

FIRST EDITION

Fall 2018 Life Group Courses



September 5—Pork Steaks
September 12—Sloppy Joes
September 19—Chalupas
September 26—Rigatoni

Dinner is served between 5:30 pm & 6:15 pm in the Fellowship Hall for those attending Wednesday evening activities. Cost is \$4/adult, \$3/child, or \$15/family. **Please sign up** in the foyer so we may get an accurate count.

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The fall 2018 Life Group semester begins Wednesday, September 5, 2018. There will be after-school activities for children and teenagers, and dinner is available at 5:30 pm for folks who plan to attend Wednesday evening courses. After dinner, stay and join a Life Group at 6:30 pm. The courses that will be offered are as follows:

Prayer Meeting—Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving (Colossians 4:2). Prayer is foundational to the Christian faith. Let's gather with like-minded believers and see for yourself how God answers the prayers of His people. The Deacon of the Week will lead this weekly time of intercession in the Fishers of Men classroom each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

His Needs, Her Needs—In the classic bestseller *His Needs, Her Needs*, Willard F. Harley, Jr., provides guidance for becoming more loving to your spouse, thereby eliminating the problems that often lead to extramarital affairs. Join facilitator Dr. Jim Browning in the Annex each Wednesday at 6:30 pm for this video-driven study for the married or nearly married. The cost of the materials is \$15 per couple.

Apologetics—Simply defined, "apologetics" is the defense of the Christian faith. Ron Bluff uses reason and evidence from the Old Testament Book of Genesis to seek out answers to questions about the Bible. You'll find this course each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the T.E.L. Classroom.

We Saved You a Seat (women's study)—"How are you?" In today's busy world, we're wired to appear "fine," warding off authenticity and shielding ourselves from judgment. We hide behind the hum of busyness to escape intimate friendships with the women God has placed in our lives. But we do want a seat at the table. Comparison, envy, and entitlement often stop us from pulling out a chair at the table. Friendship can be hard, making new friends even harder, and maintaining genuine friendship the hardest of all. In this 7-session Bible study, Lisa-Jo Baker explores our relationship with Jesus as the ultimate model for authentic friendship. So instead of chasing perfection, overcome your fear of being known and find the courage to connect. Join Sally Gaertner each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Green Room. The cost of the student book is \$13.

James: Faith/Works—James, the half-brother of Jesus, clarifies what the Christian life should look like for us all. The Book of James is filled with practical wisdom for Christians, calling us to live out genuine faith through good works, but it is also rooted in rich theology. This 13-session study examines the core message of James: the relationship between faith and works. Thomas Welfel facilitates this study by Pastor Matt Chandler (The Village Church) each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in God's Playhouse. The cost of the learner workbook is \$13.

The Quest (women's mid-week study)—We have this innate need to question and seek after what we don't know or understand. In this 6-session Bible study by Beth Moore, women will delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God. Mary-Ellen Long will facilitate this class each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in the Annex. The cost of the participant workbook is \$10.

More Than Moms (mid-week study for moms)—There's no such thing as being "just" a mom. God has designed motherhood as part of His greater plan to draw people to Himself—instilling all women, whether called to traditional mothering or not, with an eternal purpose in nurturing others. Join Darlene McKeen as she leads the Gloria Furman study, *Missional Motherhood*. Meet each 1st & 3rd Friday at Helton Nature Park (15662 FM 775), and 2nd & 4th Friday in the church's Family Life Center. Darlene will distribute the books the first session. The cost of the book is \$12.

The Coffey Corner

BELIZE BIBLE COLLEGE
Preparing the next generation to
know Christ and make Him known.



Coffey News

We went on furlough in June and returned to Belize the end of July. It was a refreshing time spent with family and friends.

Fall classes at the Belize Bible College began on August 27th.

Caleb begins first grade on September 3rd!

We recently enjoyed a visit from two wonderful young ladies. Adlai and Anna Belle visited Belize in mid-August. We would like to extend a big thank you to them for visiting us. We had a blast! It was good to have their help setting up classrooms and making some home visits.

Send Coffey family support to:

First Baptist Church
1115 B. Street
Floresville, TX 78114

Or online at:
www.fbcf.org

"Designate to Belize Fund"

Contact us at:
830-391-0036
thecoffeys5@yahoo.com

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BELIZE...

The School of Music will resume classes on Monday, September 3, 2018.

The first eight weeks of the Fall semester, the following courses will be offered at the Belize Bible College: the Book of Acts, Human Growth and Development, Technology for Ministry, Worship Music and Class Piano.

Zach Zajicek, who is on staff at Norwood Heights Baptist Church in Palestine, is here to teach a two week course on the Book of Acts.

We hosted a rummage sale on August 11th to benefit the college. It was a huge success! We raised over \$1,500 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 8 students enrolled. Pray for more!!

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!

Pray for direction for our family and the Belize Bible College!



For all **Bible College** financial support please send contributions to the following address:

Flint Baptist Church
11131 FM 2868
Flint, TX 75762

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TO EVERY NATION

Women's Ministry News

Happy September to ALL! I'm praising the Lord that we all survived the August heat and looking forward to the days of cooler weather! I know some of us "feel" like we're peddling our bicycles as fast as we can. Hopefully, we can begin to see some of that "dust" settle with our back-to-school schedules and routines. Please continue to be in prayer for all our children, parents, teachers, and administrators. May the Lord guide each one through the perfect path He has planned for us each day!

We have so many new guests visiting and new members; please try to encourage new visitors or members to attend our upcoming PLAN and PRAY Fellowship Luncheon and get involved in Women's Ministry activities.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- ⇒ Plan & Pray Luncheon—On Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30 am worship service, ALL women are invited to attend the luncheon. We will be discussing upcoming activities and enjoying fellowship. We would love to see each of you! Bring a covered dish and a friend!
- ⇒ Women of Joy—The countdown begins! The 2018 Rescued Tour will be held in San Antonio at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center on October 5-7, 2018. We have over 30 women attending! We still have room for more! It's NOT too late to reserve your ticket. If you are interested, please call Donna or contact the church office. The cost of the ticket is \$119, but there is a \$10 discount if we purchase at least 10 tickets. Add your name to the list! This is going to be a very special event. The tickets will be mailed to the church office and will be distributed upon receipt.
- ⇒ Family Game Night Fellowship—is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, 2018. Mark the date and bring your family to this fun evening of games, fellowship, and yummy snacks! More information will be announced as it becomes available.

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

**"God is within
her, she will
not fail."
Psalm 46:5**

Sunday Morning Bible Study Classes—Sundays @ 9:15 am

College & Young Adults Single Young Adults Annex Conference Room	Fishers of Men Median/Senior Adult Men Left of Stairwell	Helping Hands Sr. Adult Women Back Hallway
Hope Class Sr. Adult Women East Side of Fellowship Hall	Jars of Clay Co-ed Median Adults West Side of Fellowship Hall	Proverbs 31 Adult Women Green Room
SAMS Class Co-ed Median Adults God's Playhouse	Sojourners Young Married & Single Adults Annex Lobby	T.E.L. Class Sr. Adult Women Left of Stairwell
TEN Class Co-ed Adults Library	The Story Co-ed Adults End of Hallway	Titus II Co-ed Median & Sr. Adults Annex Classroom
Young Marrieds Young Married Adults Blue Room	Students 7th-12th Graders Family Life Center	Children & Preschool Birth—6th Graders Upstairs & Main Hallway

Floresville Food Pantry and Resource Center Relocates

Featured Food Item for September:

- One pound bags of Pinto Beans;
- One pound bags of White Rice or Brown Rice;
- Canned Beans

At the July quarterly meeting, the board reluctantly accepted the resignation of founding pantry director, Karen Hanum, and she will be sorely missed. Karen will be moving to San Antonio. We wish her well and look forward to the times when she will visit Floresville.

The Floresville Food Pantry Board of Directors and Officers meet quarterly on the 4th Monday of the month in the Pantry building. The sitting members are: John Moring, LaJuana Newnam-Leus, Bonnie Dickerson, Anita Ransleden, Loreese King, Ben Reed, and Pastor Gil Paredes. Our meetings are open to the public and we welcome anyone interested in attending. For more information on our operations, please call the Pantry or talk to any of our board members. We will be glad to share any information you need.

Thank you to our church volunteers who help keep the Pantry opened and staffed. Thank you so much for all that you do in the collection of food and having food drives and letting folks know about the "Food of the Month," as it greatly improves the quality of our service to the community.

Please visit the Food Pantry's new location on the corner of 5th Street and A Street and meet the new director Missy Moring. You'll find us there each Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm, or call at 830-321-1151.

God Bless, ~LaJuana Newnam-Leus



Tuesdays &
Thursdays

10am-2pm

Corner of
5th & A Street

Floresville Peanut Festival Association Queen's Blood Drive

The Annual Peanut Festival Queen's Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, September 8th at the Wilson County Justice Center parking lot from 9:30 am—3:30 pm. Anyone can go at any time during that day, but FBC's own Prince Cameron Herndon is looking to get at least 10 people scheduled during the 12:10 pm, 12:30 pm, and 12:50 pm time slots. To schedule a time, please call Judy Herndon at 830-391-1504. Donating blood saves many lives!

A photo ID is required, please eat a full meal before donating, drink plenty of water the day before and the day of your donation, and know the names of your current medications.

You may donate if you are at least 16 years old (as long as you weigh at least 120 pounds and have your parent's permission). If you are 17, you must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. For eligibility questions, call 210-731-5555 ext. 2243.



American Bible Society

Since 1816, American Bible Society has been working to help provide Scripture to people all over the world. And since the end of China's Cultural Revolution, they have been building partnerships in China. As a result, they can provide 225,000 Bibles to waiting Chinese believers simply by covering the cost of the paper. Incredibly, that comes to \$1 per Bible. If you would like to be a part of shining the hope of God's Word into the darkness of the people of China, contact the American Bible Society directly at:

American Bible Society
101 North Independence Mall East FL8
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2155

Toll-Free: 1-866-895-4448
www.China.AmericanBible.org



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The Gospel Project

This month will kick off an exciting 3 years in Bible study for our children and students. The Gospel Project allows kids and students to study the Bible as one grand narrative. As students move chronologically through the Old and New Testaments, they will be learning that the salvation story of Jesus is evident throughout the entirety of the Bible. Our prayer is that by encountering Jesus, young people's hearts will be transformed.

Parents and families, bring your children (babies-12th graders) each Sunday morning at 9:15 am where we'll begin this exciting journey. And remember... since there are Bible study classes for people of all ages, there's a place for you as well.



Student/Parent 1-to-1 Bible Reading

I want to invite 7-12 grade students and their parents to come on Sunday night at 5:00pm to One-to-One Bible reading.

We have two goals: 1) Show students that they can read the Bible for themselves. 2) Show families that they can study the Bible together. This is a simple, low pressure way to study in a group setting. We will read one passage of Scripture together, take notes on that passage, and have the option of sharing what we found. It typically takes 30-40 minutes depending on the size of the group.

If you want more info about it you can go to www.reading121.org or see Matt Keller.



Wednesday
September 26, 2018

Meet around your
campus' flagpole
for prayer before
school starts.

Children's Ministry News

In addition to Sunday morning Bible study, each Wednesday, children will enjoy the following:

6th Grade Students—After school, the sixth grade students have the option to participate in children's choir or work on homework in the FLC. After dinner, they will meet together in Bible study with Lyndi Keller at 6:30 pm.

Team Kids (K-5th Graders)—Each Wednesday at 3:30 pm, children will enjoy a snack and hang-out time, followed by Bible study (4pm), Children's Choir (4:45pm), dinner (5:30pm), and Bible Drill (6:30pm). During Bible Drill, the children will learn the books of the Bible, 25 verses, and 10 key passages. Parent pick-up is at 7:30 pm. Make sure you complete the 2018-19 Child Information Sheet at www.fbcf.org/children.

Bible Buddies (Preschoolers) will begin learning all of the books of the Bible; they will also work on a Christmas drama "Oh, Bethlehem," to be performed during the Christmas season.



Darlene McKeen
FBC's Children's Director

Gambrell Association WMU News

Please save the date of October 6, 2018. In lieu of our usual Fall Luncheon, we plan to tour the South Texas Children's Home in Pettus that day. We will meet at the STCH campus at 10:00 am. The home personnel will give us a tour of the homes and facilities followed by a light sandwich lunch which will be provided at no charge. For more information, contact Judith Smith at 210-710-8232 or judithsmith900@gmail.com.



Pregnancy Center's 18th Annual Fundraising Banquet

You are cordially invited to attend the South Texas Pregnancy Care Center's 18th Annual Fundraising Banquet on Thursday evening, September 27, 2018, from 6:00 pm—8:30 pm at the Seguin Event Center/Coliseum.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear an amazing story by guest speaker Dr. Ron Archer. Dr. Archer is a best-selling author, business executive, NFL consultant, military leadership consultant, corporate leadership trainer, presidential advisor, TV pundit, and he serves as an Envoy to Latin America, Africa, Europe, and Korea.



With a booming voice, a take-command stage presence, and raw emotion, Ron Archer is a spellbinding speaker and a force to be reckoned with whenever he takes the stage. These days, he travels the globe with a message that remains the same: that God can use anyone, including someone like him—the unwanted child of a 17-year-old call girl—to share the hope that comes from believing in Jesus Christ, who came to this earth to redeem our sins and give us eternal life with Him.

To register, call or text 830-433-0367 or register online at www.southtexaspregnancycenter.com. The registration deadline is Monday, September 10th.



Safety Committee

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.

September 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Hello, <i>September</i>						1
2 Monthly Movie Night 6pm *John Long	3 	4 Safety Committee 6:30pm	5 WNS pork steaks	6	7 	8
9 Deacons & Wives Lunch Noon *Shaun Murray	10 FV Nursing Home Worship 3pm	11 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	12 WNS sloppy Joes	13 FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	14	15 FBC feeds the FHS tennis team
16 Women's Plan & Pray Lunch Audio team Noon *Greg Parker	17	18	19 WNS chalupas Business Meeting 6:30p	20	21  Fun Bunch to Pioneer Mills/SAS	22 Students to Paintball 2-4pm
23 *Damon Shine	24	25	26 WNS rigatoni SYATP  Kids' Movie Night	27	28 	29 8am 
30 Fabulous Fifth Sunday *Carter Thomas						

Schedule of Events

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
- 4:00—Student Choir
- 5:00—Student 1-to-1 Bible Reading
- 6:00—Monthly Movie Night (1st Sun)

Wednesday

- 3:30—TeamKids
- 4:30—FLC open for students
- 4:45—TeamKids Praise
- 5:30—Wednesday Night Supper
- 5:45—Kids Movie Night LAST Wed
- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting
Youth Bible Study / Bible Drill
- 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 from
9:30-10:30 am

* Deacon of the Week

September Birthdays

1 Sarah Haverlah
1 Damon Shine
2 Piper Parsons
2 Sandra Keith
3 Callie Baker
3 Jennifer Bednarz
3 Miles Keith
4 Russell Dickerson
4 Karla Hankins
4 Brooklynn Holt
5 Carolyn Andrews
5 JoAnn Brannan
5 Bekki Kowalski
5 Gary Smith, Sr.
5 Henrietta Turner
8 Tommy Detamore
8 Carter Herndon

9 Cissy Dippel
9 Linda Laijas
9 Sarah McBride
10 Kyrissa Parsons
10 Ray Klespies
10 Daniel Hargrove
11 Jessica Bourland
11 Joyce Pelech
12 Joe Holcombe
12 Charles Eckel
13 Michael Guerrero
13 Terri Jones
13 Marti Kelly
15 Layla Brown
15 Celeste Savage
16 Sarah Coldewey
16 Wesley Deason

16 Isabelle Fewox
16 Jeffrey Lanning
17 Jake Ferguson
17 Luke Gulick
17 Tyra Mosier
17 Aaron Palan
17 Andrew Young
18 Mark Burris
18 Nathan Perry
19 Chance Addington
19 Patsy Bolf
19 Jackie Lozano
19 Misty Williams
20 Job Keith
20 Judy Hammons
20 Bill Varnon
21 Alexis Fewox

21 James Hankins
21 J.T. Mills
21 Ed Pipes
21 Bruce Whitley
21 Frances Weyrick
23 Scott Baker
23 Jason Sellers
24 Jeremiah Canady
24 Yogi Gaertner
24 Louise Lotspeich
24 Thomas Stringer
24 Tanya Tackitt
25 Gwen Cason
27 Sally Gaertner
27 Wyatt Miller
27 Carolyn Montalvo
28 Carlos Gonzalez

28 Sam Hurt
28 Michelle Kidd
28 Lance Little
28 Veda Voyles
28 Ted Wesley
29 Amanda Eichman
29 Rosalie Brumlow
30 Lorraine Young
30 Denise Kelley
30 Valerie Moss





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Dear FBC Floresville family,

We are so grateful for your prayer support and your financial partnership with us. We are getting settled into life here in Manila. It is different when you live in another country, but the people here are wonderful and the fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ makes us feel at home. We are in the rainy season, so it rains almost every day. There are two seasons in the Philippines: hot & dry, and hot & rainy.

We have found an apartment and we have begun our ministry here. My initial focus is working on the new discipleship material for the ministry here. Our prayer for you is that your partnership with us will bring great joy to your heart as you consider the eternal consequences of your investment in this ministry. I firmly believe that in eternity you will meet many people who have been impacted by all of your different ministry giving. I look forward to introducing you to many Filipinos in eternity who will joyfully share with you how God used your giving to change their lives.

Here are some ways you can be praying:

- Continued adjustment to the culture,
- Learning the new language,
- Wisdom in writing the discipleship material, and
- Gospel-conversation opportunities with many Filipinos.

We are grateful for your support,

~ Paul & Sherry Sudolcan

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CONNECTING FILIPINO YOUTH WITH GOD AND HIS PLAN FOR ABSOLUTE PURITY

*"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)

BUILDING HISToRY

Original Loan Amount: \$ 525,000.00

August Loan Payment: \$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance: \$ 238,048.94

31st Annual Sausage Dinner

Sunday, September 16, 2018
First Lutheran Church



\$8

Proceeds will support
First Lutheran Church's
Youth Camp, Sonshine
Ark, the Ministerial
Alliance, and the
Floresville Food Pantry
and Resource Center.

New Members

By Baptism

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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.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
July 2018	\$ 61,890.04	\$ 54,829.00
YTD thru July	\$ 374,768.1	\$ 383,803.00