



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

10.29.09

Dear Life Group Leaders,

Can you believe it? Sunday marks the first day of November! By the way, it's also the day we set back our clocks, which means you get AN EXTRA HOUR to sleep in. Enjoy it! But don't sleep so soundly you forget to come to church. You're important to us, and we need both you and your life group members to be there with us worshiping and praising God. So be a cheerleader for us and remind them of the importance of gathering together with the larger family of God to glorify God by our presence.

In keeping with our topic for these next two Sundays - demonstrating the authenticity of our religion by serving people in need - be sure to remind your small group members of the many upcoming opportunities to give and love during the holiday season ahead - a collection for the homeless this Sunday, Operation Christmas Child and the shoeboxes they can pick up this Sunday as well, followed by the Blessing Tree Project and a Christmas offering in the month of December. You should have the church newsletter by now. If not, go online and download it from our website. That'll keep you informed of all the big events in the weeks ahead. We really look to you as one of our leaders who helps strengthen the unity of our church.

Attached to this note, you'll find the questions for next week's study, as well as a terrific coaching tip that I hope you'll take time to read. There's a great icebreaker called "In the Autumn" and an excellent article on the people you should be looking for to build you up and encourage you as a leader. Please check them out and listen to the audio study helps as soon as you get a chance.

As always, we thank you for your faithful work and love for God's people. He won't forget it (Hebrews 6:10) and neither will we.

God bless you!

Pastors Gary and Glen