

# First Edition

## First Baptist Church

### Adult Small Groups and Bible Studies Have Begun In-Person Meetings

For the past few months, technology has been a valuable tool for our Faith Family at FBCF. While the world has been quarantined, FBC Floresville has stayed connected by worshiping online. Bible study leaders have used several online platforms to stay connected.

But let's be honest, it's not the same as being together in person. Recently, our state and local government has eased up on some of our restrictions. And while we're not quite ready to open up the worship center just yet, we are happy to announce that beginning the last Sunday last month, May 31, 2020, adult small groups and Bible study (Sunday School) classes met on the FBCF campus if they chose to.

Each class will decide how they will meet. Classes may gather on the FBCF campus while maintaining social distancing recommendations, or they may continue to meet remotely through an online platform. Additionally, classes may adopt a combination of the two where a few people meet in-person together but still use ZOOM to connect with class members who choose to wait to return. Small group leaders should have contacted class members to discuss when and how each class will meet. FBCF will do our best to make accommodations for space, scheduling, and sanitation of spaces.

If someone is not currently a part of a small group and would like to get connected, please let someone in the office know. Small groups create an atmosphere for connection where people can build relationships, pray for one another, and just do life together. We will gladly help you connect with a small group.

### Thank You from the North American Mission Board

Dear FBC Floresville,

We recently received your gift for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. It is extremely humbling to have your support in this time of crisis that is occurring in our nation and around the world.

Here at NAMB we are being financially pro-active and putting a hold on all discretionary spending as we focus our efforts on keeping our missionaries on the field. Many missionaries are facing overwhelming physical and spiritual needs from Seattle to Orlando and New York to Los Angeles. Yet, as they reach out to meet needs, the opportunities for the gospel have never been greater.

We realize these are also turbulent times as you seek to minister to the immediate needs of your own church members and the community around you. Thank you for serving so faithfully on the frontlines. And thank you again for leading your church to sacrificially give to North American Missions.

Serving Together, Kevin Ezell, President, North American Mission Board



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# A Word from the Floresville Food Pantry

Established in 2014, the Floresville Food Pantry and Resource Center was originally sponsored by nine churches in Floresville and surrounding areas. Floresville ISD, the Wilson County Interagency and Methodist HealthCare Ministries also played a part. The Pantry is a non-profit group that holds a valid non-profit certificate. We are an all-volunteer organization which includes a Director that oversees the Pantry with other volunteers, and a Board of Directors.

Since 2014, there have been changes to the location, times, and suppliers. Today, the Pantry is located in the portable buildings behind the old gym on A Street. It is open every Thursday morning with sign-in beginning at 8:00 am and distribution at 9:00 am. Clients may come every week to receive food. The Pantry is associated with Daily Bread in San Antonio which typically provides milk, juice, some meat, fresh fruit, and vegetables. There are other food items based on availability.

To better meet the needs of our community, the Pantry is asking for the support of all of the local churches. This support can take the form of providing devotions on Thursdays prior to food distribution, support through donations of food items or financial support, volunteers, individuals willing to drive to Daily Bread to pick up food on Wednesday mornings, and support of the Resource Center. We are also asking that each church involved have a representative who would serve as a member of the Pantry's Board of Directors. These representatives will help in making decisions regarding the Pantry, and will also help in the communication between various churches in regard to this vital organization and the service it provides.

## How can you help?

- **Donations of non-perishables**
- **Financial support**
- **Volunteer at the Pantry**
- **Lead a devotional**
- **Drive to pick up donations**
- **Serve on our Board of Directors**

The needs of the Floresville area can be seen by everyone on a daily basis if you choose to look around you. The individuals and families that come each Thursday morning need to know that their community cares for them, whether it be with food, information to help in their daily living, the words of a devotion, or a simple word of encouragement. We are asking for your participation in joining us in this outreach of Christian caring.

For more information, please contact the Pantry at the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151.

## Congratulations, Graduates!

First Baptist Church would like to extend our best wishes to the following graduates:

**Cade Gulick**

*Floresville High School*

**Angelina Kissinger**

*Floresville High School*

**Mason Kotzur**

*Floresville High School*

**Maegan Mahula**

*Floresville High School*

**Brook Lynne McKeen**

*Floresville High School*

**Dahlia Sellers**

*Floresville High School*

**Madeline Street**

*Floresville High School*

**Logan Wilder**

*St. Gerard Catholic High School*

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

**Darlene McKeen**

Bachelor of Science in

Business Management

*Western Governors University*

**Gunter Clements**

Bachelor of Arts in Finance

*Houston Baptist University*

**Shine Trabucco**

Master of Arts in Public History

*St. Mary's University*



**Congratulations to**

**Blake & Sarah**

**Brieden,**

**grandparents,**

**Ron & Sheila Brieden,**

**and proud uncle, aunt,**

**and cousin,**

**Clay, Taelor, & Caesyn**

**Coleman**

**on the arrival of a baby boy,**

**Jett Louis Brieden,**

**born May 26, 2020,**

**at 1:28 am,**

**weighing 6 lbs., 14oz.,**

**measuring 19 in.**

# Father's Day: A New Twist on an Old Day

By Rachel Lovingood

Does the third Sunday in June ring a bell with you? Probably not, although it has been celebrated every year for almost a century as Father's Day.

We seem to have a day for almost everyone and everything to be honored, so why not fathers? Ironically, the idea for Father's Day all started when a lady heard a Mother's Day sermon and decided that she didn't want all that her dad had done for her to go unrecognized. When you think about Father's Day, what comes to your mind? Can you relate to the lady who was concerned about taking her father for granted?

Honoring fathers is important. After all, the Bible commands us to honor them; but, this year, think of Father's Day with a new twist. Take some time to consider all your Heavenly Father has done for you and how you might be taking Him for granted.

**THE MODEL FATHER.** God Almighty is your Heavenly Father, and He is the perfect example of what it means to be a dad. Looking at each of the letters that make up the word "father," consider some of the characteristics that set Him apart and provide a model for our human dads.

**F -Forgiveness** is a huge part of your relationship with your Father. He is willing and able to forgive you of any sin you commit if you will only ask Him. It's comforting to know that nothing you do is ever so bad that God won't forgive you (Romans 8:38-39; 1 John 1:9). Now, that's unconditional acceptance.

**A -He is active** in your life all the time. God is always at work around you. Ask God to show you what He is doing. You will be amazed at all that is going on. More important, the invitation is open for you to get involved with Him. You never have to wait for your turn to be active with God (John 5:17).

**T -Time** for you. While humans get too busy to do this or that, God always has time for you. Whenever you feel lonely, struggle with a problem, want to share a thought, or need to deal with a concern, He is there for you. You can't find a time in your day when He is too busy to talk or listen to you (Jeremiah 33:3).

**H -The heart** of the matter is that God knows your heart, and He loves you anyway. Proverbs tells us that the heart is deceitful above all things. Many people don't like to be around you if you aren't in a good mood or if you make mistakes. God wants to hang out with you anytime, and He alone is able to change your heart to be all you were created to be (1 John 4:9-10,19).

**E -Everywhere** sums up God's place in your life. If you're a Christian, there is nowhere you can go where He isn't with you. It can be encouraging to realize that when you are in a tough place in your life, He is right there with you. Whether other people are there or not, God is by your side (Romans 8:35-39).

**R -Rest and Read.** These are two areas where most people could use a little work. Rest is important to you because it's easy to become so busy that you don't take time with the Lord. He wants you to set aside daily time to rest in Him and to read His Word. The Bible is His letter to His children. The best way to get to know your Father is to spend quality time resting and reading all about Him in the Word (John 14:21; Psalm 46:10).

All these attributes of God's character make Him who He is. If you have been blessed with an earthly dad who has a lot in common with our Heavenly Father, be grateful. If you have missed out on a relationship with an earthly dad, be thankful that God is there for you and wants to meet the needs in your life. Let God know how much He means to you.

Things you can do to make this Father's Day special:

- Write a letter or make a phone call just to say "thanks."
- Try to get into his world for a change and spend time doing something with your dad that he enjoys.
- Have a conversation that doesn't have anything to do with getting money from him.
- Focus on all the positive things he has been in your life so far. Realize that God has placed that person in your life for a reason and be thankful.

<https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/marriage-men-fathers-day-a-new-twist-on-an-old-day>





## "Coffey News"

- This Spring semester has been very unusual for our family. We began our first eight weeks of classes on January 27 and finished the term on March 18th. We were scheduled to begin the second eight weeks of classes on March 23rd. However, we received word from the Belizean Government on March 20th that they were shutting the country down, including the international airport, within 72 hours due to the COVID-19 outbreak. After considering all our options, we decided it was best for us to return to the States. It was a difficult decision but we know God is in control and everything happens according to His plans. We arrived Stateside on March 23rd and have been sheltering in place ever since.
- So far since being home, we have homeschooled Caleb and been able to rest and spend time with family.

## Send your support to

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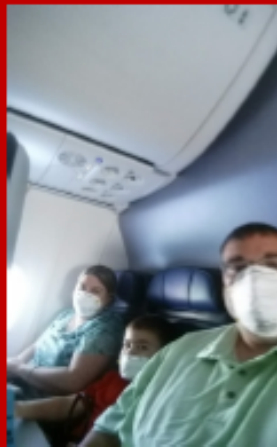
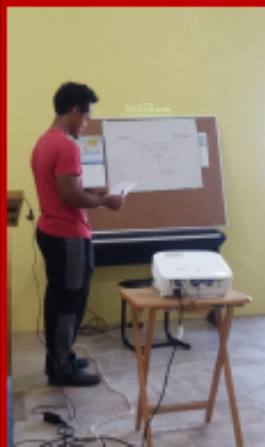
800-872-5404

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## What's happening in Belize...

- All schools in Belize have been closed since March 20 due to the virus. However, Aaron was able to give one online class for our Bachelor's level students that finished up on May 15th. Schools should re-open in the Fall.
- Our plan is to return to Belize in August after the international airport opens back up. We had planned on coming in the summer but obviously it was not our plan to be there this long. But God has a better plan, even though we don't always understand it.
- We ask you to be in prayer for us as we navigate these uncertain days and follow God's will for us. Pray for the Belizean people as they struggle with daily needs and provisions. Pray for Belize Bible College that God would continue to meet the needs of the college.
- We also ask that those of you who support us financially would please continue to do so. Please know that even though we are not in Belize, we are still ministering in any way we can. We have had the opportunity to financially provide food boxes to needy families during the lockdown in Belize.



## 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 Bible College!
- † Pray for more students to enroll at the college. We currently have 18 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  
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Flint, TX 75762  
Designate "For Belize Bible College"



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# Women's Ministry News

Hello All!

Well, we are one month closer to the end of all this social distancing and quarantining! Most of us have not pulled out our hair yet! I pray that each of you Mommas had something a little special done for you for Mother's Day — maybe a visit from someone special or a beautiful card or a nice phone call. I thank the LORD for all that HE has done for me and I begin to count my blessings.

I thank the LORD for all HE provides! There are those who do not have enough for their family. I thank you, LORD, that we have a comfortable home and shelter. There are those who are homeless.

I thank You, LORD, that we have dirty clothes and dirty dishes.

Most of all, thank You, LORD, for the ultimate gift you gave us, our precious Savior, Jesus Christ! He is where my peace and comfort come from. I would like to share a devotional "Moments of Peace for Moms." If you would like this devotional, please send me a text and I would love to mail it to you! I miss all of you dearly, especially the children! I'm praying for all to stay safe! Soon and very soon! If you have any questions, any Women's Ministry activity ideas, or need more information, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068 or me, Donna Arispe, at 210-560-9642.



*Do not worry about tomorrow,  
For tomorrow will worry about itself.  
Matthew 6:34 (NIV)*



## Ways to Give When the Offering Plate Is Not Being Passed

According to [www.religionnews.com](http://www.religionnews.com), sixty-five percent of churches have seen a decline in giving since mid-March as congregations have halted in-person services due to the coronavirus, according to a new survey.

The "[State of the Plate](#)" survey released Wednesday (April 22) by the National Association of Evangelicals found that a third of churches — 34% — reported that giving had dropped between 10% and 20%. About 1 in 5 churches (22%) said the decline was between 30% and 50%. Almost a tenth of churches (9%) reported a drop of 75% or more in giving to their congregations. Just 8% of churches said giving had increased, and 27% reported steady offerings.

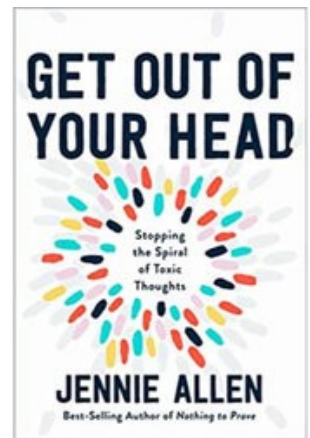


Thank you, Faith Family, for continuing to give so faithfully. Your gifts make it possible for missionaries to remain on the field. Because of your gifts, we have been able to make a few upgrades and adjustments to some equipment that has enabled us to move rather seamlessly to broadcast our worship services online. Your gifts enable FBC to impact our community by meeting basic needs while the gospel is shared. Your gifts have made it possible for us to keep the office running during this global crisis. Again, thank you.

Although the offering plate is not being passed each Sunday, your gifts, tithes, and offerings may be given online by visiting our web page at [www.fbcf.org](http://www.fbcf.org) and clicking the green "Give Online" button. Giving by Text Message is simple and safe. Just text "FBCF1234" to the number 73256 and follow the instructions. Checks may also be mailed or dropped by the office during regular office hours.

## Online Women's Bible Study

Beginning Thursday, June 4, 2020, a new women's 10-week Bible study will begin remotely. "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen considers what the Bible has to say about our thoughts and how to submit our minds to Christ even as Satan works to get into our heads to make us feel helpless, incapable, and unlovable. This book study will be offered exclusively online through weekly ZOOM meetings. Contact Linda Downs at 210-632-6018 or by e-mail at [teacher125@yahoo.com](mailto:teacher125@yahoo.com).



## An Update from the Canadys

Kami berdoa untuk Anda agar Anda aman dan sehat! (We pray all of you are safe and healthy!)

Thank you all for your prayers during this time. JP and I are healthy and doing well since our return back to the US from South East Asia on March 27th. We stayed in an Air B&B near my family's home in Gallatin, TN (just outside of Nashville) for two weeks to make sure we had not picked up the virus during our travels. Thank the Lord we did not get sick! We have now moved into my family's home and have been here ever since.

It has been a difficult season of transition but we are navigating it as best as possible and we trust in what God has planned. Internship is not over for us. As we mentioned in our last update, we are still interns with Bethany International and will stay on with them as missionaries through December 2020 as planned. Our location has changed and while it has not been completely ruled out yet, it is very unlikely that we will return to South East Asia.

Instead, we will be returning to campus in Bloomington, MN (just outside the Twin Cities), around June 1st, and then I will graduate on time in May of 2021. The mission of our organization is still reaching the unreached by "taking the Church to where it is not, and helping others do the same." With that in mind, our leadership is working with organizations and local churches in the Twin Cities area to find places where we as interns can help minister to those who have little access to the gospel. We do not have details yet, but we are looking forward to sharing more about what we will be doing in the weeks to come.

During this month, I will continue to do my online classes and we will both continue doing our online language learning. We also have weekly Zoom meetings with our team and I meet with my prayer ministry teammates to pray for Indo.

In this season, the Lord has been showing us how to unashamedly depend on Him and to live in the present. Since we have gotten back to the states, we have been obsessed with what the next steps are for this year. "Are we going to go back to Indo?" "If we stay in America, are we going to live in TN, GA, TX, or MN?" "How long will quarantine last?" I remember being filled with anxiety in our first couple of days back in the states and trying to convince myself that I was ok and that everything was going to be fine. Throughout these few weeks though, the Lord has slowly reminded me of the verse, 2 Corinthians 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." This verse has allowed me to stop relying on myself to make everything better and allowed me to rejoice in my insufficiency and to trust in the Lord.

While this is not the way we envisioned our internship, we are looking forward to what God has next for us in TN and MN. This is an unprecedented time for everyone and we are thankful for all of our friends and family who have continued to support us financially, prayerfully, and in encouraging words. We are blessed by your love and faithfulness in this time.

~ JP & Sarah Canady

- **Please pray for the people of Indonesia, that the Christians there to be encouraged and strengthened to share Christ with fellow Indonesians and that those who do not yet know Christ would put their trust in Him.**
- **Pray that missionaries still there will stay healthy during this time and that they would experience breakthroughs in their work.**
- **Pray for the leadership of our organization that they would have wisdom in deciding the future of the program.**
- **Pray for us that we would continue to trust in the goodness and provision of the Lord and that we would move easily into ministry here in the US.**

# June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 8am <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>
 <b>LIVE</b> 7 10:30 am Families Only 6pm <b>GRADUATE RECOGNITION</b> *Bob Herndon	8	9	10	11 Ladies Online Bible Study Begins	12	13
 <b>LIVE</b> 14 10:30 am *Tom Kuykendall	15	16	17	18	19	20
 <b>LIVE</b> 21 10:30 am <b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b> *John Long	22	23	24	25	26	27
 <b>LIVE</b> 28 10:30 am *Shaun Murray	29	30	Hello June			

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday

- 8:00am—Worship Service (except Lord's Supper & 5th Sundays)
- 9:15am—Bible Study
- 10:30am—Worship Service

### Wednesday

- 10:00am—Ladies Bible Study
- 4:30pm—FLC for students
- 5:30pm—Supper
- Kids Movie Night LAST WEEK
- 6:30pm—Life Groups/Prayer Mtg / Kids on a Mission / Youth Study
- 7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal

### Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Worship at Veterans' Home Wednesdays at 2:00 pm (except for 2nd Tues each mo)
- 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

## June Birthdays

1 David Wallace	10 Trudy Holt	14 LacyJo Perez	24 Joshua Mosier
1 Scott Davis	10 Lael Wilder	14 Ellie Burris	25 Buddy Sellers
1 Laura Klespies	11 Ron Bluff	15 Austin Keith	26 Amy Riley
4 Suzanne Houdmann	11 Bobby Etheridge	16 Craig Davis	27 Sarah Dundas
5 Albert Vandaveer	11 Michael Moody	16 Cyrus Gleeson	27 Donavin Teigland
8 Sue Tackitt	12 Wanda Drewett	19 Denis Gonzalez	28 Darrel Dundas
9 Kevin Rylee	13 LaJuana Newnam-Leus	19 Lauren Shine	28 Grace Lanning
9 Tanja Olinick	14 Linda Downs	20 Sallie Bluff	30 Winnie Talley
10 Holly Deaton	14 Chris Moss	20 Janelle Pehl	





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Rosa Beltran, Church Custodian



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## BUILDING HISTORY

Original Loan Amount:  
\$ 525,000.00

May Loan Payment:  
\$ 5,000.00

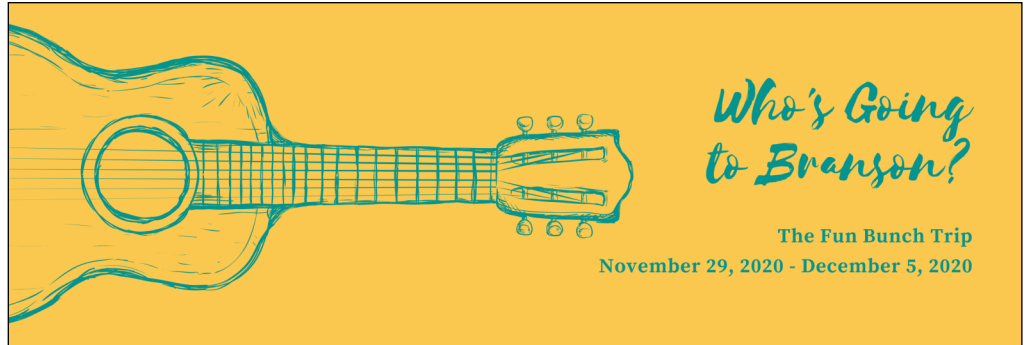
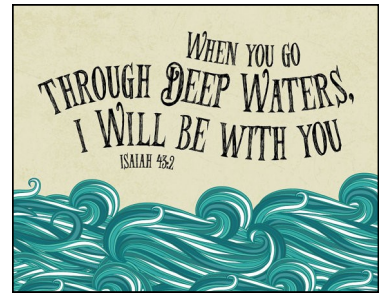
Current Loan Balance:  
\$ 147,587.10

**"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)

Heartfelt condolences are extended to the family of David Victor Moss, brother of Paul Moss, who passed away on May 21, 2020;

Sincere condolences are offered to the family of Beverly Elliott, wife of Hurvey Elliott, who passed away on May 26, 2020.



Hey Fun Bunch! It's time to put your deposit down for our trip to Branson, Missouri, November 29, 2020 - December 5, 2020. The deposit is \$75 each and \$59 for travel insurance. Please pay your deposit to Karen Sada, and make out a check to Travel Insured International, Inc., for the trip insurance.

The theaters and hotels in Branson are open and clean. The bus company is running and clean, so we'll all be safe. We do have space for more people if any new people want to join us. It will be a fun trip and a much needed outing after all this is over.

Please direct any questions to Karen Sada at 830-393-2020, 210-424-4751, or [k.sada@att.net](mailto:k.sada@att.net).

## Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donation for JUNE SUMMER FOODS For Kids

Macaroni & Cheese

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Cereal/Granola Bars

Crackers, Cookies, Chips

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Ramen Noodles

Vienna Sausage

Canned Spaghetti/Ravioli

Canned Chili

Hot Dogs

Lunchables

The Floresville Food Pantry is partnering with *Daily Bread* ministry of San Antonio to provide food to the needy of Floresville. The Pantry is now open on Thursdays only. Clients need to arrive at 8am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A devotional time will be at 9am. Clients are asked to bring their own bags.

The Pantry is located on the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151.

Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.



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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
April 2020	\$ 55,854.72	\$ 57,596.85
YTD thru April	\$ 214,277.91	\$ 230,387.40