

First Baptist Church

"A Comfortable Place to Meet with God"

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Isaiah 40:8 ~

**The grass withers and the flowers
fall, but the word of our God
endures forever.**

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From The Pastor's Pen



As we finished breakfast one morning, years ago – a movement at the back window caught my eye. A rat snake, about 3 feet long,

was crawling up the screen. I asked my wife if the snake bothered her. She told me, "No. As long as it's outside!" Rat snakes are useful creatures. Besides providing a great cardio workout, just as the name suggests, they eat rats. And mice and other non-desirable critters. Years ago, I also discovered that they took care of 'other' problems.

While I was still in the Army National Guard, we were completing training exercises at Fort Stewart (GA). That day, we had been "setting up a perimeter defense" around our area – to 'defend' our area from the "enemy." We **knew** the enemy was coming, because the "enemy" was one of the other Army National Guard units assigned the job of attacking us. I had been on the attacking side before, and I knew that the attackers and defenders can often play a little rough.

Richard and I worked together digging our foxhole. The real problem in that area was to be able to dig a hole deep enough -- but not in a place where water would seep in. What we didn't figure on was that big snake that slid into the hole with us! As he dropped in, we shot out. When we realized that it was a big rat snake, we caught it and tied it to a scrub bush about twenty-five feet in front of us. We made sure the knot would hold him -- but not strangle him.

I should tell you that among the things we feared most (such as snakes, ticks, mosquitos, and "enemy" soldiers), we also really feared the umpires that "called these war games." We wanted to score well as a company in these 'war games.'

We had settled down later in the afternoon, when an umpire walked up. An officer, with the armband 'proving' that he was an umpire, began questioning us about 'army things.' He asked his questions; we answered. Suddenly, he saw the snake. "Men, don't move. There's a big snake lying out in front of you!" His voice had a quiver in it that we had not noticed earlier. "Oh," we said, almost in unison. "That's our booby trap."

"Your, your. . . what?" the officer said. His voice was an octave higher.

"Our booby trap. If someone comes from that direction, he has to run into our trap -- and we will hear him!"

The officer looked at us as if we were crazy. "What kind of snake is it?" "We're not really sure, Sir." (He obviously knew little about snakes -- and didn't plan to spend much time finding out anything about them).

"Well, uh, okay." He was looking around -- trying to remember exactly where we were. It would be dark soon and I don't think he wanted to visit us again. "Are you sure you have that thing secured?" "We think so, Sir."

Sure enough, we had a quiet night.

Isn't it strange how so many fear reptiles? Indeed, some snakes are dangerous, but most people have a dreaded fear of ALL snakes. In fact, the fear of snakes, dentists, and public speaking top most people's "fear list." I wonder sometimes, why people don't have that kind of fear of sin. One would think that people would have as much fear of doing sinful deeds as they do of coming near a snake. I wonder why someone would be deathly afraid of **seeing** a snake, but has no fear of the Lord? Prov. 3:7 "Fear the Lord and shun evil." NIV

Calvin



~October Birthdays~

Candy Diezi	October 1
John Martin	October 5
Cathy Sturm	October 10
Willy Ivy	October 12
Debi Atkinson	October 13
Kimberly Peikert	October 14



Children's Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27th
4:30 PM

There will be pumpkin decorating, a cake walk, cookie decorating and other fun activities!

Please bring a finger food to share.



Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God ...Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing but let us encourage one another— and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

WORSHIP

~Sundays~

9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Morning Worship

5:45 PM Bible Skills, Drills & Thrills

6:00 PM Evening Worship

~Wednesdays~

**October 2019
Calendar of
Meetings and Activities**

Tuesday, October 1

~Building & Grounds Meeting~

7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 2

~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~

6:30 PM

Saturday, October 5

~Calendar Planning Meeting~

9:00 AM



Sunday, October 6

~Deacon's Meeting~

5:00 PM

Wednesday, October 9

~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~

6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 15

~WFC~

10:00 AM

Wednesday, October 16

~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~

6:30 PM

**Thursday, October 17-
Saturday, October 19**

~Men's Retreat~



Wednesday, October 23

~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~

6:30 PM

Sunday, October 27



4:30 PM

Tuesday, October 29

~Senior Fun Day~

10:00 AM



Wednesday, October 30

~Prayer Meeting/Bible Study~

6:30 PM

Welcome to Our New Members!

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