



WORDS FROM *Pastor Randy*

This is an exciting time to be at First Baptist Saks. *“For such a time as this,”* we as Pastor and People have this moment together. We are continuing to write the great history of this wonderful congregation.

God is at work among us. I believe that what we are experiencing is just the beginning. We are seeing new faces most every week. God is using this church to make a positive difference in our community. He is restoring a sense of stability. He has put together a capable staff and a ministry structure that promises results. I believe that we are being positioned for some great days ahead.

From time to time someone asks, “What can I do?” May I suggest how I believe that we can experience even greater days ahead:

1. Continually **pray** for your church. I know you’ve heard it said many times before, and it sounds all so simple and elementary, but prayer is absolutely essential for the good health of any congregation. Growth that honors God comes naturally in healthy churches. His work is always supernatural, and it only comes as a result of His people asking Him to do what only He can do. Prayer must be a priority in all of our lives if we expect to experience God’s best. Let’s go with a “prayer on our heart” that God will bless His work here at Saks.

2. Faithfully **attend** your church. It’s amazing what happens when God’s people simply show up! I understand that in the busy stress-filled days in which we live, most of us jump at any opportunity to get away for a few days. Remember, we are given six days to do our work and recreation. Sunday is the Lord’s Day and we should keep it for Him. Make Worship and Sunday School attendance a top priority for your family. Be careful not to fall into the habit of looking for excuses to be out of church by getting out of town for the weekend.

3. Personally **serve** in your church. God has gifted every believer with spiritual gifts to be used in and through His Church. You are no exception. God has placed you in this congregation to impact others through effective ministry. Never underestimate what God can do through you as you submit to His will for your life.

4. Frequently **invite** others to your church. Sadly, so many of us have quit asking our friends, family, and neighbors to come to church with us. Yet, most of the people who ever visit our church do so because someone invited them. I cannot over emphasize the power of your influence to attract people to our church. Your invitation may be the very thing God uses to bring many of these people to Christ.

5. Regularly **give** through your church. The recession is on and the economy is down. Monies are limited. Many have lost their jobs. Many are still afraid that things are going to much worse before they get better. Yet, the ministries at First Saks must continue on. Giving is vital to everything we do. Since God is our source, we can trust Him to provide for our needs. He’s never failed us yet. We will be good stewards of what He entrusts us with. Let’s trust Him and obey Him with everything that He has provided.

The best is always yet to come for God’s people!
Pastor Randy