

The Banner

The Lord is My Banner. Exodus 17:15

September 20, 2017

First Baptist Church, Cuero

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A Note From The Pastor

Please pray for the staff this week. We will be traveling to the Dallas area for a D6 conference. We have been seeking to lead our church into the D6 concepts which come out of Deuteronomy 6. This year's conference is "1/168 is not enough." The meaning of the statement is that one hour of church a week is not enough to make disciples. Jesus spent three years with his disciples training them to lead the church. Jesus taught the masses. He called the twelve, but he gave his greatest time to three disciples. It took time, a lot of time, for Jesus to instill the concepts of the Kingdom into the minds of his disciples. It takes time for us today as well. It will require much more effort than dropping children off at church for Sunday morning to raise children up to be followers of Jesus. If we want to change this next generation which is falling away from faith, we will have to help families become the center of discipleship. Families have the greatest time available to teach children about God. The church can help, but the church cannot replace the role of parents teaching their children how to follow Jesus.

Please go to the Events page on our church web page and read the updated letter from George Gardev from the church we help in Bulgaria.

Glenn

Larry's Notes

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

How can I grow as a Christian? How can I have a deeper faith? How can I be stronger in my walk with the Lord? I hear questions like this often and perhaps you have asked these kinds of questions as well.

If you were planning to do something like run in a 10K race, or ride in a long bike ride, or lose weight, you would expect to have to train and work at it. If you were to learn a new skill, you would expect to have to practice at it to improve. Well, in many ways, growing as a Christian is no different.

If you do not have a regularly quiet or devotional time, let me encourage you to start today. There are many, many, many books and websites to help you have a rich and productive time with the Lord. BUT YOU HAVE TO DO IT! Yes, it takes a little bit of time every day, but isn't the Lord and your faith worth it?

Start with reading the Bible and praying. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you into a deeper faith. Ask a more mature Christian for some suggestions. JUST GET STARTED AND DO IT!

I have been told that using all capital letters in digital media is rude. Sorry. I am just trying to encourage you to step up and take some initiative. I feel a great sense of urgency for the Church and I hope that all of you do as well.

Oh, one more thing. Regular worship attendance and group Bible study helps you grow also.

Larry



“But if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless” (Matthew 12:7, NRSV). This past Sunday night, the youth talked about how Jesus was a great teacher. He spoke even to the scheming Pharisees with scripture, which they knew, and he tried to bring them to a better understanding of it. The Pharisees continually stress the letter of the law in Matthew and point out how Jesus seems not to follow it. Matthew 12:7 is the *second* time Jesus quotes Hosea 6:6—“I desire mercy and not sacrifice”—in the book of Matthew, showing his patience with the Pharisees and emphasizing the most important part of God’s work in our lives—grace.

Read Matthew 28:16-20 as a family. Here, Jesus gives his Great Commission. How can we “make disciples” and “teach them to obey” as Jesus did in Matthew 12? Do we sometimes risk teaching in the ways the Pharisees did? How can we avoid this?

Upcoming:

We will have a youth/parent meeting on **Sunday, October 8 at 3pm!** All parents and youth are invited to come hear more about me and about what I am praying the Lord does in the Youth Ministry of our church.

Grace and Peace,

Ben Faus

Pastor of Youth

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PRAYER REQUEST

Charles Benton	Faye Fisher
Lynda Grantham	Alicia Hannan
Flo Miller	Bertha Buch
Jo & Robert Smith	Avis Cole
Bernice Hargrove	Betty Whitten
Pearl Kornfurehrer	Mary Simmons
Mary Bird	Flo Miller
Devlin Bullock	Sarah Bell
Barbara Bowman	



Sunday:
 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am
 Bible Study 9:45 am
 Youth Praise Band 4:30 pm
 Youth (7th - 12th) 5:30 pm
Adults Small Groups:
 The Gospel Project 6:00 pm
 Bible Searchers 6:00 pm
 Pastor's Class 6:00 pm
 Bible Blast (Grades 1-3) 6:00 pm
 Grades 4-6 6:00 pm
Monday:
 Ladies Exercise 10:00 am
Tuesday:
 Praise Band 7:00 pm
 Children's Choir After School
Wednesday:
 Ladies Exercise 10:00 am
 Ladies Bible Study 12:00 pm
 Youth 6:00 pm
 Coffee & Prayer w/the Pastor 6:00 pm
 Sanctuary Choir 7:00 pm
Thursday:
 Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
 (With Christ in the School of Prayer" by Andrew Murray)
 (For more information please call Betty Afflerbach @ 361-649-8029)
 Body & Soul Fitness 5:45 pm
 For More Information On Classes, Please Call The Church Office @ 361-275-3401

Stewardship
September 17, 2017

Budget Requirements.....	\$9,907.82
Budget Receipts.....	\$8,707.65
Designated Receipts.....	\$1,236.00
Total Approved Budget.....	\$525,114.00
Requirements Year-To-Date.....	\$376,497.16
Received Year-To-Date.....	\$326,946.99
Month-to-date Expenses.....	\$33,575.00
Year-to-date Expenses.....	\$356,891.00

Renovation

Week To Date Giving	\$587.50
Month To Date Giving	\$4,710.00
Year To Date Giving	\$75,217.19
Monthly Note Payment	\$11,583.95
Loan Balance	\$2,134,282.25

Sunday Morning Greeters

Sept. 24, 2017

8:15 & 9:30
 John Fuqua
 Monica Fuqua
 10:45
 Pam Anderson
 Youth

Oct. 1, 2017

8:15 & 9:30
 Jeff Hall
 Drenda Hall
 10:45
 Kathryn Scott
 Alicia Hannan

Deacon of the Week
 Trent Watson

SCHOOL CLOTHES NEEDED

It's that time of year again!

You can help by donating new or used school uniform clothes (jeans, polo or spirit shirts). All sizes are needed. Please place in the brown box in the foyer across from the sanctuary next to the Operation Christmas Child table.

We are here to be and make real followers of Jesus Christ



Happy Birthday

Sept. 24th - Sept. 30th

Isaiah Mungia - 26
 Peggy Ledbetter - 27
 Sammie Shelton - 27
 Nan Morgan - 28



"MY TURN WITH THE BABIES"

Last Sunday was my turn with the babies to work. My heart wasn't in it, my feelings were hurt. A child from a mother did not want to part and cried a lot with it's broken heart. I prayed that soon the hour would end, that I could relax - no more children to tend. Soon the hour was over. It felt good to be free. I said "once a quarter" was too much for me! That very next Sunday, as I sat in the pew, a very good sermon but visitors were few. But down came a woman, her soul was saved. She was the mother of the crying baby. Then it dawned on me that I'd been a part of one being saved, giving God her heart. From that day on, I'd never dread working with babies while souls were being fed.

We are needing nursery workers for both services. We need only a little over an hour of your time to take care of these beautiful children. Please call Brenda at 361-676-7738 to schedule to work in this wonderful ministry.



Operation Christmas Child
is accepting donations of:

Erasers

5 x 7 Legal Pads

2 Pencils

(Toothpaste & Candy can no longer be accepted)

You can pack your own box! In the foyer is a table with some boxes and pamphlets on how and what you can box. If you need several, please call the church office 361-275-3401 and we will have boxes ready for you to pick up at your convenience.

Ladies Bible Study every Wednesday at noon

Studying the book of James



We are planning to have a church fellowship on October 8, 2017 as a reception of Ben and Hannah to our church. We will have a covered dish lunch after the second service. I hope you will come and show them your love.



**Volunteers are still needed for our
Wednesday night Children's Ministry.**

We need:

**2 table parents - 1 van rider for dismissal time
1 tournament assistant for younger TeamKIDS
See Debbie Granberry 361-243-1108 Thanks!**

SIGN MINISTRY

We are looking for someone to take over the sign ministry. Once a week or once every two weeks. Only takes a few minutes of your time. We have the resources for ideas to put on the sign. Easy to learn! Call the church office for details. 361-275-3401.

Parent / Youth
Meeting

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