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Congratulations, Pastor Terry Smith, for 15 years of ministry to the Lord and to the First Baptist Church of Floresville. We are blessed to serve the Lord alongside you and Sandra!

Vacation Bible School—June 4-8, 2018

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner! Mark Monday-Friday, June 4th-8th, 2018, from 8:30-11:40 am on your calendar. VBS is for boys and girls who have reached age 4 (by June 4th) through the 6th grade. This year's theme is **Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus**. Boys and girls will hear that when they are lonely or feel powerless, when they struggle or worry, and even when they do wrong, Jesus rescues. Kids will study the Bible, sing, create, and play games, as biblical truths are interwoven into each activity.



As always, VBS is a FREE evangelistic event. Pre-register your kids TODAY by clicking on the link at www.fbcf.org/children/ or by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fbcfloresville> directly. Sign up quickly before we reach capacity!

WANTED!

The VBS crew is in need of the following items:

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| ⇒ Wire hangers | ⇒ Old umbrellas |
| ⇒ Brown paper grocery bags | ⇒ Clear Christmas lights |
| ⇒ Paper towel rolls / wrapping paper rolls | ⇒ Artificial tropical greenery |

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

The VBS crew is still in need of additional volunteers and team leaders. Visit the registration links and click on the volunteer button to register. Please attend the Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, May 6, 2018, immediately following the 10:30 am worship service in the God's Playhouse classroom.

BUILDING HIsTory

First Baptist Church purchased the Annex (the former Wells Fargo Bank building) in July of 2015, and we have been working diligently ever since to reduce the amount of debt we incurred as quickly as possible. Here's where we stand as of the date of this printing:

Original Loan Amount:	\$ 525,000.00
April Loan Payment:	\$ 5,000.00
Current Loan Balance:	\$ 254,608.93

"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)

COFFEY MINISTRY UPDATE

Belize Bible College

Preparing the next generation to know



What's happening in Belize...

- We were privileged to have both sets of parents here for the Easter break. Caleb really loved having them visit.
- We will finish up our first full year of classes at the end of May. God has truly blessed in so many ways.
- Caleb has a new play house and he loves it. He wants to play in it every day.
- We had our first children's Bible drill competition in April. It has truly been a blessing to work with these children, helping them hide God's word in their hearts.
- The children love competing against each other in Bible Drill. It amazing to see their hunger and thirst as they learn to memorize God's word.
- Mrs. Pat Murray has been teaching a money management class at the college this eight weeks. The Students are learning about Personal finances as well as church finances.
- It was an honor to have Zach Zajicek here in April to teach a two-week course on the Old Testament Historical books.
- We had a Bible College Rummage Sale/ BBQ fundraiser in April. It was a huge success as we raised money for the college.



We need your help!

- Pray about becoming a monthly supporter and being a part of our team. We only need \$1,000 in monthly donations to reach our 100% goal for monthly support.
- Pray for more students to enroll at the college. We currently have 9 students enrolled. We are praying for 12 more students for the Fall.
- Pray about becoming a sponsor for the college. For \$100 per month you can sponsor a student and help that student achieve their goal of receiving a Theology degree. These students are the future of Belize!
- The Bible College is in need of 2 air conditioners for the classroom building. They are around \$2,000 per unit. Please consider giving toward this need.

For all Bible College Financial support please send money to the following address:

**Flint Baptist Church
11131 FM 2868
Flint, TX 75762
"Designate to Belize Bible College"**



Send support to

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

Or online at:
www.fbcf.org

Phone:
830-391-0036

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Sudolcan Family to Mission Field

Paul and Sherry Sudolcan will be serving with the True Love Waits Philippines (TLW-PH) ministry based in the Philippines capital of Manila. The ministry goal of TLW-PH is to connect youth to God and His plan for absolute purity. This goal is accomplished by God's grace as the ministry focuses on evangelism, discipleship and leadership development. The TLW-PH ministry has been given incredible opportunities to minister to young people in the Philippines in both public and private schools. The message of purity is critically important to the Filipino culture and True Love Waits teaches that ultimately a life of purity comes from a heart of purity towards God. Teaching God's principles from the Bible about purity in school assemblies and small groups allows students to understand and accept God's definition of a heart of purity.

Paul's primary ministry focus will be:

- Equipping Filipino churches in their efforts to evangelize and disciple Filipino youth through use of the TLW-PH ministry strategy
- Developing, launching, and supporting new discipleship material for the TLW-PH ministry that is gospel-focused, effective, and reproducible
- Strengthening the ministries of TLW-PH through administrative support
- Encouraging and equipping the TLW-PH staff and volunteer leaders
- Supporting the TLW-PH ministry training process and working to insure the training material is effective, understandable, and reproducible

Sherry will be working with the TLW-PH ministry by loving and supporting the staff and volunteers and by discipling them in more informal settings. Paul and Sherry will be joined by their 18 year old daughter Hannah who believes God will be using her to minister in the Philippines as well.



FBC will welcome Bro. Paul Sudolcan on Sunday, May 6th, where he will share about their plans to return to the Philippines.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, 2018

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

Singing Men of South Texas

The Singing Men of South Texas (SMOST) are men in music ministry in Southern Baptist Churches from Austin to the Rio Grande Valley, who sing music that glorifies God, shares the Gospel, and encourages worship. The SMOST will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs on Thursday, May 17, 2018, at 7:00 pm. FBC Floresville will host this great event! After prayer and suggestions from a few folks, the SMOST sensed the Lord leading them to support our sister church and community in this way. Let's represent FBCF well for a great night of praise and worship! Our church bus will provide transportation for those who would like a ride to FBC Sutherland Springs. Keep watching for times.



Ladies' Summer Bible Study

Ladies, from May 23rd—June 27th, a Women's Bible

Study titled, "How to Handle Life When Your Hair is on Fire," based on the discipleship book by Claude Townsend, will be offered. Allison Clements will teach the class on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Green Room. Please call or text Allison at 830-391-0061 if you're interested. The church will provide the materials, and there will be no child care provided.



The Fun Bunch to Kenedy

The Fun Bunch will travel to Barth's Restaurant in Kenedy on Friday, May 25, 2018. Plan for a 10:30 am departure. Watch for a sign-up sheet in the foyer a week prior to the event.

Line Exercise Partnership

First Baptist Church's Tuesday Line Exercise class is jointly sponsored by FBC and Connally Memorial Medical Center. The group recently celebrated 5 years of partnering together to keep Floresville moving! The Line Exercise classes meet in FBC's Family Life Center at 9:30 am on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.





2018 TOUR
Rescued

October 5-7, 2018
Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center

Women's Ministry News

Greetings, Ladies!

I sit here trying to put some of my thoughts down, and I see why spring is my favorite season (after the oak trees finish producing pollen, of course)! Everything is green, flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing praises to the Lord, our Creator!

Last month's Tapestry of Tables was wonderful! Although the craziness of the preparations can distract us, the Lord was definitely front and center among us for the event. I would like to thank every single person who was involved in Tapestry of Tables. Thanks for making it a great success!

This month is a busy one with Mother's Day festivities and graduations. I would like to be the first to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the women in our church family and community. I pray that the Lord's blessings continue to shine with HIS LOVE and encourage each one of you!

Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, June 16th—Church-wide Family Game Night is scheduled for 6:30 pm in the Family Life Center. This is such a great way to get to know each other and snack on your favorite foods.
- October 5-7th—Women of Joy 2018 RESCUED Tour will be held at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Several women have already signed up to go! Reminder... if you would like to put aside some money for the conference, turn it in to Darlene McKeen or myself. The deadline for the group rate is July 5, 2018.

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



Students and Parents!

Send a text message to
81010 that reads
@FBCFST and you'll
be added to Pastor Matt
Keller's student alert
distribution list through the
Remind app.

Student/Youth News

Our students will attend LifeWay's MFuge camp at Houston Baptist University June 25th-29th. MFuge is designed to give students a mission experience that opens their eyes to similar opportunities they may have in their own communities, learning to live every day life on mission! During the day, students are challenged and stretched as individuals; in the evenings, they will build group unity over dinner, worship, fellowship, and youth group Bible study and devotions.

Fundraising for camp is well underway! We'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the envelope fundraiser. Any golfers can help by playing a round of golf on May 12th in our annual golf tournament. Hole sponsorship is welcome as well. See Pastor Matt Keller for more information.

ATTENTION GRADUATES: High school and university graduates will be honored in the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Families of graduates, please provide 8-10 photos (.jpg format) of your graduate on a flash drive to Kelly Parker or the church office by Sunday, May 13th, so we can put together a slide-show presentation. College grads, please include a recent photo and the college/degree that has been earned.

DISCIPLE-NOW WEEKEND: Students, our DNow weekend is back on the calendar! Mark Friday-Sunday, May 18th-20th, on your calendars and sign up to participate in this great event! We will have a guest speaker and worship leader, and spend time studying Ephesians 4:4-6.

STUDENT
MINISTRY



May 12, 2018

**Play a round of golf and
help our student ministry!**

Teams of 4. \$65/person.
Lunch is included.

Pick up a flier in the foyer.

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MAY 2018

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—Worship Service (not on Lord's Supper/5th Sundays)
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service
- 3:00—VA Home (not on 2nd wk)
- 4:00—Youth Choir
- 5:00—1-to-1 Bible Reading
- 6:00—Monthly Movie (1st Sunday only)

Wednesday

- 5:30—Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:30—Kids Movie Night
- LAST Wed of month
- 5:45—Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting/Youth IMPACT
- 7:30—Praise Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am
- Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10:00 am
- Sr. Adult Game Day
Thursdays from 1-4 pm
- Line Exercise Classes
Mon, Tue, Thu - 9:30-10:30 am

* Deacon of the Week

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Group Meeting 2 40 days	3	4	5
6 VBS Volunteer Meeting Noon Movie Night *Darrel Dundas	7	8 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	9	10 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry Nursing Home Worship Service	11	12
13 Mother's DAY Parent/Child Dedication *Amos Garcia	14	15	16 Group Meeting 3 40 days	17 SINGING MEN OF TEXAS SMOST in Sutherland Springs 7pm	18 40 DAYS ENDS DiscipleNow	19 VBS Decorating Day
20 *Bob Herndon	21	22	23	24	25 The Fun Bunch to Barth's	26 MEN'S BREAKFAST
27 Graduation Recognition 2018 *Mike Hopper	28 Office Closed MEMORIAL DAY	29	30 Kids' Movie Night	31 FISD's LAST DAY of SCHOOL		

May Birthdays

1 L. Glenn Jones	6 Faith Alther	14 Wesley Kotzur	20 Dawn Wahl	25 Luis Trabucco
2 Jacob Hill	7 Steven Boyd	14 Rebekah Street	21 Lois Brown	26 Marc Turner
2 Madison Posey	7 Paul Eubanks	14 Laurie Miller	21 Ray Rogers	27 Mendy Kiolbassa
2 Tricia Tipton	8 Rojean Rodriguez	15 Ashley Joosepson	22 Chandler Gorzell	28 Codee Baker
3 Randy Coston	9 Kelly Hawkins	15 Brenda Minard	22 Bonna Reed	28 Christie Davis
4 Thomas Harris	9 Janet Holt	15 Beth Price	23 Carolyn Nickles	28 Theresa Watson
4 J.R. Rogers	10 Ruth Baker	16 Denise Trabucco	23 Jeannie McCarville	28 Ernest Young
5 Cameron Herndon	10 Chris Pipes	16 Lilly Murray	24 Joseph Canady	30 Brent Houdmann
6 Micah Clements	11 Kristy Palacios	18 Michelle Hill	24 Gary Paul Richards	30 Karen Whatley
	13 Camille Ingram	18 Charles Kidd, Jr.	24 Ashley Seesengood	31 Bro. Terry Smith
	13 Marcy Jacobs	19 Kristie Drew	24 Justin Young	
	13 Chris Young	20 Windy Miller	25 Vickie Nieto	

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Because He First Loved Us.



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Marti Kelly, Church Custodian

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.FBCF.ORG

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Nitta Drewett, sister-in-law of Hulen Drewett, who passed away last month;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Merle Edwina Sears, mother of Scott Sears, who passed away March 30, 2018;

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mary Jordan after the unexpected passing of her grandson, Danny.



Deepest Sympathy.



Congratulations to Mr. Ralph Coston, who celebrated his 90th birthday on March 29, 2018! Happy Birthday, Ralph!

We hope everyone is keeping up with their listening and reflecting upon the New Testament. Plan to attend either a 6:30 pm Wednesday group meeting on May 2nd and May 16th, or Friday 10am meetings May 4th and May 18th. Keep up the good work!

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DAYS**

Citizen Survey—Karnes & Wilson Counties

Under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires communities to develop a mitigation plan to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from unknown hazards and to be eligible for certain grant funding.

**YOUR
OPINION**

Along with Karnes and Wilson Counties, the multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan will include the incorporated cities and school districts as participants, along with the San Antonio River Authority and other identified stakeholders.

The required plan includes public meetings to develop specific mitigation strategies unique to each entity. The first public meetings will be held in May with a notice in your local newspaper of time and place. In addition to the required meetings, the communities are conducting an on-line community survey to understand residents' top needs.

Hard copies of the survey can be found at the court house, city hall, and library. Please return by June 9, 2018.

Please visit <http://tiny.cc/hmap> to complete the survey online before June 9, 2018. The communities welcome your input!

New Members

By Letter

Mikylee Burris
494 County Road 310
Floresville, TX 78114
405-623-2269

By Baptism

Josh Burris
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Floresville, TX 78114

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
March 2018	\$ 57,974.51	\$ 54,829.00
YTD for 2018	\$ 145,980.20	\$ 164,487.00

**online
GIVING**
easy. fast. effective.



Online giving is an easy, convenient, and secure alternative to writing a check. Go to the church's web page, www.fbcf.org, or scan the QR code with your smart phone.