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WHY DO VBS?

Research has discovered that 69% of American parents (churched AND unchurched) would encourage their children to attend VBS if they were invited by a friend. Let that sink in a minute—IF they were INVITED. All it takes is an invitation? Wow, that's easy! What are we waiting for? Let's get started!

Here are some quick tips to harness the power of a simple invitation.

Start with Relationship—An invitation from a friend will obviously be better received than an invitation from a stranger. So encourage families in your congregation to invite their friends to come with them to VBS. A church-wide challenge to "Each One, Invite One" to VBS may be a good way to keep the goal in front of the congregation in the weeks leading up to VBS. Provide cards with the dates & times of VBS for church members to take so that they are armed with a reminder and the information needed to extend an invitation.

Extend a Personal Invitation—An invitation is a beautifully simple thing. A short, handwritten note, a warm smile, a quick phone call is all it takes. There's nothing time-consuming or intimidating about it. And according to the aforementioned research study, parents from all kinds of backgrounds and religious persuasions are generally open to their kids attending VBS if invited by a friend. Facebook posts, text messages, and emails may be convenient, but they're a poor substitute for face-to-face conversation. Get in the habit of making eye contact with the people you meet, asking questions to help you get to know them better, and issuing them an invitation to join your family at VBS.

Get Parents Involved—As you get to know parents, look for obvious ways for them to plug in to VBS at the same time as their children. Not all parents want to (or can) be involved, but there are some who would love the opportunity to share their gifts and talents. Others might be hesitant to let their child attend without them. No problem! There are plenty of ways to be involved. Do they enjoy taking pictures? Tell them you've been looking for a VBS photographer. Are they crafty? Invite them to help in the craft rotation. Plugging parents in gives them an opportunity to develop relationships with other adults and gives them the chance to see firsthand what's going on at VBS.

Know the Goal—The reason you want kids to come to your VBS isn't to grow your numbers. VBS is still worth doing even if only a few kids attend. The reason you want kids there is because the message of the gospel is too important for them to miss out on. Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel. One of the ways we do that is through VBS. Parents might allow their kids to attend thinking it'll be a few hours of fun, songs, and games, or maybe they think it'll help their children become a better person. But the reality is, God will be at work in your VBS. And the person you invite may just have his or her life changed—for eternity!

If the message is so important and people will come if we only invite them, how can we possibly not invite them?

Adapted from www.vbs.lifeway.com/blog.

2.5 MILLION KIDS AT VBS

70,135 SALVATION DECISIONS

155,344 PROSPECTS DISCOVERED

1,383 RESPONSES TO GOD'S CALL INTO MINISTRY OR MISSIONS

THERE ARE MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION VALID REASONS TO DO VBS. THESE ARE JUST A FEW:

- VALUABLE BIBLE STUDY
- 15 HOURS OF INTENSE DISCIPLESHIP
- SHARING THE GOSPEL EVERY DAY
- VOLUMES OF BIBLES AND SNACKS
- 7 MONTHS OF MINISTRY IN 1 WEEK
- VITALIZING RECREATION
- VIGILANT VOLUNTEERS
- \$6,526,962 GIVEN TO MISSION CAUSES THROUGH VBS OFFERINGS



Saturday

June 16, 2018

6pm-8pm

Family Life Center

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY - FRIDAY

JUNE 4TH - JUNE 8TH

FOR KIDS AGES 4 THROUGH 6TH GRADE

VISIT www.fbcf.org/children FOR MORE INFORMATION.



THE COFFEY CORNER

We have been in Belize for a year now. Wow! God has done so many great things. We have seen many salvations and many come back to the Lord. We have finished up our first year of classes. It's hard to believe a year of classes is over. The Toledo School of Music had its final recital before the summer break. Ashley has 18 students, and one of her students is now teaching his own students. The music school is truly making an impact in Belize. Thank You For Your PRAYERS AND SUPPORT as we continue to build relationships with people. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on July 1st!

Aaron, Ashley, & Caleb Coffey



SUMMER MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT—BRADLEY DAVIS

I would like to share about an exciting opportunity I have been given this summer. I have prayed and thought about it a lot and have decided to give my summer to God by serving Him on the mission field. God has given me an incredible opportunity to serve in Edinburgh, Scotland, with an organization called The Herald's Trust. My great aunt and uncle are missionaries in Dundee, Scotland, and they referred me to The Herald's Trust. I have accepted an internship, where I will be working for about 10 weeks this summer. I will depart from home on June 4th and return on August 9th.

The Herald's Trust (www.theheraldstrust.org) is an organization that is proclaiming the gospel in Scotland and in the USA through equipping and training up local believers to carry God's Word to the lost and needy. I will personally be spending most of the summer working with youth students in Edinburgh, doing after-school Bible studies and just creating healthy and Godly relationships. I will also be assisting with the planting of a new church doing anything that is required of me to further Jesus' mission. This is a life-changing experience for many when God drives what we know about Him from our heads to our hearts and then to our feet. The Herald's Trust also engages in the world's burning need for a Savior. Not only will I get to share the gospel there, but I will be better equipped to share more effectively when I return home and to school. While with the Herald's I will have a chance to be intentionally discipled so that I may grow in my walk with God. A summer serving in Scotland will be an experience of a lifetime. I am beyond excited and cannot wait to see what God has in store.



Before I leave to go on this mission trip, there are many things I have to do. First, I must pray and study the Word to help me prepare spiritually and mentally for this amazing experience. Second, I need people who will be my prayer partners during the entire process from now and even after I arrive home. Praying for me as I prepare to leave will have a direct impact on my ministry. Prayer is vital to everything in life, and this trip is no exception as I need prayer spiritually, mentally, physically, and financially. Third, I need to raise financial support. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,000. I intend to contribute as much as I can personally, however, I cannot do it alone. I am seeking financial supporters who will enable me to serve God on this trip.

Would you consider partnering with me by being a prayer and/or financial supporter? Any amount that God has placed on your heart will be enough; every little bit makes an enormous difference. Donations can be made out to FBC Floresville with "Edinburgh" in the memo line where it will then be sent to The Herald's Trust.

Would you pray about being one of my supporters? I am looking forward to seeing how God will work in and through me to fulfill His purpose this summer. I also hope very much to grow closer to Him to the best of my ability. Your prayer and/or support would mean so much to me. Thank you so much for taking the time to read this letter and considering your support.

SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

At a recent Business Meeting, First Baptist Church of Floresville (FBCF) authorized the creation of a Safety Committee. The Committee on Committees created this committee and recruited members to fill the new positions.

FBCF feels it is prudent, in light of recent events in our state and in our nation, to develop policies and procedures that, when implemented, will minimize or negate harm to our members and visitors in the unlikely event that disaster strikes.

The Safety Committee is charged with developing and implementing Safety Policy, a FBCF Safety Operating Manual, and procedures to implement the Safety Policies.

The Safety Committee has developed policies and procedures for the following unlikely scenarios:

- Medical Emergencies,
- Acts of God such as the following: tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, etc.
- Active Shooter.

Our initial focus is on greater monitoring of the Sanctuary, Nursery, and Family Life Center. Due to insufficient resources, we will only be able to cover Sunday School (Bible Study Hour) and second service on Sunday. We are currently working on procedures for Wednesday evening activities. We hope to have the Wednesday evening procedures developed to be implemented in the near future.

Our procedures include Greeters in the parking lots before and after service. The greeters will likely have radios to effectively and constantly communicate with the Safety Committee Chair or Vice-Chair. These radios are shock-resistant, waterproof, link with the National Weather Service, and contain flashlights in the event of a power outage.

Our future plans include purchasing and installing, in phases, fish-eye cameras at key locations along with equipment for a monitoring control center.

Our desired goal is to have in place procedures to react appropriately and quickly to minimize or negate vandalism and harm to our members and visitors.

If you are interested in receiving our current draft of the Safety Committee Operating Manual, please contact the church office.

If you have recommendations, suggestions, or specific questions, you can address them to Carter Thomas at carter.thomas@frontier.com or by phone at 830-391-6872.



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FLORESVILLE NURSING HOME A GREAT PLACE TO MINISTER

Every month, a handful of servants from FBCF conduct a meaningful worship experience with residents of the Floresville Nursing Home. Here are a few reasons why nursing homes are great places to minister. Perhaps this will inspire you to give this important ministry a try:

1. Nursing homes offer numerous opportunities for evangelism and increases your trust in a sovereign God.
2. Nursing homes put you in the presence of older saints who are persevering in the Lord.
3. Nursing homes put you in the presence of people who have hardened their hearts, rejected Christ, and may never again have a coherent thought.
4. Nursing homes open doors to new relationships with those related to or associated with the residents.
5. Nursing homes provide a ministry environment where what really matters takes priority. What then takes center stage? Things which really matter, like Scripture. And love. And prayer. And Jesus.

FLORESVILLE NURSING HOME WORSHIP

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH
MONTH AT 3PM



STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

Please be in prayer for our students who will be attending MFuge Camp at Houston Baptist University later this month. Pray that each student’s relationship with the Lord is established or deepened as they spend time away from home. Pray for the relationships that will be grown among our students, and with those the students come in contact with as they serve others through mission projects all over the city of Houston.

Parents, if your student is attending camp, please attend a meeting immediately following the 10:30 am worship service on Sunday, June 10, 2018. We will go over some last minute details and paperwork. We will have a notary available to help with signatures, so please come with your child’s paperwork completed EXCEPT for the signatures.

ATTENTION SINGLE WOMEN—Our students want to help YOU by tending to a few of your vehicle’s basic needs. Bring your vehicle to the Family Life Center’s parking lot on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, from 5-8pm, where some able-bodied students will check your tire pressure, fill your washer fluid, and give it a quick wash. Contact Pastor Matt Keller for more information.



FREE for Single Women of All Ages
CAR CARE DAY

Fill fluid levels - Check air in tires - Wash car

USHERS WANTED

The Usher staff is an important part of our corporate worship on a weekly basis. They are often the first faces to greet visitors and guests as they walk in the door to join us for worship. New volunteers are needed in order to complete the monthly rotation schedule. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact David Arispe at 210-275-8001. Different groups of men are assigned to each week of the month, and also to either the early or late service. This rotation meets the needs of both the ushers and the congregation.



**USHERS & GREETERS
 MINISTRY**



Wednesday
 June 20, 2018
 6:30 pm

Business will be presented from the Safety Committee. Any reports or additions to the agenda should be submitted to the office by Monday, June 18th to be included.

The Deacons, Pastors, and their wives will share a covered-dish meal after the 10:30 am service at Noon on Sunday, June 10th in the Fellowship Hall.



Heaven: an Eternal Place of Hope, Blessing, and Encouragement

*Begins Wednesday, June 20, 2018
 10:00 am*

Mary-Ellen Long facilitates this mid-week Bible study in the Annex.

June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2  VBS Workday
3 VBS Volunteer Meeting Noon *Damon Shine	4 FV Nursing Home Worship 3pm	5 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	6 NO evening activities	7 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	8	9
-----Vacation Bible School-----						
10 Youth Camp Parent Meeting Lunch Noon  *Carter Thomas	11	12	13	14  Flag Day	15	16 6-8pm  FAMILY GAME NIGHT
-----SBC Annual Meeting—Dallas-----						
17  *Ron P. Tipton	18 Church Council Meeting-Noon	19	20 Car Care Day 5-8pm Business Meeting 6:30	21	22 The Fun Bunch to Lunch & a Movie	23 Men's Ministry Fish Fry 
24  *Ronald T. Tipton	25	26	27 Kids' Movie Night	28	29	30 8am  MEN'S BREAKFAST
-----MFuge Student Camp @ Houston Baptist University-----						

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—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
- FV Nursing Home Svc
1st Monday @ 3pm
- Ladies Bible Study (begins 6/20)
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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 David Wallace	9 Karl Ledwig	14 Ellie Burris	21 Sadonna Burkett
1 Katherine Burkett West	9 Tanja Olinick	15 Justin Garcia	21 Ben Reed
1 Scott Davis	10 Holly Deaton	15 Austin Keith	23 Shelby Collins
1 Loree Dippary	11 Ron Bluff	16 Craig Davis	24 Joshua Mosier
1 Laura Klespies	11 Michael Moody	16 Cyrus Gleeson	25 Buddy Sellers
2 Wade Brannan	11 Abigail Richards	17 Fred Williams	26 Amy Riley
2 Chad Swahn	12 Wanda Drewett	18 Micah Brannan	26 Emily Morehous
3 Stephanie Holt	13 LaJuana Newnam-Leus	19 Denis Gonzalez	27 Chris Deason
4 Suzanne Houdmann	14 Linda Downs	19 Lauren Shine	27 Sarah Dundas
5 Albert Vandeaever	14 Chris Moss	20 Sallie Bluff	27 Tyena Williams
8 Mia Montgomery	14 LacyJo Perez	20 Chris Martin	28 Darrel Dundas
8 Sue Tackitt	14 Amy Swindells	20 Janelle Pehl	28 Grace Lanning

30 Winnie Talley



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Darlene McKeen, Children's Director
 Penny Smith, Office Manager
 Christie Davis, Office Assistant
 Marti Kelly, Church Custodian

WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.FBCF.ORG



BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
 \$ 525,000.00
May Payment Amount:
 \$ 5,000.00
Current Loan Balance:
 \$ 250,439.03

*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."*

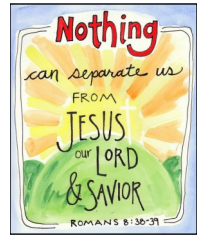
~Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

Our deep sympathy is extended to the family of Tracie Kellner Zuniga, who died on April 29, 2018, in Smithville, Texas;

Our sincere condolences are extended to the family of Jeanette Bamberg, sister of Carolyn Sickenius, who passed away on May 15, 2018;

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Addie Lea Wahl, who passed away on May 22, 2018;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Nick FitzSimon, husband of Carleen FitzSimon, who passed away on May 22, 2018.



Dearest Church family,

I am truly blessed to have such a caring, loving church family. All of your prayers, love, and cards help fill the emptiness I have in my heart at the loss of my grandson. But I know it is not a permanent loss, I WILL see him again in heaven.

Love, Mary Jordan

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, and messages during my surgery and now recovery from my broken hip. The therapist says I'm doing well and on target. Good to be home!! Looking forward to being back soon and greeting everyone. Praise the Lord for modern medicine and caregivers, especially Lillie and Jean Evelyn.

Love to everyone. Thanks you, Carl Ray

Dear FBCF family,

It was such a joy to see you again and to share our hearts for the Philippine Mission! Your generous contribution will help us greatly in our mission work and is a reflection of how God has shaped your hearts for His kingdom. Thank you! We look forward to staying in touch and keeping you updated with our mission work. Would you please pray for us as we approach our departure date of June 15th?

Also, if you would like to receive ministry updates from us, you can email us at pssontheweb@netzero.net and we will add you to our list of those we send updates to. Together, let us strive to bring the gospel to a lost and dying world for the glory of God and the good of all people!

Paul and Sherry Sudolcan



Continue to pray for Bro. Paul and Sherry Sudolcan as they prepare to return to the Philippines later this month.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
April 2018	\$ 66,426.67	\$ 54,829.00
YTD for 2018	\$ 212,406.87	\$ 219,316.00

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 easy. fast. effective.

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