## **First Baptist Church**

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## Why Do We Do VBS?

To learn why we do *Vacation Bible School* (VBS) every *summer*, unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

VBS is a time when *children* from our community will gather together with *friends* to hear about *Jesus*. Boys and girls will have loads of *fun* playing *games*, working crafts, eating *snacks*, and enjoying *music*. Please be praying for our *volunteers* during VBS, that the Lord would work through them so that we see the *salvation* of many children.

This year's theme is "The Incredible Race" where boys and girls will explore God's love for the nations. Children will take a virtual trip where they will begin to understand that we are all **One Family**, **One Race**, who are all in need of **One Savior**.

Vacation Bible School is a free event for children who are 4 years old (by June 3rd) through 6th grade. Register your child at <u>www.fbcf.org/children</u>.

There is still a need for teen and grownup helpers. Visit <u>www.fbcf.org/children</u> and sign up as a volunteer, or contact Darlene McKeen directly at 210-639-5781 or at <u>darlene@fbcf.org</u>.





### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"The Incredible Race" Monday-Friday June 3-7, 2019 8:30am-11:45am for kids ages 4-6th grade

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## A Word from Paul & Sherry Sudolcan

Dear FBCF Family,

Sherry and I have been so grateful for your encouragement and support for our mission work in the Philippines. As you may have heard, our mission work in the Philippines ended unexpectedly. During this time of transition, God has shifted our focus to discipleship of young pastors and church leaders.

To be most effective in this new ministry, we believe God is leading us to increase our seminary education and then return to the Philippines to teach in a Bible College or seminary setting. We have returned to America and are enrolling in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Our desire is that God continues to stir our hearts to reach people around the globe. May the passion you have for God's glory increase as your investments in missions continues to grow.

We are blessed by your partnership with us for the glory of God and the hope of all people.

Paul and Sherry

### What's Up in Osaka, Japan?

The Trey Fleming family serves as missionaries through the International Mission Board (IMB) in Osaka, Japan. Trey and his family can share Jesus with Japanese people because First Baptist Church gives to the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please enjoy the following excerpts from one of Trey's recent newsletters and continue to pray for Trey, Adria, and their daughters, Clara, Trinity, and Bethany.

"We have seen an increase in Gospel presentations! We've been meeting with people in cafes and ramen shops and discussing the Bible, Christianity, and how to have a relationship with Jesus Christ regularly the past couple of months. I even had the unexpected opportunity to explain the Gospel (in English, with a

translator) in a church on Easter Sunday using a story/tool called "Creation to Christ." It was really a blessing to step into that role again and as I listened to the translation, I was challenged. I could understand a good chunk of the translation, so with enough study and prep I should be able to say it all in Japanese, right?! Maybe. We have a long way to go in our language learning, but we are much closer to sharing the Gospel in the heart language of the Japanese people than ever before. Please pray for our brains to connect what we've learned with the truth of God's Word so that it may be boldly proclaimed and believed!

"In Japan the years are measured by the emperor's reign. This makes sense when you understand that for us, it's the year 2019, as in 2019 years since Jesus Christ split history in half. But it can't be 2019, "in the year of our Lord" if they don't know who Jesus is. So Japan has eras instead. The previous emperor has reigned for 31 years and recently broke with tradition and gave the throne to his son prior to his death. I've noticed that a new era comes with a lot of pride, emotion, and reminiscing about the past 3 decades. But now that the new emperor has been enthroned, Japanese people are looking to the future. What changes will this new era bring? Usually, many of my Japanese friends don't think about the big picture, they seem to find it easier to focus on the work right in front of them. That makes talking about eternity difficult! Please pray that Japanese people will think about the grand scope of their lives and begin to seek meaning and eternal purpose within a relationship with Jesus and that they would enthrone HIM as the Lord of their lives!"





## A Word from Pastor Mike Clements About Dr. David Davis, Our Fabulous Fifth Sunday Guest Speaker

### Church family,

I want to introduce you to Dr. David Davis, our guest preacher for our fifth Sunday on June 30th. Please mark the date and plan to attend that day. David was my youth pastor during my first few years as a believer. David had a significant impact on my life particularly through evangelism. I have invited David to come and preach to us. I hope you will not only make plans to attend but invite someone to come with you that day. Someone who may not know the Lord and have a need to hear the Gospel. Of course we will fellowship together with a great meal in the Fellowship Hall after the service. Also, please be in prayer for David as he brings God's message to us on that day. Below are some words about David so that you might be able to know him a little better before he comes:



Dr. David Davis

David Davis married Libby (Wellington) from Ada, Oklahoma, in 1973 and they have four children. Libby works with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. There is: Lincoln (age 39), LeJoy (age 38), Landon (age 30), and Lexis (age 27).

David is a native of Oklahoma where he was born and reared in Duncan. He graduated from Duncan High School. David was selected as an All-State football quarterback and an All-State baseball pitcher in high school. He continued his education at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, on an athletic scholarship.

He was selected as a small-college All-American quarterback and established several records during his collegiate career. He still holds the national rushing record for a single game by a quarterback as he rushed for 294 yards in one game. David was a four-year letter-

Fabulous Fifth Sunday is Sunday, June 30, 2019. There is NO 8am worship this day. We will worship together in one service at 10:30 am followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the main course, and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. man in football and track and a two-year letterman in baseball at East Central. David graduated from East Central in 1972 with a B.S. degree.

David received his Masters degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, and his Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity Theological Seminary. David has also received two honorary doctorates. One from the India Bible Institute in New Delhi, India, for his extensive work in that country and one from Central Philippine University located in Iloilo City, Philippines.

For over 25 years, David has traveled across the nation as a full-time Southern Baptist evangelist. He has held revival crusades in over 800 Southern Baptist churches in 26 states. David has also made 15 trips to India to hold area-wide crusades as well as having contributed financial support to build 10 churches. David became the last American to interview Mother Teresa. He has also made trips to Argentina and the Philippines as part of his ministry.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Davis in one combined time of worship on Sunday, June 30, 2019, at 10:30 am. I trust you will be blessed by the Lord as we hear the message that God has laid on the heart of my friend, Dr. David Davis.

## **Pictorial Directory Update**

If we have 15 or more interested families, the LifeTouch photographers will return to take pictures to revise our church directory.

If you are a new member, or did not have your picture taken when the photographers were here the last time, contact Mary-Ellen Long at 210-396-8475 to schedule a time in June.

Remember, your family will receive a FREE 8"x10" and a complimentary pictorial directory just for participating, so give Mary-Ellen a call and schedule your appointment for later this month.

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**CHURCH** DIRECTORIES AND PORTRAITS

## Summer Events in the Student Ministry

Pastor Matt Keller is making plans for the 7th-12th graders to experience a summer of ministry. The schedule so far is:

- June 3rd-7th—Vacation Bible School each day from 8:30am—11:45am. See Mrs. Darlene to volunteer.
- June 12th—TBD
- June 19th—Gospel conversations and lunch at the River Walk, followed by a swim night at the Floresville City Pool
- June 26th—South Texas Children's Home, details to follow
- July 3rd—Car Care for single women of all ages
- July 8th-12th—MFuge Camp at Louisiana College
- July 17th—TBD
- July 20th-27th—Mission Trip to Salt Lake City, Utah
- July 31st—San Antonio Missions baseball game

Keep watching for details as they become available. Direct any questions to Pastor Matt at matt@fbcf.org.



## 20 Reasons People Should Serve in Your Kid's Ministry

By Dale Hudson - www.relevantchildrensministry.com/2014/03/20-reasons-people-should-serve-in-your.html

- 1. People are created to serve. (Eph. 2:10)
- 2. Jesus modeled serving for us. (Mark 10:45)
- 3. Kids are the greatest mission field. (Matt. 9:37)
- God blesses people who serve in children's ministry. (Matt. 10:42)
- 5. Jesus ministered to children. (Mark 10:13-15)
- 6. It's easier to build boys than repair men.
- 7. Serving will help people connect to other people. Service creates community.
- 8. God uses children to reach parents.
- 9. Serving brings glory to God. (1 Peter 4:11)
- 10. Kinds are the most receptive to the Gospel.

- 11. Serving is a key component of spiritual growth. Growing Christians are serving Christians.
- 12. Kids need godly role models.
- 13. Kids can serve God for a lifetime when we disciple them.
- 14. We are called to pass on the faith to the next generation. (Psalm 78)
- 15. Serving helps kids and families discover new life in Christ.
- 16. Serving kids brings glory to God. (Matt. 5:14-16)
- 17. When you serve kids, you are serving Jesus. (Matt. 25:40)
- God has given people gifts to be used for the furtherance of His kingdom.
- 19. It keeps you young at heart.
- 20. It's a blast!





## Women's Ministry News

Greetings, Ladies! Here we are another new month and almost a new season, Summer!! For those families with children, school should be out by now and the question is "what will the kids be doing this summer?" Well, Vacation Bible School (VBS) is the first week of June, and then come church camps for kids! This past month we enjoyed a Women's Fellowship, and we had a Women of Joy fellowship where we shared a meal and a message from Women of Joy 2018 presenter Chrystal Evans Hurst. She was one of the speakers at last year's Women of Joy conference. We had such a great turnout that we will be hosting other Women of Joy video events to coincide with the Kids' Movie Night on the last Wednesday of



June and July. We can bring our own Brown Bag meal or bring something to share with others. We will start at 5:30 pm just like the kids! For those of you who were unable to attend the Women of Joy 2018—Rescued Tour, this is a chance to see what it was all about and perhaps make plans to attend Women of Joy 2019—Deeply Rooted Tour in the fall.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Wednesday, June 26, 2019—Women of Joy Fellowship—5:30pm—Fellowship Hall. Bring a brown bag meal or bring a dish to share with others while we watch a video from last fall's conference;
- September 6-8, 2019—Women of Joy, Deeply Rooted Conference (Friday evening through Sunday at noon). The Women of Joy tour is a bit earlier in the year than before, and it will be at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. The list of Guest Speakers is posted on the bulletin board near the Coffee Corner. The group rate is \$99 if we register before June 3rd. After June 3rd, the rate is \$109. You can pay online at www.fbcf.org by clicking the green button. Select the "Women's Fund." To learn more about this great event, visit womenofjoy.org. Bonnie Dickerson is coordinating the Women of Joy event this year. She can be reached at 713-446-7661.

Please share this information with others. We'd love to get to know your neighbors, aunts, sisters, and friends! As always, if you have any ideas to share or questions regarding the Women's Ministry of First Floresville, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068 or Donna Arispe at 210-560-9642.

## Peer-to-Peer Support Group for Veterans and Service Members

Looking for camaraderie, support, and information on Veterans issues? The Military Veteran Peer Network provides assistance with understanding VA benefits, locating community resources, and PTSD support, along with group and one-on-one peer sessions.

Veterans and Service Members are invited to join us for free and confidential group sessions at Jack's Café (507 10th Street) on the first Tuesday of every month from 18:00-19:30. We are always open to new Veteran members. RSVP would be appreciated, but not required. Contact John Noller (210-213-5323 or john@caminorealsc.org) or Jim Schaale (830-742-2038 or jamess@caminorealcs.org). Check out our Facebook page at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/MilitaryVeteranPeerSupportNetworkLytleTX">www.facebook.com/MilitaryVeteranPeerSupportNetworkLytleTX</a>.

## Keeping Kids Home... Even When They're Not

Wilson County is in desperate need of foster care families. Because of this shortage locally, children in need of temporary care are moved into foster homes wherever it is available—often hundreds of miles away from their community. Pray about becoming a foster parent. What a great way to positively impact our own community for Jesus. For more information about foster care and adoption, call Pathways at 210-733-7117 or visit <u>www.pathway.org</u>.

It is estimated that foster care youth lose 4-6 months of academic progress with every school move.

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## **Coffey Family News**

Belize Bible College Preparing the next generation to know Christ and make Him known

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### "Coffey News"

- Caleb finished First grade and will be headed to Second grade in September! He made all A's the entire school year! He is a smart boy!
- We have just finished up an "I'm a Christian Now" class for five children!
- Caleb had his second music recital and did a great job playing "London Bridge." He is becoming quite the musician!
- We have just finished one full year of Bible Drill. We ended with a friendly competition. These children are hiding God's word in their hearts!
- It was great having both our families come visit for Easter Break. Especially Ashley's grandmother.

### Send support to

First Baptist Church 1115 B Street Floresville, TX 78114

Or online at: <u>www.fbcf.org</u> & select "Belize Fund" Phone: 830-391-0036

Email: thecoffeys5@yahoo.com

### What's happening in Belize...

- Three of our Bible College students have finished the requirements for an associates in Theology: Denmark Jacobs, Abel Arriaza, & Jonell Baltazar.
- Denmark did a worship project where he planned a community worship event. The event was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. He has now completed the requirements for an Associates in Music!



Denmark preaching during the community worship event he organized.







Caleb was happy to have his Grandmother and Great Grandmother come for a visit.



Ashley's Piano and Voice students

### We need your help!

- Pray about becoming a monthly supporter and being a part of our team. God continues to be faithful to us. Thank you to all those who sacrificially give monthly to support us. You are the reason we are able to continue the work God has called us to do.
- Pray for direction for our family and the Belize Bible College!
- Pray for more students to enroll at the college. We currently have 11 students enrolled. Pray for more!!
- Pray about becoming a sponsor for the college.
   For \$100 a 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!

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

Flint Baptist Church 11131 FM 2868 Flint, TX 75762

> Designate "Belize Bible College"





### Schedule of Events

<u>Sunday</u>

- 8:00—Worship Service (except Lord's Supper & 5th Sundays)
- 9:15—Bible Study
- 10:30—Worship Service
  3:00—Veterans Home (except 2nd Sunday)

#### Wednesday

- 5:30–FLC open for students
- 5:30—Kids Movie Night LAST Wed of month
- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study
- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

### Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study Wednesdays at 10 am Sr. Adult Game Day Thursdays from 1-4 pm Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tue, & Thu from 9:30-10:30 am Mother's Day Out Mon & Wed from 9am-2pm

\* Deacon of the Week

The student Audio Tech of the month is Chance Little.

## **June Birthdays**

- 1 David Wallace
- 1 Scott Davis
- 1 Laura Klespies
- 4 Suzanne Houdmann
- 5 Albert Vandeaver
- 8 Sue Tackitt
- 9 Kevin Rylee
- 9 Tanja Olinick

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2 *Bob Whitley	3 Worship at FV Nursing Home 3pm Line Exercise 1pm	4 Line Exercise 1pm	5 -Vacation Bible Schoo	6 Line Exercise 1pm	7	8
9 Youth Committee Meeting Noon *David Arispe	10	FBC Vols @ Food Pantry 10am	12	13 <sup>FBC Vols</sup> @ Food Pantry 10am	14	15
16 *Ron Bluff	17	18	19 Youth to Riverwalk & Pool Business Meeting 6:30pm	20	21	22 Bake Sale Fundraiser for Utah Mission Trip
23 *Darrel Dundas	24	25	Youth to STCH Kids' Movie Night 5:30pm Women of Joy Ladies Fellowship		28	29 <sup>8am</sup> BREAKFAST
30 Fabulous 5th Sunday *Danny Fenner	S	V	M	M	E	R

- 10 Holly Deaton
- 11 Ron Bluff

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- 11 Michael Moody
- 12 Wanda Drewett
- 13 LaJuana Newnam-Leus
- 14 Linda Downs
- 14 Chris Moss
- 14 LacyJo Perez

- 14 Ellie Burris
- 15 Austin Keith
- 16 Craig Davis
- 16 Cyrus Gleeson
- 19 Denis Gonzalez
- 19 Lauren Shine
- 20 Sallie Bluff
- 20 Janelle Pehl

- 24 Joshua Mosier
- 25 Buddy Sellers
- 26 Amy Riley
- 27 Sarah Dundas
- 28 Darrel Dundas
- 28 Grace Lanning
- 30 Winnie Talley

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**Because He First Loved Us.** 



Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Etta Mae Amos, sister of Jim Dippary, who passed away on May 27, 2019;

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Terrence "Mac" Hayes I, father of Darlene Seesengood, who passed away in May 2019.

### First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for hosting Bible Study Fellowship (BSF). We can't thank you enough for your kindness and generosity toward our BSF classes. Growing the Kingdom and spiritual growth is so important in this sinful world. We're so grateful for all you do for us and for God. Your sacrifice blesses us all as we seek to magnify God and mature His people. Mavis Cantu and Toreaser Steele, BSF

Congratulations to Pastor Matt Keller, who recently earned a Master of Theology degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Matt is our Student Pastor.

## WaterAerobics

Floresville City Pool Tuesday—Friday; 8am-8:45am \$30/month Contact Allison Clements @ 830-391-0061. New Members

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**By Baptism** 

Michelle Parr 111 Country View Lane Floresville, TX 78114

### Floresville Food Pantry Suggested Donations for the summer months Summer Foods for Kids Macaroni & Cheese Cereal Pop Tarts Peanut Butter & Jelly Cereal/Granola Bars Crackers, Cookies, Chips Ramen Noodles Vienna Sausage Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli Canned Chili Hot Dogs Lunchables The Food Pantry is located on the corner of 5th and A Street and is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 10am-2pm. Volunteers are appreciated. First Baptist Church typically provides volunteers one week per month, but the Pantry could use help any time. Contact Bonnie Dickerson for more information about this great program.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget	
April 2019	\$ 53,230.49	\$ 56,493.17	
YTD thru March	\$ 210,428.99	\$ 225,972.68	

## BUILDING HIStory

Original Loan Amount: \$ 525,000.00

May Loan Payment: \$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance: \$ 200,117.07

"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)



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