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# The Lifeline



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## Pastor's Corner



**Ever Heard of "Automatic Resistance Syndrome"?**  
 You won't find this malady listed in the Physician's Desk Reference, but you will find it afflicting local church congregations. All of us carry a little of this virus around. Some of us have advanced stages of it! What's ARS? It is a built-in resistance we have to change. About the only person who likes change is a wet baby. The rest of us struggle in various ways with the changes that come our way.

Israel exhibited severe strains of ARS when they stood on the brink of the Promised Land. They rejected spiritual leadership, voted against the opportunity God put before them, and preferred the familiar territory of the wilderness. God gave them what they wanted: they missed God's best and lived with regret and loss for the rest of their lives.

We're embracing some temporary changes during these 40 Days of Community for the sake of spiritual growth. Some of you are resisting it. I want to encourage you to take the trip! Join a small group. Go to the home of a brother or sister. I promise you'll be laughing, sharing, and growing in no time!

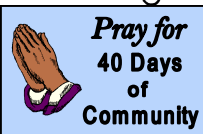
As I see it, there are three possible stances you can take during 40 Days of Community: 1) You can sit this one out, assuming that God has nothing He wants to change in your life. 2) You can grudgingly participate to see if you can find something wrong with it. Or, 3) You can take responsibility for your attitude, ask God to make you more like Jesus, and go for it!

Max De Pree writes, "We cannot become what we need to be by remaining what we are." A visiting couple from another state wanted to encourage us about 40 Days. They told Bro. Craig that they were upset when their church decided not to have Sunday night services. But they decided to join a small group anyway. They said it was one of the greatest things in the history of their church...and in their spiritual lives!

In His grip,  
Bro. Lloyd

## October Events

- ▶ **October 1**  
Deacons Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** -  
Men's Lunchbox Bible Study - NOON
- ▶ **October 4** -  
Church Council - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **October 7** -  
Brotherhood Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.
- ▶ **October 11** -  
Finance Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **October 12** -  
PrimeTimers Meeting - 10:30 a.m.
- ▶ **October 18** -  
Business Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- ▶ **October 19** -  
Children's Ministry Orientation - 6:00p.m
- ▶ **October 25** -  
We Care Ministries Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ **October 28** -  
Youth Pumpkin Bash - Time TBA
- ▶ **October 29** -  
Daylight Saving Time Ends (Fall Back!)  
Deacons Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
- ▶ **October 31** -  
Trunk or Treat - Time TBA



## FBC Ministry Opportunities

### WEEKLY ON SUNDAYS

8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M. Worship Service  
 9:30 A.M. Bible Study for All Ages  
 4:00 P.M. ESL Class  
 4:30 P.M. FirstPlace  
 4:45 P.M. Youth Choir (every other Sunday)  
 5:00 P.M. Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 P.M. Veggie Connection  
 6:00 P.M. Children's Ministry Activities  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service  
 6:00 P.M. Youth Ministry Activities

### WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS

4:45 P.M. Family Night Supper  
 6:00 P.M. Bible Study/Prayer Time  
 6:00 P.M. Music and Missions  
 6:00 P.M. Jr. and Sr. High BREAKPOINT  
 6:45 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
 8:00 P.M. AA/Al-Anon Meeting

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE @ WWW.FBCGULF.COM



WE HAVE BEEN blessed this past month with the arrival of several new choir members and the return of several more. We thank the Lord for each one who has joined us in using their gifts and talents to praise Him.

Please keep praying for not only the choir, but the entire music program at FBC. We want to honor our Lord in all that we do.

We have a new need for several Missions Leaders in Music and Missions on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you would be willing to teach missions to our K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders or our 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders, please see me or Bro. Jeff..

We need servants with willing hearts. We already have the curriculum,... we just need you. Please pray about it.

Bro. Craig <><



**40 DAYS OF COMMUNITY**

What on earth are we here for?  
A CHURCHWIDE SPIRITUAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

October 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006



**... IS NOW FOR CHILDREN K-3<sup>RD</sup>**  
 Grade and begins immediately after the Children's Sermon in the 10:45 a.m. Service. This is a high energy program with puppets, video, skits, games, and object lessons. KIDS CHURCH takes the children through the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Come by and see how we are transforming the Children's Room!

**Children's Ministry Workers Orientation Is** scheduled for Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This class is required for all Children's Ministry workers who have not previously attended orientation. Open to all parents. (Childcare will be provided)



**BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST IS SET FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>,** at 8:30 a.m. in Founders Hall. The guest speaker will be a representative from "The Gideon's". Brotherhood Breakfast is open for all ages. Dads, Grand-dads, Great-Grand-dads, bring your sons, grandsons, great-grandsons and share this special time!



In these next six weeks, we're going to focus on living a life of love in three of the primary communities of our lives:

- (1) the community of our church,
- (2) the community of our small groups, and
- (3) the community of our world.



Trunk or Treat  
 Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

Are you in a small group yet?  
It's gonna be great!

Bro. Bobby

