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Pastors Thoughts

The Essential "Controller"

At one time, it took effort and no small amount of pocket change to call people in Japan, or Wisconsin, or even Houston. Remember when you had to use an operator? OK, many of you don't, but I do. Frankly, I always enjoyed hearing the operator in some of those far away, exotic places like Massachusetts talk with that "funny accent."

But, with our technologically "flat world," people in Memphis can do business with people in Mumbai by email or phone or Skype with little cost.

In his book, *The World is Flat*, Thomas L. Friedman includes a story of a Japanese cell phone company going by the short title of *DoCoMo*. *DoCoMo* is an abbreviation for Do Communication Over the Mobile Network. It just happens also to be the Japanese word for "anywhere."

I'm also convinced that the words of one *DoCoMo* executive have come true; said he: "We believe that the mobile phone will become the *essential controller* of a person's life." Really? Has it gone that far already? Maybe; because, with our mobile phones, *anybody* can reach us *anywhere* at *anytime*. Think about that sentence again: "We believe that the mobile phone will become the *essential controller* of a person's life."

I beg to differ. Even for the most technologically savvy follower of Christ I know, the *essential controller* must be none other than Christ Jesus. The Apostle Paul wrote: "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" (Col 2:6-7).

If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, this text tells you to "continue to live *in him*." Put down that phone! And, take up Jesus as the essential controller of your life.

Determined to be controlled by Jesus,

Your pastor-in-the-interim,

Ben Craver

Special points of interest:

- Men's Breakfast ~ Mar 4th
8:00-9:30 am
- SPRING BREAK
March 13th-17th
NO Wed night activities
- BSF- Tuesday nights
6:30-8:00 pm
- Wednesday's Team Kids
& Team Kids Praise
3:30 pm-5:30 pm
- Wednesday Night Supper
5:30 pm
- Wednesday Groups
6:30 pm
 - Experiencing God
 - Creation Class
 - King's Kids Bible Study
 - Youth Bible Study
- Choir -7:30
- Business Meeting:
Mar. 22nd at 6:30

TERRY'S NOTES



Howdy! How are y'all?!!!

This month I want to pay tribute to one of the most important ministries at FBC Floresville: the Building and Grounds Committee (BGC)!

After serving at FBC Floresville for almost 20 years, I have witnessed that the BGC is one of the most active, and sometimes one of the most thankless ministries. I don't think most of our church family realizes how much time and work goes on for our BGC. One of the reasons for their workload, is because FBC Floresville almost takes up an entire block. Oh...let's not forget about the 2 parsonages, too! Let's just say that the BGC has lots of maintaining going on!

Can we talk about John Kelley for a few moments? So, who is John Kelley? John and Denise Kelley have been at FBC Floresville for several years. We need to mention his lovely wife Denise, since she is the reason that John is a good guy! So, thank you, Denise, for training him well! Anyway, John Kelley is this cool Brother in Christ who is the chairman of the BGC. John has lots and lots of experience with AC and other building issues. We are so blessed to have John as the chairman because of his background. John is at the church practically every day repairing or ordering something for repair. John also was one of the men who worked extremely hard to get our pastor's parsonage repaired for sell. This was no easy task, and we really, really appreciate the countless, hours he spent. Of course, John does not want credit for all that he does; he will say that the entire committee works as a team, and that everyone is important in getting the job done!

In closing, let me encourage you to express to John how much you appreciate him and his BGC team for all they do! We do appreciate the entire BGC team! However, it takes a great leader, like John Kelley, to get the job done! Terry

Here is a list of the FBC Floresville BGC:

John Kelley, Michael Booker, Joe Myers, Barbara Herndon, Agnes Moody,
Russel Dickerson, Michael Collins, Mark Burris, Bobby Etheridge,
David Arispe, Mac Gleeson

PRAISE CHOIR And
PRAISE BAND REHEARSAL
7:30 PM Wednesday

TEAM KIDZ PRAISE
(Pre K- 6th Grade)
4:45pm -5:30pm Wednesday



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! Please come Join

Sunday March 5th- After Service
Back Parking Lot
NEW BUS BLESSING



Dear Church Family,

I just wanted to give you a short update on the activities of the Pastor Search Committee. We are receiving and reviewing resumes that we have received from our pastor search posting with the BGCT and other sources. We're in the process of posting on other pastor search sites as well (for example, TheBaptistStandard.com classifieds, Seminary Alumni associations, etc.)

In order to communicate with our church family on our activities and progress, we will continue to give updates at each regular Business Meeting, and continue to make brief visits to all adult Sunday School classes in the coming weeks. We earnestly ask for your prayers and support as we work to accomplish God's will in seeking the pastor that God has already planned for us.

Judy Whitley

Secretary, Pastor Search Committee

Inquiries about our posting should be sent to:

FBCFTransitionTeam@Gmail.com



BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Wednesdays 2:30-4:45
Sundays 8:30- After Church

See Pastor Terry,

John Long, Or Call the Office- (830) 216-4946




CDL GOOD BUT NOT REQUIRED





March 2023



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Women's Bible Study 10:30am WNS-Brown Bag Wed. Evening events*	2	3	4 Men's Prayer Breakfast— 8am-9:30am 
5 Family Ministry Meeting After Church Mike Booker	6	7 BSF 6:30-8	8 Women's Bible Study 10:30am WNS-Brown Bag Wed. Evening events*	9	10	11
12 Daylight Savings! Deacon Meeting Randy Richards	13  *Spring Break	14 BSF 6:30-8	15 Women's Bible Study 10:30am NO- Wed. Night EVENTS	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18
19 Shaun Murray	20 First Day of Spring! 	21 BSF 6:30-8	22 Women's Bible Study 10:30am WNS-Brown Bag BUSINESS Meeting: 6:30	23	24	25
26 Chris Coats	27	28 BSF 6:30-8	29 Women's Bible Study 10:30am WNS-Brown Bag Wed. Evening events*	30	31	

Schedule of Events

Sunday

- 9:00— Praise Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15—Bible Study for all
- 10:30—In-person Worship and
- online worship through Facebook LIVE

Tuesday

- BSF 6:30



10:30 am

* Wednesday

- 10:30 Women's Bible study
- 3:30-5:30 Team Kids & Team kids Praise
- 5:30 WNS— Brown Bag
- 6:30—Prayer Meeting/ Experiencing God/ Creation Class/ Children Bible Study/ 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
- Tone & Stretch Classes
Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 4:30 -5:15 pm

Birthdays

- Bob Herndon
- Chris Coats
- Sean Coats
- Jane Lee
- Braxton Richardson
- Preston Pehl
- Adlai Welfel
- Tony Perez
- Elton Gilchrist
- Keegan Ward

- Luis Chavarria, Jr.
- Charlotte Rolland
- Mae Belle Stringer
- Gail Fuller
- Luke Clements
- Rosa Beltran
- Ty Beasley
- Henry Coleman
- Wade Harris
- Christopher Fossler
- Bethany Smith Vick
- Mark Davis



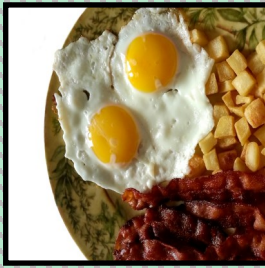
- Stephanie Simmang
- Michelle Talley
- Matt Bingham
- Randy Gorzell
- Chris Reed
- Alyssa Flores
- Kaitlyn Flores
- Lou Johnson
- Jean Harris
- Jovi Murray
- Charles Rice
- Jimmy Rochester

- Mike Hopper
- Mary Pierce
- Rick Huber
- Ivy Lanier
- Fay Rogers



April

- Julia Trabucco
- William Lanier
- George Hill



Saturday
March 4th
8:00-9:30 AM
Fellowship Hall
Men's Prayer
Breakfast



Spring Break:
NO Wednesday
Night Activities

March 12th,
2023
Fellowship Hall
DEACON'S
MEETING



Ladies Time

womenofjoy.org

San Antonio, Texas
Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
\$109 per person for
Conference ONLY

Womenofjoy.org
256-355.1554

GET TICKETS EARLY!!

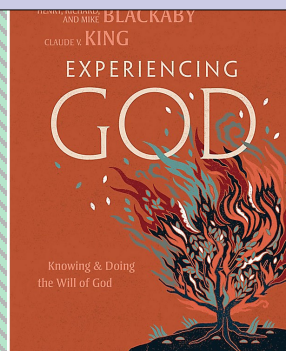
Other locations
have sold-out several
Months in Advance

UP COMING EVENTS

MFuge **Youth CAMP**
Fort Worth July 3-7, 2023

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 12-16, 2023

COME ATTEND 6:30PM
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



speakers

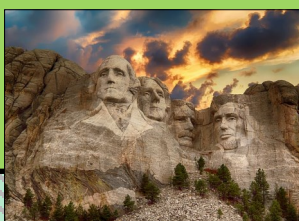
ANGELA	CANDACE	SAUNDRA
LISA	CANDACE	KELLY
CHONDA	CHRISTAL	MAX

sacred rest

Fun Bunch

Road Trip to
Mt. Rushmore, Badlands
& Black Hills of ND
May 19-29, 2023
\$1250. 11 Days/10 Nights
**Brochure available
in the Church Office

Road Trip



FUN BUNCH PRESENTS
Mount Rushmore, the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota

11 Days 10 Nights
\$1250*
(Fri - Mon)
May 19 - 29
2023

Departure: Floresville, TX @ 8 am

See Kares Sada at (510) 416-4751 OR email: k.sada@att.net

Brochure available in the Church Office

Kitchen Drifts

Thank-you church members for your
patience while the kitchen is closed.
We only have your safety in mind.
Please respect this closure for a little
while longer as the problem is
being addressed

Barb Herndon



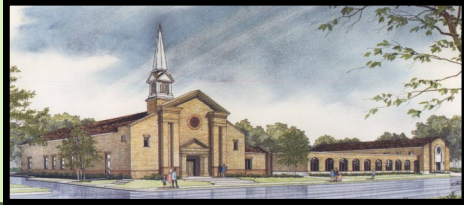
FUN BUNCH MONTHLY DAY TRIP SCHEDULE

Mar. 23- CLEAR SPRINGS, NEW BRAUNFELS
SHOPPING

Apr. 27- MAMACITA'S, SAN ANTONIO

May 25-GRUENE, GRISTMILL/SHOPPING

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We're on the
Web
and Facebook!

Condolences for the Families of :

With Deepest Sympathy

David Arispe with the loss of his mother -

Nicolasa Arispe 9.28.1928 / 2.9.202

Our Loving Sister -**Lajuana Newnam-Leus**— 6.13.37 / 2.18.2023



2023 EASTER OFFERING
ANNIE ARMSTRONG
NORTH AMERICAN
MISSIONS
GOAL: \$5000.

I just wanted to write and let you know how much I enjoyed the Senior Valentine Banquet after church. The food was delicious and the games were fun. Thank you for your hard work.
In Christ Love, Jeannie McCarville

Thank You

Dear church family,
Thank you for showering 'Family of God' love on us through our medical issues the last several months. All your cards, meals, visits, rides, calls, texts, hugs and especially prayers made us feel so loved and valued! We are doing great!
Sally & Yogi

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much, not just for the outpouring of love in the loss of our father, but also for the support and prayers over the last year as we dealt with his illness. Having a church family and friends that are there to hold you up when you need it means so much. The family of Kenneth Mills (Jennifer Varnon and Carla Smith)

March 22- 6:30pm

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING



TONE AND STRETCH CLASS

4:30pm -5:15pm Mon., Tue., Thur.

Starts September 12, 2022
FBC Annex Lobby
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

Proclaim

Needed Immediately Volunteers to help with Visual Ministry

We need several people
to help! Please talk to

Linda Downs
or Terry Smith

Facebook Live Video

Online

Giving

easy, fast, effective



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.

BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE

Actual Giving Receipts

Required to Meet Budget

January 2023

\$ 52,045.25

\$ 50,405.83

YTD thru Jan. 2023

\$ 52,045.25

\$ 50,405.83

GIVING Statements

All 2022 Contribution Statements are available for pickup in the foyer on Sundays, and will be in the Office during the week M-Th 8am-12/1pm-4pm