

First Edition

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Women's Ministry News

Hello all,

The Women's Ministry Team met last Sunday after service to discuss new ideas for fellowship and upcoming events. We have two scheduled events in August, and one in September.



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- ◇ Saturday, August 12, 2017, at 11:30 am - Mary-Ellen Long will be hosting a "Summer Salad of Encouragement" luncheon! We will be gathering in the Fellowship Hall. The theme of the Encouragement Luncheon is Psalm 68:19, *Praise be to the LORD, to GOD our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.* Mary-Ellen is asking everyone to bring their favorite salad and recipe to share with everyone! If anyone would like to help set up and decorate on Friday, please call 210-560-9642.
- ◇ Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 6:00 pm - The women will be having a Praise and Worship time on Wednesday evening. This will be set up at the Annex. All women are invited to attend. Catie Gillespie will be sharing more information for our W.O.W. (Women of Worship) event as we get closer to the date!
- ◇ Sunday, September 17, 2017, at noon - Plan and Pray Fellowship to discuss future Women's Ministry Events. Everyone is invited. We will be serving a light lunch. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:30 am service.

We will keep you posted with other upcoming events during the start of this new school year! I want to thank each of you who attended the "Christmas in July Spiritual Gifts". All who attended had a great time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642, and keep a lookout in future publications.

Operation Christmas Child

Back-to-school season is a great time to stock up on supplies to fill your Operation Christmas Child shoebox. Take advantage of sales and pick up a few extras of the following suggested items.

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| Pens, pencils, sharpeners | Solar calculators |
| Crayons and markers | Scissors, glue sticks |
| Small notebooks and paper | Socks, toothbrushes |
| Coloring and picture books | Hair clips, sunglasses, hats |

For questions, contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068.



Children's Ministry News

The Summer of 2017 is almost in the memory books! It's time for the children to move on to a new school grade. Hip, Hip, Hooray!

Promotion Sunday is August 20, 2017. A taco breakfast will be served at 9:00 am, and children will meet their new teachers at 9:15 am and move to their new classrooms. Parents, please bring your children on time, or they will miss out on the fun! As always, we will need to vacate God's Playhouse so the adult class can begin on time.

Promotion time is a great reminder to pray that our children do as Jesus did in Luke 2:52 - *"And Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man."*

**PROMOTION
SUNDAY**

August 20, 2017

9:00 am

Breakfast Tacos in
God's Playhouse

9:15 am

Promote to new classes

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

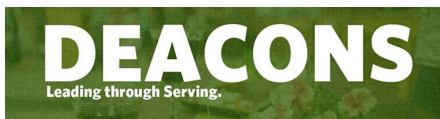
- ◆ **GOD RULES.** The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything (Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17).
- ◆ **WE SINNED.** Since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God (Romans 3:23). The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death (Romans 6:23).
- ◆ **GOD PROVIDED.** God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve (John 3:16). It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us (Ephesians 2:8-9).
- ◆ **JESUS GIVES.** Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18)
- ◆ **WE RESPOND.** We can respond to Jesus. "The ABCs of Becoming a Christian" is a simple tool that helps us remember how to respond when prompted by the Holy Spirit to the gift Jesus offers.



A—ADMIT to God that you are a sinner. The first people God created chose to sin and disobey God. Ever since then, all people have chosen to sin and disobey (Romans 3:23). Tell God you messed up and you are sorry for doing your own thing and turning away from Him through your thoughts, words, and actions. Repent, turn away from your sin (Acts 3:19; 1 John 1:9). Repent doesn't just mean turning from doing bad things to doing good things. It means turning from sin and even from your own good works and turning to Jesus, trusting only in Him to save you.

B—BELIEVE that Jesus is God's Son and receive God's gift of forgiveness from sin. You must believe that only Jesus can save you and you cannot save yourself from your sin problem—not even by praying to God, going to church, or reading your Bible. Your faith or your trust is only in Jesus and what He did for you through His life, death, and resurrection (Acts 16:31; Acts 4:12; John 14:6; Ephesians 2:8-9).

C—CONFESS your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Tell God and tell others what you believe. If Jesus is your Savior, you are trusting only in Him to save you. Jesus is also Lord, which means He is in charge and calling the shots in your life. You can start following Him and doing what He says in the Bible. You are born again into a new life and look forward to being with God forever (Romans 10:9-10,13).



The Deacon Body will meet together on Saturday, August 19, 2017, at 8:00 am. All deacons are encouraged to attend this meeting since they will be hearing a word from Pastor Mike Clements and choosing a new Vice Chairman.

The greatest among you shall be your servant.
Matthew 23:11 (ESV)

Business Meeting

Wednesday
August 23, 2017
6:30 pm
Worship Center

Members, please attend this important meeting. A minimum of 30 members must be present to have a quorum.



The Fun Bunch will travel to San Antonio on Friday, August 18, 2017, to enjoy a meal at the Olive Garden. Please meet in the back parking lot of the church at 10:00 am.



WOMEN OF WORSHIP

Women of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 30, 2017, for a Women of Worship (WOW) night. Come enjoy dinner, good company, and a chance to worship. We will be meeting across the street in the Annex (former bank building) at 6:00 p.m. There will be movie night for kids in the God's Playhouse classroom and child care for the little ones. We hope to see you there!

The Women of Joy Conference
September 22-24, 2017
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center
San Antonio

Featured Leaders:
Sheila Walsh - Angie Smith
Jenna Lucado Bishop - Liz Curtis Higgs
Natalie Grant - Charles Billingsley
Contact Donna Arispe or the office for more information.



WOMEN OF JOY™



In 1999, Dr. John Hallum led his church family, Eastside Baptist in Killeen, to seek out an "unreached people group" that they would faithfully support with prayer and monetary offerings through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The church adopted the Tu people of China. In 2016, Dr. Hallum and his wife journeyed to Qinghai Province, China, to encounter the Tu people. John & Jeanette are the guest speakers at the Gambrell Association's WMU Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 10:00 am at Jerusalem Baptist Church in Runge. All ladies of the Gambrell Association are invited to hear the Hallums share. A covered dish luncheon is planned for the noon hour.

Opportunities for Service


The church has been asked to share these service opportunities:

- Can you spare an hour or two a week to make a difference in a child's life? As a volunteer with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), you will sit with a struggling young student and listen to them read and help them with words and comprehension. We have our "America Reads" program in all five Wilson County schools. To learn more, contact the RSVP Wilson County Volunteer Coordinator at (830) 947-3465 or email deljeanbauer@gmail.com. RSVP is sponsored by Texas Lutheran University and is housed at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church in Seguin.
- Georgia Tuma is completing the Master of Social Work program at UTSA, and is currently in an internship with Compassus Hospice and Palliative Care. There are many patients in our area receiving services from Compassus, and they feel isolated. Georgia has been assigned 5 patients in our area, and once her internship is over at the end of the month, her patients will no longer have an appointed volunteer. Georgia is actively seeking volunteers to fill the gap that will be left in the lives of these patients once she leaves. Contact Janet Garza at (210) 632-5097 or Skylar Vanderhoof at (210) 731-0505, or visit <http://compassus.com/volunteers/>.

Youth Happenings

It's that time of year, students. You'll all be back to school in no time, so let's make the most of what's left of the summer and go back to school with a splash! Grab your towel, a dark t-shirt, and head over to the home of Matt & Rebekah Street (148 Abrego Lake Drive) this Saturday, August 5, 2017, from 6:00-9:00 pm. Although promotion is still a few weeks away, incoming 7th graders are welcome to join us for this fun event!



 Also, FBC's youth choir will be leading in worship at Crossroads Baptist Church in San Antonio (8300 Tezel Rd.) on Sunday evening, August 6, 2017, at 5:30 pm. We'd love to have folks come out and support these students as they lead in worship for another congregation.

Additionally, the Mighty Tiger Band has begun rehearsals for the fall marching season. As we've done in previous years, FBC will be providing a hot dog dinner to all 250+ band and color guard students this Thursday, August 3, 2017, during their 5:00 pm dinner break. Contact the office if you'd like to help serve. Please pray that these students see Christ in us as we serve them.



“Coffey News”

- *We have made it to Belize! We arrived on June 11th. We have spent the last month or so getting settled in and adjusting to a new culture and way of life. Though it has been challenging, it has also been incredibly rewarding.*
- *We have been hard at work preparing to begin classes for the Belize Bible College on August 28th.*
- *We have also been building our missionary residence. Thanks to teams from Flint Baptist Church, FBC Floresville, and a plumbing team from Bullard, TX, we have been able to build a roof, run the electrical and plumbing, and pour the slab. Praise the Lord! Although we still have a ways to go on the missionary residence, we are encouraged by the willingness of others to serve.*

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELIZE...

- The Classroom building will be completed this month - just in time for the first classes to begin August 28th!
- Ashley will begin teaching music on August 28th. She will teach classes in the college as well as private piano and voice lessons.
- Caleb took a kindergarten placement test at Toledo Christian Academy and was given the go-ahead by school administration to begin kindergarten in September! Praise the Lord!
- God is doing some great things in Belize. There have been non-stop teams at the Training Center since we arrived and we have met some great people. We have enjoyed getting to know them and ministering alongside them.
- Caleb is adjusting well. There are a lot of children around and he loves that. He loves going to new places and meeting new people, especially in the villages.
- The missionary residence is coming along. A special thanks to all who have helped so far with the construction. God continues to provide and we are amazed at the ways He works.



We need your help!

- Please continue to pray for the preparation and start of the fall semester of the Bible College. Pray that God will continue to send us students.
- Pray about becoming a monthly supporter and being a part of our team. We only need \$500 in monthly donations to reach our 80% goal for monthly support .
- Pray that the remainder of the finances to complete the missionary residence will come in. We need \$15,000!
- Continue to pray for finances to purchase a second vehicle. \$6,000
- Pray about becoming a sponsor for a Belizean student to attend the Bible College. For \$1,500 you can sponsor a student and help that student achieve their goal of receiving a Bible degree and impacting the nation of Belize for Christ. These students are the future of Belize!

Schedule of Events

August 2017

Sunday

- 8:00—Worship Service (except Lord's Supper and 5th Sundays)
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service
- 3:00—Veterans Home except 2nd Sunday
- 5:00—Youth Choir
- 6:00—Monthly Movie (1st Sunday only) or Sunday home groups







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
On break until 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
		1	2 Nominatng Cree 6pm	3 Feed the FHS Band 5pm	4	5 Youth Party @ Streets 6-9pm
6 Youth Cree & Finance NOON Movie Night *Danny Fenner	7 Creative Hands 10am	8	9	10 FV Nursing Home 3:30	11	12 Ladies Salad Luncheon 11:30am
13 *Amos Garcia	14 Creative Hands 10am	15 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	16	17 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	18  Fun Bunch Dinner/Movie	19 Deacon's Meeting 8am
20 Baptism  *Bob Herndon	21 Creative Hands 10am 	22	23 Business Mtg 6:30pm	24	25	26 Men's Breakfast 8am 
27 *Otto Hierholzer	28 Creative Hands 10am	29	30 Kids' Movie Night 5:30pm W.O.W Ladies Event 6pm	31 		

August Birthdays

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|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Robbie Reed | 10 Priscilla Kincaid | 14 Sally Riggs | 20 Herlinda Laijas | 27 Mary Grace Klespies |
| 3 Denise Smart | 10 James Kotzur | 14 Shynelle Taggs | 21 Ginger Lowak | 28 Gina Evans |
| 5 Donna Arispe | 10 Tiffany Minard | 15 Laura Oberlender | 22 Kylee Copeland | 28 Karissa Martinez |
| 5 Matthew Ferguson | 10 Weldon Riggs | 15 Kathleen Seesengood | 23 Johnny Brannan | 28 Jim Dippary |
| 5 David Mahula | 11 Jesus "J" Losoya | 16 Gene Smith | 23 Rebekah Canady | 29 Clay Reed |
| 5 Ryan Vasquez | 11 Joshua Schroller | 17 Allie Bowers | 23 Joseph Myers | 29 Jan Johnson |
| 6 Taylor Remling | 12 Fawn Brannan | 17 Paige Deason | 23 Judith Smith | 29 Andrew Morehous |
| 6 Conner Addington | 12 Queta Garcia | 18 Ashley V. Aleman | 23 Connie Jo Purchis | 30 William Ragan |
| 8 R.E. Schiefelbein | 12 Anthony Quinters | 18 Brenton Huber | 24 Sandra Detamore | 30 Brandon Freeman |
| 8 Brennen Light | 13 Brenda Fenner | 18 Janice Joslin | 24 Kaylianna Huber | |
| 8 Makayla Roberson | 14 Tommie Cox | 18 Mykayla Swindells | 25 Blake Brieden | |
| 8 Abby Sellers | 14 Kelly Evans | 19 Glenda Whitley | 25 Allison Clements | |
| 9 Adysen Pelech | 14 Sandra Garcia | 19 Tiffany Ward | 25 Ariel Howard | |
| 9 Matthew Uhlig | 14 Jeremy Keylich | 20 Chrystal Eckel | 27 Randy Bourland | |



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Congratulations to Patrick McKeen who was selected to represent the Wilson County Farm Bureau at last month's Texas Farm Bureau's 54th annual Youth Leadership Conference this summer at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.
Way to go, Patrick!

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Jane Moyers Garcia, grandmother of Catie Gillespie, who passed away on July 27, 2017.

Condolences



Fall Semester 2017

The fall semester will kick off on Wednesday, September 13, 2017. Life Group classes, TeamKidz, TeamKidz Praise, Mission Friends, RAs/GAs, and Wednesday Night Suppers will all begin this day. Keep watching future publications for more information.

We are still looking for another team or two to step into the Wednesday Night Super rotation in the fall. So far, we have teams currently committed from the following classes: Jars of Clay, SAMs, Helping Hands, and the youth department. Meal preparation will be simplified this fall, and the church covers all of the expenses. See Penny Smith in the church office for more information.



BUILDING HISToRY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

July Payment Amount:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 291,205.42

*Take from among you an offering to the Lord.
Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord.*
~Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

Think About It.

When someone spends up-close time with you, does that person walk away thinking:

- A. you're wonderful
- B. Jesus is wonderful

If you're not pleased with your answer, what needs to change?

New Members

By Letter

Mike & Karen Whatley

By Baptism

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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
June 2017	\$ 47,105.61	\$ 55,724.83
YTD thru June	\$ 312,342.19	\$ 334,348.98