

# First Edition

## First Baptist Church

### 10 REASONS TO STILL DO VBS

In churches across the nation, this year's Vacation Bible School is quickly becoming a memory. There are many people out there who think that VBS is an outdated program whose time has come and gone. Fresh off of the excitement and exhaustion that is the controlled chaos that is VBS, here is my list of the top ten reasons to still do VBS at your church:

1. Kids love it.
2. It's still a great outreach event.
3. It is an opportunity to share the gospel of Christ.
4. It gives the kids in your church a chance to spend some time together.
5. It gives adults a chance to serve and see how much fun and how rewarding working with kids can be.
6. Parents get a chance to hear the gospel.
7. You can't buy that kind of excitement in your existing programs.
8. You get to build relationships with kids.
9. You get to build relationships with adults.
10. It's just plain fun!

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering this month in Vacation Bible School. VBS is likely the biggest evangelistic event we will do all year, and it is definitely a team effort! The team covets your prayers this month as we help boys and girls understand that they are Created by God and Built for a Purpose!

### SUMMER LIFE GROUPS

Many of our Life Group classes are taking a break for the summer, however, a few will continue.

**Institute in Basic Life Principles**—Most of the conflicts we experience in life are only symptoms of deeper issues. By understanding the root causes, we can enjoy lasting solutions. By learning principles, rather than rules, we can make wise choices and avoid failure. The Basic Seminar is designed to help you understand the cause-and-effect sequences of life. Join us on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-6:30pm, Thomas & Sherrie Welfel will host this 19-segment video series by Dr. Bill Gothard. Join them on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall.

**Set Apart**—Our Thursday morning ladies' Bible study will continue meeting through the summer at 10:30 am in the Annex. Many ladies gather before the session at 10:00 am for prayer. *Set Apart* is a study of the Beatitudes written by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. The study is facilitated by Mary-Ellen Long, and the cost of the workbook is \$9.00.

Other Life Group classes will be offered later in the summer, so watch our publications for details.



Vacation Bible School  
 June 5-9, 2017  
 8:30 am—11:40 am  
 (Article adapted from  
[www.ministry-to-children.com](http://www.ministry-to-children.com).)

#### SUNDAY PRAYER TIME

**Amos and Sandie Garcia will be meeting in the prayer room (Pastor Mike's old office) for prayer each Sunday between the early service and Bible study. Anyone is invited to join them each week as we ask the Lord to bless our church family and make us more like Him.**

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# HOW TO HELP YOUR KIDS WITH SUMMER BOREDOM

by Ed Stetzer

“I’m not the provider of things to do.” That’s what my mother told me when I told her I was bored.

“Because summer should be more than binge-watching shows on Netflix®.”

Compared to my kids today, there really wasn’t a lot to do as a child in our neighborhood growing up. There were no home video games. Television had three channels—four if you counted PBS on the UHF dial. Now, my kids have a million things to do. They have an iPad with more games on it than you would find in an arcade. Netflix® and cable provide countless TV choices. Yet every summer, they say, “I’m bored.” And, because I am my mother’s son, I saw those words I heard so often as a kid. “I’m not the provider of things to do.” How do we deal with this summer (and ongoing) boredom monster?

**A little boredom isn’t always bad.** Did I mention that you are not the provider of things to do? That’s important, for you and your kids. If you have every day of their summer planned out, there is no room for spontaneity or creativity. You can become stressed out and burned out trying to come up with new ideas, and they’ll never be given the opportunity to come up with something on their own. They may find a new use for an old toy or remember how much they loved a certain board game. Younger kids may spend all day creating pretend adventures with a cardboard box. Older kids might wake up and decide they want to read a book, write a song, or even start working on their own fiction book. Give them some space to allow their boredom to become an opportunity. But you can use the summer to make some plans with your kids.

**1. Point to things that are fun and worth doing.** There is no reason to let the summer be a never-ending stream of electronics. Instead, give them some ideas to spark their imagination. For example, you might take a trip to the local library and encourage them to check out some books about their favorite subject. Find a good, age-appropriate book they could read and learn more about something they already love. You could also direct them toward some fun experiments they could try. Recently, one of my daughters gathered some samples from nature and then used the internet to help her classify them.

For the athletic child, encourage them to use the summer to work on their sport. Another of our daughters used her time away from school to work on soccer skills. Yes, you might get some rolled eyes and an occasional, “I’m off school.” But if it’s something that is both fun and worth doing, they’ll eventually focus on the fun part and you can enjoy the fact that it’s worth doing.

**2. Plan some things to do together.** Summer is a great time to do things with your kids. For us, it’s a time for family adventures that we couldn’t do as easily during the school year. Try taking a short road trip. It doesn’t have to be a cross-country trek. My daughter and I drove to a community near us and looked for interesting things about that town, its people, and its history.

Pick out a book and read it together. Spend time talking about it. That gives you a chance to get to know your kids even better and demonstrate that you care enough to invest in them and their passions.

Find something your child likes to do and join him or her. Another daughter enjoys fishing, so we often go together after work or on Saturdays. Not only are we spending time together doing something she enjoys, it gives us time to talk.

**3. Pick some things that they can do with others.** Summer is a great time for your kids to do things with other kids, but it takes some planning. You want to do more than just send them to someone else’s house to watch TV all day, so partner with other parents to take turns in providing fun activities.

Coming up with an idea every day for your kid may be overwhelming, but maybe you can find a dozen interesting activities. That’s one a week. Work with other parents from your community, school, or church and host each other’s kids on different days. Yes, it would be more work for you on that one day, but it would give your child something to do, help them develop friendships, help you develop friendships, and even give you some free time during the days they are visiting someone else’s home. Work together as parents to make this a fun, memorable summer for your kids.

**4. Avoid the easy way out.** Summer is a hard time to keep kids busy, and there is always the temptation to simply let them watch TV. But the one-eyed monster of the screen cannot be the only solution to the boredom monster. I’m not anti-electronics. Those can be part of your kids’ free time this summer. They just shouldn’t be all of it. You want your kids’ summer to be more than simply binge-watching shows on Netflix®. Instead of relying on TV, slay the boredom monster with wise planning and good ideas. You may not be the provider of things to do, but you can be the provider of great memories and a special summer for your kids.

Article courtesy of *HomeLife* magazine.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY EVENTS

Hello everyone!

Out of school already! Where does the time go? It's flying by! I know many of you are busy making summer vacation plans and keeping the kiddos busy. We do have a couple of activities scheduled for the summer I'd like for you to know about.

We have scheduled a GAME NIGHT on Thursday, June 22, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the home of Wanda Bodiford. Her address is 212 Bluebonnet Lane. Thank you, Wanda! We are inviting anyone to join us for a game of dominos, bunco, fun, food, and especially fellowship! GAME NIGHT will be open to couples also! We can have a relaxing evening meeting up with old and making new friends. For GAME NIGHT we need some card tables and chairs. If you have any that you would be willing to bring, please let us know as soon as you can by calling Wanda Bodiford @ 210-415-4292, or Donna @ 210-560-9642. This way we can ensure we have plenty of seating. As we fellowship we love to munch, so please bring your favorite finger food to munch on and share with others. We can kick off summer with resounding excitement!

We also have a very new activity scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2017, from 2:30 pm—4:30 pm in the FBC Fellowship Hall. CHRISTMAS IN JULY! All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and festivities as we discuss "Unwrapping our Spiritual Gifts." Come ready to enjoy some yummy treats as we celebrate Christmas a little early! We will provide more information on our "Christmas in July" event in next month's newsletter, so stay tuned!

Ladies, I pray we can join in fellowship and in the love of the Lord, lifting up all the glory to HIM! If you have any ideas for our Women's Ministry, please contact Sally Gaertner @ 361-290-1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210-560-9642.

## THE DOs AND DON'Ts OF SUMMER

By Darlene McKeen

And, just like that, summer is upon us! Here are some DOs and DON'Ts guaranteed to make your summer break a success!

Do take advantage of the break to reconnect with your kids. Don't let the extra family togetherness push you apart. Although your kids will still have some activities day to day, take advantage of the slower summer break pace to connect with your kids, fortifying your relationship with them.

Do sit down with your kids and come up with a list of electronic and non-electronic activities for them to do during their extra time at home. Don't allow your kids to spend all day vegging in front of Netflix, Minecraft and Facebook. Board games, building card houses, or even handwriting a letter to grandma are great hands-on activities that they may not have had time for during the school year.

Do buy fresh fruits, veggies, and popcorn for snacks. Don't fill your pantry with sugar-laden foods! Keep sugary snacks as a once-a-week treat. A healthier, less expensive way to enjoy popcorn is to buy a reusable silicone microwave popcorn bowl. I added one to my Amazon Prime cart today!

Do set aside time for a family vacation. Don't let the lazy weeks of summer pass you by! Even if a vacation isn't in your budget, a staycation certainly is! Visit the splashpad at Park West in Seguin or take the kids on a hike at Helton Park (near FNES). Check out [www.kidsbowlfree.com](http://www.kidsbowlfree.com) or [www.SAMomBlogs.com](http://www.SAMomBlogs.com) for a list of free summer activities. Did you know that most of your favorite museums have hours set aside for free admission? Do continue to attend church during the summer. After the rush and hustle of the school year, you may feel as though you want to take a break from church during the summer. Worshipping our Creator is seasonless!

Last, don't skip church while you are out of town on vacation. For a special treat, find a local church and worship there!

Have a happy and safe summer!



## WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE



The Women of Joy folks will be in San Antonio, Texas, on **September 22-24, 2017**, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. These incredible weekends are designed, created, and intended to bring women of all ages and cultures together to help you pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ. The deadline to register for a reduced rate of \$99 for the 2-day conference is **June 25th**. The cost increases by \$10 after that. Packages that include hotel accommodations are also available. Please visit with Donna Arispe at 210-560-9642 for more information, or check their web page at [www.womenofjoy.org](http://www.womenofjoy.org).

## CARL & LILLIE RAY CELEBRATE 70 YEARS!

On Sunday morning, June 15, 1947, at 8:00 am, Lillie Pearl Laws and Carl Eugene Ray were married at Second Baptist Church in Marshall, Texas. After the ceremony, family and friends went to Sunday school and worship, and Carl and Lillie left for their honeymoon to Hot Springs, Arkansas. Along the way, they stopped at a drug store soda fountain and had a bacon, lettuce and tomato sandwich—their first meal as husband and wife. Every year on their anniversary, they eat a BLT to remember that very special day.

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above.”*  
~ James 1:17

This year, Carl and Lillie will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary! God has gifted them with long lives and a good marriage! To celebrate, on Sunday, June 11, 2017, their daughter Jean Evelyn Hughes invites the FBC church family to join with them for a BLT sandwich in the Fellowship Hall after the second service. Cards of congratulations are welcome, but not gifts please. Please come and let Carl and Lillie know of your love for them!



Join us in honoring mom-to-be

### **STACEY MOSS O'LEARY**

as she and Shawn await the arrival of baby boy

### **SHAWN O'LEARY III**

Saturday, July 8, 2017, 10am-noon, in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church in Floresville.

Stacey is registered at [www.babylist.com](http://www.babylist.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT-A-GLANCE

- Sunday, June 4, 2017**—Monthly Movie Night in the God's Playhouse classroom at 6:00 pm;
- Monday-Friday, June 5-9, 2017**—Vacation Bible School each day from 8:30 am—11:40 am;
- Saturday, June 10, 2017**—FBC Praise Choir get-together at the home of Pastor Terry & Sandra Smith at 4:00 pm;
- Sunday, June 11, 2017**—Carl & Lillie Ray's 70th Anniversary BLT Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after 10:30 am worship;
- Tuesday, June 13, 2017**—The Fun Bunch will visit Corpus Christi (see Pastor Terry for more information);
- Monday-Friday, June 19-23, 2017**—MFuge Youth Camp on the campus of Houston Baptist University;
- Wednesday, June 21, 2017**—Church Business Meeting in the worship center at 6:30 pm;
- Thursday, June 22, 2017**—Game Night in the home of Wanda Bodiford—see page 3 of this newsletter for more information;
- Saturday, June 24, 2017**—Men's Prayer Breakfast at 8 am.



## Highland Lakes Camp and Conference Center

**PRETEEN CAMP**

July 24 - 27, 2017

For kids who have finished 3rd—6th grade

\$225 per child

\$50 deposit due June 18, 2017

Contact Joyce Hurt for more information.

Dear Pastor Mike & Staff,

Please accept and pass on our thanks for First Baptist's support and hosting of our class for another year! We were blessed to be in your facility as God taught us through the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) study of John. God's Word never returns void. Because of your generosity, we were able to share Jesus Christ and experience Him in ways that have eternal significance. Thanks for all from all of us. The good you've done has not been wasted. Galatians 6:9

Love, your BSF Leaders, Sally, Linda, and Toreaser









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# June 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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|   |  |  |   | 1  | 2            | 3   |
|   |  |  |   |  | FHS Grad 8pm |   |
| 4<br>Monthly Movie Night 6pm<br>Youth Ctee<br>NOON<br>*Greg Parker  | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8<br>FV Nursing Home 3:30                | 9            | 10<br>Choir Fellowship @ Smiths 4pm   |
| -----Vacation Bible School 8:30-11:40 daily-----  |  |  |   |  |              |   |
| 11<br>BLT Luncheon for Rays<br>*Carter Thomas   | 12<br>Creative Hands 10am<br>   | 13<br>FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am<br>Fun Bunch to Corpus Christi | 14  | 15<br>FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am        | 16           | 17  |
| 18<br><br>*Ron P. Tipton | 19<br>Creative Hands 10am<br> | 20   | 21<br>Business Mtg 6:30pm   | 22<br>Game Night @ Bodiford home 6:30 pm | 23           | 24<br><br>Men's Breakfast 8am |
| -----MFuge Youth Camp at Houston Baptist University-----  |  |  |   |  |              |   |
| 25<br>*Ronald T. Tipton   | 26<br>Creative Hands 10am<br> | 27   | 28<br><br>Kids Movie Night | 29                                       | 30           |   |

### Sunday

- 8:00—Early Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Late Worship
- 3:00—Veterans Home *except 2nd Sunday*
- 5:00—Youth Choir
- 6:00—Monthly Movie *1st Sunday each month*

### Wednesday

- 5:00—IBLP Class
- 5:45—Kids Movie Night *LAST Wed of month*
- 6:00—Youth @ FLC
- 6:30—LIFE GROUPS Praise Band
- 7:30—Praise Choir Rehearsal

### Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting *1st & 3rd Mondays at 10:00 am*
- 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*

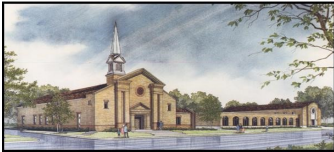
\* Deacon of the Week

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

|                     |                     |                   |                    |                   |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Katherine Burkett | 9 Karl Ledwig       | 14 Ellie Burriss  | 21 Sadonna Burkett | 28 Grace Lanning  |
| 1 Scott Davis       | 9 Tanja Olinick     | 15 Justin Garcia  | 21 Ben Reed        | 30 Winnie Talley  |
| 1 Loree Dippary     | 10 Holly Deaton     | 15 Austin Keith   | 23 Shelby Collins  | 30 Shirley Donaho |
| 1 Laura Klespies    | 11 Ron Bluff        | 16 Craig Davis    | 25 Buddy Sellers   |                   |
| 2 DeWayne Blietze   | 11 Michael Moody    | 17 Fred Williams  | 26 Nan Tackitt     |                   |
| 2 Wade Brannan      | 11 Abigail Richards | 18 Micah Brannan  | 26 Amy Riley       |                   |
| 2 Chad Swahn        | 12 Wanda Drewett    | 19 Denis Gonzalez | 26 Emily Morehous  |                   |
| 3 Stephanie Holt    | 13 LaJuana N. Leus  | 19 Lauren Shine   | 27 Chris Deason    |                   |
| 4 Suzanne Houdmann  | 14 Linda Downs      | 20 Sallie Bluff   | 27 Sarah Dundas    |                   |
| 8 Mia Montgomery    | 14 Chris Moss       | 20 Chris Martin   | 27 Tyena Williams  |                   |
| 8 Sue Tackitt       | 14 Amy Swindells    | 20 Janelle Pehl   | 28 Darrel Dundas   |                   |



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*He tends His flock  
 like a shepherd  
 He gathers the  
 lambs in His arms  
 and carries them  
 close to His heart  
 ISAIAH 40:11*

*Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Audrey Moore, sister-in-law of Jim Dippary, who passed away on May 16, 2017; Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Rider, father of Camille Ingram and uncle to the Rob Coleman family, who passed away on May 19, 2017; Heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of Joyce Carter, our sister in Christ, who passed away on May 24, 2017.*

**Because He first loved us.**

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 Christie Davis, Office Assistant

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| <b>NEW MEMBERS</b>   |   |  |
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| <p><b><u>By Baptism</u></b></p> <p>Kyrissa Parsons<br/>                     Piper Parsons<br/>                     125 Whitewing Way<br/>                     Floresville, TX 78114<br/>                     512-698-4823<br/>                     karyssahodges@yahoo.com</p> | <p><b><u>By Statement</u></b></p> <p>Shirley "Ann" Burris<br/>                     377 US Hwy 181 South<br/>                     Floresville, TX 78114<br/>                     210-722-8189<br/>                     thatsmetoo@peoplepc.com</p> | <p><b><u>By Baptism</u></b></p> <p>Mac Gleeson<br/>                     Jewel Gleeson<br/>                     6017 FM 537<br/>                     Floresville, TX 78114<br/>                     830-391-3590 (Mac)<br/>                     830-391-3595 (Jewel)<br/>                     jbgleeson@felpsis.net</p> |

**THANK YOU!**

Just a note of thanks to you and your people for your faithful generosity to South Texas Children's Home ministries. We deeply appreciate the support and the heart from which it comes. We are so glad to partner with you and your people.

By His grace, Tim Williams, Director of Church Relations



welcome little ones

Congratulations to  
**Ashley & Jaime Aleman**,  
 big sister *Olivia*,  
 grandparents *Bill & Jennifer Varnon*,  
 great-grandparents  
*Bob & Barbara Herndon*, and  
 numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins  
 on the arrival of a baby girl,

**VIVIAN JAMES**

born May 26, 2017, at 1:05 pm.  
 8 lbs, 2 oz.

Congratulations to  
**Eric & Carolyn Nickles**,  
 big sisters *Mia*  
 and *Sara Beth*,  
 and grandparents,  
*Bob & Judy Whitley*,  
 on the arrival of a baby girl,

**TESSA LYNN**

born May 31, 2017, at 12:58 pm.  
 10 lbs 8 oz.

Dear FBC Youth,  
 Thank you for the cookie recipe!! We are headed out for a road trip and I wanted something yummy for a travel treat. Good blessings to you for your camp. I will say a prayer for you!

Elaine Stephens

(\*Elaine Stephens gave the youth a donation for camp at the recent bake sale, and later contacted us for an oatmeal cookie recipe. She is a resident of La Vernia.)

| BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE | Actual Giving Receipts | Required to Meet Budget |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| April 2017         | \$ 56,117.76           | \$ 55,724.83            |
| YTD thru April     | \$ 213,792.39          | \$ 222,899.32           |

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