Some examples of untapped activities on our original brainstorming list were: the organizing of home Bible study groups, local mission projects, mentorship, or just-for-fun trips. Let us be clear that though we are open to suggestions, the Lord is more interested in “feet on the ground” commitment where He is leading and calling *you* to serve as we seek to glorify Him together. We can tell you from experience that though you may feel inadequate, God will give you all you need, and surely, He will pour out far more blessings than you are able to give or imagine!

Love in Christ,
Cathy and Bill

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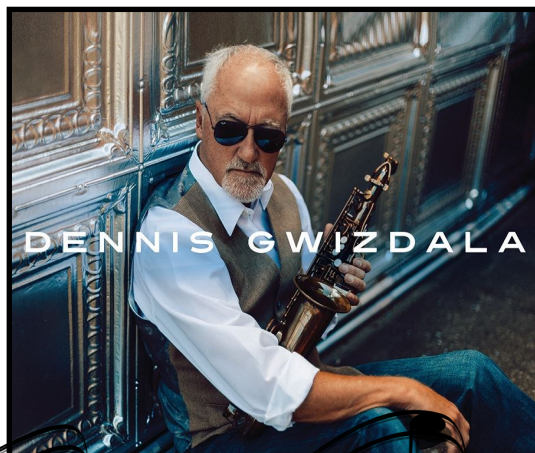
Monday, MAY 6TH—Lunch Bunch—Monthly Covered Dish Luncheon

12:00 Noon Location: Fellowship Hall South Campus



You will not want to miss our LAST Lunch Bunch before summer break and your chance to encourage a friend or neighbor to join you for great Christian fellowship and special entertainment. Thank you for your faithfulness in providing such delicious covered dishes!

Entertainment



May 6th promises to be another unique opportunity to praise the Lord through a “one of kind” talent! Dennis Gwizdala has often been called “the Kenny G of Gospel Music.” Some of the styles you will enjoy as Dennis sings, leads us in singing, and plays his three saxophones (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) are: old hymns of the church, blues/jazz, Southern Gospel, and even reggae. This will be time well-spent as you hear a premier, *energetic* sax player who could have chosen to play any kind of music, but rather, chose to honor God by playing for Him. Dennis likes to say that when he was saved and accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at age 30, his “horns were saved too!” Dennis has appeared on national television and radio throughout the country and on stage with well-known gospel groups such as: The Booth Brothers, Triumphant Quartet, and The Hoppers.



SAGES “FUN TIMERS”

Social Activities



Friday Night at the Movies ~ Fellowship Hall ~ May 17th 7:00 p.m.

Feature Movie: “WONDER”

“Based on the New York Times bestseller, WONDER tells the incredibly inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman. Born with facial differences that, up until now, have prevented him from going to a mainstream school, Auggie becomes the most unlikely of heroes when he enters the local fifth grade. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.” *(Written by Lionsgate)*

Starring Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson, and Jacob Tremblay



Popcorn, chips, and drinks will be provided in our FBS concession stand.

June Feature: Game Day-Thursday June 6th, Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m.

Join us for card and board games and an afternoon of fellowship in a friendly, competitive environment.

If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it. Games are available, and friendly folks will teach you a game you've never played.

Bring a snack to share and invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

Bring a card table if you have one and can load it in your car. We'll help unload.

Art Class – Our “budding artists” will be taking a break this summer. Last class – May 14th.
Call Jon Hornquist at 407.889.9522 or Email: hhornquist@brighthouse.com for details, and watch for information on Fall Classes in the September newsletter.

SAGES "LEARN AND GROW" Educational Events



MAY FEATURE SEMINAR: Our First "Lunch and Learn" A great way to end our first year!

TUESDAY, MAY 21st - Fellowship Hall

11:30 a.m. - Sandwiches, Salad, and Dessert Served (Monetary donations for lunch will be accepted).

12:00 p.m. - Seminar Topic: "Operation S.A.F.E., Be Scam Smart"

Operation S.A.F.E. is the acronym for "Stop Adult Financial Exploitation." The Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee FL. invites you to attend this workshop that will help arm you with information to prevent devastating financial scams and the perpetuation of fraud. Become "Scam Smart" by learning:

- How to spot fraudulent behavior
- Common scams that target seniors
- How to fight identity theft
- Resources to keep you safe



This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or a neighbor, but **SIGN UPS** are **IMPORTANT!** If you are joining us for lunch, sign ups are mandatory. Register early in Adult Bible Study or on the Connection Card, calling the church office, or visiting the SAGES spotlight table in the foyer. Please call the church office if you must cancel.

"CARE AND SERVE" Congregational Care for All Ages



Friendly Visits - To help with visits to homebound or individuals in assisted living or nursing homes, contact Matt and CeCe Payne at 602.430.4624 or Email: m_cpayne@yahoo.com.

Direct Service Care- If you know of someone in our congregation who has a need for direct service such as errands, transportation, or care management, contact Kathy Parrish at 706.410.6775 or

Email: parrishkathy@gmail.com

Blood Pressure Screening Announcement



"Know your numbers"

One small step you can take to monitor your health: On Sunday, May 12th get your blood pressure checked by medical personnel in the room to the left of the foyer before the worship service starts.

CPR/AED and First Aid Class for Adults of all ages

Sunday, May 19th 1:00 p.m. A Bldg.

