

# FIRST BAPTIST LEEDS

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**Exalting the Savior  
Evangelizing the Lost  
Equipping the Church**

Dear FBC Leeds Family,

Did you know that Jesus was a small group Bible study leader? It's true! Many times we think of Jesus teaching in the Temple to the Sadducees and the Pharisees or on a hillside to thousands of followers, but the vast majority of his teachings in the New Testament was done with a small group of men (sometimes only two or three) in a more intimate and personal setting. Jesus was the greatest small group leader this world has ever seen!

Why would Jesus spend so much of His time pouring into only a small group of people and not out in the public speaking to thousands upon thousands? It's simple, discipleship!

Jesus was modeling for us the very thing that He commanded us to do in Matthew 28:19, "Go, therefore into all the world and make disciples!" This focus on discipleship is why we at First Baptist Church Leeds have decided to make 2021 a year devoted to small group discipleship, primarily targeting the men and women of the Leeds, Moody and Irondale communities. To launch our 2021 small group ministries for men, FBC Leeds will host a huge Men's Night event on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> featuring guest speaker Rick Burgess, the co-host of the nationally syndicated Rick and Bubba Show, heard across the nation on 70 plus radio stations. Rick's platform is unique as the co host of a secular radio show who openly proclaims a

Biblical world-view.

Tickets are on sale now in the church office for \$10 and includes entry to our pre event Chill & Grill starting at 5:30pm and then full BBQ dinner starting at 6pm. There will also be giveaways and door prizes, and you'll be able to find out new information on small groups and events planned throughout the year. So please secure your spot right away and pick up an extra ticket or two for friends!

I pray that you will strongly consider being part one of the small groups and helping us as a church be successful in making disciples of Jesus Christ!

In Him,  
Bro. Steven

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## CONTRIBUTIONS and GIFTS

### In Memory of ....

- Carlton Faulkner & Robert Shelton by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Britt
- Gladys Prentice by Mr. & Mrs. Rex Veasey, Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Murray and Bettye Ingram
- Harold Faulkner, Wayne Mathis, Iva Martin & Teeny Cargile by Mr. & Mrs. Elbert Murray
- Gentry Jordan, Johnny Johnson, Woodall & Marcella Reeves by Gayle Johnson

### In Honor of...

- Frank Little by Joe Steele



**Choir Practice**  
JOIN US THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY PRACTICES**  
STARTING JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup> | 5PM



**FREE MEN'S MINISTRY T-SHIRT**  
available for volunteers helping with  
**Men's Night with Rick Burgess**  
Order by January 3<sup>rd</sup>



*Matt, Danielle & Lydia - Coming January 10th!*  
**THE ROBINSON FAMILY**



**VISION SUNDAY**  
JANUARY 10  
8:30AM & 10:45AM

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**One Service**  
January 31 | 10:45 AM

followed by Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall

**UPWARD  
SPORTS**

GAMES BEGIN JANUARY 9