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# First Edition

## Carl Ray Celebrates His 90th Birthday!

Make plans to visit the Family Life Center on the afternoon of Sunday, October 15, 2017, from 3:00 pm–5:00 pm to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. Carl Ray. Help this special family celebrate the start of his 10th decade!



Join us as we celebrate the

**90th Birthday**

of

**Carl Ray**

Sunday, October 15th  
3pm - 5pm

**First Baptist Church**  
Family Life Center  
1115 B. Street  
Floresville, TX. 78114

*"No Gifts Please"*

## Ministerial Alliance Celebrates 500th Protestant Reformation

The Floresville Ministerial Alliance has been celebrating "One Lord Jesus Christ" throughout 2017 by commemorating the historical significance of the day 500 years ago when a feisty monk in Wittenberg, Germany, questioned the church's teachings. Martin Luther wrote his "95 theses" and nailed them to the door of the Castle Church on October 31, 1517.

On Tuesday, October 31, 2017, between 6am and 4pm, ten churches in our community will read through the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The schedule is as follows:

- |  |  |                                       |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| 6 am—Marcelina Baptist—Matthew 1-11    | 10 am—First Baptist Church—Mark 6-16   | 1 pm—First Lutheran Church—Luke 18-24 |
| 7 am—Floresville Harvest—Matthew 12-21 | 11 am—Sacred Heart Catholic—Luke 1-9   | 2 pm—El Mesias Methodist—John 1-10    |
| 8 am—FV United Methodist—Matt. 22-28   | 12 pm—Greater Bethel Church—Luke 10-17 | 3 pm—Northview Baptist—John 11-21     |
| 9 am—FV Christian Fellowship—Mark 1-8  |  |                                       |



Everyone is invited to participate in the reading of the Word at any of these locations. The sanctuary at First Baptist Church will be opened, and Tom Kuykendall will be our reader. Please be in prayer for our community as we join together across denominations for this special time.

Also make plans to visit the Floresville Event Center on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 11am–7pm for a community-wide celebration.

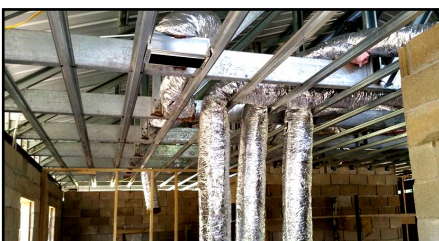
## The Coffey Corner

The Lord is blessing once again in the Toledo District of Belize with nine baptisms from Yemeri Grove Christian Church. We give God the glory HE deserves! We have been praying for a bus driver for the mission and church. Jonathan Supaul recently received Christ, was baptized in this group, and drove us all in the bus to San Antonio Falls for the baptism outing.



The Belize Bible College is 4 weeks into the first set of 8-week courses. Aaron is teaching Intro to Evangelism and Church History, and Ashley is teaching Music Appreciation and Class Piano to our students. It has been great watching the students learn and grow. We are truly blessed to be a part of what God is doing in southern Belize.

Caleb worked very hard over the summer to see if he could begin kindergarten a year early. He is now a proud Kindergartener at the Toledo Christian Academy. He loves school. Ashley picked him up the other day and asked him how his day went. He said, "It was GREAT!" We hope his enthusiasm lasts the entire school year.



One of our greatest needs at the moment is the funds needed to complete our missionary residence where we will live as long as God has us serving in Belize. We are getting closer, but still need financial help of about \$13,000 to finish the project. God has been so good to us and has provided for our needs, but we

wanted to share this need so that you know how to pray and support us. We want to thank those who have already given and those who are our monthly supporters. We covet your continued support. If you can give towards this need, we would be eternally grateful, but if you can't, please pray. We know God will provide for our needs. If you would like to give to this project send it through First Baptist Church Floresville and indicate "Belize Fund" in the memo line. Thank you again for your continued support.

Always for HIM, Aaron, Ashley, and Caleb Coffey

## Wilson County Collection Event

Wilson County will hold a collection day for any household hazardous waste, used tires, used electronics, and pharmaceutical waste on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 8am to Noon, at the Precinct 1 Yard at 142 FM 536 in Floresville. This event is for residents of Wilson County only, and proof of address is required. Residential waste only; no businesses. There is no charge, but some items cannot be accepted.

### What to Bring:

Acids, Antifreeze, Tires (with no rims), Batteries, Used automotive fluids (and filters), Household cleaning products (and those labeled "caution," "warning," or "poison"), Paint products (including varnish & solvents), Pool chemicals, Lawn & garden chemicals,

Herbicides & pesticides, Small appliances, TVs (no wooden console), Computer components & monitors, Pet Medication, Vitamins & herbal supplements, Prescription & non-prescription meds, Inhalers (leave all meds in original containers & black out personal information;

### What NOT to Bring:

Tractor tires, Agricultural chemicals, Large appliances, Containers larger than 5 gallons, Explosives, Large propane cylinders, Radioactive materials, Industrial waste, Ammunition, Items with asbestos, Construction waste, Household/office furniture, Oxygen tanks, syringes, sharps, & lancets.

## What NOT to Get Your Pastor for Pastor Appreciation Month

October is here, which means it is “Pastor Appreciation Month.” Pastors should be appreciated all the time, and not just one month a year. Because I am no longer a “pastor” as my full-time job, I feel some freedom to speak a bit bluntly about some of the gifts our pastors may be in jeopardy of receiving the year. If you have given your pastor some of these gifts before, don’t feel bad. There is no condemnation here—only grace. And your pastor really did know you cared, and was honored you remembered him. But I want to be helpful and encourage you NOT to get your pastor the following this year:

“Praying hands” décor—Hopefully he seeks the Lord for the joy of knowing God, for himself and his family, and for the church, and he doesn’t need another set of “praying hands.”

A leadership/church book you want him to read—He will likely wonder the entire time what deficiency you think he has in his leadership/ministry, and it will not be a relaxing read that feels like “appreciation.”

A tie—This is especially true if the tie has Christian fish on it. Or a decorated Christmas tree.

A Bible—He already has one. If not, you need another church.

A pair of tickets to a scrub matchup—Many pastors like going to games, but if you’re just looking for a charitable way to offload some tickets you can’t use, please don’t think of your pastor first.

A card with nothing in it—The workman is worthy of at least a Starbucks gift card.

## 5 Gifts for Your Pastors for Pastor Appreciation Month (and all the time)

While I am grateful for churches who express appreciation to pastors during October, it is far better for the pastors, their families, and the churches if the love, support, and encouragement is ongoing. Pastors sometimes struggle to point out particular passages of scripture because they can come off as self-serving, but that shouldn’t be the case as these passages are in the Bible.

*“Remember your leaders who have spoken God’s word to you. As you carefully observe the outcome of their lives, imitate their faith... Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account, so that they can do this with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.*

*Pray for us; for we are convinced that we have a clear conscience, wanting to conduct ourselves honorably in everything.” - Hebrews 13:7, 17-18*

1. Pray for them. The greatest gift you can give your pastors is prayer. Pray that the Lord will keep them to Himself, pure and blameless. And pray for their families as their families shoulder the burden of ministry alongside them. You can’t pray for someone and despise them at the same time.
2. Imitate their faith. Of course, this is a challenge for leaders to live holy lives in response to the grace of God. Obviously this does not mean that our pastors are perfect, but this does mean we should learn from our pastors; we should put into practice the faith we see displayed in them.
3. Follow their lead. In His providence, God places pastors in their places of ministry. The Lord gives them unique gifts and specific passion for the churches they serve and the communities they serve in. Their passion, sense of mission, and specific gifting will and should impact the direction of the church.
4. Pay them well. This is biblical. Too many pastors and their families are under unnecessary financial stress because some churches are not generous in this manner.
5. Help them love their families well. Don’t put expectations on them that would equate to neglecting their families if they actually lived up to the expectations. Rejoice that your pastors disappoint others occasionally by not accepting all invitations so that they may invest more in their own families.

A pastor never “clocks out.” A pastor is a pastor all the time. The responsibility is enormous as, to quote Martyn Lloyd-Jones, the pastor “is given charge of souls.” Let’s encourage, love, and support our pastors as they seek to faithfully fulfill all the duties of their ministries.

Both articles adapted from [www.ericgeiger.com](http://www.ericgeiger.com).

## Women's Ministry News

Hello all! As we see this 2017 year fly by, I wanted to share some upcoming events the Women's Ministry can join in to fellowship and serve! This October 11, 2017, at 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will welcome Char Hauser from Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii. This will be Char's second visit, and we look forward to learning to "Share Our Story—SOS!" We will share our stories about how we began our relationship with Christ, the difference He has made in our lives, and how to share our story with others! Many may feel unprepared or ill-equipped to share with someone what the Lord has done in our lives. Everyone has a story (testimony) and Char will help us share it with others.



Women's  
Ministry



We have a **Packing Party** planned for Operation Christmas Child on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at 3:00 pm in the home of Sally Gaertner. We encourage everyone to begin collecting items to fill shoeboxes for boys and girls around the world. Last month's First Edition newsletter contains a list of suggested items to purchase, or visit <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoobox-suggestions/>. Families working together to fill shoeboxes as a family activity is encouraged. Mark

November 4th on your calendar and join us for the fun and fellowship.

FBC has annually been involved in collecting items for Thanksgiving Baskets to help folks in need of some assistance during the holiday. We will be distributing these baskets on Saturday, November 18, 2017. The youth will assist us as we fill each basket, and anyone wishing to participate is definitely invited. Detailed information will be in the Sunday bulletin as we get closer to the date. Many have already signed up for the "baked goods" that we typically add to each basket. Those who have signed up will receive a reminder to bring the goods during the week of November 16-17, 2017. Please contact me at 210-560-9642 with any questions.

- Donna Arispe

## News from the Youth Department

**Bring Your Bible To School**—Focus on the Family is sponsoring an event where students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to school on Thursday, October 5, 2017. For more information, check out [www.bringyourbible.org](http://www.bringyourbible.org) or [www.fbcf.org/youth](http://www.fbcf.org/youth).

**Peanut Festival Parking Lot Fundraiser**—One of the youths' most successful fundraisers happens during Peanut Festival weekend. The students will charge \$10/vehicle on Friday evening, October 13th, and all day Saturday, October 14th. All funds raised will be used to defray students' expenses for summer camps. The youth could use the help of a few adults regarding directing traffic, handling money, and being a presence for Christ during this popular community event. See Scott Davis for more information, and sign up in the foyer to secure your spot.

**Fifth Quarter Fellowships**—There is a Fifth Quarter Fellowship scheduled for Friday, October 27, 2017. All 7th–12th graders are encouraged to attend this great time of food, friends, and fun! Come to the Family Life Center immediately following Friday night's home games (until midnight). Bring friends! What a great way to share Jesus with classmates and impact your campus and the community for Christ. The final Fifth Quarter Fellowship is scheduled for November 10, 2017.



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with **FRANKLIN GRAHAM**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017, 7:30 PM**

**RIVER CITY COMMUNITY AMPHITHEATER**

**FREE ADMISSION**

# October 2017

## Regular Schedule of Weekly Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Youth Cree NOON Movie Night  *John Long	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> WNS— chicken bacon ranch pasta	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Deacons Meeting</b>  8am
<b>8</b> NO 8am worship  *Shaun Murray	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	<b>11</b> WNS— pork country ribs  Ladies S.O.S. Event 6pm	<b>12</b> FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am  FV Nursing Home 3:30	<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> <b>PARK HERE \$10</b>
<b>15</b> Carl's BDay 3-5pm  Franklin Graham Crusade 7:30pm *Greg Parker	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> WNS— chalupas	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>   Fun Bunch to tour SA Missions 8am	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  Annual Assoc Mtg @ Yorktown  *Damon Shine	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> WNS— ham salad sandwiches w/broccoli cheese soup	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>   Youth Fifth Quarter	<b>28</b>  8-10am <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>
<b>29</b>  <b>5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP</b> *Carter Thomas	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>   Reformation Day				

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
- 4:00—Youth Choir
- 5:00—Experiencing God—youth
- 6:00—Monthly Movie (1st Sunday only) or Sunday Life Group

Monday

- 6:30—IBLP Class

Wednesday

- 3:30—TeamKidz
- 4:45—TeamKidz Praise
- 5:30—Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:45—Kids Movie Night LAST Wed
- 6:30—LIFE GROUPS/Praise Band/RAs/GAs/Mission Friends/Youth IMPACT
- 7:30—Praise Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting  
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

## October Birthdays

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|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Sherrie Welfel          | 9 Mikaela Talley    | 16 Wanda Whitis        | 23 Debra Jacques         | 28 Catie Gillespie   |
| 1 Carleen Mikolajczyk     | 10 Michael Simmang  | 16 Rose Lee Risley     | 23 Hannah Sawers         | 29 Charles Eichman   |
| 2 Traci Perry             | 10 Reid Whitley     | 17 Tammy Quinters      | 23 Debra Seidel          | 30 Glenda Bauer      |
| 2 Mike Whatley            | 11 Austin Coleman   | 17 Michael Wallace     | 24 Cole Gulick           | 30 Chris Varnon      |
| 3 Cheyanne Baker          | 11 Sandra Smith     | 18 Ashlyn Talley Meyer | 24 Tiffany Yosko         | 30 Aaron Mills       |
| 3 Tracie Fuller Scheffler | 12 Carson Gorzell   | 19 Chris Banks         | 25 Sharon Collins        | 30 Judy Herndon      |
| 4 Dayna Koenig            | 12 Mark Johnson     | 19 Terrie Myers        | 25 Diane Smith           | 30 Christien Koch    |
| 4 Maegan Mahula           | 13 Beverly Hardin   | 19 Dorothy Perez       | 25 Jason Talley          | 30 Savannah Robinson |
| 4 Rachel Smith Kramm      | 13 Austin Light     | 20 Kaeleb Graham       | 25 Ila J. Walls          | 31 Justin Huber      |
| 5 R.G. Holley             | 13 Jeff Pierce      | 20 Clayten Pelech      | 26 Cody Houdmann         | 31 Galen Jansky      |
| 5 Chris Lawtum            | 14 Danny Talley     | 20 Sarah Trevino       | 26 Kristalyn Huber       |                      |
| 5 Candace Sellers         | 14 Peggy Thomas     | 21 Tiffany Light       | 26 Thunder Miller        |                      |
| 6 Mary-Ellen Long         | 15 Levin Garcia     | 21 Anna Belle Welfel   | 26 Tyler Miller          |                      |
| 7 Jerry Savage            | 15 Justin Kunath    | 22 Carl E. Ray         | 26 Mary Ann Schiefelbein |                      |
| 8 David Haverlah          | 16 Charmaine Haller | 22 Katie Smith         | 27 Jennifer Jansky       |                      |
| 8 Tom Martin              | 16 David Collins    | 22 Janet Martin        | 27 Brian Jones           |                      |



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Penny Smith, Office Manager  
Christie Davis, Office Assistant  
Marti Kelly, Church Custodian



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.  
- Psalm 116:15

Our sincere condolences are offered to the family of Robert "Carl" Metting III, brother of Barbara Herndon, who passed away on September 7, 2017;

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Joseph Robert "Joe Bob" Kolenda, Sr., brother of Kathy Mills, who passed away on September 10, 2017;

Deep sympathy is offered to the friends and family of Virgil Russell, Jr., who passed away on September 14, 2017;

Warmest condolences are extended to the family of Elenora Talley, mother of Stanford Talley, who passed away on September 24, 2017.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, food, and love shows to me and my family during the hospital stay and loss of my brother Carl Metting. I love my church, and it is here where I feel at home in the love and presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

— Barbara Herndon and family

**BUILDING HISTORY**

Original Loan Amount:	Sept. Payment Amount:	Current Loan Balance:
\$ 525,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 283,329.16

*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)

**Floresville Food Pantry Needs**

With the winter months just around the corner, in addition to non-perishables, the Floresville Food Pantry and Resource Center has requested donations of new (or like-new) sweaters, jackets, coats, and blankets. All sizes are needed. Donations may be left in the church office during office hours, or at 335 Alternative Lane on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am–2pm. Call 830-321-1151 with questions. There has also been a request for canned meats: tuna, chicken, potted meat, salmon, Vienna sausages, spam, etc. Any donation, whether non-perishables or financial, would be greatly appreciated.



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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
August 2017	\$ 42,458.09	\$ 55,724.83
YTD thru August	\$ 419,719.24	\$ 450,432.00