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2018 Church Directory is Available for Pickup



The long-awaited pictorial directory is available for pickup. If your family was photographed by LifeTouch to be included in the church directory, you may pick up a FREE copy of the directory in the foyer for the next few weeks. If your family was NOT photographed by LifeTouch, but you would still like to have a copy of the directory, they are available for purchase at \$5 each.

Supplies are limited. Questions may be directed to Mary-Ellen Long about receiving a copy of the directory.

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 seasonal sales and pick up a few extra of the following suggested items.



**THE POWER
of a
SIMPLE
GIFT**

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| Pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners | Solar calculators |
| Crayons and markers | Scissors, glue sticks |
| Small notebooks and paper | Socks and flip flops |
| New, unopened toothbrushes (NO toothpaste) | Coloring and picture books |
| Hair clips, sunglasses, hats | Ruler, protractor |

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

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Greater Bethel
Missionary Baptist Church

Community Gospel Night

Saturday, August 11, 2018
5:00 pm

Paloma Place is designed to provide individual counseling and peer support for children, families, and individuals of Wilson County and the surrounding area. All services at Paloma Place are offered at NO COST to individuals and families. Services include:

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| Family Counseling | Individual Counseling | Play Therapy |
| Couples Counseling | Military/Veteran | Grief Support |
| Support Groups | Support for children or teens with seriously ill parents or siblings | Grief Camps |



PALOMA PLACE

Call 830-455-4840 or visit www.palomaplace.org.



The Floresville Food Pantry & Resource Center has moved! They are open each Tuesday & Thursday from 10am-2pm at the corner of 5th and "A." Call (830) 321-1151 for more info.

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An Update from Bradley Davis in Scotland

Thank you for your continued prayers! Since my last update, we hosted a group of pastors from areas around Atlanta and Chicago for a Vision Trip. Their goal was to get a taste of the culture and spiritual need of Scotland, and to evaluate possibilities of future ministry here. The team is nearly 100 percent on board with partnering with Scotland missions and are already making plans to send short-term mission teams. We participated in a few of the mission team's activities and worked in a "Street Café" in Edinburgh where we handed out free hot drinks, free Gospel literature, and talked to people about Jesus.



I have been involved in planting a church this summer. Crosspoint Community Church had its commissioning service on Sunday! A service that was expected to have around 50 people in attendance turned out to be 87 people! We had a great time with our new praise team (I got to break out my ukulele) and heard a great message about Gideon from one of the pastors from Atlanta.

Scotland has become a place that I cannot imagine not visiting again. I have made such wonderful relationships and have learned so much. With less than two weeks of time left here, preparing to leave has not been easy. There is much work left to do in this country. The people here have nearly forgotten their history of early Christians in Scotland and how they impacted modern cultures around the world for Christ (David Livingstone, Mary Slessor, John Knox, Eric Liddell, etc.). There is such potential for the Kingdom of God in Scotland; it just needs workers to plant and nurture the seeds.

Scotland is in great need of prayer. Here are some specific ways you can be praying for ministry in the area:

- Interns are starting to head back to the states this week. Pray for safety and courage to continue their work at home. I will return on Thursday, August 9th
- Pray that the Vision Team pastors will have open hearts to what God will have them to do in partnership with the believers in Scotland
- A mission team from South Carolina is arriving next week to do street ministry in Edinburgh during the Fringe (the largest arts festival in the world). Pray for their safety arriving here as well.
- Pray for the Deans High School students' summers that they will stay connected with us and aspire to serve
- Pray for Crosspoint Community Church as we continue to grow and disciple new believers



The Herald's Trust Interns

If you have any questions, please contact me at bradley@theheraldstrust.org. Thank you again so very much for supporting me in my mission to Scotland this summer. The Herald's Trust website: <http://www.theheraldstrust.org/>.

From the Coffeys in Belize

Dear FBC Family,

We had a great trip home! And we really enjoyed seeing each one of you on our visit to Floresville. We are back in Belize and getting ready to start the next semester at Belize Bible College on August 27th. Please pray for a great semester! Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We love you all!

~ Aaron, Ashley, & Caleb Coffey



From the Sudolcans in the Philippines

Dear Family of FBC,

We are so blessed by your support of this mission in the Philippines. Your passion for missions is a reflection of God's heart in you. We pray you will find deep joy as you invest in things that have eternal significance. May God richly bless your lives and the ministry in Floresville. Our hearts are so encouraged by your partnership with us.

Love y'all! ~ Paul & Sherry



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Women's Ministry News

Greetings, Ladies!

Well, it's that time of year again...back to school! August is always so busy with back-to-school clothes and supplies and activities. I know teachers are trying to prepare as much as they can in advance of the "big 1st day of school." Hope everyone had some time to enjoy the summer doing whatever you enjoy doing! Please be in prayer for all the teachers, administrators, parents, and those returning back to school.

We have so many new guests visiting and new members. Please try to encourage new visitors or members to attend and get involved in Women's Ministry activities.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Plan & Pray Luncheon—We will begin planning for Women's Ministry activities for the next few months. The Plan & Pray is open to all who come and enjoy fellowship. We haven't set a date yet, but it will be some time in September—after all the dust from going back to school settles.
- Women of Joy—The 2018 Rescued Tour will be held in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on October 5-7, 2018. We already have over 30 women signed up! It's NOT too late to reserve your spot. If you are interested, please call me. Tickets are now as low as \$109 per person, so add your name to the list. It's going to be a very special event!
- Family Game Night—This fun event is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018. Mark that date in your calendar and bring your family to a fun evening of fellowship and yummy snacks! More information will be announced.

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 Donna Arispe at 210-560-9642.

Friday Morning Moms Group

The weekly moms group will begin again next month. "More Than Moms" (formerly "Jesus, Joy, & Java") will begin studying the Gloria Furman book *Missional Motherhood: The Everyday Ministry of Motherhood in the Grand Plan of God* on Friday mornings at 9:00 am beginning September 7, 2018. We'll meet each 1st & 3rd Friday of each month at Helton Park off of Highway 775, and each 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at the church. The cost of the book is \$12. Darlene McKeen will facilitate this group, and she will have the books ready to distribute at the first meeting. Contact Darlene with any questions.

Wilson County Library Shoe Drive Extended



The Wilson County Public Library is accepting donations of gently-used or new shoes until **AUGUST 16, 2018**. Take the Family Challenge and donate 25 pairs! All proceeds will help fund future All-Aged Summer Reading Programs.

Contact the Sam Fore, Jr. Public Library at 830-393-7361 for more information.

Free Goldfish

Ronald Tipton has free goldfish available to stock tanks or aquariums. Contact Ronald at 254-749-4688 if interested.





SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING,
ARTS, MATHEMATICS

Friends of the
Wilson County Library
are sponsoring a

Maker Expo

Saturday, September 15, 2018
9am-3pm
at the
Floresville Event Center.

Contact Nicki Stohr at
830-393-7361 about reserving
an exhibition booth.

Peer-to-Peer Support Group

for Veterans



Contact:
Jim Schaale
830-742-2038
james@caminorealcs.org

Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255

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Darlene McKeen
FBC's Children's Director

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SPIRITUAL HEALTH
IS WHETHER A
CHILD REGULARLY
READS THEIR
BIBLE.
PARENTS, MAKE
BIBLE READING A
PRIORITY!

Kid Ministry News

It's almost unimaginable that August is here, isn't it?! It seems like just a month ago, my family was celebrating Thanksgiving, then Christmas and the birthday of our Savior. It feels as if just last week it was Easter Sunday and we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord. Surely it was only yesterday that the school year was winding down and we were excitedly looking forward to the slower-yet-still-busy pace of summertime? In the blink of an eye, August is now upon us with its lists and activities, with life increasing in pace until August 20th, when our children will excitedly enter school hallways once again.

As our calendars are filling up with to-do's and kids' practices, don't forget to set aside time to read the Bible with your children. Several times I have come across the alarming statistic that 70-80% of children that regularly attended church including church children's programs will leave their faith once they reach adulthood. A recent LifeWay Research study revealed that the number one biggest influencer of spiritual health was whether or not the child regularly read his/her Bible while growing up. Make Bible reading with your children a priority. Schedule it on your calendar. Choose a time that's easy to remember, such as during dinner time or before bed. Last, create a chart with boxes for your children to check off as you read. Last year I used a chart to keep track of my progress. The now completely-filled-in chart serves as a sweet reminder of what I accomplished last year.

~ Darlene

UPCOMING KID-MIN EVENTS

- August 16, 2018—Family Back to School Night at The Den in LaVernia—6:30 pm
- August 19, 2018—FBC Kids and Students Promotion Sunday— 9:15 am
- August 26, 2018—FBC Kids Volunteer Training after the Worship Service—Noon. Lunch and childcare are provided. Sign up at www.fbcf.org/children.
- September 2, 2018—First Sundays Kids and Parents Combined Bible Study. Watch our FBC Kids Facebook page for more info!



2018 GOLF CLASSIC

October 29, 2018
Hyatt Hill Country
Golf Club
San Antonio, Texas

Registration deadline is
September 7, 2018

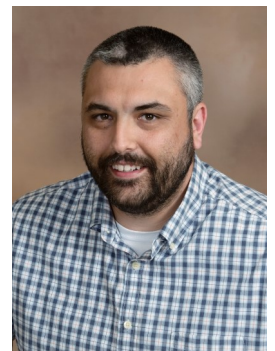
www.stchm.org/golf-classic

Student Ministry News

Students, promotion Sunday is August 19, 2018! Let's all be in Bible study that day to welcome the incoming 7th graders. Arrive at 9:15 am for a fun morning of Bible study.

The youth are planning a back-to-school outing on Saturday, August 18, 2018. Pastor Matt will take a group to New Braunfels to go tubing down the Comal River. The trip should cost \$20 per child. Watch Pastor Matt's REMIND messages for more information.

Sign up to receive Pastor Matt's messages on your smart phone. Send a text message to 81010 that reads **@FBCFST** to enroll.



Matt Keller
FBC's Pastor to Students

August 2018

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5 PreTeen Camp Recap & Movie Night 5:30pm *Amos Garcia	6 FV Nursing Home Worship 3pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Deacons & Wives Lunch Noon *Bob Herndon	13	14 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am 	15	16 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am Back -to- School Night @ The Den 6:30p	17 The Fun Bunch to Lunch 	18 Students Tubing @ Comal River
19  *Tom Kuykendall	20 FISD First Day of School 	21	22 Business Meeting 6:30p	23	24	25 8am 
26 Children's Dept Leader Mtg @ Noon *Marshall Livingston	27	28	29 Kids' Movie Night 	30	31 	

Schedule of Events

Sunday

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

Wednesday

- 5:30—Kids' Movie Night (LAST Wed of mo)
- 5:45—Praise Band Rehearsal
- 6:00—Youth IMPACT @ FLC
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting
- 7:30—Praise Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am
FV Nursing Home Service
1st Mondays @ 3:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study
Wednesdays at 10:00 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

August Birthdays

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

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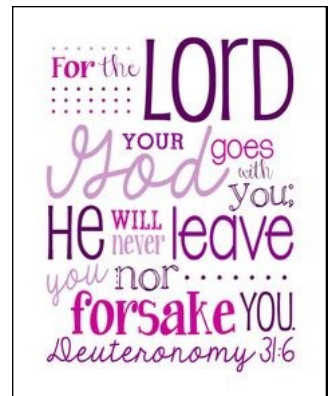
Mike Clements, Pastor
830-391-2016
Terry Smith, Worship Pastor
830-391-3362
Matt Keller, Student Pastor
409-656-3089
Darlene McKeen, Children's Director
Penny Smith, Office Manager
Christie Davis, Office Assistant
Marti Kelly, Church Custodian

*Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Jim Nabors,
father of Dani Hays, who passed away on July 1, 2018;*

*Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Margie Harwell,
sister of Mary Jordan, who passed away recently;*

*Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Joy Kilroy, sister of
Beverly Hardin, who passed away on July 4, 2018;*

*Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Edna "Eddie"
Coston, wife of Ralph Coston and mother of Rusty (Linda) Coston and
Randy (Karen) Coston, who passed away on July 23, 2018.*



We're on the web!
www.fbcf.org



Dear First Baptist Floresville Family,

Sandra and I want to thank you for the generous love offering you gave us for serving at FBC for 15 years! It has been an amazing journey serving alongside a very loving church family. We love you so much, and are looking forward to serving alongside you for years to come! We serve an Awesome God!

~ Terry & Sandra Smith

New Members

By Baptism

Brooklen Pelech
1806 A Street
Floresville, TX 78114
210-381-5810

Jeff & Lisa Barnes
210 Shannon Ridge
Floresville, TX 78114
210-376-8990

Blake Moy
337 Mourning Dove
Floresville, TX 78114
830-393-4812

Kailea Teigland
3267 CR 104
Floresville, TX 78114
830-393-0022

Donavin Teigland
3267 CR 104
Floresville, TX 78114
830-393-0022

BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

July Payment Amount:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 242,259.10

*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)

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
June 2018	\$ 50,180.62	\$ 54,829.00
YTD for 2018	\$ 312,878.47	\$ 328,974.00

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