

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FLORESVILLE, TX



## OUR SERVICE

### Sunday's

8:45— Praise Choir  
Rehearsal

9:15—Bible Study for all

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



### Wednesday's

Starting- Aug 9th

10:30am- Ladies Bible  
Study on Hebrews

6:30pm—

Creation Class

7:30pm—

Worship Choir Practice

### Thursday's

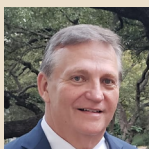
10am Ladies Bible Study  
on Gideon  
Fellowship Hall  
\*Child care provided

10:30am Ladies Bible Study  
on Hebrews  
Annex Kitchen

## First Baptist Church Floresville Staff



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



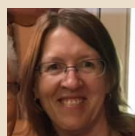
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## Thoughts for Pastor Ben

Fill the Pews!

The headline scared me . . . really: "Empty Pews Are an American Public Health Crisis." And, honestly, it should scare any of us who are followers of Jesus.

The headline appeared with an article in Christianity Today which went on to contend that "a large share of Christians are opting to go it alone, moving their faith into quarters so private that even the church is not allowed in." From there, it suggests that our emptier pews are fast becoming a "public health crisis."

The argument is that, frankly, regular attendance in church worship services improves not just our spiritual well-being, but our overall health, too. Granted, there aren't data sets to prove that point and, certainly, the gospel was never intended to improve our cholesterol numbers or lower your blood pressure. However, hearing the good news (instead of all the bad news!) could just make a practical (medical?) difference in our lives, regardless of statistics in short supply.

The most important component of our overall health, I remain convinced, is to know and love God as you are known and loved by him. So, determine that you and your family will not be part of this American public health crisis. Let's fill the pews of FBC, Floresville this and every Sunday!

Glad to be your pastor-in-the-interim,  
Ben

## "In His Image" Youth Camp 2023

This year the Youth Group attended MFuge camp, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Ft Worth Texas and the theme was "In His Image."

The Students learned that at some point in our lives, we have all struggled with our image - what we look like, who we really are, how we fit in, what we stand for. As humans, all of us are uniquely created in the image of God. If you believe this to be true, what does that mean for your life and others around you? As Christians, we are called to bear this image like Christ did on earth. Therefore, we are called to live as a new creation, one who is set apart and is a reflection of the God who created us and loves us.

MFuge is centered around missions. Half of our group hosted a VBS at a battered women's shelter, where women and their children can live there for up to year. The conditions that these displaced families were living in were not the greatest and these kids desperately needed to see the love of Christ that our youth was able to provide for them. It was amazing to see the difference in the kids' faces after a week of being there with them. The other half of our group cleaned a city park by picking up trash and writing bible verses on the sidewalks, helped out in a food pantry and a thrift store. Needless to say we were busy and we made an impact on the Ft. Worth community.

Some of the kids that attended camp this year grew up in church and others, just joined our youth group and are just learning about Christ. It was amazing to see how God worked in these 21 kids' lives during this week. God truly is bringing up the next generation for his kingdom of disciples and I am so excited to see what they will do for Christ!

Thank you so much to our adult volunteers, Mike Hopper, Scott Davis, Stacy Collins and Stephanie Jenkins for taking these kids to camp and a huge thank you to our church family for supporting the Youth Group and your generous donations that allowed all of these kids to go to camp.

I encourage each one of you to find a youth and build a relationship with them, share your testimony.

ask them theirs, and mentor them along through their Christian walk, because we are all the hands and feet of God.

Stacy Collins



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Do You Want to Be A Church on Fire?!!!

As we used to say in deep South Texas, "It is MUCHO CALIENTE!!!!" Well, it is supposed to be, right? It is August, and it is normally pretty hot during this time of year; however, the last few years have been exceptionally hot. I'm at the point now that instead of spending hundreds of dollars on my water bill, I think I am going to spray paint my yard green. Yeah! Or, like folks in Phoenix and other southwest communities of the U.S., instead of carpet grass, they have nice rock and cactus gardens. I asked Sandra about both ideas, and I care not to repeat what she replied. Most of you see Sandra as a very angelic, sweetheart of lady that can do no wrong. (Not to mention her sending birthday cards to everybody) Let's just say that her reply to me was not angelic. LOL! Seriously, she wasn't mean, but if looks could kill!



BACK TO SCHOOL



In spite of enduring the summer heat, August is also a very exciting time of the year. For parents, it means that the kiddos will be starting school again, and that means "Back to School" shopping for clothes and school supplies. It means summer band; it means U.I.L. sports, like football and volleyball start their first days of practice. And, yes, enduring that scorching Texas heat! Nonetheless, it is both exciting and challenging!

August also means church activities and ministries start back up. It is always pretty exciting to see our attendance improve when school starts back. Vacations are over and families begin to settle down and start a routine pattern, which includes attending worship service on a regular basis. Our children and youth activities on Wednesdays are once again in motion. Our choir programs start rehearsing again, and preparation for Christmas musicals are under way. For me, this is a very special and favorite time.

CHOIR SCHEDULE:  
Team Kidz Choir: TBA  
Sunday Worship Choir:  
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm &  
Sunday at 8:45 am



As FBC Floresville gets closer and closer to calling a new pastor, let's be ready for his coming by attending worship; getting involved in Bible study; serving the Lord through one of our ministries, and be a prayer warrior. Without prayer, we become weak and we lose focus. If we become a better praying church, our new pastor can lead a stronger congregation, who is ready to glorify God through the life of a healthy, spirit-filled church! The praying church needs to also lift our pastor in prayer and be ready to serve alongside him. The community of Floresville is ripe for harvest! Sandra and I drove around the newest subdivisions the other evening, and we couldn't believe our eyes!!! At least 25 more homes have been added, since the last time we drove through that area, during our Sunday evening drive. Unbelievable! Floresville is growing, and it is only going to keep growing!

FBC Floresville, are you ready for our new pastor? Are you ready to begin August/Fall season with a fresh new outlook and attitude? I know I am ready! Let's put our petty differences aside and come together as a Body of Christ ready to serve the Lord! This will not only be a great welcoming for our new pastor, but we will be a church on fire for the Lord!

The Fields are Ripe for Harvest (John 4:27-42)



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# AUGUST 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2	3 10am Ladies Bible study 10:30 Monthly prayer time	4	5 Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am 
6	7	8	9 10:30am Ladies Bible study 6:30pm Creation Class 7:30pm - Choir	10 10am Ladies Bible study 5pm Movie Night	11	12
Deacon Danny Fenner						
13 Promotion Sunday 	14	15 10:30am Fun Bunch Seguin Power Plant Restaurant	16 10:30am Ladies Bible study 6:30pm Creation Class 7:30pm - Choir	17 10am Ladies Bible study	18	19
Deacon Ronald Tipton						
20	21	22	23 10:30am Ladies Bible study 6:30pm Business Meeting 7:30pm - Choir	24 10am Ladies Bible study 5pm Movie Night	25	26 Marriage Conference 10am-3pm
Deacon Mike Hopper						
27	28	29	30 10:30am Ladies Bible study 6:30pm Creation Class 7:30pm - Choir	31 10am Ladies Bible study		
Deacon Randy Richards						

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## 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

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Starting- Aug 9th  
10:30am- Ladies Bible Study on Hebrews

6:30pm—Creation Class

## Thursday's

10am- Ladies Bible Study on Gideon  
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## *Birthdays*

3 Denise Smart  
3 Bill Munk  
5 Donna Arispe  
6 Taylor Remling  
6 Conner Addington  
8 Abby Sellers  
9 Adysen Pelech  
9 Ryann Miller  
9 Caleb Oliver  
10 Priscilla Kincaid  
10 James Kotzur  
10 Dianne McWilliams  
11 Lana Riley  
13 Brenda Fenner  
14 Tommie Cox  
14 Kelly Evans  
14 Shynelle Taggs

17 Allie Bowers  
18 Carolyn Hierholzer  
19 Glenda Whitley  
19 Connie LaFrance  
19 Tiffany Ward  
20 Chrystal Eckel  
21 Ginger Lowak  
23 Joseph Myers  
25 Allison Clements  
27 Mary Grace Klespies  
28 Gina Evans  
28 Kolten Doege  
29 Jan Johnson  
29 Clay Reed

## *September*

2 Piper Parsons  
2 Sandra Keith  
2 Mark Hamilton



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Dear Church Family,

If you were in the service last Sunday, you have already received our PSC update. For those not present, we are currently considering two pastor candidates and are in the process of conducting in-person visits and interviews with them. We believe that both are Godly men and good candidates, but we are seeking God's will for the "best fit" for FBC. It is an exciting and busy time for us! Please continue to pray for wisdom and discernment, and have faith that God is in control. In the meantime, let us think of ways that we can welcome, encourage, and support our new pastor and his family!

Judy Whitley  
Pastor Search Committee Secretary



New Members

Marco Silva Sr.  
Dora Alaniz  
Marco Silva Jr.

Welcome

## Events

Saturday, August 26, 2023, 10am-3pm

### MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

FOR COUPLES OF ALL AGES.  
Lunch is provided.  
Child care available with  
reservations (contact office).



Guest Presenters  
Les & Vicki Hollon

Sunday, August 13, 2023

### PROMOTION SUNDAY

Children's Bible Study @ 9:15 am



## Movie Nights

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

Description From- [sight-sound.com](http://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

Starts at 5:00pm

Thursday 10th August- Jonah  
& Thursday 24th August- Joseph

BRING:

Your Favorite  
Finger Food



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MEN



Saturday  
August 5th  
8:00-9:30 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
Men's Prayer  
Breakfast

## Wednesday Night Classes



## Wednesday Night Suppers and Other Classes Will Re-start on September 13th More info to come

### 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.

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 .

## FUN BUNCH CALENDAR

(All trips depart at 10:30)  
**Aug. 15** Seguin Power Plant  
Restaurant, Seguin  
**Sept. 12** TK's, Karnes City  
**Oct. 10** The Den, Lavernia  
**Nov. 14** Clear Springs,  
New Braunfels  
**Dec. 12** Alamo Café,  
San Antonio

## Branson

**FUN BUNCH PRESENTS**  
**Branson Show Extravaganza**

**INCREDIBLE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- 10 meals including 4 consecutive nights in the Branson Inn
- 10 meals & breakfasts and 4 dinners
- Admission to 4 fabulous shows including:
- Three Morning Shows DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS with special guests THE CELTIC LADIES, DOUG GABRIEL, MORNING SHOW & A NEIL DIAMOND TRIBUTE SHOW
- Three Evening Shows THE NEW YORK CHRISTMAS SHOW, DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS at the Light & Sound Theatre & PRESLEY'S COUNTRY JAMBL' CHRISTMAS SHOW

**7 Days 6 Nights**  
\$900\*  
(Sun - Sat)  
Nov 16 - Dec 2  
2023

**Departure: Floresville, TX @ 8 am**

**Day 1:** Board your group bus in a spacious, video and internet equipped motorcoach and set off for the "Live Music Show Capital of the World" - Branson, Missouri. This evening, you'll check into an on-motel hotel for a great 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 few night stays.

**Day 3:** Today, after a Continental Breakfast, you'll experience the DUBLIN'S IRISH TENORS with special guests THE CELTIC LADIES. With great looks and incredible voices, this highly talented group of Ireland's finest singers perform some of the best music of the 20th Century. Next, visit HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BRANSON, with old fashioned charm, monthly shops, and restaurants. After Dinner, you will be dazzled by THE HAYGODS CHRISTMAS SHOW. All your favorite Christmas Songs are presented with the Joy and Magic of the Season as only the Haygods can perform them! This is an amazing experience you don't want to miss!

**Day 4:** Enjoy a Continental Breakfast, you'll start your day with the DOUG GABRIEL MORNING SHOW. This good, clean, family show has lots of variety. It has a talented cast, is full of comedy and a terrific soundtrack of musicians. Plus, Doug plays his World famous Muffin in guitar made out of a 1969 Thunderbolt electric guitar! Later, you'll have some time for shopping. After Dinner, you take in the PRESLEY COUNTRY JAMBL' 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 bands 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 LAUNCH and discover waterfront shopping, dining, and attractions on Lake Taneycomo's beautiful waterfront. After Dinner, you'll marvel at the QUEEN ESTHER Show at the Light & Sound Theatre. Set in the quietest yet prettiest Person Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and history. Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in the original stage production!

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**ADD PLACE OF HAND TO YOUR TRIP...**  
With Branson Show Extravaganza you can add: Protection Plan. Final Payment Due: 9/10/2023

**FOR INFORMATION & RESERVATIONS CONTACT:**  
Karen Sada @ (810) 414-4751 OR email: k.sada@att.net

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## Albuquerque & Santa Fe

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS**  
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**7 Days 6 Nights**  
\$900\*  
(Mon - Sun)  
Sep 18 - 24  
2023

**Departure: Trinity Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX @ 8 am**

**Day 1:** Board your group bus in a spacious, video and internet equipped motorcoach, enjoying the great scenery along the way. Then, with time to visit the city of Albuquerque, you'll check into an on-motel hotel for a great night's rest.

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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.

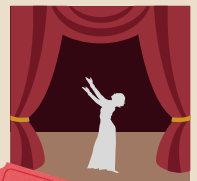
Also remember if you are going to BRANSON in NOVEMBER, your deposit of \$75 is due by July 1. We still have room for about 10-14 more people so talk to your friends and let's add them to the trip.

Looking forward to  
traveling with you

Karen Sada, CPC  
San Antonio, TX  
ITMI Certified



Road Trip to  
Branson, Missouri  
Nov. 26-Dec. 2, 2023  
\$900 7 Days/6 Nights  
\*\*Brochure available  
in the Church Office





# Ladies time

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



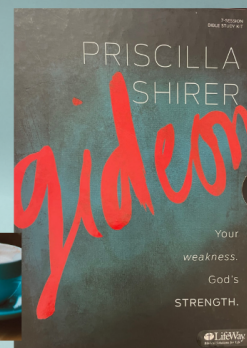
GET TICKETS  
 EARLY!!

Other locations  
 have sold-out  
 several Months in  
 Advance

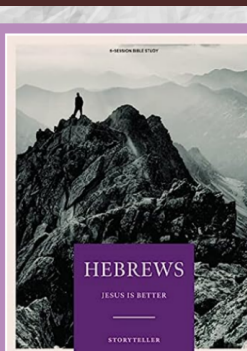


womenofjoy.org

THURSDAY'S  
 JULY 20TH - AUG 31ST  
 10 AM -  
 IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
 Gideon



For Information Contact Sally- 361-290-1068



**Hebrews**  
 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

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## Prayer TIME

*Monthly* Time Of Prayer  
 Thursday, Aug. 3rd, 2023  
 10:30 am  
 Annex Kitchen  
**\*\*ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH**

## 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



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



**Deacon Meeting** Sunday Aug. 13th  
 after service



**Kitchen Drifts**

Thank-you church members for your patience while the kitchen is closed.

We are excited to  
 Restart

Wednesday Night Suppers Sept. 13  
 Barb Herndon



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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

**NOTES: FROM BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

COMPLETED

- DOOR AT CHILDRENS MINISTRY CHECK-IN FIXED
- EAST ENTRY TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER FIXED
- THE PARSONAGE AND FOYER FOUNDATIONS - COMPLETED
- PARSONAGE WINDOWS MID-JULY- COMPLETED

STARTING SOON

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

**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

**Bus Drivers Still Needed**  
Sundays 8:30 & After Church  
in Fall Wednesdays 2:30- 4:15

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

CDL GOOD BUT NOT REQUIRED

**VOLUTEERS NEEDED FOR**

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

Help Needed

Jeannie McCarville  
520-251-1623

Flower Ministry is in need of more volunteers

WAYS TO GIVE:

Thank You for Giving

TEXT "Fbcf1234" to the number 73256;  
Give ONLINE at [www.fbcf.org](http://www.fbcf.org);  
Drop off or MAIL your gift to:  
First Baptist Church  
1115 B Street  
Floresville, Texas 78114



PLEASE GIVE TO THE

**BUILDING FUND**

TO REFURBISH THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**THANK YOU**

Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
June 2023	\$36,707.76	\$50,405.83
YTD thur June 2023	\$301,277.16	\$302,434.98

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.