

First Baptist Church

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Jenda Hillis: Children's Minister
Cristall Brown: Church Hostess/WNS

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

July 1.....316
July 8336
July 15.....358
July 22.....337
July 29.....next month

OFFERINGS: General Fund

July 1.....\$23,438.23
July 8.....\$16,995.01
July 15.....\$14,274.80
July 22\$16,667.26
July 29.....next month
Total.....\$71,375.30

Building Fund

July 1.....\$345.00
July 8.....\$280.00
July 15.....\$761.00
July 22\$990.00
July 29.....next month
Total.....\$2,376.48
Grand Total.....\$73,751.78

50K Water Project \$112,059.90

*Given to Date: \$(15,771.22)

*Misc. Expenses: \$(66,885.25)

***Water Systems**

50K Balance: \$29,403.43

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Address Service Requested

Coming in September 2018



St. Jude
No More Cancer Rally

**Women's Ministry honors
"Childhood Cancer Awareness Month"**

We have had 3 families within our fellowship that have experienced care at St. Jude and we would like to give back!!

Around the church you will find large water jugs.

Please empty your pockets of your change.

All money collected will go to purchase fuel/food gift cards for the St. Jude location at Women's & Children's hospital to aide families during their child's treatment.

We also will honor the children within our church by hosting a "toy-book" drive for our pre-school area. We need safety approved toys for our bed babies-4 year old classrooms. The toy drive will be from September 1st-31st. We ask that this be a family event. If every family will provide 1 toy or 1 book our pre-school area will be completely furnished with items for the children to play with.

**Any questions on specific toys
See Christina Atnip or Kathy Hopper**

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**Awana
Registration/Kick Off
August 1st
Awana Training August 1st**



Each club will have 30 minutes of game time and 30 min of registration and snack. Join us at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to sign up. Volunteers needed: We need several volunteers to listen to children recite their Bible verses. If you are able to help out please see Jenda



**"Train up a child in the way he should go;
and when he is old, he will not depart
from it."**

Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)



Dear Church Family,

This newsletter article is late. To be specific I should have had it turned it to our church secretary, Christina Atnip, yesterday, so that she could have finished the newsletter and sent it out today but a combination of a changing schedule (always a good excuse) and a large bit of forgetfulness led to my turning it in late. I was driving down the hiway and it it me! Newsletter article! Late. Argghhh. I really don't like turning in newsletter articles late. I don't like to even think about paying a bill late. I don't like to show up at an appointment late. I just don't like being late on anything.

Timeliness is, however, more in important in some areas than in others for the simple reason that some things are just, flat out, more important.. For instance, God's word tells us in Ecclesiastes 5:4 that if you make a vow to God, that you certainly don't want to be "late" in following through. Likewise, you don't ever want to be late telling someone how much you love and appreciate them. They may not have heard those words in a long time. If you love someone. Tell them! Furthermore, if someone has helped you or given you a gift, don't be late in saying a simple "thank you." Some fashions go out of style but "thank you never does! You also don't want to ever be late in apologizing to someone whom you have hurt, even inadvertently. "I apologize" is one of the most powerful phrases on planet earth! Finally, you don't want to be late in reaching out to someone whom the Lord has impressed you to contact. One of the most spiritually uplifting and absolutely cool things on earth is to be "right on time" with a word of encouragement to someone, while knowing all the while that it was God Who impressed you to do it. It was the white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland who refused to stop for Alice because he said: "I'm late, I'm late for, A very important date. No time to say hello, good-bye, I'm late, I'm late, I'm late!" If you're late for something truly important, don't let another day go by without taking care of it!

We've been blessed to end many of our summer services with baptisms! If you need to be baptized, I plan on having the baptismal water ready every Sunday in the month of August. Call the church office (256) 828-1607 or email me at TJB@Integrity.com if you are ready to be baptized! Thank you for making my life as the pastor of this church so very blessed. You are the most supportive and encouraging fellowship on planet earth!

Love in Christ, Bro. Tommy

A Word from Your Associate Pastor...

Kim and I just got back from "vacation"! Don't get me wrong. It was wonderful to have some time with our family and to be on the beach and doing vacation kind of things. It was the getting there and the coming back that wasn't so wonderful—vehicle issues going and coming back! But that's a story for another time.

Instead, let me spend this time talking about the "biblical myth" of vacation. Now I understand the need to rest and relax but the truth is—Christianity is an "all of life" relationship. I'm reminded of the time in Mark 6 when Jesus had sent his disciples out in pairs on a missionary journey. God used them in miraculous ways, to fix broken people. They came back excited but physically and emotionally exhausted. Jesus said, "Let's get away so you can rest. But when they got to the resting place it was full of hungry and broken people in need of help. Jesus then told His disciples to feed the people. I believe Jesus was teaching His disciples that no matter where you are—people need the good news of the gospel.

Friends, when we become Christ followers, Jesus desires to be Lord of all of our lives, our time and our possessions. He wants us to see all of life's experiences as opportunities to be disciples who make disciples. Just like Jesus wants to speak to us and use us in our everyday rhythms to help further someone's understanding of God, He wants us to do the same while we are "resting" on vacation. It may be in a conversation with a waitress or an act of kindness with a smile and a short conversation or helping someone fix the broken pieces of their lives—God wants to use you to give people the good news of Jesus even if you are on vacation. There is no time off. We are Christ followers and Christ heralds in all of our lives. When we see this and begin to practice this on a daily basis it becomes very natural to us to be gospel witnesses in the most unusual places.

Your Fellow Pilgrim, Bro D

Children's Announcements

Sunday Evenings @ 5:00: beginning August 5 we will begin "I am a Christian Now" Bible study for kids. This is an excellent study for all kids, whether they are taking steps toward Christ, recently accepted Him as their Savior, or been a Christian for several years. Join us in the old f/hall from 5-6 p.m.

Kid's D-Now: October 19-21 Mark your calendars now

Sunday Mornings in J-Team

Parables of Jesus

Wednesday Nights @ 6-7:00

Awana

Happy Birthday Kim Hutto-August 4
Happy Birthday Laura Bolan- August 7
Happy Staff Anniversary to Joel Wiley
16 years Minister of Music



Operation Christmas Child Donations for August

For the month of August we will be collecting hand held pencil sharpeners, ink pens, child size scissors, pencils, duct tape (all kinds regular/colors) or anything else you find on sale that is suitable for a shoe box. Please place these items in the fellowship hall in the OCC box. Enough supplies have been collected to begin packing shoeboxes. If your Sunday school class would like to participate as a group, please contact Connie Gannaway to coordinate a date and time. This will take place at the offsite building on Carter's Gin Road.

Youth Announcements-August

Sunday Nights-Student Discipleship @ 5:00 in the Upper Room

Wednesday Nights-"The Gathering" in the Upper Room @ 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning-Worship in the Sanctuary

Adelphie Tea

Sunday August 12, 2018 in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday Dress requested
See Abby Stallings for details



Pray for our Educators, Support staff and Administrators as they return to school on August 1

Wee Care 2018-19



We are looking for substitute teachers. If you would love working with pre-school children and would like to apply as a sub, contact Kim Hutto 256-348-3531
August 5- Parent Orientation 3:30 p.m.
August 6- Open House 9:00 a.m.
August 7- First Day of WEE Care
August 23-Beach Day

WNS

August 1: Sub Sandwich, chips, fruit, dessert
August 8: Chick. casserole, mac/cheese, green beans, roll
August 15: Taco salad, dessert
August 22: Roasted chick. breast, scalloped pot, g.beans, roll
August 29: Spaghetti, salad, dessert
All reservations/cancellations are due on Monday by noon

Grief Share

13 week seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. This group is sponsored by people who care about what you are experiencing and want to offer you comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
August 16th -November 8th, 2018
In the Conference Room behind the Chapel
See Laura Bolan/Sandra Priest for more info
Sign up sheets located in the f/hall

Women's Ministry

***Just Desserts- August 17th @ 6:00**
Personal Favorite & Personal Safety
Bring your favorite "Sweet Treat"
And learn about personal safety
Sign up sheet located on the WM bulletin board
***Discipleship on Sunday nights: Seamless by: Angie Smith/ taught by: Donna Jones**
***August Davidson Farms Donations:**
Peanut butter, jelly, crackers, cookies, chips, popcorn

Men's Announcements

Tuesday morning Bible Study @ 8:00 am
"Setting Boundaries" in the Fishes & Loaves
SS Classroom
Sunday Evenings@ 5:00: "Man Up" in the Fishes & Loaves SS Classroom
Men's Prayer Breakfast-Saturday August 25th @ 8:00 a.m.