

Come Grow With Us

Worship Schedule



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School
9:30 a.m.
Coffee & Fellowship
10:30 a.m.
Worship Service
11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Kids' Klub
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk

Hello friends,

As always, I pray in the name of the Risen Christ that you all are safe and healthy as we have now transitioned from summer into fall.

It's hard to believe that October is now upon us, with Halloween just around the corner which means that Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before we know it. But before we go that far let us enjoy what this time of year means to us. Fall is my favorite season of the year. I just love the transition from the hot summer days to the cool fall mornings and less intensive hot afternoons. It just has a renewing effect upon us, much as Spring does once Winter is over.

Things have really ramped up over the past few weeks of September with Kids' Klub starting up once again, along with school and the sports of volleyball and football. Let us not forget how successful our "Bring a Friend" Sunday event was with an attendance of 59, followed by a wonderful potluck luncheon. September was a fun month which helps build us up to what comes in October with our Kiddie Karnival on Halloween. October is looking good!

With all of this fun stuff comes the added responsibility of being aware of ourselves and our bodies. COVID-19 and its variant are still active in our world and as we go about doing these things as a church, we must always be aware of our community. So, please monitor yourself and be safe in everything that you do so that we can still enjoy this time of year and not cause others in our community to become sick. Let's continue to watch out for each other as we move forward through this time of pandemic.

The other day, as I was thinking upon this time of year and how I could enjoy it more, I thought to myself, "Well, first of all, I have to make time to." Time. What is time? Early on in life, when we are young, time is something that we feel we are in abundance of. As we become middle-aged, we know that time is something that we are beginning to lose but often feel is still in the distance, not yet on our horizon. Then as we become older, as my grandfather would say, "I'll deal with it tomorrow, if tomorrow comes."

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The deadline for articles to be submitted for the November issue is Monday, November 1.

Thank you in advance for helping me to stay with my schedule and for any contribution you make to the monthly newsletter.1.

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Disclaimer: If any news, articles, or information was printed incorrectly or left out, it was done inadvertently. Please accept my apologies.

Liz

Pastor's article continued....

But what is time to God? Does God place the value on time as much as we do? Does time even matter to God? Why would God even worry about it? Genesis tells us that God created the heavens and earth in 7 days, or actually, 6. With the 7th of course being designated as a day of rest. However, wasn't this scripture written this way to help us understand the power and authority of God? Could we ever understand this without creation being explained in a way that we mortal human beings could understand and relate to?

Regardless, time is of the utmost importance to us humans, especially to those of us who call ourselves believers. Time. As I reflect on my time here with you these past 15 months. I can't help but feel blessed. Blessed and also thankful for such a loving and caring church family. You have blessed us beyond our expectations and we are truly thankful for you.

But I found myself questioning how I spend my time. Do I (we) use our time properly? Do we manage our time wisely? How much time do we waste doing things that don't really matter or are not productive? Things that can cause us to sin against God. Well, sadly, I must admit, I could do much better. If only I would manage my time, things would be better. If we would just stay off of our phones or not watch so much TV, our relationships with one another would be better. Our relationship with God the Father and Jesus Christ his Son would be better. We could become more involved in our community, in our church, and in our relationships with our family and friends. There are so many other things in our lives that would benefit from the better management of time if we would only do so.

Most of all, our faith would benefit the most. We would be much closer and more devoted to our faith if we would just make the time to do so. I can remember my grandparents talking about how when they were young, everyone was involved in church. They would spend not only Sunday at church but also other days as well. Now, I know that our world is different than their days were, but I just find myself questioning how we use our time. I know that I could do much better in managing it. All Christians could. So, as you go about your day try and think about how you are using the time you have. Could you do a better job at managing it? I believe we all could. I think that everything in our life would benefit, especially our faith. Let us think upon this and other aspects of our faith as we draw closer and closer to the season of Advent in just a couple of months.

Let us recommit ourselves now that Fall has come, to looking at how we can use our time wisely, so that we may reap the harvest of God's glory.

Please take care of yourselves and stay safe.

I pray that the Lord blesses you and keeps you, that His face shines upon you and gives you peace. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings,

Pastor Greg

"It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Galatians 2:20

September Statistics

Date:	Attendance	Regular Offering	Designated Offering
September 05	25	\$2,825.00	\$ 21.00
September 12	27	\$2,240.00	\$ 150.00
September 19	59	\$1,894.00	\$ 50.00
(Bring a Friend Sunday)			
September 26	32	\$ 836.00	\$ 100.00
Monthly Totals	143	\$7,795.00	\$ 321..00
Weekly Average	36	\$1,948.75.00	

Volunteer Responsibility Schedule

Date	Reader	Cleaning Crew
October 3	Vicki Smith	Gayle Edwards & Dawna Vann
October 10	Melody Parr	Carolyn Wood & Margaret O'Brien
October 17	Dawna Vann	Jewell Dill
October 24	Theresa Gentry	Theresa Gentry & Ethel Griffith
October 31	Jana Tipton	Liz Johnson
Ushers for October: Carroll Dill & Tony Vann		

Kids' Klub News

Kids' Klub has returned. The first night we met, we celebrated September birthdays. We are averaging about 12 kiddos each week. We hope to see this number grow as we all get back into the swing of school and all the activities involved there. We have three classes at this time: 1st through 3rd taught by Melody Parr and Erica Brown; 4th through 5th taught by Dana Farrell and Liz Johnson; 6th through 8th taught by Savannah Johnson and Pastor Greg. We hope to add a youth class. When this happens, Pastor Greg will teach the youth. We feed the kiddos a light supper each Wednesday evening followed by fellowship, music, and class time in which we learn what it means to be a Christian. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute to the meal or contact the church office.

We are looking forward to fall and winter events. Hopefully we'll be able to take a field trip to the Black Creek Pumpkin Patch in Decatur. And on October 31st, we'll host our annual Kiddie Karnival which is a community event and before long, we'll start practicing for our annual Kids' Klub Christmas program. WOW!

If anyone would like to know more about our Kids' Klub program or would like to contribute to it in any way, contact our church office. We would love to have you and/or your kiddos!!

Submitted by Liz Johnson



Happy Birthday



Wishing Michele a very happy birthday!

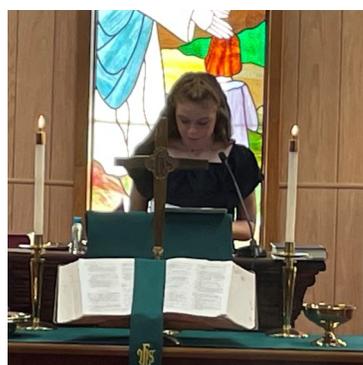


The first week in July, Houston and Presley attended the Junior High Bridgeport Church Camp on Lake Bridgeport!

They had a terrific time and look forward to attending again next year. Josie and Melody were to attend the following week, but because of a COVID outbreak, the Elementary camp was cancelled.

But, Josie, Jagger, Corriana and Melody were able to attend "Camp Bible" in September.

See the article and pictures on the next page submitted by Melody.



"Thank You"

to everyone who made these camps possible. Without you, these kiddos may not have been able to attend.

Camp Bible

Camp Bible is a 24 hour camp experience for 3rd-5th graders. It allows children who haven't experienced camp to start off with just an overnight stay.

Our theme this year was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". We studied four lessons from the gospels about how Jesus befriended people and loved them.

The children were kept busy with lessons, games, worship, food and fun! We spent a lot of time outdoors.

The church took 3 kiddos. We had Jagger, Josie and Corriana (Melody's niece). Melody was able to go and be a counselor. Everyone had a great time and learned what a friend Jesus is!

Submitted by Melody Parr



Watermelon Festival Parade Float

Thanks to Dawna and Tony Vann, the kiddos, Carroll and Jewell Dill for pulling the float, and all the volunteers, the church was able to have a float in the Watermelon Festival Parade. The theme was "VBS Thanks You, Frontline Workers."

Everyone who participated had a fun time, in spite of the rain. (They were able to stay dry in the train tunnel.)



Upcoming Events and Meetings

Community Game Day & Lunch ~ 10:00 a.m. ~ 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month

Bible Study ~ Wednesday Mornings ~ 9:00 a.m.

Kids' Klub ~ Wednesday Evenings ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

World Communion Sunday ~ October 3rd

Administrative Council Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 5th ~ 6:30 p.m.

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating) Meeting ~ Thursday, October 14th ~ 6:00 p.m.

SPRC Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 19th ~ 6:00 p.m.

Tentative Plans for Kids' Klub Outing ~ Black Creek Farm Pumpkin Patch ~ TBD

Kiddie Karnival ~ October 31st ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ FUMC Parking Lot

Charge Conference ~ Sunday, November 28th ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ Bowie

Prayers & Praises



Prayers for: Our Nation, Our Military Men & Women,
Our Law Enforcement, Our First Responders,
Our World, Our Government Officials/Decision Makers,
Our Schools,
The Continue Presence of COVID-19 Cases in our County & Nation.

Recent Prayer Requests

Kevin Kruger
Doyle Lynch
Family of Wendell South
Family of Doyle Gates



Joys

The blessings of new visitors
The blessing of having
"Bring a Friend" Sunday
Kids' Klub starting back up.



Continued Prayers

Pat Maxwell
Rhonda Russell
Jimmy Rogers
Mike Carter
Susan Wallace
Lonnie Forniglia
Kirk & Cindy Simmons
Weldon & Wanda Stark
Kenny Mitchell
Joanna Manos
Patrice & Mike Masterson
Hannan Orrell
Bobbie Jo Wiley
Dan Reeves
Pam Lindsey

Sheree Roberts
James Baber
Stephanie Hughes
Liz Sharp
Gayle Edwards
Carolyn Steil
Kenneth Lynch
Lisa Trussell
Sierra Jones
Debbie Reynolds
Toni Anandel
Jeanie Reasure
Bobby Freeman
Pat Parr
Veronica Greanead
Karen Martinez

COVID Shut-Ins/Homebound

Don & Judy Farrell
Helen Ellzey
Rosemary Reynolds
Mary Whatley
Jim Gafken
Jacque Hensell

Betty Dunn
Carolyn Hawk
Skip Mann

October Anniversaries

October 8

Judy & Don Farrell



October Birthdays

October 2

Lindsey Johnston
Terrell Johnston

October 18

Gayle Edwards

October 19

Betty Miller
Devin Raney

October 24

Ethel Griffith

October 25

Savanah Johnson



It's That Time! Volunteers Are Needed!!

The date for the annual **Kiddie Karnival** has been set for **Sunday, October 31st at 5:00.**

Volunteers are needed to donate food (hot dogs and all the trimmings), help with the games, set up and take down of the games, and clean up following the event.

There will be a sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to volunteer

and help with this fun-filled, family activity.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Annual Kiddie Karnival

Make plans now to attend this annual event!



October 31st

5:00 p.m.

in the FUMC parking lot.

Games



Hot Dogs

Photo Shoot

“Little Goblins”

will have an opportunity to have their picture taken.

Prizes



Fun for the whole family.

All activities are FREE!!

(Including the photo.)

Afterwards, kids and families can go

“Trick or Treating.”



Hosted by the
Forestburg United Methodist Church



Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Farm to Family Program Hosted By First Baptist Church in Saint Jo

It's this Friday!! First Baptist Church in Saint Jo will be the location of the Wichita Falls Area Food Bank's Farm to Family program! The Food Bank truck will be onsite to deliver food on **Friday, September 24, from approximately 10am -11am.**

This program is an ongoing program and will continue through the year!! The Food Bank will be able to provide more resources (food) if we take full advantage of this opportunity for the community. Remember . . .

You do not have to qualify for the food. It is available to EVERYONE!

What will be included? It will be different each month. But there typically cheese/dairy products as well as fresh vegetables and fruit.

Do I need to sign up anywhere? No just show up and the food will be available until it is all gone.

Can someone else pick up a box for me if I can't be there during the drop off time? Yes. Again, there are no qualifications or restrictions. Have someone else come by.

Exactly where will these be available? Plan to drive through the parking lot on the west side of the Baptist Church. The truck will be there from 10:00 – 11:00 am on Friday, September 24. Drive up, pick up a box, drive on.

Questions: Contact Camille Crist, 636.236.9044 or via email at: CamilleCrist@gmail.com