

First Edition

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A Word from Pastor Ben

Mismanaged, but leaving it in Jesus' hands

Honest now. Have you ever attended a potluck meal, this church or any other, without bringing a dish? "Oh, don't worry about it," people say. "There's enough food in there for an army." So, you and 20 others decide to attend without bringing any food.

Y'all go through the line and get your food, thankful for the generosity of others. Then, you can't help but notice that, somebody near the back of the line picks up a serving spoon and promptly drops it back into the bowl, obviously disappointed that whatever was in there, something they really wanted, is all gone. That's when you resolve that you won't take that run by the dessert table after all, but then you look over there and see a buttermilk pie and, well, there are some powers stronger than guilt.

Whether that's ever happened to you or not, the mere prospect of a Baptist food failure forces us to answer a question, "Whose responsibility is it?"

You ever wonder if Mary, the mother of Jesus, was asking the same question the day of the wedding feast in Cana when the wine went dry (John 2:3)? Who's responsible? Maybe the wedding planners should have figured on unexpected guests who'd drink more than they should. Maybe those generous voices who didn't help plan things, but who seized the authority to welcome those who arrived with empty hands, should share the blame. Or, maybe it's all those unexpected guests, who didn't bring stuff to eat, and who become the direct causes of the wine fiasco? Who's responsible when the meal is mismanaged?

Who knows? Jesus has just called a bunch of new disciples and brought them with him to the wedding. They sure didn't have time to prepare anything. Did they drink more than expected? Is that why Jesus' mother goes to Him for a "special" (= miraculous) solution?

The problem is, according to Jesus, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4b). He means that it couldn't be Mary, his own mother, who would dictate the terms as to when Jesus should step up and begin his Messianic ministry. God alone is the One who would choose the timing. We don't understand a lot about God's timing either. At least, I don't. I often wonder when God will act on my behalf. But, I can't force it; neither can you. Instead, we pray. We fervently pray our heart's desire, maybe even hoping (?) to change God's mind. But, bottom line: we have to leave it all in Jesus' hands.

Tryin' my best to do that,
Pastor Ben

TERRY'S NOTES



THANK YOU!!!

Folks, it can't be possible! No way, Jose! I cannot believe we have been serving alongside you for 20 years! I tell Sandra quite often that I feel that we just got here, and that we are still experiencing our "honeymoon" period at FBC Floresville. These past 20 years have been wonderful! Even with challenges at times, you and I have persevered as a Family of God. We have stayed on course together!

Sandra and I want to sincerely thank you for recognizing and celebrating our 20 years of service at FBC Floresville on May 28th! To us, the celebration was for all of us! Our wonderful 20 years could not have happened without you! Serving alongside you has been one of the greatest blessings I have encountered as a Christian and as a minister!

Thank you bunches and bunches for the delicious meal after our worship service! Thank you, Jan Browning, for leading the hospitality team in organizing this incredible feast! Please don't tell anybody.....but I was able to take the remainder of the cake and some brownies home! Of course, I am now trying to shed those extra pounds I gained afterwards! YIKES!!!

DR. BEN CRAVER

I want to thank our precious Lord for Dr. Ben Craver! He is definitely God sent during this interim time. For me, he has been very uplifting and encouraging, and I am sure he has been for you, too! FBC Floresville has been blessed by his powerful, inspiring messages and wacky, but refreshing humor! Our church has been through lots of ups and downs over the past few years. Dr. Ben has been able to make us both laugh at ourselves and has challenged us to take personal inventories of our Christian walk, so that we can, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, make changes where they are needed, so that our lives will reflect more of our Savior! Dr. Ben has also been preparing us for our next pastor, who will lead us in the very near future! Dr. Ben served as a pastor for many years, so he understands the role of the pastor, and has great words of wisdom for the church.

Please take time to pray for Dr. Ben, and take time to thank him for his leadership as our interim pastor this past year! We appreciate you and love you, Sir!

MEN



Saturday
July 1st
8:00-9:30 AM
Fellowship Hall
Men's Prayer
Breakfast

Celebrate the *4th of July*
At the
Van Dieren's

JACK & PAT VAN DIEREN
126 US HIGHWAY 181 S
FLORESVILLE, TX 78114
(830) 330-1341

TIME: 5:00PM FELLOWSHIP AND VISITING
BRING A DESSERT AND/OR SIDE
BARBECUE: 6:00PM

BURGERS, HOTDOGS AND BRATWURST
FIREWORKS: STARTING AT 8:30PM-9:00PM
IF YOU CAN'T COME AT 5:00PM

COME WHEN YOU CAN !!
SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE FOYER
FOR INFO-CALL PAT AT (830) 330-1341



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Up-Coming
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**GARAGE
SALE**



- Consider if you have items that you might want to donate toward the effort.



VBS UPDATE

TWISTS AND TURNS!!! Following Jesus changes everything! My name is Amy, and I love to create!!! Decorating for VBS is one of my absolute favorite things to do! The last 3 years have been so rewarding to watch it all come together. Each year, after the new theme is announced in the summer, we start off gathering and talking about ideas. A lot of thought and preparation goes into deciding how to stay on theme and also the most cost effective way to accomplish all the tasks. This years theme was so fun to do because it was all about the twists and turns of life and how following Jesus changes everything. In addition to decorating the sanctuary, foyer, and hallways, this year Ashley and I helped decorate a few classrooms as well. Decorating usually takes a week to fully come together once we have everything prepared. This year, we started on Monday the week before VBS. On Tuesday I got a call that said one of our dear church members, Mrs. Lillie Ray had passed and to hold off on decorating until the family had been contacted reagarding her funeral. I just wanted to say a very big **THANK YOU** to the Ray Family for allowing my team to continue placing VBS decorations. Watching all our ideas come together and seeing the looks on the faces of the kids and adults attending our event was truly the reason I do what I do! The best part of my job is getting to see all the smiling faces that VBS brings! Thank you to my team, and all the volunteers who helped make VBS beautiful!

NOTES: FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS

COMPLETED

- DOOR AT CHILDRENS MINISTRY CHECK-IN FIXED
- EAST ENTRY TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FIXED

ONGOING

- A/C UNIT ON ORDER FOR THE CHILDRENS CLASSROOMS- WILL BE SET AS SOON IT ARRIVES

STARTING SOON

- WORK WILL START ON THE PARSONAGE AND FOYER FOUNDATIONS- JULY 10TH OR 18TH (WEEK LONG PROCESS)

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

STARTING SOON CONT'

- WORK WILL START ON THE PARSONAGE WINDOWS MID-JULY
- CABINETS TO BE SET TOWARD THE END OF JULY

VOLUTEERS NEEDED FOR

- MOWING AND EDGING GRASS
- CLEANING AND PAINTING AFTER WORK COMPLETED ON FOUNDATION, WINDOWS & CABINETS

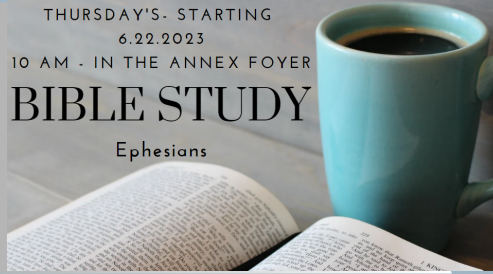
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING:
MONDAY, JULY 3RD, 2023
7:00 PM

Wednesday Classes



Ladies Time

For Information Contact
Sally - 361-290-1068

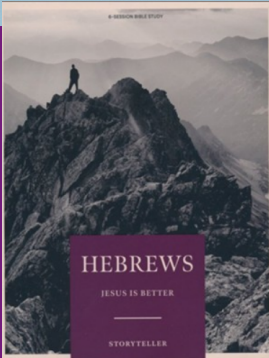


San Antonio, Texas
Sept. 29-Oct. 1
Henry B. Gonzalez
Convention Center
\$109 per person for
Conference ONLY
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256-355.1554

womenofjoy.org



GET TICKETS
EARLY!!
Other locations
have sold-out
several Months
in Advance



Hebrews
Bible Study
Ladies Bible Study
Starting Aug. 9th, 2023
Wednesday Mornings
10:30 am
Annex Kitchen
Book - \$15.00

For info Call: Mary Ellen 210-396-8475



Movie Nights

We will be watching Sight and Sounds Films®
on Apple TV.

Description From- sight-sound.com

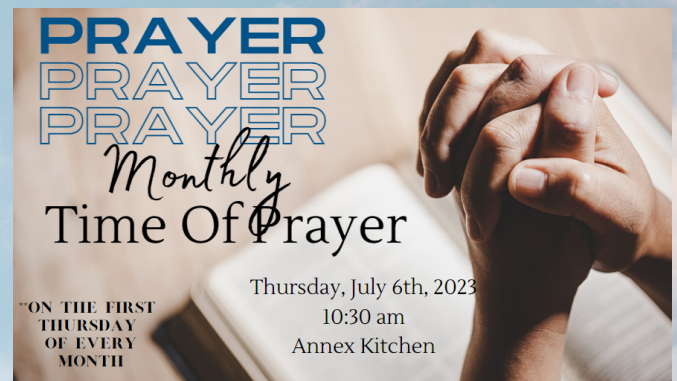
"We are taking our passion for storytelling
from the stage to the screen! We are thrilled
to introduce this brand-new addition to the
Sight & Sound family.

Sight & Sound Films will tell true stories about
historical figures whose lives changed the
world because Christ first changed them."
So Come Join us for an Uplifting evening
of Biblical stories

Thursday 13th July - Noah
& Thursday 27th July - Sampson



BRING: Your Favorite
Finger Food
WE Provide the Popcorn



PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Intercessory Prayer Group

Wanted Prayer Warriors

We need additional prayer warriors for Sunday's intercessory prayer group. We Pray during the service, for the service. It is on a rotating basis, 2 men, 2 women, or a married couple per Sunday.

If God is calling you to this ministry contact Bill Perry 614-309-1940 or Call the Church Office at 830-216-4946



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Web - Fbcf.org
and Facebook-
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Floresville, Tx

Dr. Ben Craver, Intentional
Interim Pastor
210-687-6748

Terry Smith, Worship Pastor
830-391-3362

Zoë Fox, Office Manager

Christie Davis,
Family Ministry Assistant

Jill Coleman,
Custodian

New Members
WELCOME!!



Wayne & Donna
Fix



Deacon
Meeting Sunday July 9th
after service



With Deepest Sympathy

Lillie Pearl Laws Ray

April 8, 1928-

June 5, 2023



FUN Bunch Road Trips

Branson

Road Trip to
Branson, Missouri
Nov. 26-Dec. 2,
2023

\$900 7 Days/6
Nights

**Brochure
available
in the Church
Office



Albuquerque & Santa Fe



Hi Fun Bunch! (And anyone else interested)
Trinity Baptist Church has asked us to become
partners in our trips. We will announce their trips
and they will announce ours. Below you will find a
trip they are planning for New Mexico in
September. Please contact them if you are
interested.

Also remember if you are going to BRANSON
in NOVEMBER, your deposit of \$75 is due by July 1.
We still have room for about 10-14 more people so
talk to your friends and let's add them to the trip.

Looking forward to
traveling with you!

Karen Sada, CPG
San Antonio, TX
ITMI Certified



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FUN BUNCH PRESENTS
Branson Show Extravaganza

INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 4 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the Branson Inn
- 18 meals & breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Admission to 6 Fabulous Shows including:
- Three Morning Shows: DUBLIN'S IRISH TROUPE with special guests THE CELTIC LADIES, DUKE GABRIEL MORNING SHOW & A NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SHOW
- Three Evening Shows: THE HAYWOODS CHRISTMAS SHOW, DUBBIE BERRY Show at the Royal & Tinseltown Theatre & PRESLEY COUNTRY JUBILEE CHRISTMAS SHOW

Departure: Floresville, TX @ 8 am

\$900*
7 Days 6 Nights
(Sun - Sat)
Nov 26 - Dec 2
2023

Day 1: Board your motorcoach, video and restroom equipment Motorcoach and set off for the "Live Music Show Capital of the World", Branson, Missouri. This evening you'll check into an en route hotel for a good night's rest.

Day 2: Start your day with Continental Breakfast before departing for Branson. This evening you'll enjoy Dinner and check into your Branson area hotel for a four night stay.

Day 3: Today, after a Continental Breakfast, you'll experience the DUBLIN'S IRISH TROUPE with special guests THE CELTIC LADIES. With great looks and incredible voices, this highly talented group of Irish folk singers performs some of the best music of the 20th Century. Next, visit HISTORIC COUNTRYMAN BRANCHES, with old fashioned charm, novelty shops, and restaurants. After Dinner, you will be dazzled by THE HAYWOODS CHRISTMAS SHOW. All you need is a little Christmas spirit to enjoy this show.

Day 4: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast, and start your day with the DUBBIE BERRY MORNING SHOW. This great, clean, family show has lots of variety. It's a talent act, it's rickrolling comedy and a terrific ensemble of musicians. Plus, Doug Price, the World Famous Shuffler is a great male act in a 1960's themed outfit! Later, you'll have some free time for shopping. After Dinner, you'll take in the PRESLEY COUNTRY JUBILEE CHRISTMAS SHOW. This is one of Branson's original performing families. Nearly 50 years after they started, the Presleys' remain one of the most respected shows in Branson.

Day 5: Enjoy a Continental Breakfast and then start your day with a NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SHOW. This Broadway style production is designed and produced to appeal to everyone of all ages. Be prepared to take a journey that will leave you amazed. Then, you will go to BRANSON LAGOON and discover waterfront shopping, dining, and attractions on Lake Tanawagonnet's beautiful waterfront. After Dinner, you'll travel to the QUEEN ESTHER Show at the Sight & Sound Theatre. Set in the quaint yet perfect Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Experience one of the most moving Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this original stage production!

Day 6: Today, you'll visit Fort Smith National Historic Site & Fort Smith, AR. Tonight, relax in an en route hotel.

Day 7: After enjoying Continental Breakfast, you'll depart for home... a time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great shows you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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Karen Sada @ (810) 414-4751 OR
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JULY 2023



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

• Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am



• Deacon: Bob Herndon

• Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 7pm

• Van Dieren 4th PARTY 6PM

• Creation Class 6:30pm

• Bible Study 10:00am
• Time of Prayer 10:30am

Lord's Supper



• Deacon: John Long

• Creation Class 6:30pm

• Bible Study 10:00am

• Movie Night 5pm Noah

• Brad & Yari Wedding Shower 2-5 pm

Deacon Meeting

• Deacon: Bob Whitley

• Creation Class 6:30pm

• Deacon: Bob Ethridge

Fun Bunch- Pleasanton Chili's 10:30am



• Creation Class 6:30pm

• Movie Night 5 pm Sampson

Fabulous 5th Sunday



• Deacon: Ron Bluff

Sunday

8:45— Praise Choir Rehearsal

9:15—Bible Study for all

10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

*Wednesday

10:30 Women's Bible study

6:30—Creation Class



Weekly Activities

- Creative Hands Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am



-- Line Exercise Classes

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - from 9:30 -10:30 am



--- Tone & Stretch Classes

Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 4:30 -5:15 pm



Birthdays



1 Rick Remling

5 Shaun Murray

11 Ross Klespies

20 Lance Embrey

25 Yolanda Pacheco

29 John Risley

2 Destiny Rodgers

7 Stephanie Gilchrist

14 Carleen FitzSimon

20 Julee Smith

26 Stacy Collins

31 Lauryn Coston

2 Dalton Yeager

7 Barbara Herndon

15 John Trabucco

21 Sandra Roemer

26 Ashley Malsack

3 Jennifer Jansky

7 Peggy Holley

16 Caitlin Den Breejen

22 Thomas Welfel

26 Jack Van Dieren

3 Rose Losoya

9 Joy Rogers

16 Zachary Stephens

23 Sarah Bauer

27 Jan Stiner

3 Jennifer Varnon

10 Kollman Street

17 Clifton Rogers

24 David Smart

28 Ann Burris

4 Mason Kotzur

10 Stanford Talley

17 Linda Stephens

25 Bill Yeager

29 Pamela Talmage

4 Ronald Brieden

11 JoAn Bush

19 Keely Loeffler

25 Iris Burris

29 Zoe Fox

August

3 Denise Smart

3 Bill Munk

5 Donna Arispe

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OCC Update

Operation Christmas Child is still a little ways out there, but it will be time to ship our boxes before we know it. We made progress with the completion of 14 boxes last month, which took us to 20.

We now have a good start on several more. We have bags for the Matchbox cars that will go in the 2-4 boy boxes, and we have bags ready for the blocks to be divided for these boys. I have 12 block game sets with bags made for the 5-9 boys. Also for this group I have 6 small towels ready. Shirts are ready to be paired up with some shorts for these 5-9 boys. We could easily have 24 more boxes done this month.

Consider joining our FB group "Floresville FBC - OCC" to stay updated. Become part of an opportunity to reach children in far away places so they can learn about Jesus.

For more information
Text or call Sallie Bluff
at 830-391-2344.

PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

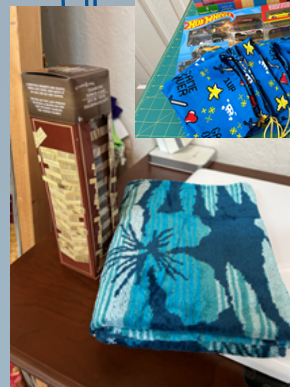
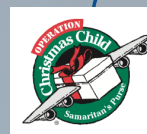


Dear Church Family,

We are getting close! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow! As we "speak," we are in the process of narrowing down the pastor candidates to our top choice, and are especially seeking God's wisdom as we seek HIS choice! The men we are considering are all good, Godly men, but we are trying to determine the best one for the future of our church. This is definitely the time to "pray without ceasing" for all of us!

This is also a good time to think about some ways we might make our new pastor and wife feel welcome, not just at FBC, but in Floresville. A pastor is a gift from God, and we want to welcome and encourage him with some great Floresville hospitality! (Jer. 3:15 & Gal. 6:6)

Judy Whitley
Pastor Search Committee



Kitchen Drifts

Thank-you church members for your patience while the kitchen is closed. We are excited to Restart Wednesday Night Suppers in the FALL.
Barb Herndon

The Flower Calendar is on the wall at the Coffee/Tea station
Feel free to choose a date if you Would like to provide flowers for the Altar.
Thank you!

Call: Jeannie McCarville
(520) 251-1623



PUBLIC Service Announcement



PLEASE Do Not
throw Liquid away in
Trash Cans - Thank You



EXERCISE

Cardio & STRENGTH
TRAINING FOR SENIORS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNEX
(OLD WELLS FARGO BLDG.)
4:30PM- 5:15PM
MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY

Text Linda at
210-632-6018
For More Information

Water Aerobics May 30-August 11

Monday - Friday

7:45- 8:45 am

Floresville

City Pool

Hwy 97W



Bring a Pool Noodle that is
at least 2 3/4 inches in diameter
and two water bottles
or hand weights
Text Linda Downs
at 210-632-6018 For more
information

Line Exercise Class

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, & Friday
In the Family Life Center
9:30am-10:30am



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In case of Emergency call:

Zoe Fox-719-207-2441

Terry Smith-830-391-3362

John Kelley-830-391-7704

Shaun Murray-210-683-4785

Mike Hopper-210-860-5748

Bus Drivers

Still Needed

Sundays 8:30 & After Church
in Fall-Wednesdays 2:30-4:45

See Pastor Terry,

John Long, Or Call

the Office- (830) 216-4946



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BUDGET-AT-A- GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
May 2023	\$ 53,630.25	\$ 50,405.83
YTD thru May 2023	\$ 264,569.40	\$ 252,029.15

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