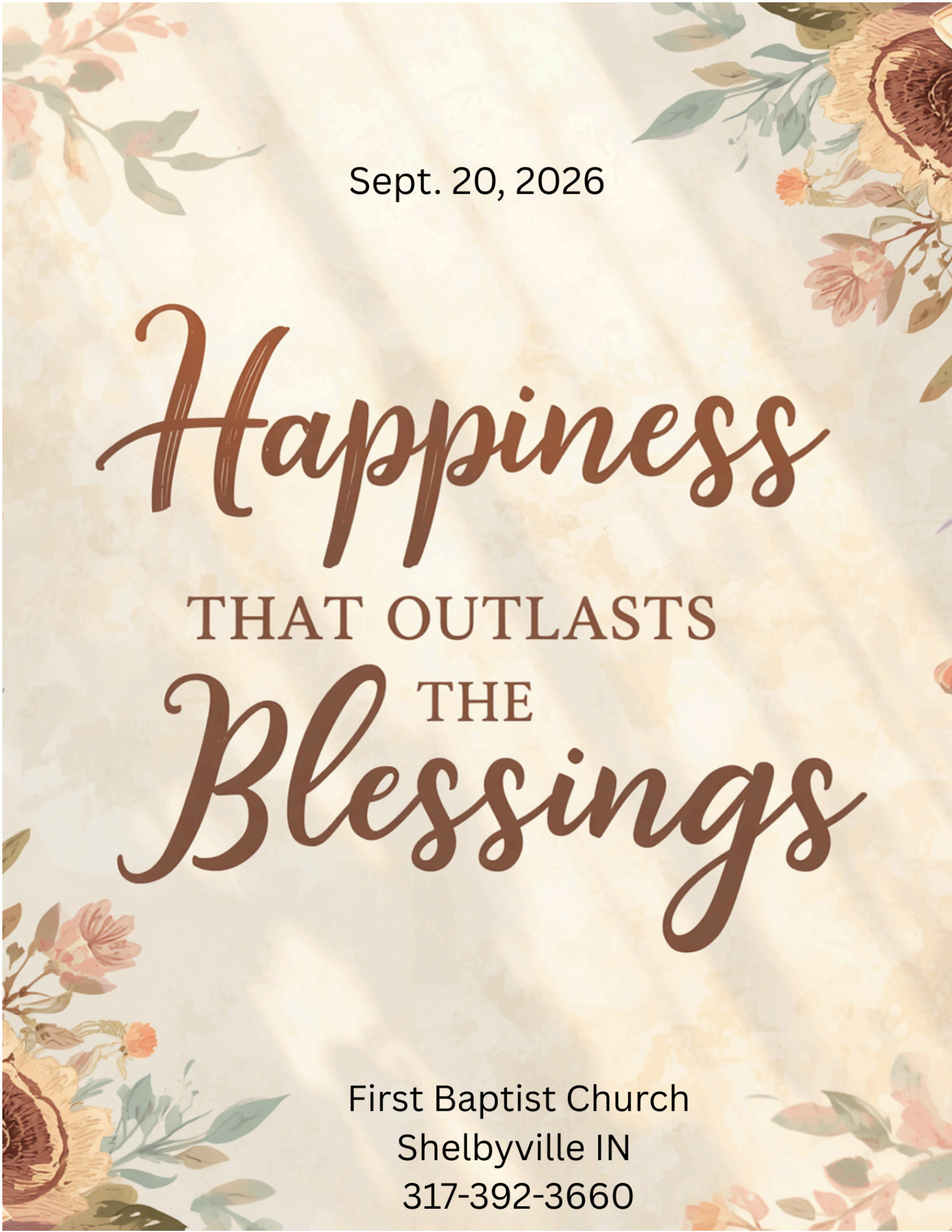


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Sept. 20, 2026

Happiness
THAT OUTLASTS
THE
Blessings

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Call to Worship:

O nations of the world, recognize the LORD;
recognize that the LORD is glorious and strong.

**Give to the LORD the glory he deserves!
Bring your offering and come into his courts.**

Worship the LORD in all his holy splendor.
Let all the earth tremble before him.

**Tell all the nations, "The LORD reigns!"
The world stands firm and cannot be shaken.
He will judge all people fairly.**

Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice!
Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise!

**Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy!
Let the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD, for he is coming!**

Hymn: #66 To God be the Glory

Prayer of Adoration

Prayer of Confession:

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life.

I confess to you my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.

We have disbelieved your love, living by our own power rather than the strength by which you raised the Lord Jesus from the dead.

Thank you that you do not turn your face away from me, nor cast me aside. O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you. Raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: The Gospel Song

Holy God in love became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross He took my sin
By His death I live again.

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By Your death I live again

Assurance of Pardon:

Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll— to reveal and execute the Father's purposes for all of creation?

Jesus is worthy! Only the Lamb whose blood purchased persons from every tribe and language and people and nation, and is now seated on God's divine throne, can bring about his Father's good, holy, and beautiful plan.

Your plan is to renew and restore all things under Jesus Christ. So, pour out your Holy Spirit power on us from heaven!

The ascended Jesus reigns over heaven and earth, the seasons of our lives and the details of our days. Warm our hearts to your love for us personally and for all you have made.

Make my heart glad, my tongue rejoice, and give rest to my body.

For you have raised Christ from the dead, so fill us with joy in your presence by your Spirit.

Hymn: Good Good Father

Hymn: #354 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Psalms 144: 9-15**

Sermon: Happiness that Outlasts the Blessings

⁹ I will sing a new song to You, O God;
On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,

¹⁰ *The One* who gives salvation to kings,
Who delivers David His servant
From the deadly sword.

¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners,
Whose mouth speaks lying words,
And whose right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood—

¹² That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters *may be* as pillars,
Sculptured in palace style;

¹³ *That* our barns *may be* full,
Supplying all kinds of produce;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our fields;

¹⁴ *That* our oxen *may be* well laden;
That there be no breaking in or going out;
That there be no outcry in our streets.

¹⁵ Happy *are* the people who are in such a state;
Happy *are* the people whose God *is* the LORD!

Proverbs 14:13

13 Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,
And the end of mirth *may be* grief.

Job 1:1-3, 20-22

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; and that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil. ² And seven sons and three daughters were born to him. ³ Also, his possessions were seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred female donkeys, and a very large household, so that this man was the greatest of all the people of the East.

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
And naked shall I return there.
The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away;
Blessed be the name of the LORD.”

²² In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Exodus 6:7

⁷ I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ But this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Proverbs 16:20

²⁰ He who heeds the word wisely will find good,
And whoever trusts in the LORD, happy *is* he.

Joshua 1:8

⁸ This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

Matthew 5:6

⁶ Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.

Job 13:15

¹⁵ Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him.

Hymn: The Goodness of Jesus

Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

In the Women's Bible Study, we are in the book of 'James, The Relationship Between Faith and Works' by Dr. David Jeremiah. Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am.

Second Baptist Men's Brotherhood Youth Outing to Tuttle's Pumpkin Patch will be Saturday, October 24th. Leaving Second Baptist Church at 10:00 am. If you have any youth that would like to go, tell Roger or Jeff.

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