

# TMFBC Kingdom Builders

A TMFBC MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

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FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Where all are welcome, loved  
and united in Christ*

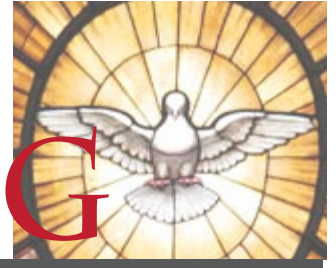
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HARVEST  
IS PLENTIFUL  
BUT THE  
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*"Therefore pray the Lord of the  
Harvest to send out laborers  
into His Harvest."*

Matthew 9:37-38

## A Call To HOLY LIVING



One of the most famous taglines in modern tourism marketing was developed by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. Their tagline to attract tourists to vacation in Las Vegas said, "What Happens Here, Stays Here." This campaign can tempt some people to think you can escape into this southwest desert oasis and hide from the wary eyes of the pastor, family, co-workers, and even God. But for the Christian, he knows that Christianity is not like a coat; only to be worn some of the time or only under certain conditions like in the church on Sunday mornings. Being a Christian is a full time and all of the time lifestyle.

A Christian cannot divorce himself from the clear teaching of the Word of God just because he/she is on vacation, a business trip, or even in the privacy of their own home. *So often the missing link between a petition and an answered prayer is the absence of holy living.* God says, in Psalm 66:18, He does not even hear the prayers of those who regard iniquity in their life (living in open unrepentant rebellion to the clear teaching of the word of God). Now because we are born in sin and shaped in iniquity, there will still be

times we yield to temptation and sin. But for the Christian, the Holy Spirit convicts us of sin and we confess and repent of it. We don't sit and wallow in sin nor do we try and redefine sin.

*If the word of God says it's sin - it's sin; the Supreme Court, the president, nor Congress can overrule what God calls sin.*

We've just begun month two of twelve; many are still striving to live out their New Year's resolutions but I pray being more like Jesus by living a holy life is prioritized among your resolutions.

Obedience is the pathway that leads to blessings. God affirms this when He said in Psalm 84:11, "No good

thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly (righteously)". It is time for the Christian to stop intentionally backsliding and start blooming where God has planted you. "Greater is He that lives in you than he that lives in this world." The time is now for Christians to be salt and light - it's time for Christians to live holy.

*by Pastor Louis L. Rosenthal*

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# Book of the Month

## Ecclesiastes

The key word in Ecclesiastes is “vanity,” the emptiness of trying to be happy apart from God. The Preacher (traditionally identified as Solomon, the wisest, richest king in Israel’s history; Eccl. 1:1, 12) looks at life “under the sun” (1:9), and from a purely human perspective he declares it all to be empty. Power, popularity, prestige, pleasure -- nothing can fill the God-shaped vacuum in man’s life but God Himself.

**Theme:** Outside of a real and dynamic relationship with God, even a “successful” life will be full of futility and vanity.

**Author:** Uncertain, but thought to be King Solomon.

## Habakkuk

Habakkuk ministered during the final death throes of the nation of Judah. Although God had repeatedly called the nation to repentance, Judah stubbornly refused to change her sinful ways. The prophet knowing the hardheartedness of his countrymen, asked God how long such an intolerable condition could continue. God replied that He would use the brutal Babylonians as His chastening rod upon the wayward nation -- an announcement that sent the prophet to his knees. Habakkuk did not entirely understand or celebrate God’s plan, but He acknowledged that the just in any generation live by faith (2:4). So he would leave the situation in God’s holy hands. The prophet concluded his book by praising God’s wisdom, even though he did not fully grasp God’s mysterious ways.

**Theme:** God rules over the whole earth and uses whomever He chooses for His purposes. We are to trust God, despite the mysterious nature of His providence.

**Author:** Habakkuk

## Christ in ECCLESIASTES

Solomon wrote Ecclesiastes as a warning to those who attempt to find joy without God. In fact, living without God is impossible for HE has “placed eternity in the hearts of men” (3:11). Solomon’s pursuit of happiness through experiences and philosophy remained unattainable without God. Christ did not come into the world to make life bearable for humans. He came to provide life “more abundantly” (John 10:9, 10). Christ remains the “one Shepherd” who is the source of all wisdom (12:11). Therefore, every pursuit without Christ is futile.

As you read Habakkuk, watch for . . .

- .... God does not require us to understand His will, just obey it, even if it seems unreasonable. (1:12–2:1)
- .... Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees. (2:4)
- .... Disappointments are inevitable; discouragement is a choice. (3:17-19)

## Christ in . . . HABAKKUK

Although Habakkuk never mentions Christ’s name, he rejoices in the saving ministry of Jesus as the “God of my salvation” (3:18). Habakkuk also foreshadows Christ’s coming salvation: “You went forth for the salvation of Your people; For salvation with Your Anointed” (3:13). The Old and New Testaments clearly point to Christ as the Anointed. (Psalms 28:8; Dan. 9:25, 26; Acts 4:27; 10:38; Heb. 1:9)



# Women's Ministry News

## THANK YOU!!

We want to thank all the women for their participation in the Community Food Give-a-way. They donated blankets in December and socks in January.

We are asking the women to donate toothpaste and tooth brushes for the February event.

May God's faithfulness always be with you.



## WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, February 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

### **The McKinney First Baptist Church** **Presents**

## *Valentine's Banquet & Dance*

**Where: TMFBC Beautifully Decorated Gym**  
**401. W. Erwin Ave., McKinney, TX 75069**

**Date: Friday, February 10, 2017**

**Time: 6pm - 7pm Mixer & Fellowship**

**7pm - 11pm Banquet & Dance**

**Ticket Cost: \$40 per person**

# Children's & Youth Ministry



## *Valentine's* **ROLLER SKATING** **Party**

**WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH**

**WHERE: TMFBC GYM**

**TIME: 12pm - 3 pm**

**OH, YES IT'S FREE:**

**ADMISSION, DRINKS & PIZZA**

**Skates provided or Bring your Skates**

**RSVP: Min. J. Harrison or Min. H. Clark**

**THE MCKINNEY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**401 W. ERWIN AVE., MCKINNEY, TX**

# **NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK NEW DISTRIBUTION SITE IN MCKINNEY, TX**

The North Texas Food Bank Truck will set up at 401 W. Erwin Av. in McKinney, TX (The McKinney First Baptist Church parking lot) every 3rd Saturday of the month.

**McKinney Community** you are invited to come and receive fresh produce provided by the **North Texas Food Bank** on **Saturday, February 18th** from 10:30am – 12pm.



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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE  
TOGETHER!**

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

*Couple's  
Talk*

**We will meet on Friday, February 24th starting at  
7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall (Pot Luck Dinner)**



# GREETER'S MINISTRY

**Still Thinking About Were to Serve?...**



**...Check out the Greeter's Ministry!**

For more information contact any Greeter's Ministry Member or  
email: [greetersministry@hotmail.com](mailto:greetersministry@hotmail.com)

*"Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly  
entertained angels." Hebrews 13:2*

It's  
*Harvest*  
Time

Matthew 9:37-38

# TMFBC's SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

## Spotlight on Lauryn Rosenthal



- ❖ Family/Hometown: -- Flower Mound, TX
- ❖ What is your favorite thing to do? -- Dance, playing basketball, going to church, hanging out with friends.
- ❖ What three traits define you? -- Godly, Kind, Smart
- ❖ Who would play you in the movie of your life? -- Kiersey Clemons.
- ❖ Favorite Food? -- Spaghetti with meatballs.
- ❖ What one skill do you wish that you could master? -- Back hand spring.
- ❖ What do you like best about TMFBC? The people, they care and love you so much!

## S.H.O.P. Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Join us each Tuesday night from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. for our corporate prayer. This is where we come together as a collective body to raise our voices to God in prayer and supplication.





# I M A G I N E

*What God Would Do . . .*

*If we prayed for our neighbors  
-- by name*



[www.pray4everyhome.com](http://www.pray4everyhome.com)

**THE LOST** – More than 700,000 people in our county don't know Jesus  
(that's 75% of us)

**THE HURTING** – About 70% of violent crime in Collin County is  
family violence

**THE TRUTH** – Only salvation through Jesus Christ transforms --  
an individual, a family, a community, our culture

**EASY SIGN UP:** Prayer Volunteers sign up online • Neighbor  
lists are generated • Prompts shared to guide prayers

## GET INVOLVED!

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# Getting Deeper in HIS Word

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At TMFBC, we take the studying of the Word of God seriously. We invite you to come and explore the depths of HIS Word by participating in the opportunities offered each week.

**Wednesday Bible Study:** We are currently studying the book of Philippians. We meet at 12:00 noon and at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday Bible School:** Sunday morning Bible School occurs from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. We offer classes for men, women, young adults, youth, and children.

**Come, learn, and fellowship as we get deeper  
in HIS Word.**

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## February Birthdays

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."  
Numbers 6:24-26*

*Precious Kilpatrick  
Eileen Vogel  
Jennie Harrison  
Derrick Goins  
Nina Henderson  
Phyllis Dickerson  
Shamari Swann  
Louis Rosenthal  
Jayden Gray  
Lynn Bryant  
Steven Scibelli  
Patricia Acy*

*Curtis Mimms  
Alfred Perry  
Raymond Recasner  
LeDaijsha Thnigpen  
Steven Encalade  
Bernice Maxwell  
Don Parker  
Tony Moore  
Arlinda Brooks  
Mary Mosley  
Jasmer Blair*

*Clifton McCurry  
Jahiel Worthy  
Faye Bollin  
Ann May  
Chester Payne  
Zaybrien Williams-Lee  
Charmaine Parker  
Connie Dixon  
Willie Washington  
Mackinley Mack  
Gabrielle Perry*

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