



Pastor Appreciation Month

Every year we celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month by sharing things about our pastors, such as what they like or don't like, what their hobbies are, etc. This year, I wanted to share a perspective of our pastors and how they feel about us, the congregation. This article is reproduced in part from the Mature Living magazine published by Lifeway. Be sure to show your appreciation for all they do for us.

"My Dear Flock,

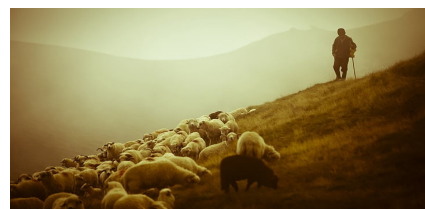
You may not realize how much you mean to me. Like any family, we're used to each other. We take each other for granted. We forget to say what's important. But you are my people, and I love you.

I am your pastor—your shepherd. I care for your souls. In fact, I may think more about your souls than you do. When I'm at my best, my most Christlike, I try to discern how healthy your hearts are. When you're ill, for instance, I wonder if your faith is withering. If you're forgetful, I want to help you remember Jesus. I love to see how He has become to you 'sweeter as the years go by.'

I don't mean to complain, but being a pastor is harder than I ever imagined it would be, hard in ways folks who aren't pastors seldom understand. Sometimes God's people can be so difficult. Plus everything about pastoring matters so much. It all seems so heavy. Sometimes sharing the burdens of my flock makes me sad or frightened, yet I need to be brave and strong for you. Then there's the devil, always lying, always harassing.

Often pastoring is so hard because of me. It's unsettling when someone calls me 'a man of God.' You don't know just how messy I am, yet at the same time, it seems so many of my flaws are obvious to everybody. My weaknesses and sin take a toll on my family and on you. I don't always know how to live authentically, and I don't always know whom I can talk to safely. Sharing in the sufferings of Christ is harder than I ever imagined when Jesus first handed me the shepherd's staff.

But oh, the privileges of pastoring! I hold tiny hands, dedicating those little ones to Jesus, and I hold the withered fingers of the old as they let go of this life. I never get over the fact that I say 'I pronounce you husband and wife,' and it becomes so! At gravesides I say, 'Ashes to ashes, dust to dust,' entrusting saints to Jesus and leaving an awful silence over those who rejected Him. I'm privileged to hold the cup before you and say on Jesus' behalf, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood.'



Sometimes shepherding is a slog, and it is often lonely. But keeping watch over our flocks by night is what shepherds do. I worry about you, you know. I worry about the sheep who have wandered off, especially our kids. I watch for wolves. I ache when my people disobey Jesus' most important command, 'Love one another.' I confess that occasionally I say with old Pastor Moses, 'What am I to do with these people?'

But still, you mean more to me than you know. I pray for you, though not as well as I should. I love seeing Jesus in you. I get so excited when you want to grow in Him and serve Him. I just love Sunday mornings when we can be together—hearing you sing, enjoying your laughter in the foyer, seeing our children. I'm so grateful the Lord plucked me, for no good reason but grace, out of that procession of upward bound saints and told me I was to be a pastor. Your pastor. I love you."

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101st Annual Meeting of the

Gambrell Baptist Association

Sunday, October 24, 2021, 4pm
First Baptist Church
Floresville, Texas

Women's Ministry News



Hello everyone!

I'm amazed what a little change in our weather can do! I know I walk faster, the wildlife are friskier, and the aroma of Autumn is in the air! The only thing we are missing is a little bit of RAIN! I know the LORD will send us rain, we just don't know what HIS perfect time is. It might be that we are all not praying for rain and we need to lift HIS name and ask!

Well, we waited long enough for our Wednesday Night Suppers and they are back! We had a great response from the "regulars" and the "newbies" that come and enjoy these meals. The aroma in that kitchen was absolutely wonderful. Hats off to all the cooks and helpers and the cleaners. We should have at least 3 groups of people for each Team 1) buy the food and begin preparing and cooking, 2) complete the cooking, and 3) CLEAN-UP crew. If you have never offered a hand in that kitchen, you would be amazed at the level of effort that goes into the meal. After serving on several committees that involve kitchen duties, you would be amazed and very thankful for all that they do for US!

This month we have invited some wonderful guests to visit with us. On October 23rd, Soapy and Suzanne Dollar, from Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU), will be joining us and sharing some of their many experiences. Soapy is the Director for Gateway Ministry (US Air Force Basic Trainees) who has served with CRU since 1971. They have ministered on college campuses in Music Ministry since they both play various instruments and sing. They have lived in many countries, including: Belgium, Spain, Panama, Honduras, China, Russia, and many others, to help evangelize and make disciples in those nations. Also appearing that day will be the Bound for Glory Men's Quartet. Let's welcome them to Floresville, Texas! Missions on Parade will begin at 10:45 am in the sanctuary. Please, this event is open to **EVERYONE!**

November 13th—We will join together and share some of our love filling the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. There will be boxes available in the foyer. Families can also choose to take a box home and fill it with their items. The completion date for these boxes will be November 13th.

November 20th—We will be organizing Thanksgiving baskets with the usual items for a meal. A list of items needed will be posted in the foyer. Donations are needed to purchase the turkeys. As you are shopping for the preparation of your dinner, consider purchasing some of those items for our baskets. We usually provide a "Homemade" treat with each basket. Everyone is welcome to help with the packing and delivery on the 20th.

Please remember to pray for all those on our prayer list. This is a very busy time of the year. If the LORD taps on your shoulder to help, purchase, deliver or be HIS hands and feet, please answer HIS call. If you have any Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642.

Fun Bunch News

Dear Fun Bunch,

Well, the fall is upon us and here we are struggling once again with the nasty COVID virus.

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But wait! There is hope! God is still in control and Spring is coming!

Unfortunately, we did not get enough people to go to Branson this year. We will revisit the possibility of next year in the Spring. They are selling out quick already. People are eager to go. So far Diamond Tours has had no kickbacks on Covid spreading from their trips so they are doing a good job. Branson has not been named a super spreader venue, so they must be doing something right too.

However, we are still onboard to go to the ARK Encounter in April. This trip includes a riverboat ride and dinner and several other wonderful sights. If you are interested, let me know. I have lots of fliers. We already have half the bus full and so seating is getting close. I am not filling the bus to capacity so we will have room to spread out. There is no vaccine requirement but masks may be required at some places. Of course, the rules change every day.

I am going to get with Brother Terry to see how dependable the bus is now. They are picking the kids up at school again, so maybe we can squeeze in a shopping day, or movie day, or just lunch to visit and have a good time.

Praying safety and health for all,

Karen Sada

October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <small>8am</small>
3 <small>LIVE 10:30 am</small>	4	5	6 WNS-Hot dogs/chili	7	8	9 <small>MEN'S BREAKFAST</small>
10 <small>LIVE 10:30 am</small>	11 <small>CLOSED Columbus Day</small>	12	13 WNS-Pulled Pork	14	15	16 Parenting Conference
17 <small>LIVE 10:30 am</small>	18	19	20 WNS-Chalupas	21 SMOST 7 pm	22	23 MISSIONS ON PARADE
24 <small>LIVE 10:30 am</small>	25	26	27 WNS-Meatloaf	28	29	30
Gambrell Mtg						
31 <small>LIVE 10:30 am</small>						
Trunk or Treat						



1 Sherrie Welfel	8 Bill Anderson	18 Ashlyn Talley Meyer
3 Cheyanne Baker	9 Mikaela Talley	19 Chris Banks
3 Otto Hierholzer	10 Michael Simmang	19 Terrie Myers
3 Tracie Fuller Scheffler	11 Austin Coleman	20 Clayton Pelech
4 Dayna Koenig	11 Sandra Smith	21 Anna Belle Welfel
4 Maegan Mahula	12 Carson Gorzell	22 Carl E. Ray
4 Rachel Smith Kramm	12 Mark Johnson	22 Katie Smith
5 Candace Sellers	12 Jesse Lopez	23 Debra Seidel
6 Mary-Ellen Long	13 Beverly Hardin	24 Cole Gulick
7 Jeff Barnes	13 Jeff Pierce	24 Tiffany Yosko Durby
8 David Haverlah	14 Peggy Thomas	25 Sharon Collins
	15 Justin Kunath	25 Diane Smith
	16 Charmaine Wiatrek	25 Jason Talley
	16 David Collins	26 Cody Houdmann
	16 Wanda Whitis	26 Kristalyn Huber
	16 Rose Lee Risley	26 Mary Ann Schiefelbein
		27 Jennifer Jansky
		30 Judy Herndon
		31 Justin Huber
		31 Galen Jansky

Join us on Sunday, October 10, 2021, during the morning worship service and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Elements are available at the outside entrances to the sanctuary as you enter for worship. There will be no 8:00am service, only 10:30 to allow everyone to worship together.



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—Supper
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study / Life Groups

- 7:30—Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am

BELIZE BIBLE COLLEGE

We are still having to hold our Bible College classes online. We are hopeful that we can go back to in-person classes in early October. We trust God is working through all this for His glory and for the good of the people of Belize!

Your encouragement and prayer support and giving allow us to serve as your missionaries, effectively extending your ministry beyond Floresville all the way to Belize.

Trusting in God's Grace,

Paul and Sherry



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Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00

September Loan Payment:
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:
\$ 74,060.29

"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)

Deepest sympathy goes to the family of Sophie Rodriguez who passed away September 16, 2021.

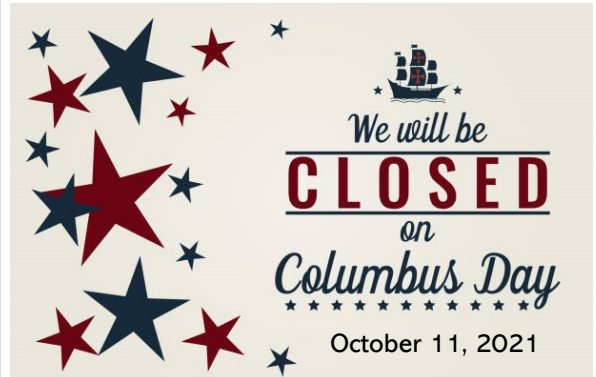
Sincere condolences go out to the Alice Kincaid family, mother-in-law to Priscilla, who passed away September 20, 2021.

with deepest
SYMPATHY

Sympathies are extended to Jennifer Varnon and Carla Smith on the loss of their Aunt Betty Mills, who passed September 28, 2021.

SOUTH TEXAS SINGING MEN OF TEXAS

Everyone is invited to join the Singing Men of South Texas for a free concert on Thursday, October 21, 2021, at 7 pm. The event will be held at First Baptist Church Sutherland Springs, 216 4th Street. The evening of worship music includes a variety of styles and eras sung by a choir of church musicians from across South Texas. Call 830-947-3333 with any questions.



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Fried Chicken Dinner Sunday October 17, 2021

Serving 10:00 AM -- Till

Pre-sale Tickets only

Plates are \$10.00 each
Includes ½ chicken & sides

Drive Through only

Desserts will be available for purchase



For Tickets visit local businesses or contact

210-844-6432

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH'S
2021 FALL FESTIVAL

TRUNK OR TREAT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

AT THE MAIN PARKING LOT OF FBC
FLORESVILLE, NEXT TO THE
SANCTUARY

FOR CHILDREN THROUGH 6TH GRADE
FAMILIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
August 2021	\$ 59,114.20	\$ 59,329.67
YTD thru August	\$ 415,763.65	\$ 479,970.72