

OUR SERVICE

Sundays 8:45 Praise Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Bible Study for all 10:30 In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

Wednesdays

6:30pm

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Fridays

10-11:30pm

Ladies bible study



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July 4th, 2024 In case of Emergency call: Pastor Michael- 573-575-9768 Zoe Fox-719-207-2441 Terry Smith-830-391-3362 John Kelley-830-391-7704

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Thoughts from Pastor Michael

What a busy and blessed month we had in June! Again, I want to thank all that were involved in making VBS so fantastic! There were several children who prayed to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. Along with Terry, (see his article) I want to thank Mary Zarosky for directing VBS, and also Denise Trabucco for leading our youth camp! At the time of this writing, the church has not heard about the camp, but it was wonderful! The theme was revival! We Appreciate all the adult campers who went away this past week to be with our students! I also want to thank our Family Ministry Assistant, Christie Davis for helping to guide our children and youth ministries! Again, what a great month of blessings that the Lord has provided!

I love the 4th of July! As I think of this wonderful holiday, I want to share a few verses. Psalm 9:17 says, "The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God." Psalm 33:12 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!" Psalm 11:3 says, "If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" We can see the foundations of our country being destroyed. I believe the answer to the question of Psalm 11:3 is that the righteous get busy in seeking the Lord, sharing the gospel, and living in the power of the gospel so that others see the genuine effects of Christ in our lives. That is what the apostle Paul did, and it is described in 1 Thes.1:5-9. If you read that passage you will see that a whole nation was impacted by Christ through His people! (Macedonia and Achaia were the 2 regions that made up the nation of Greece.)

At the turn of the 19th century, when the forces of lawlessness were let loose in England, William Wordsworth paid tribute to John Milton by writing, "Milton! Thou shouldst be living at this hour: England, hath need of thee... Oh! Raise us up, return to us again; and give us manners, virtue, freedom, power."

America needs you and me to stand as an ambassador of Christ. The Lord has put us here "for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14) May we be seeking Him and His Reviving power!

In closing, Robin and I want to thank you for all the encouragement and prayers since her dad passed away! We appreciate you being our church family so much!

Thanks for letting me be your Pastor! Michael Funderburk











Happy July, everyone! I hope your summer has been amazing, so far! My summer has been great, and I'm looking forward to more exciting things ahead for my family and I; maybe a couple of road trips and a few days staying at a time-share at one of our South Central Texas lakes is planned for us in early August. Just a few words about our previous V.B.S.: "IT WAS AWESOME!" That is my few words! Seriously, it was a great week! It was reported that we had about 90 children during that week. I really want to thank our V.B.S. director, Mary Zarosky, for her leadership this year! She did an outstanding job planning and recruiting individuals to lead and decorate. It is so cool to see God's people come together to lead and teach children of all ages about our Savior! Everyone had a very significant role in V.B.S. this year! Thank you! Thank you! One of the most exciting happenings that came from V.B.S. week, was the 16-20 4th and 5th graders who responded to the invitation of salvation. Pastor Michael met with them one day that week, and 16-20 expressed their desire to follow Jesus. Pastor Michael plans to follow up with each child concerning their decision. This is so exciting!

The last thing I want to share with you in my July article, is something that is not easy for me to mention. Sandra and I have been serving at F.B.C. Floresville for over 21 years. We began on June 1, 2003. We can honestly say that our 21 years at F.B.C. Floresville has been a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful journey! To us, it feels like we joined you folks just yesterday. Anyway, we have been so blessed and grateful that our Heavenly Father allowed us to minister with you these past 2 decades!

Not only have we ministered with you, but you have become part of our family!

As many of you know, I am at retirement age, and unfortunately, my health is hinting to me to consider slowing down some. Sandra retired a few years ago; however, Sandra and I both are convinced we need to step aside from a few things, not just because we are falling apart, but we also want to take time to enjoy a few things retired people get to experience, while we have the ability to do so.

Ok..here it goes.....On January 1, I plan to retire and step down as your full-time worship pastor. I have been so blessed and honored to have been part of this great ministry. I know that the Lord will continue to bless F.B.C. Floresville for years to come. We have a very godly Pastor, who loves the Lord and who obviously loves people. I firmly believe that F.B.C. Floresville will be able to reach out to the community and county with the Gospel, like never before! My prayer is that our church will join together, like V.B.S. week, and love our neighbors and lead them to Christ. And, then make disciples. We are already experiencing this; however, we have just gotten a taste.

Folks, just know that we love you!

Pastor Terry Smith



<u>CHOIR REHEARSAL</u> <u>SUNDAY PRAISE CHOIR SCHEDULE</u> No rehearsals on Wednesday evenings during most of the summer Praise Choir will rehearse from 8:45-9:15 on Sunday mornings

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Meeting Building & grounds Budget & Finance Master Planning 6:30pm Annex Kitchen	2 Guest Services Meeting- 2pm	6:30pm Prayer/ Bible Studies	Office Closed	5 10-11:30am Ladies Bible study	Men's Prayer BK 8-9:30am Canning 10-1 Bob & Judy 50th Anniversary 2pm-4pm
7 Deacon Bob Etheridge	8	9 SEARCH COMM. MEETING 7-8:30	10 6:30pm Prayer/ Bible Studies	Monthly prayer	10-11:30am Ladies Bible study	OCC 13 Bake Sale 7:30am-11:30am CORMERCE Prayer Meeting 9:00am Helton Park
14 Lord's Supper <u>Deacon Meeting</u> Deacon Danny Fenner	15	16	17 6:30pm Prayer/ Bible Studies	18	19 10-11:30am Ladies Bible study	20
21 Deacon John Long	22	23 SEARCH COMM. MEETING 7-8:30	24 6:30pm Prayer/ Bible Studies	25	26 10-11:30am Ladies Bible study	27
5:00pm 28 Ice Cream Social Fellowship Hall Deacon Bill Munk	29	30	31 6:30pm Prayer/ Bible Studies			
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A word from the Deacons

Hello, and prayerful greetings to each of you brothers and sisters in Christ! It is such a joy to have regular fellowship with you all at the blessing we call First Baptist Church Floresville. But by the way, how did it get to be July so quickly? Seriously, Judy and I cannot express in words the pleasure it is to be out front to greet all of you as you come in and as you leave after our worship service. Visitors and new members are a real thrill, too. The fellowship of believers is so important and so necessary for the uplifting and encouragement of all, and especially for learning and tending to the needs of those of us experiencing struggles in life.

God's Word speaks so many times I cannot count about the importance of fellowship of believers. "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." (Heb. 10:24-25). We are to exhort and strengthen each other in the presence of Our Father. This scripture from Hebrews is about the most straightforward text about the necessity of believers gathering regularly for corporate worship, instruction, encouragement and for good works. We were not created to grow in isolation. We are to support one another.

Also, in Acts 2:42, The Word states "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." For our faith to grow and not become stagnant we need instruction, correction, worship, encouragement and prayer with and from others in our church family. A solitary life of faith is hard for me to imagine. I happen to know that any deacon at FBCF would drop everything day or night and come to the aid of anyone that needed him for any reason.

Another kind of fellowship is called prayer. We are to grow in a beautiful personal relationship with our Father, and prayer is the way to Him. Prayer, and also, a regular time of quiet meditation and bible study is the way I get to start each day looking for His guidance, protection, success and understanding. Talking to the Father is a blessing beyond words, and also listening to Him is just as much a blessing. Just think, He knows our every thought, hears our every word, and watches everything we do. I must be in communication with The One who created each one of us. And not just for myself, but for my brothers and sisters in Him. I pray many times daily for members of FBCF, and I am learning more and more the importance of a simple phone call that can bless someone's day as well as mine. We should all make moments count, make time, make a nobody feel like somebody, make small things big, make someone smile, make the change, make love, make peace, make people know they are loved and special (they are to our Father).

Each one of you is special to the deacons, and we are here to serve you and tend to your needs. Please call one of us if we can help in any way. Thanks!

My prayer is that this information will be a blessing to you all, brothers and sisters, and that our servant ministry as deacons will edify God's church as it grows and reaches out to this community. Sincerely, Bob Whitley Ps. 32:8



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Bob Whitley PS. 32:8

Current active deacons are: Ron Bluff 210-844-8819 Chris Coats 210-215-0719 Bob Etheridge 254-717-7918 Danny Fenner 210-275-1683 Bob Herndon 830-534-7699 John Long 830-534-7427 Bill Munk 512-517-3976 Randy Richards 830-391-5641 Al Riley, Jr. 281-787-5730 Thomas Welfel 361-813-9643 Bob Whitley 210-416-0471

Family/Youth Pastor Fund- acct # 9506 has been created







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A class for adults with

special needs who are

excited to learn about the

gospel, how and why

God has created each one

of us for a purpose, and

how we can share the

gospel with others in the

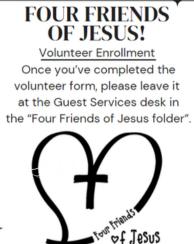
community while

building a stronger,

united, special-needs

community

New Ministries



Adults with Special Needs Ministry

Contact- Tiffany Gonzalaz 630-605-0854





FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER IN MY NAME, I AM THERE IN THE MIDST OF THEM. MATTHEW 18:20



BRING THE FAMILY
BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET
BRING WATER

With Deepest Sympath

For Terry Mills and his family Kathy Mills 1952-2024

For Robin & Michael Funderburk their family Walter Curington 1946-2024

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Name Coming

A new ministry to help equip, support, and love young women who are unexpectedly pregnant. This ministry will also equip participating church members to be the hands and feet of Jesus, to develop relationships with these young women (and men) that affirm their new roles as parents, and reveal the multitude of blessings in the beginning of their journey as a family Contact- Jewel Gleeson

830-391-3595

Youth

Senior Watch Care

Our ministry to connect with seniors who live alone has identified 20 people who would like to be contacted daily either by phone call or text message. Now we are looking for volunteers to connect with these people and contact them daily. We do have some volunteers who are not able to make contact each day and would like to partner those with others who cannot do every day in order to ensure our seniors are checked on daily. This is where you come in. Who would like to sign up to minister to a senior each day? If you have a heart for senior adults and would like to minister to an older person, please contact Denise Smart 210-273-7603. If you are a senior adult who lives alone and would like to be checked on

daily, <u>please contact Denise Smart 210-273-7603</u> or the church office to be added to our list

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

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Thursday, July 11th, 2024 10:30 am -Annex Kitchen "ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH



If you would like to receive a copy of the weekly Prayer list or add a prayer request to the list - Please just call the A Church office at (830)216-4946



Intercessory Prayer Group

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.

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VOLUNTEER **OPPORTUNITIES**

SUNDAY MORNINGS

kids

- 9:15 am 10:25 am Middle Preschool (2s-3s) Bible Study Leader
- 9:15 am 10:25 am Older Preschool (4s-Kinder) **Bible Study Leader**
- 10:25 am 11:45 am Preschool Next Hour Care 9:15 am - 11:45 am
- Babies/Toddlers Bible Study Leader
- Reliable and Prescreen Substitutes for all ages

Want More Information?

Contact Christie Davis in the church office, text 210-861-1292, or email <u>christieefbcf.org</u>. All volunteers must be willing to undergo a criminal background check.



For the Safety of **Our Handicaped Drop off Area**

Kitchen Drifts

Thanks to all the teams that provide the yummy food and offer their time and

culinary skills to our church.

God is So Good! And He has Blessed us

with an amazing Church Family

Kitchen Manager- Jan Browning

210-417-6222

CLASS WILL BE HELD

THE FBCF ANNEX

KITCHEN

10 AM - 1 PM

SAT.- JULY 20TH

10 AM - 1 PM

Building and Grounds

Lawn Care Team Meeds:

Do you have a little

time every now and

then to help maintain

our church grounds?1?1

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN A TEAM!

PLEASE CONTACT

RON WRIGHT 361-774-4521, OR CHRIS COATS 210-215-0719

Sign Change

Side Notes

Safety & Security Team **Request:** Our safety and security tear n would like to use a Battery-Powered golf cart to help with their duties at church. If you have or know someone who has a rking Battery-Powered golf cart they would like to donate

to the church please contact Bob Etheridge. 254-717-7918 Frayerful consider if you can help me

Do you need or know someone in need of a dining table and 4 chairs?

Please contact Zoe at 830–216–4946 for more information!

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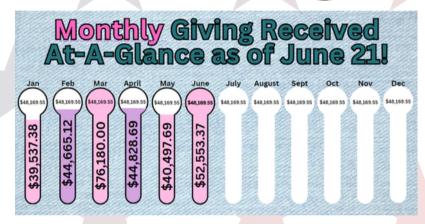


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Budget at a Glance	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to meet Budget
May 2024	\$40,497.69	\$48,169.55
YTD thur May 2024	\$245,708.88	\$240,514.40

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