

First Edition

The Coffey Corner

It is bittersweet as we write this article. As we close one chapter of our lives and begin a new one, we are excited about what is ahead and sad that we will be leaving one of the sweetest, most loving groups of people we have ever known. As I look back over the past (almost) seven years, I truly can see many great things God has done through you as you have loved on our family. We have made lasting friendships and it has been an honor to serve you. I know that God has great plans for you and for First Baptist Church, and I am confident that the work God has begun He will continue. Scripture tells us that “He who began a good work in us will be faithful to complete it.”

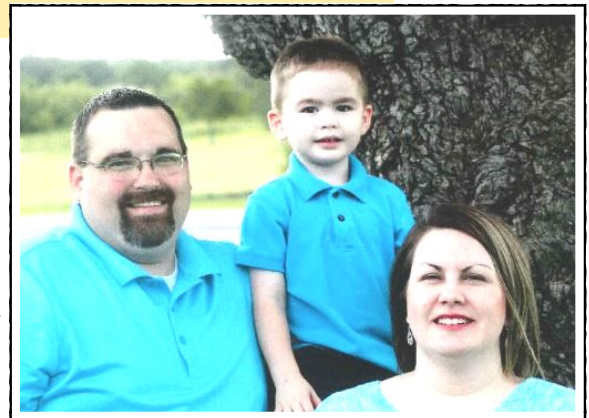
Ashley and I want to say thank you for loving us, encouraging us, and supporting us. Each one of you have made an impact on our lives, and for that we are eternally grateful. Thank you for loving Caleb and being there for him. He has grown to love this place, and he will for sure miss it and the playground (or as he calls it, *his* playground)! We will continue to keep you in our prayers and we ask you to do the same. Pray for us as we make the transition to become full-time missionaries. We know that God is in this, and we look forward to seeing what He is going to do through us.

We ask you to consider being a part of our team with monthly prayer and financial support. Our plan is to furlough twice a year and we will definitely be coming this way to see you. Besides, we know you will want to see Caleb as he grows.

If you would like to stay connected with us, follow the Belize Bible College on Facebook (www.facebook.com/belizebiblecollege). Ashley and I are on Facebook as well, so look us up! We will continue to put monthly updates in the newsletter and on Facebook to stay connected with you.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will direct your paths” Proverbs 3:5-6

~ The Coffeys



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Coffey Family Celebration Luncheon on Sunday, March 5, 2017

Pastor Aaron Coffey’s last day with FBC is scheduled for March 15, 2017. Although we rejoice in their call to the mission field of Belize, our hearts are heavy and reluctant to let them go.

Let’s celebrate Aaron, Ashley, and Caleb with a church-wide luncheon on Sunday, March 5, 2017, immediately following the late worship service. No gifts please, as they are downsizing to prepare for the move. However, a money tree will be set up, as financial support—especially monthly contributors—is greatly needed.

Join us for some (Texas-styled, not too spicy) Cajun food, and let’s celebrate the Coffey family and all they have meant to us all these years!



Women's Ministry News

The Women's Ministry of FBC met together for a Plan & Pray luncheon one Sunday last month to discuss new ideas for fellowship and upcoming events. We have scheduled two events for March.

- ◇ Sallie Bluff would like to invite everyone to join her at her home for **Plant Exchange and Raised Bed Gardening** ideas. Sallie wants to share her love of gardening with you! Everyone is asked to bring a plant or seeds to share with others. This event is scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 10:00 am. Sallie's address is: 1047 Wild Flower, Eagle Creek Subdivision. Call 830-391-2344 for directions. For plant/garden lovers, this sounds like FUN! Even if you're just getting started, come and join us!
- ◇ Mark Saturday, March 25, 2017, from 11:15 am to 1:15 pm, on your calendar for a Tea Fellowship. Based upon 2 Timothy 1:6, we will **Stir Up the Gift of God** together. This event will be a great way for women to get to know each other better so we can support and fellowship with other women. We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Each person in attendance is asked to bring their own TEA CUP and SAUCER. (Extras will be available.) We will also be supporting our local Floresville Food Pantry where donations are always welcome! No tickets are necessary, so come and enjoy a great meal and fellowship!



The Women's Ministry will keep you posted regarding upcoming events through the spring and summer. I want to thank each of you who attended the Plan & Pray Fellowship, and I look forward to sharing laughter and making memories with each of you! Please direct any questions to Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068, or myself at 210-560-9642.

In HIS Service, Donna Arispe

**"I thank my God
upon every
remembrance
of you."
Philippians 1:3**

Folks Say "Thank You!"

All,

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, messages, cards, and memorials sent concerning the passing of my mother, Josephine Kast. My family has felt the prayers and the love from you. Many of those prayers have been answered. My brother, Tom, has found a place to live, and thanks to the Arispes, he has an RV to live in. Everything seems to be falling into place as we continue trying to get the estate settled. God's timing may not be ours, but it is perfect timing.

A special thank you to Darrell Dundas for providing the music for Mom's funeral, and to Pastor Terry Smith for leading the music during the funeral service.

My church family means the world to me, and I thank God for each and every one of you. God bless you!

~ Linda Downs

Dear Church Family,

My family and I have lived here for over five years now, and we have never felt more at home. Thank you all for your love and support, encouragement, and friendship. I just can't say it enough! Between all of Tori's surgeries and special needs, to the donations we have received in the past, it has truly meant the world for our family. We are also extremely thankful for the monetary gift given that had helped raise the final and exact amount of money needed to purchase the wheelchair lift for Tori. By the way, Tori has not once ever felt left out of anything since coming to this church. She has had so many wonderful opportunities between church camp and youth choir with her older sister. Every Wednesday and Sunday everyone makes her feel so special. When we moved into our new home, we had a washer and dryer donated from a family at the church which has been such a blessing. Then after having Isabella, help with her—chasing her down the hall after church—has meant so much because it truly does take a village to raise this child. Now my soon-to-be-graduating senior Destiny—this is where she has really opened up and broken out of her shell. She has learned so much about herself and the Lord, and many biblical lessons in life. This church is where you come to make lifelong friends. We have. My kids have received the most amazing opportunities here thanks first to God, then to Ashley and Aaron Coffey, and to our Pastor and church staff. My marriage had just begun when we moved here, but has grown so much since being here because we are reminded constantly that our foundation needs to be the Lord. Thank you all again. You have been an answer to prayer, and I thank the Lord for each of you.

~ Tiffany Gonzalez and family

Children's Ministry News

Spring has Sprung! God's beautiful creations are coming alive in vibrant colors! Has God sprung in your life with lots of excitement to do His work? What a blessing we have in serving our Lord!

TeamKidz and TeamKidz Praise are overflowing with God's children, eager to study His Word and sing praises. RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends are busy studying about our missionaries around the world. Even the Nursery's babies hear God's Word every Sunday morning at 10:00 am. Come by and watch as they listen and sing praises to God. They get sooo excited!

Our children's Wednesday activities are beginning to wind down, so mark your calendars now.

The last TeamKidz, RAs, GAs, and Mission Friends is Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

See you Sunday at 9:15 am for Sunday School!

~ Mrs. Joyce Hurt, Children's Director

SAVE the DATE for VBS!

Monday–Friday, June 5-9, 2017

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact

Joyce Hurt at 830-391-0262.

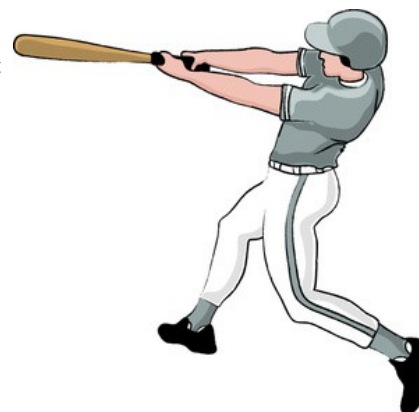


Take Me Out to the Ballpark!

The Floresville High School Tiger Baseball players invite you to come out to the ballpark...Wolff Stadium, that is, home of the San Antonio Missions! The FHS Varsity Tigers will be playing against Pleasanton High School in their regular season game on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 7:00 pm at Wolff Stadium in San Antonio. They invite the community to come out to support them in this great opportunity to play on a minor league field.

Tickets to the game are \$12.00 each, and include admission to the FHS game and admission to any one regular 2017 season Monday-Thursday SA Missions game. Tickets are good for an infield reserve seat, and are to be redeemed at the box office on game day.

For tickets or for more information, please contact Judy Herndon at 830-391-1504 or Gearis Herndon at 210-254-2298. Come watch our Tiger Baseball boys swing for the fences!

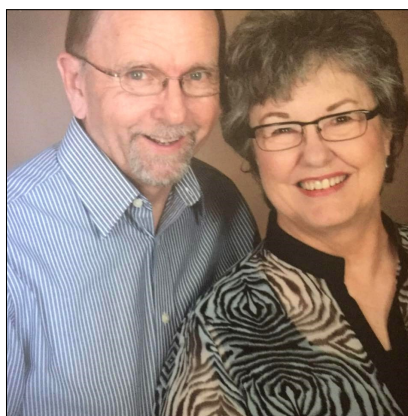


Director of Missions Tommy Wilson Retiring

Bro. Tommy Wilson, the Director of Missions for the Gambrell and Gonzales Baptist Associations, will retire on March 31, 2017. An area-wide retirement reception will be held in Bro. Tommy's honor on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at the First Baptist Church in Gonzales, Texas, from 2:00 pm—4:00 pm.

A love offering is being taken up for Tommy and Blenda. To contribute, indicate "DOM Tommy Wilson" on your check/envelope. If giving online, select the Love Offerings Fund and indicate Tommy's name in the Description field.

Let's show Bro. Tommy how thankful we are for all the ways he has supported not only First Baptist Church in Floresville, but the countless other churches in the South Central Baptist Area.



Save
the Date

April 29, 2017

11:00 am—1:00 pm

FBC will host a bridal shower
in honor of

Michelle Cook,

the bride-elect of

Drew Clements,

in the Family Life Center.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

Every year, we honor the life and missions impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU). She served as WMU’s first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed her belief in tangible ways. A prolific writer, she spent many hours using her hands to type and handwrite letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy, and all were motivated by her desire for others to, as she put it, “grow in grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” Annie also used her hands to reach out to others in need, whether by hugging a child or distributing food, clothing, and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands cradled her Bible as she studied how best to share God’s love with others. Most importantly, as a woman of prayer, Annie regularly folded her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and those with whom they shared Christ.

Annie once wrote, “If I get hold of an idea which seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out.” As a result of her persistence, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more to reach people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be encouraged and empowered by following her legacy.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

Week of Prayer
 March 5—March 12, 2017
 Our Goal is \$4,000
www.anniearmstrong.com



The Fun Bunch is Headed to Waco

The Fun Bunch will travel to Waco, Texas, on March 30-31, 2017, to enjoy a few exciting shopping places. On their way to Waco, the group will spend a few hours exploring the IKEA store in Round Rock. Their Swedish meatballs are inexpensive and delicious!

After spending the night in Waco, the group will shop and tour the famous Magnolia Market, owned by Chip and Joanna Gaines, hosts of the HGTV series, Fixer Upper. Depending upon the time, the Fun Bunch may explore a few other places in Waco.

Please visit with Pastor Terry Smith at 830-391-3362 for more information about this exciting and fun trip!



BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday
 March 22, 2017
 6:30 pm

A Few More Things...

- ⇒ Family Movie Night is the first Sunday evening of the month at 6:00 pm. Bring movie snacks to share. All ages are welcome, but child care is not provided.
- ⇒ There will be a meeting for all youth parents on Sunday, March 12, 2017, immediately following the late service in the Fellowship Hall.
- ⇒ Sam Hurt will begin a new study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. He will be taking us through the Dr. David Jeremiah study *People are Asking: Is This The End?* The cost of the workbook is \$8.
- ⇒ The spring Life Group semester will be winding down soon. The final Wednesday Night Supper for the semester will be on April 26, 2017. This will also be the final TeamKidz/TeamKidz Praise for the children until the fall.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 WNS Sloppy Joes	2	3	4
5 Coffey Luncheon- Noon Monthly Movie Night 6pm *Danny Fenner	6  Creative Hands Quilters 10:00	7	8 WNS Chalupas	9 F'ville nursing home 3:30 	10 RUMMAGE SALE ---Rummage Sale for Belize Fund ---	11 Ladies Gardening Class 10am
12 Baptism 10:30am Youth Parent Mtg Noon Daylight Saving Time begins *Darrel Dundas	13	14 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am FHS baseball at Wolff Stadium 7pm	15 NO Activities	16 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	17 	18
-----FISD Spring Break-----						
19 *Amos Garcia	20  Creative Hands Quilters 10:00	21	22 WNS Arroz con Pollo Business Meeting 6:30	23	24	25 Ladies Tea 11-1 Tommy Wilson retirement Men's Prayer Breakfast 8am
26 *David Haverlah	27	28	29 WNS Meal is TBD	30  The Fun Bunch to Waco	31	

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

March Birthdays

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|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Bob Herndon | 9 Luis Chavarria, Jr. | 16 Bethany Smith Vick | 23 Russell Rodriguez | 29 Marshall Uhlig |
| 2 Jane Lee | 9 Felicia Campbell | 16 Jeff Wiggins | 23 Gary Smith, Jr. | 29 Ivy Lanier |
| 3 Bro. Mike Clements | 9 Sarah Keith | 17 Angel Roberson | 23 Cheree Uhlig | 30 Jennifer Kowalski |
| 3 John Hawkins | 9 Adam Tracy | 17 Jonathan Parker | 24 Alyssa Flores | 31 Rhonda Bourland |
| 4 Braxton Richardson | 10 Charlotte Rolland | 18 Mark Davis | 24 Kaitlyn Flores | 31 Shari Duncan |
| 4 Preston Pehl | 10 Mae Belle Stringer | 18 Tyler Johnson | 24 Lou Johnson | 31 Jonathan Huber |
| 4 Adlai Welfel | 11 Robin Parker Ingram | 18 Paula McGee | 25 Paige Wheeler | 31 Fay Rogers |
| 4 Kathy Wiggins | 12 Gail Fuller | 19 Stephanie Simmang | 26 Jean Harris | 31 Dorothy Reed |
| 5 Cristy Cutsinger | 12 Chris Sralla | 19 Michelle Talley | 26 Jovi Murray | |
| 6 Brian Morehous | 12 Addie Lea Wahl | 20 Matt Bingham | 26 Charles Rice | |
| 6 Carol Keith | 13 Luke Clements | 22 Allison McKeen | 27 Abigail Martinez | |
| 6 Darlene McKeen | 14 Henry Coleman | 23 Randy Gorzell | 28 Mike Hopper | |
| 7 Elton Gilchrist | 15 Wade Harris | 23 Cami Hawkins | 28 Mary Pierce | |
| 8 Keegan Ward | 16 Bro. Aaron Coffey | 23 Kyle Houdmann | 29 Ralph Coston | |
| | | 23 Chris Reed | 29 Rick Huber | |



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Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Josephine Kast, mother of Linda Downs and grandmother of Jennifer Wimpee and Bryan Downs, who passed away on February 1, 2017;

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Elbert Lee, brother-in-law of Lillie Ray, who passed away on February 8, 2017;

Our sincere condolences are offered to the family of Everett Ballard, father of Neysa Choate, who passed away on February 9, 2017;

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Guy W. Shine, grandfather of Damon Shine, who passed away on February 14, 2017.

BUILDING HISTORY

The Lord continues to bless our efforts to pay down the debt on the Annex. Together, let's continue to give joyfully as the Lord leads.

Original Loan Amount:

\$525,000.00

February Loan Payment:

\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:

\$310,979.32

IT'S A BOY!

Ray & LaShea Addington are grandparents!

Their oldest son, Tyler Bryan, has welcomed a son,

WYATT RAY ALLEN BRYAN,

on December 5, 2016.

Wyatt weighed in at 8 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 18 inches.

Congratulations, Addington family!



Daylight Saving Time begins
Sunday, March 12, 2017.

Set your clocks
FORWARD one hour!

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
January 2017	\$ 54,692.08	\$ 55,724.83
YTD thru January	\$ 54,692.08	\$ 55,724.83

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