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40 Days of Listening & Reflection

Pastor Mike has been leading us through 7 Marks of Discipleship over the past few months. We have covered GENEROSITY, PRAYER, WORSHIP, COMMUNITY, SERVICE, and EVANGELISM. Finally, last week, he introduced SCRIPTURE.

We will be spending a few more weeks hearing about the benefits of being in God's Word daily, and establishing a plan for being more successful.

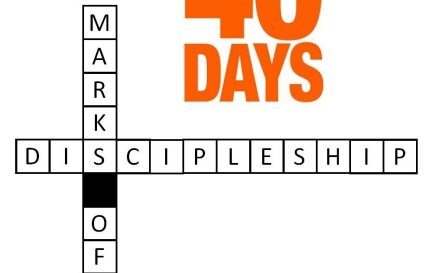
Life can get hectic. There often doesn't seem to be enough hours in a day to get everything done. It can be a battle trying to find time to dig into the Word and spend time reading. That's why Pastor Mike will introduce us to using technology as an additional way to experience the Bible.

Faith Comes By Hearing offers a smart phone/tablet app and a plan to listen to the Bible in audio form. Whether you're stuck in traffic, waiting to see a doctor, or on a treadmill at the gym, listening to Scripture daily can help you stay connected to the life-giving Word of God.

As a Body of Believers, we will have an opportunity to join together and spend 40 days of listening to the Bible and reflecting upon what the Holy Spirit reveals to us through His Word.

Faith Comes By Hearing®

Join us each Sunday throughout the month of March as Pastor Mike prepares us to take this wonderful journey together.



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DAYS



Time to Spring Ahead

Daylight Savings Time begins March 11, 2018.

Spring Forward!

The Deacons, Pastors, and their wives will share a covered-dish meal after the late service at Noon on Sunday, March 11th in the Fellowship Hall.



Save
the
Date

Tapestry of Tables

April 21, 2018—11:00 am

Tickets will be available
Sunday, March 18, 2018



Wednesday, March 21, 2018
6:30 pm

Business will be presented from the Finance, Master Plan, and Committee on Committees.

The Coffey Corner



Greetings from Belize! We have been super busy with teaching classes, both classes at the college and music classes. Ashley has over 18 piano and voice students! Wow! She also has one of her students, a young man named Denmark, who is hoping will one day join her in teaching music at the college as well as teaching private piano lessons. Denmark will begin slowly with a few beginner piano students this month. The desire to learn music is exciting and challenging. Pray for Ashley as she balances being a teacher and a wife and a mother.

Ashley and I have had the awesome opportunity to begin a children's ministry program called Bible Drill with the children of Yemeri Grove Christian Church on Wednesday nights. We began this ministry in February, and it has been a great joy already. It's truly a blessing to see these young children eager to learn God's Word and hide it in their hearts. As you can tell from the pictures, they are having a blast and can't wait for their first competition.

Caleb loves it in Belize and has lots of friends. He loves everyone, and loves it when kids come to play. We are in the process of building a playground for Caleb and his friends to enjoy.

We truly miss you guys! We think and pray for you often. Feel free to drop us a note anytime at thecoffeys5@yahoo.com. I know Caleb would love to hear from you!

Some of you have asked about care packages and mail. If you would like to send a care package or mail, please send it to the Arlington address and it will be shipped to us. This is the most efficient and secure way to get stuff to us. Send it in a box or a padded envelope.

Blessings from Belize!

Aaron, Ashley & Caleb Coffey
Missionaries to Belize

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Join the Fun Bunch this Spring

The Fun Bunch is planning to go to Kerrville on Friday, March 23, 2018. The bus will leave at 8:00 am from the back parking lot. We will visit Loree and Dave Clark's WICKS store, where a candle-making class will be offered to those who are up to the challenge.

We will also visit the Empty Cross/Prayer Garden, which is located along Interstate 10. Several have visited the cross before, and have expressed an interest in going again. We will also visit a favorite Kerrville restaurant. Sign up in the foyer to reserve your spot.



We have 33 people planning to travel to East Texas on April 26th for our Texas State Railroad adventure! We will be contacting each of you soon about motel expenses, which will be due on March 18th. Contact Pastor Terry at 830-391-3362 about either of these fun trips.

Children's Ministry News

NEW CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Beginning March 4, 2018, there will be a new check-in procedure for the nursery, preschool, and children's departments. All children ages birth-6th grade will be checked in at the Welcome Desk located in the foyer of God's Playhouse. Upon arrival, pick up your child's name tag and corresponding parent tag. Babies thru 2-year-olds will have stickers; preschool thru 6th grade will have laminated name tags. Place the name tag on your child's shirt (0-2 y/o—place on back of shirt; preschool-6th—clip tag on front of shirt). Take your child to their classroom. To pick up your child, present your parent tag to one of the teachers.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Families, enjoy a night out on us! "Kids' Night at the Drive-In Movies" is Friday, March 23, 2018, from 6pm-9pm, for infants-6th grade. Your kids will make "cars," eat a light snack, and watch a movie. Bring children in their jammies with a favorite blankie! Please feed your children dinner before this event. Email Darlene McKeen at mckmomma@att.net to receive a link to register your child. Registration will close once capacity is reached. Although this event is free, donations toward youth camp are accepted and appreciated.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Families, bring kids through 6th grade to the FBC playground on Saturday, March 31, 2018, for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The fun begins PROMPTLY at 10:00 am. See you there!

Youth/Student Ministry News

D-NOW WEEKEND

Our first event of the spring is a DiscipleNow weekend. Clear your calendar the last weekend of Spring Break, Friday-Sunday, March 16-18, 2018. The theme is "ONE" and we'll be diving into Ephesians 4:4-6. We'll welcome a guest speaker and enjoy music, worship, food, and most importantly, hearing from the Holy Spirit as we get to know our Savior in a more personal way.

FBC YOUTH CAMP ENVELOPE DRIVE

Help FBC's students attend Mission-FUGE camp at Houston Baptist University this summer, where students will serve their community through a mission project and grow in their relationship with Jesus. Camp is the week of June 25th-June 29th, and the full cost of the camp is \$350 per camper. Your generous donations will help defray the cost so that 7th-12th grade students may attend.

144 envelopes are displayed in the foyer - numbered from \$1 to \$144. Choose one (or more) envelope(s). Place the displayed amount inside the envelope and drop it in the offering plate. You may also return it to the church office. Contact Pastor Matt Keller at 409-656-3089 with any questions.

1-to-1 BIBLE READING

Students are encouraged to meet together each Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center to spend time together in the Bible. What makes 1-to-1 special? It takes place in the context of reading with other people. It is something a Christian does with another person, on a regular basis, with the intention of reading through and discussing a specific part of the Bible. It is strikingly simple, and incredibly effective. All students are encouraged to attend, and their parents are welcome to come see what it's all about.



Please pick up an envelope in the foyer and help a student attend camp.



Women's Ministry News

Hello everyone! It's amazing how time is flying, we are already in the third month of the new year! It appears as though some trees and bushes are beginning to bud and bloom! We have beautiful mountain laurels on our church property. If you have never stopped to smell their wonderful aroma, you are missing out! Take a moment to inhale that wonderful fragrance!

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the family game night last month. We had an excellent turnout and had lots of food and fun. This is a great way to meet your church family. We will be scheduling the family game night quarterly, so look for the next game night on May 26th. Even if you're not a gamer, come and join us for the food and fellowship.

Dates To Remember:

- Saturday, March 24, 2018, is our 4th Annual Plant and Flower Exchange from 10am to noon. Everyone is invited to share their plants and seeds. If you have gardening supplies tools or seeds to share bring them with you. We exchanged some very beautiful and exotic plants and bushes last year. Now is the time to get them ready! We will be collecting a donation of canned foods and nonperishables, all to support our Floresville Food Pantry. Remember everyone is invited to participate, bring your neighbors and friends. We will set up in the church parking lot.
- Saturday, April 21, 2018, is Tapestry of Tables time! If you are interested in decorating or hosting a table, look for the sign-up sheet in the church foyer. If you would like more information, give Sally Gaertner or Donna Arispe a call and we would love to share our Tapestry of Tables experiences with you. Tickets will be available for purchase on March 18, 2018, in the church foyer or with Penny at the church office.

Don't miss out on a very exciting upcoming event. FBC will be hosting the Gambrell Association WMU Spring Event on Saturday, March 17, 2018. The meeting begins at 10:00 am with lunch served at noon. We will welcome Kristin Gaither, the wife of Steven Gaither, our new Director of Missions. The WMU is the primary arm through the Southern Baptist world for communicating and educating churches about missions efforts all over the world. Join us as we are "Learning to Surrender Control." The cost is \$10. Please register by emailing judychildress47@yahoo.com before March 12th. Contact Judith Smith at 830-216-7007 for more information.

Remember, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer and on the women's ministry bulletin board regarding Sign Language Basics. If you are interested, please sign up.

Please remember to check the bulletin board near the Coffee corner for more updates. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068 or Donna Arispe at 210-560-9642.

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, March 17, 2018, from 8am to Noon, at the Precinct 2 Yard at 1005 Railroad Street in Poth. 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.



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Pastor Mike's Birthday 
* Deacon of the Week						
4 Monthly Movie Night  *Ronald T. Tipton	5	6 Master Plan Ctee 7pm	7 WNS Lasagna	8 FV Nursing Home 3:30 	9	10
11 Deacon/Pastor & wives luncheon *Bob Whitley	12	13 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 	14 NO WNS NO Activities FISD Spring Break	15 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 	16	17 Assoc WMU Meeting  DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND!
18 DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND! *David Arispe	19	20	21 WNS Bacon-wrapped Chicken 	22	23 Fun Bunch Kerrville  PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Parents Night Out	24 Plant/Flower Exchange 
25 *Darrel Dundas	26	27	28 WNS Hamburgers Kids' Movie Night 	29	30 Office Closed  GOOD FRIDAY	31 Easter Egg Hunt 10am 

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—Worship Service
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service
- 3:00—VA Home except 2nd Sunday
- 4:00—Youth Choir
- 5:00—1-to-1 Bible Reading
- 6:00—Monthly Movie (1st Sunday)

Wednesday

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

Weekly Events

- Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am
- Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm
- Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10:00 am
- Jesus, Joy, & Java Play Date
Fridays, 3:00-5:00 pm
- Sr. Adult Game Day
Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes
Mon, Tue, Thu from 9:30-10:30 am

March Birthdays

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

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Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Gene A. Eichman, father of Charles Eichman, who passed away on February 1, 2018.



Darrell and I feel comforted from those who sent cards, texts, and gave us words of condolence. What a blessing we received. God answered our prayers for a peaceful passing as we were able to witness Darrell's father's transition to Glory!

Blessings to y'all, Darrell & Terri Bombei

On behalf of the Charles and Bernice Eichman family, we would like to take this time to thank all of those who sent out sympathy cards and left your condolences on Facebook in regards to the passing of Charlie's father, Gene A. Eichman, on February 1, 2018. And a special "Thank You" to Bro. Mike, for sharing the gospel during the funeral service. The family sincerely appreciates all the wonderful gestures.

Thank you, The Eichman Family



Congratulations to Addie Lea Wahl, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 12th! Happy Birthday!!



CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR POSITION

Applications are being accepted for the position of Children's Director. Responsibility oversight includes children age birth through 6th grade. Applications are available in the office and will be accepted through March 12th at 10:00 am. Annual salary is \$5,000, and a minimum of 10 hours weekly is required.

BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:

\$ 525,000.00

February Payment Amount:

\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:

\$ 262,759.15

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)

New Members

By Baptism

Matt & Lacy Perez

704 Sunrise Pass, Unit C

Floresville, TX 78114

830-321-1508 (Matt)

830-391-1240 (Lacy)

By Statement

Richard & Rachel

Rylee

612 County Road 301

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701-260-8140 (Rachel)

By Letter

Matt & Lyndi Keller

1210 3rd Street

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409-656-3089 (Matt)

409-656-8928 (Lyndi)

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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
January 2018	\$ 37,015.91	\$ 54,829.00
YTD for 2018	\$ 37,015.91	\$ 54,829.00