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#### Special points of interest:

- Men's Retreat  
Sept 30– Oct 1st
- Men's Breakfast-  
during Men's Retreat
- Peanut Festival-  
6-8 Oct.
- Columbus Day 10/10  
OFFICE CLOSED
- BSF- Tuesday nights  
6.30-8pm
- Mary Ellen- Wednes-  
day morning Women's  
Bible Study- 10:30am



## First Baptist Church



### THOUGHTS FROM MATT

I was grateful for the opportunity to take a group of parents and students to Corpus a couple weeks ago to an apologetics conference. We heard speakers like Lee Strobal and others talk about how to have a compelling faith that engages people who do not know Jesus. One of the highlights for me was a breakout session on the problem of evil. So, I wanted to take a little bit of your time to talk about how Christians can respond to this question. What is the problem of evil?

1. If God is good, all-powerful, and all-knowing, he wouldn't allow evil to exist
2. Evil exists
3. Therefore, God doesn't exist.

There are a couple of common ways for Christians to address this question. First, the free will defense is an argument that free creatures (humans) must have the possibility of committing evil acts. God created us to worship, but in order for us to freely worship the Lord we also have to have the capacity to freely not worship the Lord. Our ability to truly love others is also what gives us the ability to truly hate others. Therefore, evil exists in the world because God saw that it was better to create free beings rather than create robots. We know that the Lord is seeking those who freely worship Him in Spirit and truth. (John 4:23) This creates the possibility for some terrible things to happen in our world.

Second, the greater good defense is an argument that if God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and good, he has the ability to bring about a greater good from any situation that is evil. This is a difficult argument for many because often we cannot see what this good might be. We believe that God rules over all things and that nothing can thwart His plans. (Job 42:2) Nothing is impossible for God. (Matthew 19:26) Is anything too hard for the Lord? (Genesis 18:14) He can bring about a greater good from any situation, for our good and to His glory.

Third, the argument that is most compelling to me is the argument that you would tell the one who is suffering. If someone just lost their best friend or their spouse it probably is not wise to say, "You don't need to be sad that this terrible thing has happened, here are 14 reasons why the problem of evil argument can be logically overcome." No, the suffering person needs the comfort of God, not a lecture. The suffering spouse needs compassion, not a textbook. The suffering parent needs love, not cold-hearted logic.

This is the very thing we find in Jesus. We find one who has tasted suffering, temptation, despair, and death for us. (Hebrews 4:14-16) God is not an uncaring, distant, indifferent God. No, He is the triune God (Father, Son, and Spirit) who loves us so much that He sent His Son to take on flesh and ransom us. Here is our resource in the problem of evil. Here is our resource when you are sitting with a person who feels hopeless. God truly does care, God truly does love us and he has proven it once and for all in the sending of His Son. He is sufficient in our despair.

*The Gospel Song* by Bob Kaughlin and Drew Jones  
Holy God in love became  
Perfect man to bear my blame  
On the cross he took my sin  
By his death I live again

## TERRY'S NOTES

TERRY'S NOTES - The Lord continues to bless FBC Floresville! In the last few months, not only has our attendance grown, but our influx of new membership has grown, too! From our new membership growth, we have been blessed with more talented vocalists and instrumentalists! Many of these musicians have added so much to our music ministry, and this is very exciting for this worship pastor and exciting for every one! We would like to extend an invitation for more praise choir singers. If you have a love for singing and feel you can contribute vocally, then we have a spot for you! We are rehearsing Sunday morning anthems, and we are also working on a Christmas musical, "Breath of Heaven." Our Christmas musical will be presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 11 at 6 pm. We will have a combined choir/orchestra. Churches from Floresville, Pleasanton, Jourdanton and Charlotte will be participating this year.

Our choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm.

Please contact me at (830)391-3362 if you any questions.



### FUN BUNCH— EVENT CALENDAR

SEPT. 13 GOLDEN CORRAL San Antonio, Tx

OCT. 18 THE DEN La Vernia, Tx

NOV. 15 CAFE CHRIS Pleasanton, Tx

DEC. 6 DON PEDRO'S San Antonio, Tx

TEAM KIDZ PRAISE  
(Pre K- 6th Grade) 4:45 PM Wednesday

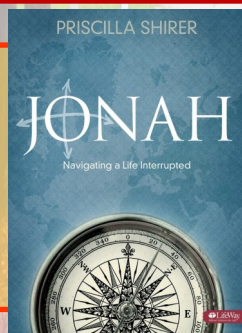
PRAISE CHOIR And  
PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL-  
7:30 PM Wednesday

## WOMEN'S TIME

Ladies Continue the study of  
Jonah, 6:30-7:30 Wednesday  
in the Fellowship Hall.

Come Join us!

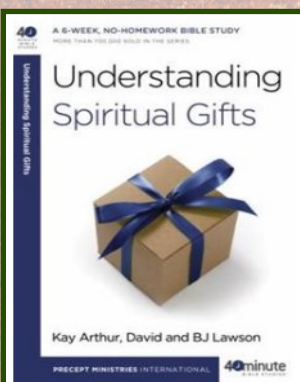
For more info, contact Sally  
Gaertner 361-290-1068



Char Hauser is coming  
to encourage us on  
Wednesday November 2  
"Don't Leave Early!"  
James 1 Annex Foyer  
6:30pm



OCC Packing Party  
First of Two  
Sat. October 1st at 10am  
In the Annex  
Questions call Sallie  
830-391-2344



MaryEllen Bible Study  
Wednesday 10:30am  
Annex Kitchen  
Come Join!

Join us for a  
**Gambrell Women's Ministry Event**  
Saturday, October 22  
**First Baptist Church, Stockdale**  
**10:00 AM-Noon ( lunch provided )**  
See page 4 for details



# October 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<sup>1</sup> <u>Men's Retreat</u>
<sup>2</sup> COC Lunch & Training Ronald Tipton	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup> BSF	<sup>5</sup> WNS-Helping Hands BBQ a Bun	<sup>6</sup> <u>City of Floresville Peanut Festival</u>	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup> Shaun Murray	<sup>10</sup> OFFICE CLOSED for Columbus Day	<sup>11</sup> BSF	<sup>12</sup> WNS-Elizabeth Coats Amarillo Chicken	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup>
<sup>16</sup>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup> Fun Bunch—The Den BSF	<sup>19</sup> WNS-Jars of Clay Chalupas	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup> Deacon & Wife Meeting	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup> BSF	<sup>26</sup> WNS-Stacy Collins Tuscany Soup	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>
<sup>30</sup> 5th Sunday Bob Whitley	<sup>31</sup>					

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**Sept. 30** Lorraine Young  
Denise Kelley  
  
Kacey Zaiontz  
Jimmy Bell  
Terri Zandner

## October

<sup>1</sup> Sherrie Welfel  
<sup>3</sup> Cheyanne Baker  
<sup>3</sup> Otto Hierholzer  
<sup>3</sup> Tracie Fuller Scheffler  
<sup>4</sup> Dayna Koenig  
<sup>4</sup> Maegan Mahula  
<sup>4</sup> Rachel Smith Kramm  
<sup>5</sup> Candace Sellers  
<sup>6</sup> Mary-Ellen Long  
<sup>7</sup> Jeff Barnes  
<sup>8</sup> David Haverlah  
<sup>8</sup> Bill Anderson  
<sup>9</sup> Mikaela Talley  
<sup>10</sup> Michael Simmang

<sup>11</sup> Austin Coleman  
<sup>11</sup> Sandra Smith  
<sup>12</sup> Carson Gorzell  
<sup>12</sup> Mark Johnson  
<sup>12</sup> Jesse Lopez  
<sup>14</sup> Peggy Thomas  
<sup>15</sup> Jacob Fossler  
<sup>15</sup> Justin Kunath  
<sup>16</sup> Charmaine H Wiatrek  
<sup>16</sup> David Collins  
<sup>16</sup> Wanda Whitis  
<sup>16</sup> Rose Lee Risley  
<sup>18</sup> Ashlyn Talley Meyer  
<sup>19</sup> Chris Banks  
<sup>19</sup> Terrie Myers  
<sup>20</sup> Deacon Booker  
<sup>20</sup> Clayton Pelech  
<sup>21</sup> Anna Belle Welfel  
<sup>22</sup> Carl E. Ray  
<sup>22</sup> Katie Smith

<sup>23</sup> Debra Seidel  
<sup>24</sup> Cole Gulick  
<sup>24</sup> Tiffany Yosko Durby  
<sup>25</sup> Sharon Collins  
<sup>25</sup> Diane Smith  
<sup>25</sup> Jason Talley  
<sup>26</sup> Cody Houdmann  
<sup>26</sup> Kristalyn Huber  
<sup>26</sup> Mary Ann Schiefelbein  
<sup>27</sup> Jennifer Jansky  
<sup>30</sup> Judy Herndon  
<sup>30</sup> Michael Booker  
<sup>31</sup> Justin Huber

**Nov. 1** Heather Moss Sparks  
Traci Yosko  
**2** Matthew Hankins  
Joe Leal  
Leif Joosepson

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday

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

### Tuesday

- 6:30-- BSF

### Wednesday

- 10:30 Mary-Ellen Bible Study
- 5:30 WNS
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting/ Youth Bible Study
- 7:30— Choir Practice

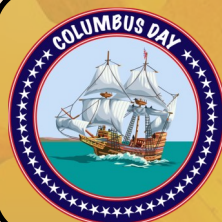
### Weekly Activities

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

### Facebook Live Every

Sunday  **LIVE**

10:30 am



**October 10th  
OFFICE  
CLOSED**



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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.

Our church kitchen is well used by many people. Please help us to keep it clean and organized.  
There are many dishes that have been left to only take up space. Take a minute to stop by and  
check the back shelf for a dish that may belong to you.

### Wednesday Nite Suppers:

October 5 - Helping Hands (BBQ on a Bun)  
October 12 - Elizabeth Coats (Amarillo Chicken)  
October 19 - Jars of Clay (Chalupas)



FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH & 8TH

### PEANUT FESTIVAL PARKING FUNDRAISER

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP STUDENTS ATTEND  
SUMMER CAMP.



**\$10**

No reserving spots.

DEACON & WIVES

OCTOBER 23

After Church in the  
Fellowship Hall



THIRD ANNUAL

## TRUNK OR TREAT

First Baptist Church, 1115 B Street  
October 30, 2022 . 5pm-7pm



### Building HIStory

Original Loan Amount:  
\$ 525,000.00

September Loan Payment:  
\$ 20,115.53

**Current Loan Balance:**  
**\$ 0.00**

**"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**

### Gambrell

### Women's Ministry Event

(from page 2 )

Will be assembling  
**Caregiver Bags**  
for "One Day with God"  
Prison Ministry

**Donations accepted**

Plan is to assemble 100 bags  
(75 female—25 male)

Example of new items you  
can bring to place in bags:  
**Ladies Bags:** Cologne, lip-  
stick, nail polish, jewelry,  
note pads & pensl, etc.

**Mens Bags:** Cologne, flash-  
light, duct tape, note pads,  
pens, etc.

Toiletries not encouraged.

**Tracts, scripture cards, New  
Testament, etc.**

Questions or Comments:

### TONE AND

### STRETCH CLASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
5:15-6:00 pm

Starts September 12, 2022

Family Life Center

First Baptist Church, Floresville  
Corner of 3rd and B St.

Class is free, but a donation for  
utilities will be accepted.

**Instructor: Linda Downs**

Seated exercises, balance exercises,  
and stretching

Class is for men and women

Contact Linda with any questions  
at 210-632-6018



### BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE

### Actual Giving Receipts

### Required to Meet Budget

August 2022

\$ 50,216.60

\$ 43,438.49

YTD thru August 2022

\$ 433,417.38

\$ 347,507.92