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Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, April 17, 10:30 am. Parents, stay after worship and let your children participate in an Easter Egg hunt. Any donations of eggs or candy are appreciated, preferably candy that won't melt.



Special points of interest:

- Beginning April 3, 2022, the weekly morning worship service will be held at 10:30 am. There is no 8:00 am service.
- Sunday School will continue to meet at 9:15 am.
- Special Called Business Meeting April 20, 2022, 6:30 pm
- Palm Sunday is April 10, 2022 Lord's Supper will be celebrated
- Good Friday is April 15, 2022
- Easter is April 17, 2022

Our trip to Del Rio:

I made a connection last year with a Texas Baptist River Missionary named Shon Young. He has been working in the Del Rio area for years, both on the Acuna side and U.S. side of the border. He is an associate pastor in Del Rio at City Church Del Rio. He is an Army veteran and active in many different ministries in the Del Rio area.

A group of churches and Christians came together to create a group called the Val Verde Border Humanitarian Coalition (look it up on Facebook). They saw a need for helping those crossing the border. The people they deal with are **NOT** people who have crossed illegally, but those who the Border Patrol has processed through a checkpoint. They saw a need for ministering to these people by creating a center where these people can receive an orientation to the United States, make phone calls, buy bus tickets, get clothes, and have a safe place to stay while waiting for transportation. They do not directly give money to anyone who goes through the center, instead they are a way station that provides a platform to meet both physical and spiritual needs. They seek to pray for and share the gospel with those passing through.



We will take a small group of people on a trip to Del Rio April 14-16 to assist Shon in the ministry at his church and the Humanitarian Coalition. For a smaller group of people, we have the opportunity to go across the border to a Baptist church plant in the city of Acuna. We will go to support their VBS. We hope to either have translators or bring someone with us that speaks Spanish to look for opportunities to share the gospel on both sides of the border. Please consider coming with us. If you would like more information, contact Matt Keller at keller1583@gmail.com.

PASTOR MIKE HAS RETIRED!

If you were unable to attend the Celebration Service on March 27, you missed a very special time. After 21 years of serving as Pastor here at FBCF, Mike has retired, and he and Allison are ready to start the next phase of their lives. They will still live in this area where she will continue

working at Talley Benefits, helping others with Medicare insurance. Pastor Mike will find some way to witness to people and continue winning souls for the Lord. This was not goodbye, but hello to a new role in our lives.

Continue to pray for them as they navigate the transition to

retirement and all the changes that brings. Pray also for our church as we seek the Lord's guidance to find the new Pastor that He has chosen for us. For the months of April, May, and June, Dr. Jim Browning will fill the pulpit for us while the Search Committee begins their work.

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Women's Ministry

Hello everyone!!

Spring has definitely arrived with all the wildflowers, budding of the trees and bushes, and unfortunately, some pollen and allergens. My prayer is that these allergens don't defeat you or get the best of you. I look outside my window and see the oak pollen emerging. Wow! That means new growth, new leaves, new color to our vehicles and roof, and definitely up my nose! But with the Lord's help, I will do all the preventative treatments possible. I hope you don't suffer from allergies, because it's wonderful to enjoy the season and all its beauty. I and many others will enjoy from the inside looking out! Please be in PRAYER FOR RAIN and for those who suffer from allergy symptoms.

To those who participated this year at our (7th or 8th) Annual Plant X Change, THANK YOU -THANK YOU! The Lord provided us with a beautiful day and wonderful fellowship. We even had some out-of-towners stop and browse! It must be the Year of the Succulent! We had so many varieties to choose from, and to think stores charge \$4.00 and up. We X Changed plants and pots and "how to grow" lessons and lots of new ideas, some new gardeners and some not so new. I'm sure we all had a great time! Look forward to our X Change again next year in 2023!

We have some who have requested to be put on the list to attend the "Women of Joy" conference. Please let me or Sally Gaertner know as we don't want to miss anyone. The discounted ticket deadline is June 22nd. The dates for the conference are September 16-18, 2022, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, downtown San Antonio. Tickets are \$109.00 per person or \$99.00 for groups of 10 or more! Several years ago, we had a pretty large group of about 30 that went. It was a fantastic conference. To find out more about the speakers and music, you can go to their website at: womenofjoy.org. If we get a group together, we can take advantage of the lower rate and possibly arrange transportation. The deadline for the group registration (lower rate of \$99.00) is June 22, 2022. I know those that attended this conference definitely enjoyed it!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Women of Joy - September 16-18, 2022 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, downtown San Antonio
- On-going collection of Operation Christmas Child shoebox items (see the bulletin board for ideas)

The collection of items for the OCC shoeboxes continues and I'm amazed at the creativity of some of these women. If you are not sure of what items can be added to a shoebox, you can visit the OCC website: Samaritanspurse.org/occ, or visit the Coffee Corner where Sallie has some great ideas and you can drop off your donated items there. If you have any other ideas or questions for items for Operation Christmas Child, please share with Sallie Bluff, Sally Gaertner or myself.

Please remember to pray for all those on our prayer list and pray for the members of the Pastor Search Committee as they embark on the task of searching for the man God has for us. If you have someone on the church prayer list, please keep the Office updated. If you have any Women's Ministry ideas, please share with Sally Gaertner @ 361.290.1068 or Donna Arispe @ 210.560.9642

In HIS Service!

Dear FBCF,

Philippines Missionaries

By God's grace we have arrived in the Philippines! God has used the prayers and giving of many of you to accomplish this task. THANK YOU! You at FBCF are part of the team and we hope that encourages your hearts.

Paul has started teaching at Baptist Bible College of Asia. The picture shows some students from his class on Old Testament Major Prophets. Each of these students is studying God's Word so that they can serve Him more effectively. Some of them feel a passion to become a pastor, some desire to serve as missionaries, and some just want to serve more effectively in their local churches.







It is our passion to be used by God to help disciple these students and others like them, and we are grateful for your part in this mission work.

Your Missionaries,

Paul and Sherry



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 ^{8am} 
3  10:30 am *Shaun Murray	4	5	6 WNS- Lasagna	7	8	9
10  10:30 am Palm Sunday *Bill Perry	11	12	13 WNS- Pulled Pork	14	15 	16
17  10:30 am  *Carter Thomas	18	19	20 WNS-Baked Pot. Bar Special Called Bus Mtg 6:30	21	22	23
24  10:30 am *Ron P. Tipton	25	26	27 WNS- Chalupas	28	29	30



1 Julia Trabucco	13 Ryan Street	20 Michael Collins
1 Jan Thomas	13 Penny Smith	21 Mailee Bowers
3 William Lanier	15 Luke Pierce	21 Jaclyn Flores
4 George Hill	15 Asher Welfel	21 Garner Remling
5 Jill Coleman	16 Karen Coston	22 Leonard Lee
7 Christian Huber	17 Rayne Guajardo	22 Donna Etheridge
8 Lillie Ray	17 Lyndra Harris	22 Gary Seidel
8 Britley Loeffler	17 Steven Kramm	24 Barbara Estes
8 Austin Welfel	17 Rosie Lozano	24 Travis Pehl
9 Linda Coston	17 Kori Smith	26 JoJo Gleeson
10 Connor Collins	19 Shae Harris	27 Roland Ledoux
10 Levi Collins	19 Braden Loeffler	27 Landon Coston
11 Darrell Bombei	19 Eric Nickles	28 Lonnie Bodiford
11 Kayla Kunath	19 Seth Taggs	28 Boone Collins
11 Ronald T. Tipton	19 Karen Wallace	29 Danny Fenner

Schedule of Events

Sunday

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

Tuesday

- 5:30 — Choir practice
- 6:30—Bible Study Fellowship

Wednesday

- 3:30—Team Kids/Choir
- 5:30—Wed Night Supper
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting/ Youth Bible Study/Life Groups

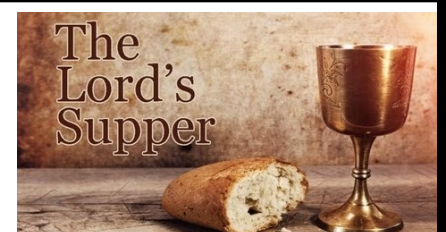
Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands— Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am
- Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 9:30-10:30 am
- *Deacon of the Week



There will be a Special Called Business Meeting held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 6:30 pm, with an update and presentation from the Master Plan Committee.

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 10, 2022, at 10:30 am. The plates containing the elements will be passed separately with the bread and the drink, in the traditional way before Covid occurred.



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Condolences go out to David Haverlah and his family, who lost his mother, Lucille Haverlah Novak on February 26, 2022.

with deepest
SYMPATHY

Also, condolences go out to Judith Smith on the loss of her nephew, Brian, who passed away February 16, 2022.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

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Caring and Sharing Update - It has now been a couple of months since our first get-together on Tuesdays for Missions which focused mainly on OCC - Operation Christmas Child. Although several have contacted me, the response has been minimal. Once a month, on the first Tuesday, we will continue with our project, but the weekly get-together will not be ongoing at this time.

Regarding Operation Christmas Child, I have set up a Facebook page "Floresville FBC - OCC." If you are on Facebook, please check out this page. We continue to gather supplies and will plan packing events when we have sufficient quantities of items. The bulletin board in the coffee area in front of God's Playhouse has a new flyer each month with suggested items to look for. There are often deals you might run across that feature items not on the current list, but could be a great addition to our store of items for the Shoeboxes. There will also be envelopes available with an OCC label that you can use for a donation for the shipping costs. You can put this envelope in the collection plate or drop it at the office. Each shoebox sent out needs to have \$9 to cover the shipping. Text or call Sallie Bluff at 830-391-2344 for more information.

BUILDING HISory

Original Loan Amount:
\$ 525,000.00
March Loan Payment:
\$ 1,500.00
Current Loan Balance:
\$ 55,916.04

"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

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
February 2022	\$ 53,707.30	\$ 43,438.49
YTD thru February 2022	\$ 101,586.10	\$ 86,876.98

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