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# First Edition

## Special points of interest:

- Women's Time – Char Hauser Nov. 2nd
- Men's Breakfast – Nov. 5th 8:00-9:30
- OCC packing Party – Nov. 5th 2pm
- OFFICE CLOSED – Nov. 23
- BSF – Tuesday nights 6:30-8:00 pm
- FUN Bunch – Café Chris – Nov. 15 th 10:30 am



## TERRY'S NOTES

Sandra and I were so blessed to have been able to travel with about 40 other folks to see the Ark, the Creation Museum, and other places between Arkansas and northern Kentucky! All I can say is "Wow"!!! Karen Sada organized this amazing trip for all of us, and we certainly cannot thank her enough for what she did to make this an experience to remember! If you have never toured either one of these places, you need to go! We are looking forward to the next adventure. I believe a trip to Branson is in the works, along with a possible trip to South Dakota! Thank you, Karen!

I want to thank the Jason Hall family, Shaun & Lilly Murray, and all of the other musicians who led worship while we were gone for 2 Sundays. Thanks for allowing Sandra and I this time away!

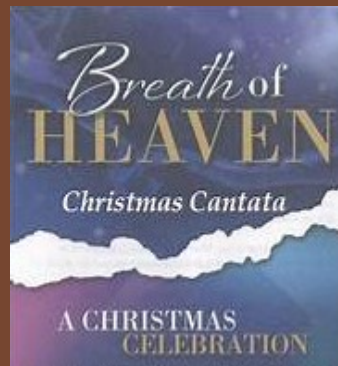


We would like to extend an invitation for more praise choir singers. If you have a love for singing and feel you can contribute vocally, then we have a spot for you! We are rehearsing Sunday morning anthems, and we are also working on a Christmas musical.

## Presented

December 11, 6pm.

We will have a combined Church choir/orchestra from Floresville, Pleasanton, Jourdanton (and Charlotte will be participating this year)



## TEAM KIDZ PRAISE

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

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

## FUN BUNCH – EVENT CALENDAR

NOV. 15 CAFÉ CHRIS Pleasanton, Tx  
DEC. 6 DON PEDRO'S San Antonio, Tx  
(Departure time will be 10:30 am)

# Thoughts from Matt

## Learning from the Past

I've been reading Jonathan Edwards' book *Religious Affections*. It was published in 1746 but was originally a series of sermons written 4 years prior. The context of the sermons were the First Great Awakening in the 1730's and 1740's. These awakenings often involved large gatherings both inside and outside of churches that resulted in many people proclaiming faith in Jesus, confessing their sins openly, and oftentimes showing a lot of visible emotions. Some pastors thought that some of these meetings were overly emotional and out of control. Edwards' actually criticized George Whitfield (the most popular preacher of the Great Awakening) for both allowing and encouraging these meetings to get out of control.

Why does any of this matter? An interesting issue that Edwards' brings up is that as a part of these meetings, some people would respond by saying that the Lord directly gave a Bible passage to their minds to prove that they were a Christian. It was not the truths of the Bible verse that mattered, but the experience of simply the verse popping into their heads. In other words, some people were saying, "This Bible verse popped into my head in the middle of the worship service, therefore I'm a Christian." This might seem like a strange situation to you because we typically don't see this happening in the middle of our worship services. I've never seen a person stand up and interrupt a worship service shouting, "I know I'm a Christian because God made John 3:16 pop into my head right now." So, does this matter to us? Absolutely! We need to know what the foundation of our assurance is. Praise the Lord, if He helps you remember Bible passages! Praise the Lord, if He brings to mind a Bible verse that applies directly to a situation you are dealing with right now. That's such an amazing grace from God if that happens...but that experience is not the foundation for your assurance.

This is the foundation of your assurance,

"And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness" (Romans 4:5);

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ". (Romans 5:1)

Our right standing with God is based on our faith in the finished work of Jesus, not in an emotional experience. Now, don't hear me say something I'm not saying. Praise God for the times in our life where we feel the Lord draw near. Praise God for the times when we are reading or are reminded of a passage of Scripture that stirs our hearts. Praise God when we are in a worship service and we hear the words of a song that meets us right where we are and our emotions are stirred. These are all great things that we need to thank God for but they are not the foundation of our assurance. This next part might be a tough read but bear with me here.

"If a sinner be once convinced of the veracity [truthfulness] of God, and that the Scriptures are His Word, he will need no more to convince and satisfy him that he is invited; for the Scriptures are full of invitations to sinners, to the chief of sinners, to come and partake of the benefits of the gospel;" (Edwards, Religious Affections, pg. 151)

Here is how I understand this. The invitation is there already. You don't need a new truth or a new experience to know that God created you for a relationship with Him. You don't need a new truth to know that you have rebelled against the Lord. You don't need a new experience to know that God loves you perfectly by sending His Son to live perfectly for your sake, to die on a cross to take your punishment, to rise again in resurrection to defeat death for you, and to ascend to the right hand of the Father to forever make intercession for you.

These are all truths displayed in God's Word. You do need to make your faith your own and sometimes that might involve emotions. You do need to understand the importance and exclusive nature of the gospel. You do need to get excited about these truths, but the grounding of your faith is not in who you are and what you've done, but in who Jesus is and what He has done!

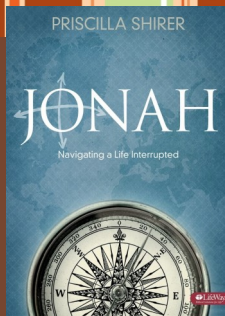


## Women's Time

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



**OCC Packing Party Second packing**  
**Sat. November 5th at 2pm**  
**In the Annex Lobby**  
**Questions call Sallie**  
**830-391-2344**



She will Lead us to discover the "Why" and "How" to persevering in the Truth of the Gospel while going through trials

Flower of Perseverance  
Magnolia



Char Hauser  
Wed. Nov 2nd—6:30-7:30  
Title: Don't leave Early!  
Persevering in the In-Between

Char has been a missionary with Cadence International, a ministry to the military, for 44 years. She and her late husband Ray, served in Japan for 14 years, California for 6 years and have been in Hawaii since 1999 serving at Marine Corps Base Hawaii. Since Ray's passing, Char's focus is on leading and encouraging women, particularly wives and moms of Marines and Navy personnel.

## Kitchen Drifts



Chairman - Please take an inventory of supplies before buying groceries. If you put anything in the freezer please label with your name and the date, Please no leftovers in the fridge unless labeled & dated also.

Barb Herndon

## Wednesday Nite Suppers:

November 2 - Youth  
(Sausage Wraps)

November 9 – Ragamuffins  
(Lasagna)

November 16 - Elizabeth Coats  
(Amarillo Chicken)

November 30 - Helping Hands  
(BBQ on a Bun)

## With Deepest SYMPATHY

Condolences to the Family of

Mary Ann Schiefelbein

Funeral - November 4th, 2022

First Baptist Church Floresville

Public Viewing 10am – 11am

Service - 11am

City Cemetery

Meal following at FBCF Fellowship Hall

Condolences to the Family of Michael Palitza

Sept. 6, 1961-Oct. 22, 2022





memorial donations may be made out to the American Heart Association.

Brother of – Agnes Moody, Rose Hopper

Uncle of – Marcy Jacobs

# November 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <u>Women: Char Hauser</u> WNS-Youth Sausage Wraps	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast— 8AM OCC Packing 2 PM
6	7	8 BSF	9 WNS-Ragamuffins Lasagna	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Bobby Etheridge		BSF				
13	14	15 Fun Bunch: Café Chris	16	17	18	19
Bob Herndon		BSF	WNS-Elizabeth Coats Amarillo Chicken			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deacon Meeting John Long			Office Closed 	Thanksgiving Day 		
27	28	29	30			
Shaun Murray		BSF	WNS-Helping Hands BBQ on a Bun			

October  
31 Justin Huber  
31 Galen Jansky

NOVEMBER  
1 Heather Moss Sparks  
1 Traci Yosko  
2 Matthew Hankins  
2 Joe Leal  
2 Leif Joosepson  
3 Terri Johnson  
5 Kenneth Kotzur  
6 Terry Mills  
7 Carson Addington  
7 Terri Bombei  
7 Marc Gulick  
8 Cynthia Guerrero  
9 Kimberly Embrey  
10 Tyler Holt  
13 Jamie Burris  
13 Timothy McKeen  
14 Elizabeth Coats

14 Makayla Miller  
14 Adair Welfel  
15 David Arispe  
16 Matt Keller  
20 Atticus Tipton  
21 Julie Fischer  
23 Rhea Nell Rogers  
24 Shelbi Bays  
24 Agnes Moody  
26 Bonnie Banks  
26 Pat Tackitt Ray  
27 Bonnie Dickerson  
27 Sharron Wesley  
27 Jordan Respondek  
27 Thomas Taggs  
28 Tammy Bodiford Skloss  
29 Stephanie Moss

December  
3 Aaron Garcia

November 6, 2022



Office Closed Nov. 23rd



## 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

- 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

# First Baptist Church of Floresville Staff



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## ARK Trip 2022



### New CHURCH Members:

Tonya Parkinson & son Connor Parkinson  
Linda Foster & Clem Mendez  
Mark Hamilton



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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](http://www.fbcf.org) or scan the QR code with your smart phone.

*Deacons  
Meeting*

Sunday November 20th  
After service in the Fellowship Hall

**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



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and Facebook!  
[WWW.FBCF.ORG](http://WWW.FBCF.ORG)

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
September 2022	\$ 53,126.60	\$ 43,438.49
YTD thru August 2022	\$ 486,543.98	\$ 390,946.41