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WELCOME NEW DEACONS

On March 21, 2021, three new deacons were added to our current Deacon Body: Chris Coats, Bobby Etheridge, and Bill Perry. Both Mr. Etheridge and Mr. Perry have served as Deacons in their previous churches. Mr. Coats was approved and ordained that evening.

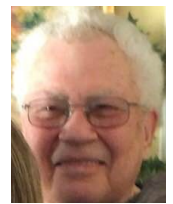
Since the service, the current membership has been allocated to all the Deacons so each family has an assigned Deacon to assist with prayer needs, guidance, or other help. The Deacons have been given their list of names and should be contacting you soon. If you have not heard from your deacon within the next few weeks, email office@fbcf.org to find out to whom you have been assigned.



Chris
Coats



Bobby
Etheridge



Bill
Perry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to have VBS this year. It will be on June 7th-11th from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. We are going to limit the event to 90 kids, for those who have completed grades K-5. We will have pre-k/nursery provided for the children of the workers.

Our theme this year is Destination Dig. Every kid will be a junior archaeologist digging up evidence to uncover the truth about Jesus! Our key passage is Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all of your heart." We want every child to clearly hear the message of the gospel and challenge them to seek God with all of their heart.

I am asking for three things: 1) Would you commit to praying for the workers, the children, and the families that will be involved in VBS? We will have a prayer guide for VBS in the foyer starting this Sunday. 2) Would you consider volunteering for VBS? There are a lot of different areas where we need help. If you would like to volunteer, send me an email at Matt@fbcf.org. 3) Would you share information about VBS with your friends, family, neighbors, and on social media. We want to reach Floresville with the gospel and this is a good place to start!

VBS REGISTRATION

- Registration is online only at www.fbcf.org
- Ages K-5th grade
- June 7-11, 2021
- 8:30 am — 12:00 noon
- Each grade will remain together, if possible
- Limited to 90 kids

FUN BUNCH



Dear Fun Bunch!

Well, it looks like there's a light at the end of the tunnel after all!

Branson has fully opened and trips are being scheduled for this fall and next year, so we are once again going to try and go to Branson. The trip is scheduled for November 28-December 4, 2021. There are a couple of changes. We will be seeing the Blackwood Brothers instead of the acrobats. The Sight and Sound Theatre is showing JESUS this year instead of NOAH. The price has gone up a few dollars, which I think will be \$705. This includes tips for the drivers, so it really is all inclusive. More than likely, part of the charge is for all the extra cleaning required. As soon as the new flier comes in, I'll have it available to email or you can pick one up at church. I'll let you know the location.

The other major change is that you will need to be vaccinated and sign a waiver about wearing masks when required. If you reply positively to this trip, I'll send you the waiver, which is very basic. If you have been vaccinated, it's no problem.

Also, we are planning a Spring Trip to the Ark Encounter April 23-May 1, 2022, which will be nine days and eight nights. If you have never been, it is an amazing sight. Let me know if you are interested in that trip.

Looking forward to our future fellowships.

Karen Sada

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GOD'S WORK FUND



The Titus 2 Bible Study class manages a fund that assists young people pursuing a ministry-related degree with educational expenses. The fund also helps pay for short-term mission trips for individuals.

Donations over and above your regular tithe are being requested. Indicate "God's Work Fund" on your check or envelope, or select "God's Work Fund" when you give online at www.fbcf.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Hello everyone!

As I am writing this newsletter at the end of April, I would like to THANK the LORD for HIS blessings of RAIN! This April shower will be a blessing on our MAY Flowers!!

I pray that as time goes by, the virus that seems to have locked us into a Solitary Confinement mode will loosen its grip! I would much prefer to be held in the wonderful embrace with the LORD!

After this recent surgery of mine, it has brought back some memories during my cancer treatment. Because of the medications I was on, sleep was a very welcome companion and came very easy. One night in particular I must have been struggling and "my friend" sleep was nowhere to be found. I lifted up my prayers and asked David to pray with me and began to feel some relief from the pain. I believe the Holy Spirit was reminding me of "my" verse, Psalm 54:4, "Surely God is my help; the Lord is the one who sustains ME!" He also promises NEVER to leave us! That verse and promise kept resonating so strongly in my heart that I reached out and grabbed the Lord's hand in a firm grip. In that dark, quiet, peaceful room, He answered my prayer, which allowed me to relax and drift on to a wonderful night sleep. I remember that outstretched hand reaching towards me and taking hold until I fell asleep. The next morning was a totally new day with renewed strength, less pain, and a refreshed focus on the LORD and HIS promises! He was there with me. He is here with me. He will always be with me! I know the Lord wants to HOLD our burdens and concerns - and He wants to hold ME - in His hand!

As our 2021 year moves forward, we are quickly approaching SUMMER! There is a strong possibility that our JUNE Women's Ministry calendar may have some "DATES TO REMEMBER," including a Women's Ministry Fellowship!! We will be sharing all the details soon. Looking forward to seeing each and every one of you!

I would like to "Thank" our FBC Office staff for the wonderful job they do each month on the Newsletter. Putting together a newsletter is similar to working on a huge 1,000,000 piece puzzle! Thank you, Ladies! Many of you already post your church calendar on the refrigerator to keep track of church events. If you don't, it's a wonderful way of keeping track of upcoming birthdays!!

Hope to see you soon! Stay well! Pray God's love and His abundant blessings for you!

Donna Arispe

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 8:00—In-person Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study for all
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Wednesday

- 5:30—Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30—Life Groups /Prayer Meeting /Youth Bible Study/ Children's Worship

Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting
Mondays at 10:00 am

Bible Study Fellowship
Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Line Exercise Classes
Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from
9:30-10:30 am

* Deacon of the Week

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10:30 am *Ronald Tipton LIVE	3	4	5	6	7	1 8am MEN'S BREAKFAST
9 10:30 *Bob Whiteley LIVE	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:30 am *David Arispe LIVE	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:30 am *Ron Bluff LIVE	24	25	26	27	28	29 VBS Training 2 pm
30 10:30 am *Chris Coats LIVE	31 OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY					

May 2021 BIRTHDAYS

2 Jacob Hill	6 Bernice Tatum	15 Brenda Minard	23 Jeannie McCarville
2 Madison Posey	7 Steven Boyd	15 Beth Price	24 Jennifer Miller
2 Tricia Tipton	9 Janet Holt	16 Denise Trabucco	25 Vickie Nieto
3 Randy Coston	10 Ruth Baker	16 Lilly Murray	25 Luis Trabucco
3 Brooklen Pelech	10 Pat Van Dieren	18 Michelle Hill	28 Codee Baker
4 Thomas Harris	13 Camille Ingram	19 Bill Perry	28 Christie Davis
4 Kyle Miller	13 Marcy Jacobs	21 Lois Brown	28 Theresa Watson
4 J.R. Rogers	14 Wesley Kotzur	21 Ray Rogers	28 Ernest Young
5 Cameron Herndon	14 Rebekah Street	22 Chandler Gorzell	30 Brent Houdmann
6 Micah Clements	14 Laurie Miller	22 Bonna Reed	30 Karen Whatley
6 Randy Kutzer	15 Ashley Joosepson	23 Carolyn Nickles	31 Pastor Terry Smith

Wilson County Collection Event

Wilson County will hold a collection day for any household hazardous waste, used tires, used electronics, and pharmaceutical waste on Saturday, May 8, 2021, from 8:00 am to Noon at the Precinct 4 Yard at 1005 Railroad Street, Poth, TX 78147. The event is for residents of Wilson County only, and proof of address is required. Residential waste only; no businesses. There is no charge, but some items cannot be accepted. For more information, call 1-866-345-7272, ext. 3228.

What to Bring:

Household hazardous waste, used tires, used electronics, pharmaceutical waste. For a complete list of what to bring and what not to bring, please visit SARIVERAAUTHORITY.ORG.

PARTICIPANTS MUST REMAIN IN THEIR VEHICLES. IF SPEAKING TO EVENT STAFF, PLEASE WEAR A MASK

FREE on a first come, first served basis. Collection will be at the discretion of the sponsors.



Saturday, May 8, 2021,
8 am to Noon
Precinct 2 Yard,
1005 Railroad Street
Poth, TX 78147

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Floresville, TX 78114
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E-mail: office@fbcf.org

Mike Clements, D.Min., Pastor
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Terry Smith, Worship Pastor
830-391-3362
Matt Keller, Family Pastor
409-656-3089
Penny Smith, Office Manager
Denise Kelley, Office Assistant
Christie Davis, Family Ministry Assistant
Rosa Beltran, Church Custodian

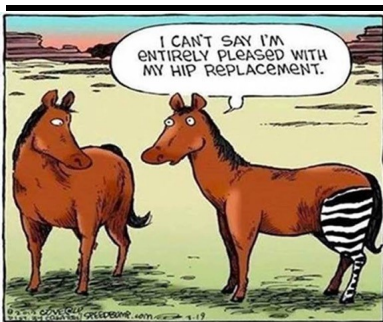


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Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Mary and I wish to extend our gratitude for all you have done helping our son, Cody, and his two daughters during their hour of need. Your help with the funeral arrangements for his wife, along with the meals, have been a blessing to Cody and the children.

We miss each and every one of you, and wish the Lord to reach out and bless each with His love and grace. Thanks again and God Bless you,

With our love in Christ,
Albert and Mary VanDeaver



To All My Christian families here at First Baptist,

Thank you so much for all your family prayers and group prayers for my brother-in-law, Duane Merritt, and my sister Susan. Your prayers were heartwarming for Susan and I also. Duane went through a lot with throat cancer during Covid, not being able to see Susan and his only daughter Kathy. He lasted one year and had hoped to come home, then got worse and passed. Susan would like me to thank my church family for all their prayers. Now Duane is without pain and rests in Heaven.

I thank you with all my heart for your prayers when I asked for them. They were powerful. Duane was able to see Susan, Kathy, and two grandsons before he passed. My heart is full of love for you all. Thank you again,

Louise Lotspeich

Condolences go out to the family of Hurvey Elliott, who passed away April 5, 2021;

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Duane Merritt, brother-in-law to Louise Lotspeich, who passed away April 9, 2021;

Also, condolences are extended to Frank Scheidbach, brother to Grace Lanning, who passed away April 14, 2021.

with deepest
SYMPATHY

Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donations for the summer months

Macaroni & Cheese	Vienna Sausage	Pop Tarts
Cereal/Granola Bars	Lunchables	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned Chili	Hot Dogs	Canned Ravioli



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.

BUILDING HISory

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00
February Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00
Current Loan Balance:
\$ 97,502.39

"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)

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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

March 2021

\$ 57,935.12

\$ 59,329.67

YTD thru March

\$ 156,154.82

\$ 179,989.02