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## FALL 2020 LIFE GROUPS

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## BUSINESS

## MEETING

Wednesday,  
September 23, 2020,  
@ 6:30 pm  
New business will be presented by the Committee on Committees, the Personnel Committee, and a date change for the December Business Meeting.

The fall 2020 Life Group semester begins Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Classes and other activities will be limited, and we will not prepare Wednesday Night Suppers, so please plan accordingly. A children's worship hour will be offered at 6:30 pm, and students will have Bible study at 6:30 pm also. There are no after-school activities for children and students. The courses offered are:

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. Pastor Terry Smith will lead this weekly time of intercession in the Fishers of Men classroom each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm.

Challenging the Secular World View of Genesis (in-person) — The secular world view of the history presented in Genesis can present questions for many Christians. This class aims to strengthen your faith by providing answers and in turn challenging the secular worldview. Bro. Ron Bluff will lead this class each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the TEL classroom.

The Story (via ZOOM) — The Story is the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. It sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible people and events from Genesis to Revelation, told as one grand narrative. Tom and Jean Harris will begin the study of the book *The Story* by Max Lucado. This is a 31-week overview of the entire Bible in chronological order. The emphasis is on the continuity of the Bible with Jesus as the central figure. This discussion-based study is offered on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Contact Tom at [tomandjean777@gmail.com](mailto:tomandjean777@gmail.com) for a link to the ZOOM meeting.

Thinc Diphrently: Nothing Is Different Until You Think Differently — If you repeatedly find yourself in places where you don't want to go, it's your thinking that's leading you there. This study by James MacDonald helps believers learn to think differently. Join Thomas Welfel each Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the God's Playhouse classroom.

Get Out of Your Head — Three studies will be offered that will guide learners to use the Bible to stop toxic thoughts Satan places in our heads. A ten-week study of the book, *Get Out of Your Head* by Jennie Allen will be led each Wednesday morning at 10:30 am by Kelly Parker (begins 9/16/20). The cost of the book is \$14. Also a separate Bible study expands on the book and draws from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Sally Gaertner will lead an in-person group each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm, and Linda Downs will lead a combination in-person/online group each Thursday evening at 6:30 pm. There is a study guide for this class that will need to be purchased. Contact the office to order any of these materials. Please direct questions to Kelly at [kelly.parker@aol.com](mailto:kelly.parker@aol.com) or 210-912-7887, Sally at [salgaert@hotmail.com](mailto:salgaert@hotmail.com) or 361-290-1068, or Linda at [teacher125@yahoo.com](mailto:teacher125@yahoo.com) or 210-632-6018.



Life Groups begin  
Wednesday, September 9th  
6:30 pm

## NEWS FROM JP & SARAH CANADY

Thank you so much for your support as Sarah and I are being led by the Lord through this season of change! We are transitioning well into our new lives as missionary interns in the Twin Cities. We miss our friends in Indo, but we are excited to be joining the work here in Minnesota. These past few months have been filled with ups and downs all while getting a vision of what is happening here in the Twin Cities and then being better equipped to go out and share the good news with people.

The month of July was spent mostly getting used to life back on campus. Sarah and I are staying in a guest room in the Adkins building on campus where we share a kitchen and a bathroom with another married intern couple until Sarah graduates next Spring 2021. Summer has been beautiful in Minnesota and we have been able to enjoy walks and spend time in the sun before the cold sets in. One big thing we were able to enjoy in July was traveling to Utah to celebrate my brother Elisha's wedding! It was a wonderful trip where Sarah and I were able to stop in Colorado Springs, CO, to see the mountains with my dad and sister, Rebekah, and her husband, Noah, before driving over to Utah. It was a beautiful wedding and time with my family. Congrats again to Elisha and Kennan!

At the beginning of August, we attended an orientation where we heard from local pastors about the reality of ministering in South Minneapolis in the aftermath of George Floyd and the riots. It was good to hear that through all of the tragedy and chaos that God is continuing to work to bring hope through the gospel to the people in this area. There's no need to be concerned about our safety. Please know that our leadership are being very cautious and smart about ministering in these areas of town. Also, the ministries that Sarah and I are in are not directly in that part of town, but many of our friends are ministering there.

We also attended a 3-day seminar hosted by the school on exponential discipleship making. It was really helpful to learn strategies of exponential discipleship making from the Bethany staff and other global missionaries who served overseas for many years and used and saw the fruit of the principles that we were learning about.

For the remainder of our internship, Sarah and I will be working with two different ministries. The first is the Hospitality Center for Chinese (HCC) students. This is a ministry that has been working on the University of Minnesota campuses for over 26 years offering hospitality through meals, activities, outings, English language tutoring, and friendship. In the last 2 years, they have expanded from just Chinese students to all international students in the Twin Cities area. Sarah and I will be working directly with the staff there to help plan and coordinate events for international students to meet and form relationships with local Christians and other American students. The ministry is currently mostly on the U of M campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but part of our goal will be reaching out to other universities in the area in order to connect with their international students so that we can get them connected to local believers by hosting hospitality events. We hope to make friends with these students as well, so that we can begin to share Christ with them.

The other ministry that Sarah and I will be working with is S.A.L.T. It stands for Somali Adult Literacy Training. They are a part of Arrive Ministries that works here in Minnesota to share Jesus with refugees and immigrants. We will be providing tutoring services for Somali adults and children. We will also be practicing a weekly Discovery Bible Study with a team of interns also involved in this ministry with the hope of being able to host our own DBS with the Somali relationships that come from tutoring.

We want to thank you again for your support of us in prayer, finances, and hospitality (or all of the above!) Sarah and I are determined to keep running this race that God has given us. Here are few a suggestions about ways you can pray for us:

- Pray that Sarah and I are able to find the "person of peace" in the communities that we will be ministering in so that we can share Christ with them;
- Pray that Sarah and I keep our dependence fully on the Lord and for continued endurance through all the changes this season;
- Pray for the people of the Twin Cities area who are lost and without hope, that they will find peace and justice in Christ over all else;
- Pray for the communities of the immigrants and refugees, especially the Somali community, that doors would open and many would come to know Isa Almasih (Jesus) as Savior and Lord;
- Pray for the international student community, that they would not live in fear and that they would come and experience the true love of Christ for them through His body, the Church, and thus seek Jesus and be saved.

If you have any questions, or just want to say "hi," JP can be reached at 210-427-2027 (jpcanady4@gmail.com), and Sarah can be reached at 210-393-1420 (scanady17@bethanygu.edu).



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is the perfect way to reach lonely children around the world, and back-to-school season is a great time to stock up on supplies to fill your OCC shoebox in November. Take advantage of seasonal sales and pick up a few extra of the following suggested items.



**THE POWER  
of a  
SIMPLE  
GIFT**

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

Shoe boxes will be collected the week of November 8-15, 2020. Visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ) to "build a box" or to get more ideas. For questions, contact Sally Gaertner at 361-290-1068.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Hello everyone and HAPPY September!

To me it seems that once Labor Day and back-to-school come.... October, November and December holidays will be here in no time. I'm sure some of you don't want to hear that!! Anyway here we are in September! Some of us try to make the best out of our situation. Others have not experienced that much of a change. I don't really feel like I'm "missing" out on too much. I'm not a big shopper, movie goer or frequent restaurants, but what I miss the most is "FELLOWSHIP"!! I sometimes feel like I've lost the wind out of my sails, but the LORD has given me a great sense of CONTENTMENT. I pray that others like me can speak positively about what the LORD has given them during this period of separation.



I know it's our faith that keeps us going, because the LORD is in control and HE will turn this season into one where our faith is revitalized and our hearts are returned to HIM! In HIS time! I feel moved to live above our circumstances. We need to remain positive and reach out to those who may not have the same outlook and may not know the LORD, but HE will use our circumstances for HIS Glory and bring something good from this. I know it's difficult to understand what benefit could come from (fill in the blank). Nothing is impossible for GOD! I know the Holy Spirit will help any willing believer!

I wish I could just list all the fun fellowship ideas and dates and time and place for the month, but once again we will be patient and wait on the LORD to reverse our situation! Fellowship is coming SOON!

I wanted to remind everyone that Linda Downs and Kelly Parker will be sharing the "Get out of Your Head" studies for the Fall.

These studies will guide you to use the Bible to stop the toxic thoughts Satan places in our heads. The first study is a ten-week study of the book, Get Out of Your Head Jennie Allen. This book is packed with scripture references to help you stop the toxic thoughts and shows how to use scripture to eliminate them from your mind. Kelly Parker will lead this study on Wednesday mornings, beginning on September 16 at 10:30 am in the annex. This will be a face-to-face class. Please email Kelly at [kelly.parker@aol.com](mailto:kelly.parker@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

If you have read the book already, you may want to attend one of the Bible Studies, also called Get Out of Your Head. The Bible Study expands on what is learned in the book and deals with the Letter to the Philippians. There are two options for this study. Sally Gaertner will be leading one study on Wednesday nights starting September 9 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall as a face-to-face class. Linda Downs will be leading the other on Thursday nights starting September 17 at 6:30 pm and it will be a combination of online and face-to-face in the fellowship hall.

I am praying for all to stay safe! If you would like to help with ideas for the Women's Ministry Newsletter, please contact Sally Gaertner at 361.290.1068 or me, Donna Arispe, at 210.560.9642.

## WHAT IS THE MARY HILL DAVIS OFFERING®?

In 1935, the Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) of Texas recommended a resolution that the Week of Prayer for State Missions Offering be named the "Mary Hill Davis Offering®". The resolution was unanimously adopted and the offering was thus named for the woman who had led Baptist women of Texas to pray for and give to missions efforts in Texas. Today, eighty-five years later, your gifts to the Mary Hill Davis Offering® continue to empower state missions efforts for Texas Baptists.

Together, WMU of Texas and Texas Baptists are able to send missionaries and provide opportunities for people to hear the Gospel and find hope in Christ.

The Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions® is a vital part of this work. One hundred percent of the money collected goes to sending missionaries, supporting missions in Texas and sustaining WMU of Texas' ministry efforts.

Each year, WMU of Texas walks alongside churches and individuals to help them engage in local missions, establish partnerships for missions, and empower others for worldwide missions. Visit <https://www.iamtexasmissions.org/what-is-the-texas-missions-offering> to read how your gifts impact countless lives in Texas and beyond.

Pray for Texas Baptists missionaries and ministries as they make disciples in Texas. Support Texas Baptists missionaries and ministries as they reach Texas and beyond with the Gospel.

Give online by selecting the "Mary Hill Davis Offering" fund, or indicate Texas Missions on your check or giving envelope.



2020 State Missions Goal: \$3.6 Million  
Week of Prayer: September 13-20, 2020

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## A WORD FROM SALT LAKE CITY

A postcard from our missionary church planting partner, Pastor Bryan Catherman, arrived in the church's mailbox this week. God has placed Bryan's family in a place that is statistically unreached. Redeeming Life Church is proving that when sharing Jesus, 1 + 1 = more mission. Pastor Bryan says, "We are each a light in the darkness, but we are brighter together."

Check out [www.redeeminglifeutah.org](http://www.redeeminglifeutah.org) to learn more about it.

Here's Pastor Bryan's note to FBC Floresville:

FBC Floresville,

Thanks for your prayer and support. You guys are a blessing! I hope you are getting through all this COVID stuff without too many problems.

For the Kingdom,

Pastor Bryan



# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	8am <b>MEN'S BREAKFAST</b>
6  10:30 am *Amos Garcia	7	8	9  Life Groups & Children's Activities tentatively begin 6:30pm	10 FBC vols @ Food Pantry	11	12
13  10:30 am Kids SS tentatively begins 9:15am *Bob Herndon	14 BSF: Kids Online	15 BSF: Adults Genesis	16	17	18	19
20  10:30 am *Tom Kuykendall	21	22	23 Business Meeting 6:30 pm	24	25	26
27  10:30 am Guest Speaker Gospel for Asia *John Long	28	29	30	<b>hello, september</b>		

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Sunday

- 8:00am—In-person Worship
- 9:15am—Bible Study (Kids Bible Study begins 9/13)
- 10:30am—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE
- 4:30pm—Student Praise Band

### Wednesday

- 10:30am—Ladies Bible Study
- 6:30pm—Life Groups/Prayer Mtg / Children's Worship / Student Worship (beginning September 9th)

### 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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Sarah Haverlah	8 Carter Herndon	15 Celeste Savage	21 James Hankins	25 Gwen Cason
1 Damon Shine	9 Cissy Dippel	16 Isabelle Fewox	21 J.T. Mills	27 Sally Gaertner
2 Piper Parsons	9 Linda Laijas	16 Jeffrey Lanning	21 Ed Pipes	27 Wyatt Miller
2 Sandra Keith	9 Sarah Baird	17 Luke Gulick	21 Bruce Whitley	28 Carlos Gonzalez
3 Callie Baker	10 Kyrissa Parsons	17 Tyra Mosier	21 Frances Weyrick	28 Lance Little
3 Miles Keith	10 Ray Klespies	17 Jan Nissen	23 Scott Baker	28 Veda Voyles
4 Russell Dickerson	10 Daniel Hargrove	17 Andrew Young	23 Jason Sellers	29 Rosalie Brumlow
4 Karla Hankins	11 Joyce Pelech	18 Mark Burris	24 Jeremiah Canady	29 Kristy Zaiontz
4 Brooklynn Holt	12 Joe Holcombe	19 Chance Addington	24 Yogi Gaertner	30 Lorraine Young
5 Carolyn Andrews	13 Michael Guerrero	19 Jackie Lozano	24 Louise Lotspeich	30 Denise Kelley
5 Henrietta Turner	15 Layla Brown	20 Bill Varnon	24 Thomas Stringer	30 Valerie Moss
8 Tommy Detamore	15 Robbie Parker	21 Alexis Fewox	24 Tanya Tackitt	30 Kacey Zaiontz

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 Christie Davis, Office Assistant  
 Rosa Beltran, Church Custodian



**BECAUSE HE FIRST  
 LOVED US.**

 WE'RE ON THE WEB!  
 /FIRSTBAPTISTFLORESVILLE

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Guy Eldridge Farley, grandfather of Ashley Coffey, who passed away on August 1, 2020;

Heartfelt sympathy is offered to the family of Robert "Bobby" Pinkston, brother-in-law of Barbara Estes, who passed away on August 2, 2020;

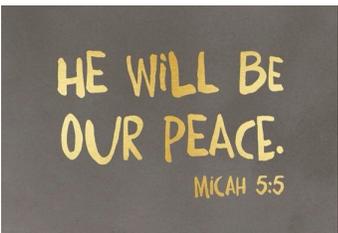
Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Lonnie Penrod, husband of Gloria Penrod, who passed away on August 9, 2020;

Heartfelt condolences are offered to the family of Ruby Joyce Tennyson-Ream, mother of JonAnn (Jan) Thomas, who passed away on August 10, 2020;

Sincere condolences are extended to the family of Joyce Raver, aunt of Jeannie McCarville, who passed away on August 18, 2020;

Heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Gene Hartmann, husband of Loretta Hartmann, who passed away on August 20, 2020;

Sincere condolences are offered to the family of Jerry Olen "Doc" Brumlow, DVM, husband of Rosalie Brumlow, who passed away on August 24, 2020.



There are four Women of Joy tickets that were purchased and now the person who bought them cannot attend. She is generously sharing her deposit with anyone if they would like to purchase the remaining balance on the tickets. The ticket price was originally \$99 each, but the balance owed now is \$74. If you are interested, contact Beth Carter at 210-365-6305. The conference dates are September 25-27 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio. Details of how they are addressing COVID concerns are explained on their web site, [www.womenofjoy.org](http://www.womenofjoy.org).

**BUILDING  
 HISTORY**

Original Loan Amount:  
 \$ 525,000.00  
 August Loan Payment:  
 \$ 5,000.00  
 Current Loan Balance:  
 \$ 134,203.09

**"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)**

**Floresville Food Pantry's  
 Suggested Donation for SEPTEMBER  
 Dried Beans and Rice  
 in one-pound bags**

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.



By Letter

**Lisa Kutzer**  
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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](http://www.fbcf.org), or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
July 2020	\$ 47,186.60	\$ 57,596.85
YTD thru July	\$ 377,470.41	\$ 403,177.95