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SoundFourth!

Weekly Newsletter for the Choir of First Baptist Church



CHOIR NEWS THIS WEEK:

- A Word from the Director
- Costume Party Candy
- Donation
- Practice Resumes!
- Prayer Requests & Praises

A Word from the Director

"But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good."

~11 Thessalonians 3:13~

How easy is it for us to grow weary of doing good? This is a question we have to ask ourselves as we look at the world around us. How often do we see others doing good around us and think that what they're doing is enough? Or maybe we look at the world around us and think that things are so bad that nothing we would do would be able to help. And yet, here Paul exhorts the believers in Thessalonica to not grow weary of doing good. This was not a small task in their place and time. According to what we know about this city, Thessalonica was a place filled with multiple religions and cultures. It was a place where the church was persecuted heavily; and in both of his letters to them, Paul tells them how thankful he is that they endure this persecution with a spirit of love and compassion. He also tells in his first letter of the hope that has come in Jesus through the spreading of the gospel and in the hope of Jesus coming again at the end of the age. At the end of the second letter, however, is where we found our verse for this week, and what Paul tells the church at Thessalonica is also something that we should hear as well.

At the beginning of all things we do here at our church and in this choir is the Gospel of Jesus Christ - we are proclaimers of it, indebted to it, and followers of its teachings. We believe in what grace God has given us, and that He is coming again in power and glory. We find ourselves in the same position as the Thessalonian church - in a culture that is rapidly putting aside any love for God and denying Him outright. Our beliefs in the gospel, as they were then, are not popular and often will put us at odds with the world. Should this stop us from doing good? No! In fact, Paul tells all Christians throughout time that as we experience this gap between us and the world, we are to never grow complacent in our hope and stop reaching out to the world - there are ears to hear and hearts to believe that must be reached with God's Word and eternal salvation. Let us never tire of doing good.

In His Service, Braxton

Costume Party Candy Donation!



Our Youth Group is hosting a costume party for the Children of our church! They need help with donations of candy for the kids and to be given to our First Responders as a part of their Ministry Project!

Needs include:

- LifeSavers
- Smarties
- Starbursts
- Hershey's Kisses
- Gum
- Tootsie Rolls
- Peppermint Patties
- Dum Dums
- Pay Days
- Laffy Taffy

If you are able to donate any of these, we need them by Friday, October 23rd!



Practice Resumes!

We are rehearsing on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary, taking socially distancing and mask-wearing as a necessary part of our rehearsal and week to week process! We are trying to establish rotating groups of singers for services. If you are still uncomfortable with attending in person, I totally understand. If you are comfortable, however, I will see you then!

Prayer Requests and Praises

- Continue to pray for **Pope Hardee**, who was in the hospital with high blood pressure and low sodium levels. She is recovering at home.
- **Mallory Kubasko** has recovered from her allergic reaction and is well again!
- Continue to pray for **Amanda Howell**, the daughter of **Jimmy & Jackie Jones**, who has been diagnosed with COVID-19. Pray for recovery and healing!
- Continue to pray for **Jimmy Jones**, who had surgery on Monday and is home recovering. Pray for a speedy recovery and comfort!
- Pray for our church in this time of transition - that we would, as a group and as individuals, shed aside anything that would inhibit us from seeking the will of God as to who He would have as our next pastor. And pray for our new pastor, that even now God would be working in his heart to prepare him for his ministry here in Smithfield!
- Pray for our nation - that we would seek unity and the face of Christ as we go into a volatile time around our elections. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."