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FALL SEMESTER LIFE GROUPS

After what has seemed like forever, our Fall Semester Life Groups will begin next month! On Wednesday, September 8, make plans to be here for discipleship, fellowship, and food.

The following classes will be offered beginning at 6:30 pm:

EVANGELISM—Meet with Pastors Mike and Terry in the sanctuary to learn different strategies to share the gospel, whether you are a newbie or experienced. There will be a strategy for everyone to participate in the Great Commission. (Matthew 28:19-20. Go and make disciples...) *Please RSVP* to office@fbcf.org or 830-216-4946 to ensure enough resources are available.

DISCOVERING HOPE IN THE PSALMS— Ladies, there are two options for this class. You can meet with Sally Gaertner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm, or you can meet with Mary-Ellen Long at 10:30 am in the Annex for this creative bible study experience. This book offers compelling teachings, motivating devotions, and plenty of creative options for interacting with 10 psalms, including beautiful artwork to color.

THE STORY — Two classes will begin with the opportunity to study and discuss the book THE STORY, a chronological collection of scriptures put in easy reading format by Max Lucado. One class will be in person on Sunday morning during the Bible study hour, 9:15-10:15 beginning September 12. The other will be Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 beginning September 8 on Zoom. These are entirely separate classes. Text or call Jean Harris (210-367-1679) or Tom Harris (210-842-2115) for more information and so that arrangements can be made to get you a book.

CHALLENGING THE SECULAR WORLD VIEW OF GENESIS — 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 in the TEL classroom.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Life Groups begin 9/8
- Wednesday Night Supper begins 9/8
- The Story Class begins 9/8 at 6:30 pm via Zoom and 9/12 at 9:15 am during Bible Study hour
- Belize Shopping
- · Labor Day Holiday

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Hello everyone!

It's so wonderful to see people back at church! I pray that everyone had a great Summer and visited some favorite vacation locations and new places. The new school year started with lots of excited kids. Yes, they are excited to be back in class with all their friends, and some parents are double excited for their children to be back at school!!

I've been asking myself about the purpose the Lord has for each one of us. For some of us it may not be clear. Like a child asking, "why can't I breathe under water like a fish? Why can't I fly like the birds and go anywhere?" These may not be your typical thoughts, but the Lord has His plan. Many times we wonder why HIS plan led me in this direction or that direction, and a lot of time we do not have an answer. Our heavenly Father KNOWS how our tiny piece of the entire tapestry is going to intertwine with the big picture of glorifying the LORD. We all have a "certain number" of days and it's how we live them. Paraphrasing Proverbs 27:1, tomorrow is not promised. My prayer has been that those that may be living in fear, created by those that choose to manipulate us, will change. May they begin to hear that small voice or idea placed in their head of the promises the LORD has for them. Each and every promise He has given us, HE will keep. I vow to be cautious but not fearful, for the Lord is with me. He has my days. I will continue to pray for those to follow the purpose the LORD has for them!

The Women's Ministry will continue to march forward with activities that will bring glory to the Lord. We have several activities already on our calendar:

Women's Ministry will be studying "Discovering Hope in the Psalms" in the Fall

- o 10:30 am Wednesdays led by Mary Ellen Long (beginning Sept 8th)
- o 6:30 pm Wednesdays led by Sally Gaertner (beginning Sept 8th)





Women of Joy Conference, Embrace JOY! in San Antonio, September 24-26, 2021.

OCTOBER

Missions on Parade: Peggy Tipton and the Women's Ministry will be hosting speakers informing us about different Mission opportunities. The date is October 23, 2021 at 10:30. Everyone is invited to attend and learn more about opportunities available to us.

NOVEMBER

Operation Christmas Child - Date to be announced. School supplies are available on sale and it's a great time to stock up!

Thanksgiving Baskets - Date and more information will be published soon.

Please remember to pray for those on our prayer list. If you have other Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642

Serving HIS Kingdom!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

September 8, 2021 — Deacon Team (Meatloaf)

September 15 — Helping Hands Team led by Karen Sada (Chopped BBQ)

September 22 — Team Frijole led by Ivy Lanier (Chalupas)

September 29 — HIS Team led by Stacy Collins (Pasta)

If you want to participate, please sign up in the foyer or email office@fbcf.org with a head count in order to have an accurate amount of food. Plates are \$4 adult/\$3 child/\$15 max family.



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sui	n	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
S	* ept	ember	***	1	2	3	8am 4 MEN'S BREAKFAST
LIVE 10:30 am *Bobby Eth	5 heridge	LABOR Office Closed	7	8	9	10	11
*Danny Fe	12	13	BSF Begins 6:30 pm	Business 15 Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17	18
*Bob Hern	19	20	21	22	Students 23 to feed Athletics	24	25
LIVE 10:30 am *John Long	26	27	28	29	30		



2	Piper Parsons	12	Joe Holcombe	20	Bill Varnon
2	Sandra Keith	13	Michael Guerrero	21	Alexis Fewox
3	Callie Baker	15	Layla Brown	21	James Hankins
3	Miles Keith	15	Robbie Parker	21	J.T. Mills
4	Russell Dickerson	15	Celeste Savage	21	Ed Pipes
4	Karla Hankins	16	Isabelle Fewox	21	Bruce Whitley
4	Brooklynn Holt	16	Jeffrey Lanning	21	Frances Weyrick
8	Tommy Detamore	17	Luke Gulick	23	Jason Sellers
8	Carter Herndon	17	Tyra Mosier	24	Jeremiah Canady
9	Cissy Dippel	17	Jan Nissen	24	Yogi Gaertner
9	Sarah Baird	17	Andrew Young	24	Louise Lotspeich
10	Kyrissa Parsons	18	Mark Burris	24	Thomas Stringer
10	Ray Klespies	19	Chance Addington	24	Tanya Tackitt
10	Daniel Hargrove	19	Jackie Lozano	25	Gwen Cason

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
- Tuesday
- 6:30—Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

- •• 5:30—Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study

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

27 Sally Gaertner 27 Wyatt Miller 28 Carlos Gonzalez 28 Veda Voyles 29 Rosalie Brumlow 29 Kristy Zaiontz 30 Lorraine Young Denise Kelley 30 Valerie Moss



I had just finished paying for my groceries when I heard something happening outside. The guy carrying lout my groceries set my bags down by my car to grab this little guy! Now that's something that's never happened to me while leaving the Floresville HEB. Some things are very different here.

What's not different? Belizeans need the gospel, they need to grow in their faith, they need Christ in their lives. Every place has some unique features, but every place has people just like those in Floresville, people who need to know Christ, grow in their faith, and who need encouragement to faithfully serve him. We are grateful for your faithful support for the mission in Belize.

Your Missionaries,

Paul and Sherry



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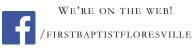
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Because He First Loved Us.



BUILDING

HIStory

Original Loan Amount:

\$ 525,000.00

August Loan Payment: \$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance: \$ 78,803.37

"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing

heart, let him bring it as an offer-

ing to the Lord."

Exodus 35:5a (NKJV)

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Sincere condolences go out to Celeste Savage in the loss of her dear husband of 51 years, Jerry Savage, who passed away August 17, 2021;



Deepest sympathy goes to the family of Camille Ingram who passed away August 23, 2021.

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP



Join BSF this Fall for the study of Matthew: The Unexpected King. BSF meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning September 14 in the Annex. Men, women, and children are welcome.



First Lutheran Church SAUSAGE DINNER

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Serving 11 am-1pm

DRIVE-THRU ONLY!!

Meal includes:

Sausage, potato salad, green beans, sauerkraut, bread and pie

\$10 per plate

Tickets available at 830-393-2747

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Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donations for the

summer months

Macaroni & Cheese Vienna Sausage Pop Tarts

Cereal/Granola Bars Lunchables Peanut Butter/elly

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.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet
July 2021	\$ 41,402.32	\$ 59,329.67
YTD thru July	\$ 356,649.45	\$ 415,307.69





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.