



First Edition

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Senior Adult Valentine Luncheon

The youth ministry of First Baptist Church would like to honor all of our Senior Adults by hosting a Valentine's Luncheon on Sunday, February 12, 2017, in the Fellowship Hall. A spaghetti meal will be served immediately following the late worship service. This is an opportunity for our students to show their love and appreciation for the Senior Adults, and to thank them for all of their support, encouragement, and wisdom they continually provide to young people. The youth will serve the meal, and even take care of the cleanup! We look forward to seeing all of our Senior Adults there!



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The "Fun Bunch" to Clear Springs Restaurant

The "Fun Bunch" (formerly the Super Seniors) is on the road again! Pastor Terry Smith will be taking the church bus to Clear Springs Restaurant on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 10:00 am. If you'd like to reserve a spot for this fun trip, find a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Contact Terry Smith at 830-391-3362 for more information.



See our
Upcoming Classes

Armor of God

Ladies Mid-Week Study
Thursdays beginning
February 2, 2017
10:30 am

What Baptists Believe

Sundays beginning
February 5, 2017
9:15 am

I'm a Christian Now

Sundays beginning
February 12, 2017
9:15 am

Upcoming Summer Events

- Vacation Bible School—June 5—June 9, 2017;
- Youth FUGE Camp at Houston Baptist University—June 19—June 23, 2017—\$350—for students who have completed 7th-12th grades;
- PreTeen Camp at Highland Lakes—July 24—July 27—\$225—for kids who have completed 3rd-6th grades.



South Texas Children's Home Kids Say "Thank You!"

First Baptist Church participated in an Angel Tree ministry this past December, generously blessing countless boys and girls at Christmastime. Since then, sweet Thank You notes have arrived in the church's mailbox. Take a look at a few of them.



I am absolutely in love! The Cargo shorts and shirt are not only a perfect match but they are two of my favorite clothing! I can't wait to wear them!

Thank, you SO, much

Love, Joshua Davis

Thank you so much for sponsoring Alex for Christmas.

The clothes and shoes are greatly appreciated! I wish you could have seen him that night in those monkey feetie pajamas...so precious!

He zoomed around with his hot wheels and mini trains, and eventually snuggled down with his Paw Patrol blanket. Your generosity made a wonderful Christmas for him!

Sincerely,
Sheila Backer (for Alex)



Dear Fellow Believers,

Thank you so much for your support for Barnes cottage. We are so appreciative of your gifts, but your prayers are vital to our ministry.

Our 7 girls are involved in many activities—basketball, track, FFA. Four are showing animals in February in the Bee County Show. Please keep them all in your prayers.

Terry & I covet your prayers as we strive to be the Godly parents to them.

Thank you so much for all you do.

*Grace & Peace to You,
Virginia Wilkins
House Parent,
Barnes Cottage*

Dear FBC Floresville
Thank you for the long sleeve shirt. I will wear this any time I am cold or when I feel like wearing a long sleeve shirt. Thank you it is much appreciated.

Sincerely, Derae Davis

Thank you for the book 4 sets of Pokemon and the cinnamon sheet on Jake

Love Christopher Lee



Thank you so much for my presents that you got me. I love the clothes, the deodorant, the cup, and especially the necklace. They are all so wonderful.

~ Joshua Parker

The Coffey Corner



What's Happening in Belize?

The Belize Bible College (BBC) began in September of 2016, with 10 students enrolled. Last November, the school was temporarily closed due to a site survey requirement and additional paperwork requested by the education department of Belize. The requirements have been completed and submitted, so now the school is waiting the assignment of a new start date from the government. Please be in prayer for this to happen soon so the students can get back to class.

The first semester of the BBC resulted in 10 students each receiving 3 credit hours for their work. God has a purpose for all things, and we are trusting in Him.

The new classroom building is about 90% completed. We hope to begin using the facility next fall. I plan to travel to Belize this spring to teach a two-week course so that the students enrolled in the college will earn 3 additional credit hours. Please pray for Ashley and Caleb as I am away from them.



The Samaritan's Purse organization delivered Christmas shoeboxes to several villages in the Toledo District of Belize. Thanks to everyone who participated in that effort.

What's Ahead?

We will continue to travel, share our calling, and seek partners in our ministry in Belize.

We will finish up our ministry at First Baptist Church in Floresville on March 15, 2017, to focus solely on our ministry to Belize.

Our target date to be in Belize is in May of 2017. This will give us more time to raise support. We are 65% funded, and our goal is to be at 80% before we head to Belize.

We will be building our missionary residence during the months of May and June. The cost of the residence is \$20,000. We have raised \$10,000 toward this project. Praise the Lord!

Q&A Informational Session

February 5, 2017
Immediately following
the late service.

How Can You Help Us?

Continue to pray for our family as we close out one chapter in our life and start a new one.

Pray that God will continue to provide monthly supporters to be a part of our team.

Pray for the remainder of the finances to build a missionary residence. We still need \$10,000.

We have had 4 keyboards donated for the music school. Praise the Lord! Thank you to those who have donated. We are still hoping to have 3-4 additional keyboards.

We are continuing to pray for finances to purchase a vehicle once we are on the field. We are budgeting \$6,000.

Send support to:

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Floresville, TX 78114

Or online at: www.fbcf.org

Phone:
830-391-0036

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thecoffeys5@yahoo.com

How to Save on Meat without Having a Cow

If you would like to learn some tips for buying good cuts of meat and save money at the same time, make plans to attend an informational meeting on Saturday, February 25, 2017. Come meet the man who knows how to cut up a chicken with a butter knife!

Mr. Matt Pas is willing to return for another session of recommendations and tips for buying meat. Everyone likes to eat, and most people like to eat meat.

Come at 10:00 am to the Fellowship Hall and increase your knowledge about what is best for your family.

Contact Penny Smith in the church office for more information.



Come meet S.A.P.D.'s
Best Meat Carver,
Matt Pas

Saturday, February 25th
10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

Women's Ministry Events

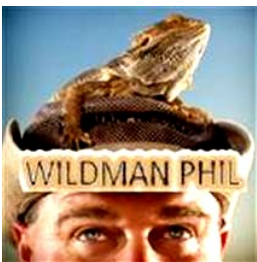
Hello Ladies!

We have some exciting fellowship activities scheduled in the next few months. We would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you!

- The Women's Ministry is hosting a *Plan & Pray* Fellowship Luncheon immediately after the late service on Sunday, February 19, 2017, in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to get to know each one of you better and pray with you!
- Don't miss Matt Pas' class about meat safety on Saturday, February 25th. See article above.
- Pencil in March 25th on your calendar. Reserve that day to attend a Women's Fellowship Tea, "Stir Up the Gift of God" based upon 2 Timothy 1:6. Details to follow.
- Lastly, Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center is hosting a Women's Conference on Friday and Saturday, February 24-25, 2017. Conference leaders include worship speaker Jenny Broughton, Bible study speaker Teri Ussery, worship praise leader Sara Burt, and special guest Karen Bankhead. Visit www.hlccc.org, call 888-222-3482, or send an email to dixie@highlandlakescamp.org for rates and registration information.



Wildman Phil Returns to FBC



**Wednesday,
February 22, 2017 at
6:30 pm in the
Family Life Center**

First Baptist Church is happy to welcome back to Floresville "Wildman Phil" Rakoci and his creepy, crawly animal friends. One of Phil's favorite Bible verses is Genesis 1:25.








"And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good."

Phil has found that people protect and care for things they understand. If people learn that all of God's creations have a purpose, they will be respectful of wildlife and not fear it.

In lieu of Kids' Movie Night, the children will join the youth in the Family Life Center for this fun event!



February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WNS— Chicken Spaghetti	2 Ladies mid- week Bible study begins 10:30 am	3	4
5 Personnel Ctee—Noon Belize Q&A session—noon *Bob Whitley	6 Creative Hands Quilters 10:00 am 	7	8 WNS— Minestrone Soup	9 F'ville nursing home 3:30	10  Clear Springs Restaurant 10am	11
12 Sr. Adult Valentine Luncheon Noon  *David Arispe	13	14 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 WNS— Sweet & Sour Meatballs	16 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	17	18  8am
19 Ladies Pray & Plan & PRAY Luncheon *Ron Bluff	20  Office Closed	21	22 WNS—Pork Tenderloin  Wildman Phil 6:30pm	23	24	25 Meat Safety class 10am  Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am
26 *Darrell Bombei	27	28				

Weekly Schedule

Sunday
8:00—Early Worship
9:15—Bible Study
10:30—Worship Service
3:00—Veterans Home Svc/
except 2nd Sunday
5:00—Youth Choir
6:00—Monthly Movie Night on
first Sunday of each month

Wednesday
3:30—TeamKidz
4:45—TeamKidz Praise
5:30—Wed Night Supper
6:30—LifeGroups
6:30—Youth IMPACT
6:30—RAs&GAs/
MFriends/BATClass
6:30—Praise Band Practice
7:30—Praise Choir

Weekly Activities
Creative Hands—Quilting
1st & 3rd Monday @ 10 am
Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
Ladies Bible Study
Thursdays at 10:30 am
Sr. Adult Game Day
Thursdays from 1-4 pm
Line Exercise Classes
Mon, Tue, & Thu from
9:30-10:30 am

* Deacon of the Week

February Birthdays

1 Kimberly Lanier	7 Abygail Burns	16 Jan Aldrich
1 Emily Smith	8 John Kelley	16 Kimberly Posey
2 Pamela Payne	8 John Long	16 P.J. Quinters
3 Tim Lanier	8 David Lozano	16 Scott Whitley
3 Valeri Smith	8 Dale Yeager	16 Ray Addington
3 Pam Talley	9 Amos Garcia	17 Jerry Berry
4 Bob Whitley	9 Bruce Schroller	17 Sally Jenkins
4 Esther Remling	10 Gary Martin	18 Joyce Carter
5 David Wehmann	10 Bonnie Rice	18 Melissa Collins
5 Patty Swahn	10 Kevin Swindells	18 Ricky Cox
6 Mia Ham	11 Jerry Aldrich	18 Patrick McKeen
6 Casey Leal	12 David McKeen	18 Leavi Koch
6 LaShea Addington	14 Emmaleigh Drew	18 LeeRoy Wagenfuehr
7 Carter Thomas	15 Laura Yeager	19 Tim Bays
	15 Carolyn Sickenius	19 Monroe Sickenius
	15 Roy Idrach	20 BrookLynne McKeen
		21 Terry Garza
		23 Karen Gulick
		23 Jason Guerrero
		23 Tyler Mills
		23 Tyler Snyder
		24 Sara Canady
		24 Hulon Drewett
		24 Kathy Gaston
		24 Kaitlin Purcell
		24 Josie Young
		25 Kaitlyn Keylich
		26 Jo Ann Coggeshall
		27 Kathy Hargrove

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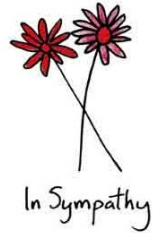
Mike Clements, Pastor
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Joyce Hurt, Children's Director
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Penny Smith, Office Manager
Christie Davis, Office Assistant

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Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Eugene Osburn, father of Denise Smart, who passed away on December 31, 2016;

Also, our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Tom Avants, brother of Wanda Bodiford, who passed away on January 23, 2017.



It's a Girl!

Clayton & Kelsey Garcia,
along with grandparents
Amos & Sandie Garcia,
are proud to announce the arrival of

Greyson Cheyenne

on January 25, 2017,
weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz.,
measuring 19 inches.



New Members

By Letter

Denis Gonzalez & Belkis "Vickie" Nieto

66 FM 478
Floresville, TX 78114
951-587-5301 (his)
951-330-8686

Charmaine Haller

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Floresville, TX 78114

GOD'S WORK FUND

The Titus II Bible Study class manages a fund that currently assists two of FBC's young people, Heather Moss and Rebekah Dickerson, with educational expenses as they each pursue a ministry-related degree. The fund also assists with mission trips for individuals. If you'd like to contribute, over and above your regular tithe, indicate "God's Work Fund" on your check or online.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
December 2016	\$ 48,018.32	\$ 55,257.76
YTD thru December	\$ 588,018.82	\$ 663,093.45

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