



# First Edition

First Baptist Church

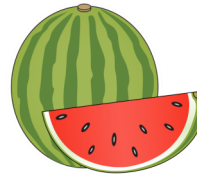
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## Summertime Fabulous Fifth Sunday Luncheon

Summer has arrived! With July being a 5-Sunday month, let's celebrate summer with our church family during our Fabulous Fifth Sunday luncheon!

Plan to stay after our combined 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, July 30, 2017, for a fellowship meal filled with a variety of summer treats.

The church will provide all-beef, grilled hot dogs with all the fixin's, and everyone else is asked to bring their favorite summer-themed side dish or dessert. Each adult Bible study class will be contacted about what type of food is suggested that they bring.



Let's all make plans to gather as a church family to spend some time together while enjoying some yummy favorite summer treats. Remember, on the last Sunday of 5-Sunday months, we all worship together in one combined service. There will be NO 8:00 am worship service this day. Come for 9:15 am Bible study, stay for worship at 10:30 am and our fellowship lunch.

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## Vacation Bible School Report

FBC had another great week of Vacation Bible School (VBS) this year! The halls were full of eager children wanting to learn about Jesus! And all of our faithful servants (over 88 adult and youth volunteers) did not disappoint them! What a great team we had to minister to all these little ones that passed through our doors! (We had 167 children on Monday. Wow!) We actively practiced our gardening skills by planting many seeds, and watering others; this resulted in 7 children accepting Jesus into their little hearts! It makes you want to shout, "AMEN!"

Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the work and prayers put into this great outreach program. We at FBC love our community, and what better way to show them than by telling our little ones about Jesus! The children collected over 350 pounds of food which was donated to our own Floresville Food Pantry and Resource Center. What a blessing!

Giving God ALL the Glory!  
~ Mrs. Joyce Hurt



In honor of **Independence Day**  
The church office will be closed on  
Monday and Tuesday, July 3-4, 2017.

Join us in honoring mom-to-be



**STACEY MOSS O'LEARY**

as she and Shawn await the arrival of their baby boy

**SHAWN O'LEARY III.**

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

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

## 5 Ways Christian Families Can “Live On Mission”

*My family can't live on mission. We're too human. My kids fight, and I yell at them for fighting. I can't even keep up with laundry. Sound familiar?*

### The Big Fat Lie About Missions

A friend said those words standing at my front door, but she didn't know that five minutes earlier I was arguing with my teen and dealing with a whiny second grader. Some days in my loud and messy house I know we live out this grace thing in ugly ways. We often think we have to have it all together before we can do something for God. And if we believe this lie, then we're right in one way—we will never fulfill God's mission for our family.

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### The Starting Point for Serving God

Living on mission doesn't start with doing something for God; it begins with what He has done for us. “Is my family called to missions?” is the wrong question because it was answered long ago. It's simple. God called all of us—families included—to welcome others into His family. As Ann Dunagan said, “God's mission for the family is expanding God's family.” We are called to go in spite of our mess. God wants obedience, not perfection. Consider these five ways to serve with your family.

#### 1. Brainstorm Ways to Serve

One conversation can make a world of difference. Sit with your kids and talk about what it means to live on mission and the call to grow God's family. Talk about ways you can do this as a family. Pray together.

#### 2. Write a Family Mission Statement

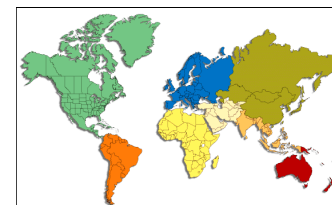
Start by completing this statement, “We believe God wants us to do \_\_\_\_\_ this year.” Then decide how you can answer this call in your own family, with your neighbors and friends, at church and around the world.

#### 3. Put the Mission Statement on Display

Work together to create a fun and artistic display for your mission statement in a place where the family can see it. (We painted ours on an old pallet.)

#### 4. Hang a World Map

Find a world map and place it in your home where everyone can see it. Choose a country for which you will pray. Learn about the people, culture and religion. Ask God to bless this people group. You can also do things like find a recipe from the country and cook it for dinner, or celebrate a tradition from their culture.



#### 5. Bless Your Neighbors

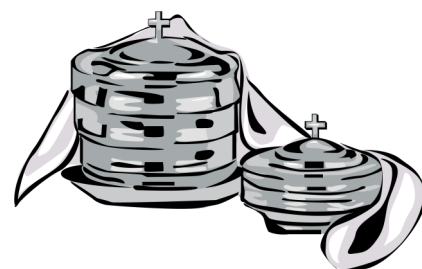
Choose a neighbor to bless in some way. Maybe he is elderly and needs help with yard work, or maybe she has a new baby, and a meal or plate of cookies will bless her.

Anytime is the right time to focus your family on the mission God has given you.

Article courtesy of [HomeLife](#) magazine.

## Children's Ministry Summer News

- **I'm a Christian Now!** - Mrs. Joyce Hurt will begin teaching *I'm a Christian Now* for boys and girls on Sunday, July 9, 2017, during the Bible study hour at 9:15 am. Parents, please contact Joyce if you would like for your child to experience this class that will prove to be foundational to their faith in Christ.
- **Preteen Camp Donations Requested** - Our 3rd-6th grade students will attend Preteen Camp on July 24-27, 2017, at Highland Lakes Camp. While all of our camper spots are full, we are still in need of donations to help families defray the cost of camp. Parents, your child's \$50 deposit is due immediately, and please watch your mail for a letter that will contain the final details for this trip. If you have any questions after receiving the letter, please contact Joyce Hurt at 830-391-0262 with any questions.
- **NO July Kids' Movie Night**—Because the dates for Kids' Movie Night and Preteen Camp overlap, there will be no movie night in July.



### Lord's Supper Service

Sunday, July 9, 2017  
10:30 am

*There will be NO 8:00 am  
worship service this day.*

## Wednesday Night Supper Teams

While summer flies by so quickly, thoughts turn to the fall semester and logistics for Wednesday nights. There is a need for at least two additional cooking teams for our Wednesday Night Supper program. This would allow for five teams to rotate through the months and relieve some of the burden of cooking every four weeks. Even if you have never cooked for 100+ people before, please realize that it can be done. The biggest challenge sometimes is thinking of what the menu would be, and there is help in that regard. Suggested menus are available with the entire meal lined out, including how much to buy of each item and the timeline within which to cook the food. There is NEVER any money spent out of your own pocket. The church always pays for the food. The only thing you donate is your time and talent, which is not taken lightly. It does take work to prepare the food and clean up after, but there is always help from other people to clean afterwards.



If you or a team from your Bible study class would like to volunteer, or if you would simply be willing to assist a cooking team, please call Penny Smith at the office. There is tremendous satisfaction in feeding our church members, both body and soul.

## Summer Life Groups

A new summer Life Group course will begin on July 12, 2017, at 6:30 pm in the God's Playhouse classroom. Sam Hurt will facilitate *Think Differently*, by James MacDonald, a course that will help its participants change their thinking based upon the truth of Jesus and the gospel. The cost of the workbook is \$13.00.

Thomas and Sherrie Welfel will continue to facilitate *Institute in Basic Life Principles* on Wednesdays from 5:00 pm—6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This course will help the participant understand that by discovering the root causes of conflict, we can enjoy lasting solutions. When we learn principles, rather than rules, we can make wise choices and avoid failure.

The final session of *Set Apart*, the Thursday morning ladies Bible study, is scheduled for Thursday, July 13, 2017. The Thursday morning study will take a break until the fall semester begins.

Women of Joy  
Conference  
September 22-24, 2017  
Henry B. Gonzalez  
Convention Center  
See Donna Arispe for more  
information.



Ladies Tea  
Saturday, July 15, 2017  
2:30 pm—4:30 pm  
Fellowship Hall

## The Coffey Corner

FBC Family,

Ashley, Caleb, and I arrived in Belize on June 11th. We have spent the first few weeks getting settled into a rented apartment in Punta Gorda, about 10 miles from the Belize Training Center. An electrical team arrived from FBC in Floresville on June 25th, along with a plumbing team from Bullard, Texas. They have worked hard and have finished getting the rough electrical and plumbing finished on our missionary residence. We are now ready to pour the slab! Praise the Lord! A big thank you to both teams for their willingness to serve.

We are continuing to prepare for the start of the Belize Bible College in early September. We ask that you continue to pray for the College as we prepare to launch classes, and also pray for the continued construction of our missionary residence. If you would like more information on what we are doing or would like to get involved in what God is doing in Belize, message us or email us at [thecoffeys5@yahoo.com](mailto:thecoffeys5@yahoo.com). You can also go to [www.cten.org/aaroncoffey](http://www.cten.org/aaroncoffey) or the FBC web page if you would like to contribute financially to the school or missionary residence. We need about \$15,000 to finish the residence out.

Thank you all especially for your prayers.

~ Aaron, Ashley & Caleb Coffey



Caleb explores the site of the future missionary residence.

*"We do not deserve God's grace, but honest confession clears the way for God's radically amazing grace."  
1 John 1:8-9*



Aaron, Ashley, & Caleb sort books in the Belize Bible College's library.



Teams from churches in Floresville and Bullard installing plumbing and electrical for the missionary residence.

## Schedule of Events

# July 2017

### 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

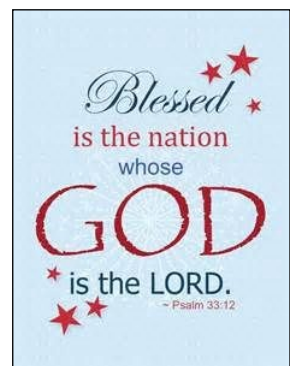
- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Ladies Bible Study Thursdays at 10:30 am Last session 7/13 til fall
- Sr. Adult Game Day Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am

\* Deacon of the Week

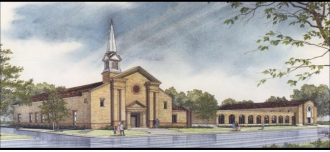
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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*Bob Whitley	Office Closed					Deacons Mtg 8am O'Leary Baby Shower 10am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Youth Cree NOON *David Arispe	Creative Hands 10am			FV Nursing Home 3:30	Fun Bunch Dinner/Movie	Christmas in July Tea 2:30-4pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
*Ron Bluff	Creative Hands 10am	FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am		FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
*Darrell Bombei	Creative Hands 10am		NO Kids' Movie Night			Men's Breakfast 8am <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>
30	31	PreTeen Camp				
5TH SUNDAY *Darrel Dundas	Creative Hands 10am					

## July Birthdays

1 Sherri Bays	5 Shaun Murray	11 Ross Klespies	22 Julie Smith
1 Rick Remling	6 Bronson Fuller	12 Hayden Drew	22 Thomas Welfel
2 Catheryn Eichman	6 Jay Pullin	12 Kenneth Griffin	24 Elisha Canady
2 Dale Light	6 Barbara Trevino	12 John Pullin	24 Benjamin Huber
2 Destiny Rodgers	6 Mark Trevino	14 Carleen FitzSimon	24 Travis Purchis
2 Dalton Yeager	7 Luke Bingham	15 Greg Burkett	24 David Smart
3 Coy Baker	7 Stephanie Gilchrist	15 John Trabucco	24 Gary Uhlig
3 Margie Griffin	7 Barbara Herndon	17 Marie Eckel Orth	25 Iris Burris
3 Jennifer Jansky	8 Joyce Hurt	17 Clifton Rogers	25 Heather Keylich
3 Rose Losoya	9 Jerry Carnahan	19 Bobbie Wigley	25 Shelby Quinters
3 Jennifer Varnon	9 Joy Rogers	19 Keely Loeffler	26 Stacy Bowers
4 Mason Kotzur	10 Kollman Street	20 Lance Embrey	26 Jenny Downs
4 Ronald Brieden	10 Stanford Talley	20 Julee Smith	26 John Hineman
4 Gary Martin, Sr.	11 JoAn Bush	21 Sandra Roemer	27 Bradley Perry
		21 Virgil Russell	28 Ann Burris
		22 Emily Aguilar	28 Fawn Bednarz
			29 Gary Ragan
			29 John Risley
			29 Jentry Gillespie
			31 Lauryn Coston
			31 Justin Kidd
			31 Greg Parker
			31 Sophia Rodriguez



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# Condolences

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of John Hotson, brother-in-law of Janice Ring, who passed away on May 17, 2017;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Linda Keeling, cousin of Sam Hurt, who passed away on June 28, 2017.

Dear First Baptist friends,

Thank you for your prayers. God is faithful! We praise Him for my health care as He meets each need.

Ron and I know that God has plans for us. We want to be available and cooperative. Your faithfulness in praying is not only an encouragement, but a real part of the victory against Satan's attacks. (We will all understand more when we get to Heaven!) Ephesians 3:20.

Sincerely, Peggy Tipton



To my precious church family,

There are hardly enough words to thank you for your every expression of love. I thank you for your every prayer, for your visits, for flowers, and every beautiful card, and undoubtedly the best meals anywhere.

Thank you 5th/6th grade class for visiting me during Vacation Bible School! You are all so dear to me.

From My Heart in His Name, Sophie Rodriguez



Thanks so much to everyone attending the B-L-T luncheon to celebrate our 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 11th!! God's gift to our marriage, Jean Evelyn Hughes, and her crew created a wonderful event that was a real thrill to us! We liked the menu and thanks for so many good wishes and cards. For 61 years, we continue to love our church family! Praise the Lord for His blessings to all of us!

~ Carl & Lillie Ray

"Every good and perfect gift is from above!" *James 1:17*

### By Letter

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### New Members

#### By Letter

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congratulations  
on your  
new  
grand-  
daughter

Congratulations to  
*Barbara Estes*

on the arrival of a new  
granddaughter,

**Bella Gomez**

born June 19, 2017.  
7 lbs 1 oz.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
May 2017	\$ 51,444.19	\$ 55,724.83
YTD thru May	\$ 265,236.58	\$ 278,624.15

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